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## Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us at the 41st Annual TESOL Convention in Seattle, Washington, USA from March 21–24, 2007. In this Advance Program you'll find useful information on TESOL's 2007 convention and the city of Seattle, an exciting venue where you and your fellow professionals will meet to share ideas and sample the vibrant local culture.

"Spanning the Globe, Tides of Change" is the theme of TESOL 2007. With this theme, the TESOL 2007 team wanted to draw attention to the international strengths of our profession as well as recognize the dynamic, changing nature of our role as global educators. With more than 900 sessions planned this year, we expect TESOL attendees to find many of the same quality professional gems they have come to expect in TESOL sessions, panels, educational site visits, Pre- and Postconvention Institutes, Energy Breaks, and the exhibits; attendees should also look forward to many exciting changes this year.

New this year is a change to the Saturday plenary format; there is now a moderated panel of experts ready to interact with the audience. Attend the new Evening Forum on Change Management in ELT and learn about managing change in your classroom, school, and institution. Sample one of our newest outreach events with an innovative Friday workshop for content-area teachers. Finally, in keeping with our international focus, attend one of several globally focused Spotlight and Hot Topic sessions, featuring dynamic areas of the world and highlighted local affiliate sessions.

The true highlight of any TESOL convention is, of course, the company we keep. Come network with your colleagues from around the world and spend some time strolling at Pike Place Fish Market, sampling the food, conversing over coffee, or riding on a water taxi or ferry. Take the monorail from downtown to Discovery Park and visit the Experience Music Project and other museums. Explore the city and check out the Seattle Public Library as well as the Fremont, Capitol Hill, Queen Anne, and University districts. Spend an extra day trekking at Mt. Rainer, Deception Pass, or Olympic Peninsula, the only rain forest in North America. Don't forget to visit other special tours described in this program.

TESOL is a convention for you, planned by your colleagues. Take a moment when you arrive to thank the volunteer organizers. Our host state affiliate, WAESOL, has offered their warm Washington hospitality to TESOLers from around the world. Come and see what we have to offer. We expect you will be pleased.

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