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TESOL "Forging New Pathways" in Denver, Colorado, March 26–28, 2009

Alexandria, VA (March 2009)—With English becoming the language of global communication, where can one go to learn the latest developments in the field of English language teaching?—to the Colorado Convention Center, Denver, Colorado, USA, March 26–28, when Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL), hosts its 43rd Annual Convention and Exhibit.

Under the banner "Uncharted Mountains—Forging New Pathways," the 2009 TESOL convention will feature more than 1200 lecture/discussion sessions presented by 3000 speakers representing more than 25 countries. Among the variety of topics are language testing and assessment, technology in language learning, bilingual education, education standards, and refugee/immigration concerns. In addition, the convention features one of the largest exhibitions of its kind in the world, with over 100 exhibitors offering some of the finest products and services for English language educators and their classrooms.

Focusing on the new challenges and directions of second language education, a dynamic series of TESOL speakers from around the world has been arranged. Speakers include Allan Luke of Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Australia; Glynda Hill of New York University; author and teacher educator Jack C. Richards; Janet Zadina of the University of South Florida; Andy Hargreaves of Boston College; and TESOL President Shelley Wong of George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

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Other key events for attendees include a research symposium, pre- and post-convention institutes, visits to education sites, demonstrations of computer-assisted language learning (CALL) in the Electronic Village, and the Job Marketplace, featuring hundreds of recruiters and employers.

Press can register for the convention either in advance or on site. To register in advance, visit the online press room at <http://www.tesol.org/convention2009/>, where other press releases and more information about presenters and sessions are also available. To register on site, please visit the Press Desk in the Registration Area in Lobby A of the Colorado Convention Center.

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Incorporated in 1966, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL), is a global association for English language teaching professionals headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, USA. TESOL encompasses a network of approximately 60,000 educators worldwide, consisting of more than 14,000 individual members and an additional 45,000 educators within the 100 plus TESOL affiliate associations. Representing a multifaceted academic discipline and profession, TESOL offers members serial publications, books, and electronic resources on current issues, ideas, and opportunities in the field of English language teaching. TESOL also conducts a variety of workshops and symposia, including an annual convention, regarded as the foremost professional development opportunity for English language educators worldwide. TESOL's mission is to develop and maintain professional expertise in English language teaching for speakers of other languages worldwide.