



English for Specific Purposes

Special Interest Group of IATEFL

Reports on Past SIG Events

The ESP SIG has been involved in the following events:

- **Madrid SIG Symposium** in Madrid, Spain, September 2000

Every 2 years the IATEFL SIGs (there are now 14) hold a joint symposium and in September 2000 it was held in Madrid. Around 320 participants from 19 countries attended with 90 presenters and 14 keynote speakers covering a wide range of issues.

On the ESP SIG day there were 7 very different and very interesting presentations. Professor Jack Lonergan of the University of Westminster in London got the day off to a great start with his presentation on *Linguapeace: English for Peacekeeping*. Based on his experience as a deliverer of language courses and director of examinations for the Ministry of Defence he demonstrated the specific nature of Peacekeeping language and the efficacy of the assessment of language competence for operational peacekeeping purposes. This was one of the very best genuine ESP presentations I had heard in a long time and I hope that ESP SIG members will be able to read an article by Jack Lonergan in our Newsletter during 2001.

The other 6 ESP presentations included the keynote from Pauline Robinson of the University of REading in the UK who gave us a very tasty flavour of the great variety of work we ESP practitioners have to involve ourselves in. And to illustrate that great variety we heard from Judit Ormai about English for Law Students in Hungary, from Garth Warries about teaching EAP in Japan, from Dilek Yagcioglu about how to make Oral

Presentation Skills entertaining in Turkey and from three dynamic Spaniards about developing teaching materials for the Hotel and Catering Industry. Finally, Ruth Breeze demonstrated her knowledge of journalism by winding up an informative ESP day with a very interesting presentation on Getting to Grips with Media Texts. Members will be able to read Ruth's article in the next Newsletter.

At the Symposium we were also treated to two excellent plenaries by Peter Medgyes and David Crystal. IATEFL members will be able to read what they said in various IATEFL publications available to members.

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