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**Annual
Conference**

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Passion for Languages!



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8.45 Registration

9.00 Welcome

Sieglinde Wolkan - Director, IH Milan

9.15 It's not the Queen's English...it's mine!

Mike Riley - Director of Studies, IH Milan

9.45 Practical tips for preparing students for the Cambridge First exam

Jan Bell - Pearson

After obtaining her MA in Applied Linguistics, Jan worked as a teacher and teacher trainer with the British Council in Italy and the Bell Schools in the UK for nearly twenty years before becoming a full-time writer. She has written or co-authored a number of titles and book series for Pearson since then, including the Matters and Expert series with Roger Gower and a number of skills books focusing on listening, reading and integrated skills. Jan Bell also works as an item writer with Cambridge ESOL. She lives in Saffron Walden, a market town near Cambridge, with her partner, teenage son and daughter and an assortment of pets

10.30 Why didn't Harry Potter just use Google?

Shaun Wilden - International House World Organisation

In late 2011, the BBC website posed this question. Was it that the sheer volume of information might have been too much for the young wizard? Moving the question to the magical world of ELT, what impact does the digital world have on our students. They can access far more English via the Internet than we can ever cover within the four walls of the classroom and as such the teacher is no longer the font of all knowledge. This talk looks at how, with the advent of digital media, the teaching and learning of English is moving into a new era. It will explore the 'new' literacy skills students are faced with and ask us to consider how this affects our approach to teaching.

Shaun has been involved in English language teaching for over twenty years. He is currently the International House World Organisation Teacher Training Coordinator but also works as a freelance teacher trainer and materials writer— contributing materials to a number of coursebooks. Apart from that he maintains several online teaching sites including ihonlinetraining.net and is interested in the application of technology to teaching. He is a moderator of the twitter [#eltchat](https://twitter.com/eltchat) group which meets every Wednesday to discuss issues and ideas in ELT and membership secretary of the IATEFL Learning Technologies SIG. Feel free to follow him [@shaunwilden](https://twitter.com/shaunwilden) or read his blogs shaunwilden.com and appedelt.com. When not sitting at a computer, Shaun enjoys growing food in his garden and the cooking it.



11.15-11.45 - *Coffee Break*

11.45 Cambridge English: Keeping up with the times

Cambridge ESOL

This session will look at current developments within the Cambridge ESOL range of examinations. It will include an update on teacher training initiatives and how recent changes will impact positively on teacher and student certification and professional development choices.

12.15 Passion for Pronunciation
Adrian Underhill - MacMillan/IH Milan

This interactive session will offer insight into a method that liberates learners from the ‘grip’ of their mother tongue pronunciation by enabling them to rediscover and reconnect with the muscles that make the pronunciation difference. It will also illustrate the use of the phonemic chart as a mental map of the territory to be explored and as a ‘living pronunciation whiteboard’ onto which is projected the puzzles and workings of the class. The session will indicate how to integrate pronunciation into all language work, and will demystify phonology, making it engaging, usable and unforgettable.

13.00-13.30 Panel Discussion - Jan Bell, Shaun Wilden, Adrian Underhill, Simon Greenall (IH Trust), Cambridge ESOL & Richard Twigg (IH Malta)

13.30-14.30 Lunch
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Afternoon Sessions

Primary	Secondary	Modern languages
<p>14.45-15.15 Telling Stories with Origami Eva Kysilkova (IH Milan)</p>	<p>14.45-15.15 Getting Teens Talking Kate Knight (IH Milan)</p>	<p>14.30-15.00 Italian Tbc</p>
<p>15.15-15.45 More than Words? Tania Vaz (IH Milan)</p>	<p>15.15-15.45 Colour in the classroom Josie Maniscalco (IH Milan)</p>	<p>15.00-15.30 Italian Top Ten Apps Alberto Canella (IH Milan)</p>
<p>15.45-16.15 Starting, Moving, Flying Fun! Vicky Taylor (IH Milan)</p>	<p>15.45-16.15 Using Cuisenaire Rods in the Classroom Richard Twigg (Director of Studies IH Malta-Gozo)</p>	<p>15.30-16.00 German Oltre la lingua... Culture in the language classroom Nadine Didier (IH Milan)</p>
<p><i>Sessions in English</i></p>	<p><i>Sessions in English</i></p>	<p>16.00-16.30 Spanish Italiano e spagnolo, lingua vicine ma non troppo Sonia Campos Cabrero (IH Milan)</p> <p><i>Sessions in Italian</i></p>

Concluding Sessions - Plenary

16.30-16.45 Cross-Cultural Project Feedback
Marida Muscolino (IH Milan)

16.45-17.15 Teachers, classes, songs and stories
Adrian Underhill - MacMillan & IH Milan

This closing session will consist of a few songs, some relating to teacher development, and a few stories that relate to the way we engage our students in class.

17.15-17.55 - tbc. 17.55-18.00 Concluding Comments