2014 TESOL Academies to be Held in United States and Korea

TESOL International Association, a professional association committed to promoting excellence in English language teaching, will hold academies in Columbus, Ohio USA, and Seoul, Korea, this year.

Usually held on university campuses, TESOL Academies give TESOL practitioners, program administrators, and content-area teachers an opportunity to sharpen their skills in a peer-to-peer learning environment. Each academy features a series of intensive, hands-on workshops led by thought leaders in the field of English language teaching.

Áurea R. N. Santos attended the 2013 TESOL Academy in Brazil, her first TESOL event. “I just regret I haven’t been to one before,” she said. “The contacts I’ve made with the other professionals are going to last for many, many years, and I learned a lot from the discussion.”

In 2014, TESOL will offer an academy on 20–21 June at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio USA. Ohio TESOL, a TESOL affiliate, was instrumental in organizing this academy. The event will feature workshops on teaching sciences and writing, collaborating in multilevel classrooms, and other relevant topics.

The academy in Korea, to be held on 26–27 July at Sookmyung Women’s University in Seoul, will focus on leadership and quality assurance in English language teaching organizations. The host university has identified these topics to meet the professional development needs of teachers in leadership roles in Seoul and throughout Korea. TESOL has organized this academy with support of its Korean affiliate, KOTESOL.

“TESOL offers high-quality professional development events accessible to English language educators around the world,” notes Rosa Aronson, executive director of TESOL International Association. “We work closely with our affiliate organizations to tailor events to the specific needs of their constituents and to enhance their professional expertise.”

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Each year, TESOL holds academies, symposia, and other educational events around the world. Since 2003, TESOL has held such programs in more than 17 countries.

About TESOL International Association
Founded in 1966, TESOL International Association is a professional community of educators, researchers, administrators, and students committed to advancing excellence in English language teaching for speakers of other languages worldwide. With more than 13,000 members representing over 150 countries, TESOL fosters the exchange of ideas, research, and peer-to-peer knowledge, and provides expertise, resources, and a powerful voice on issues affecting the profession. Through professional development programs, its international conference, special interest groups, and publications, TESOL engages tens of thousands of professionals to collaborate globally and create a world of opportunity for millions of people of all ages who want to learn English. For more information, please visit www.tesol.org.

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