ASEM LLL Hub & 13th ASEF ClassNet Conference
Theory Meets Practice: Teacher Training in the Digital Era
8-10/11 September 2017, Zug, Switzerland

Open Call and Overview

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Launched in 1998, the ASEF Classroom Network (ASEF ClassNet) fosters collaborations among secondary and high school teachers and students in Asia and Europe while harnessing the potential and opportunities of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) for education.

To-date, more than 1,400 teachers from 45 ASEM partner countries have joined the ASEF Classroom Network. In addition, more than 31,000 students have been engaged in 359 online collaborations since 2001.

ASEF ClassNet is unique because it comprises the following three activities:

1. **ASEF ClassNet Conferences** for teachers to network and to enhance their professional skills
2. **ASEF ClassNet Online Collaborations** jointly developed and run by Asian and European schools to facilitate and promote inter-cultural exchanges between teachers and students
3. **ASEF ClassNet Website** to connect schools and teachers through one online platform

The 13th ASEF ClassNet Conference will be organised together with a Research Conference by the ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning (ASEM LLL Hub) on theme of “Theory Meets Practice: Enhancing Teacher Training in the Digital Era”. The joint event will take place from 8–11 September in Zug, Switzerland in conjunction with the World Education Leadership Symposium, by the Institute for the Management and Economics of Education (IBB), University of Teacher Education Zug (PH Zug). The 13th ASEF ClassNet conference brings together researchers, teacher trainers and teachers to share experiences, good practices and to identify actions and develop policy recommendations to respond collaboratively to the needs of teacher training in the face of technology advancements and their impact on education.

The programme is built on 4 elements:

1. **Enrichment & Networking** - Expert talks and panel discussions on teacher training
2. **Research & Training** – Research sessions and practical workshops and trainings
3. **Awards** - Presentations of 6 shortlisted Online Collaborations to compete for the 2016 ASEF ClassNet Awards
4. **Contributions to the ASEM Education Process** - Preparation of a survey for teachers and teacher trainers on teacher training methods and curriculum to better harness digital technology in education.

**FOR WHOM?**

Citizen of any of the 51 Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) partner countries

A secondary, vocational or high school teacher or educator

Proficient English skills (oral and written)

Basic knowledge of E-learning and a keen interest in expanding it

Passion for sharing, exchanging information and good practices in education

Desire to cooperate with schools in Asia and Europe in an Online Collaboration
WHY JOIN THE CONFERENCE?

The Conference offers you a platform to:

- share research and innovative teaching approaches, and be inspired by educators from across Asia and Europe
- go back to school and learn about the Swiss education system
- create connections in-person with the ASEF Classroom Network and ASEM LLL Hub community and possibly kick-start an online involvement with hundreds of principals, teachers and educators from the 51 Asian and European countries
- reflect, and give feedback on the theories underlying teacher professionalisation and e-learning
- contribute to the shaping of educational practices across Asia and Europe
- meet local, national and international education leaders

WHAT ARE THE OUTCOMES OF THE CONFERENCE?

The event will result in the:

- establishment of links between education researchers, trainers of teachers and teachers through a ‘theory-practice exchange’
- identification and mapping of competences required by adult educators and trainers for education and training in a digital era across ASEM countries.
- design, implementation and analysis of ASEM-wide perception study of teachers/teacher trainers on the requirements of teacher training
- development of evidence-based policy recommendation for the ASEM Education Process

SELECTION

Participants are selected through an Open Call for Application. The Open Call and the screening process will ensure a non-discriminative approach assuring an even geographic representation, gender balance and fair access to the opportunity for all.

COSTS

No registration or participation fee for the selected participants. Accommodation, meals and local transportation will be provided to participants residing outside Zug, Switzerland.

KNOW MORE!

For further information, check out the FAQ.

For other questions, drop us an email: classnet@ASEF.org

VISUALS EXPLAINER

Scrabble is played by placing letter-bearing tiles on a game board to form words in a crossword fashion. The keys on a computer keyboard are fundamental to the way we interact with modern technology.

The literal meanings of the intersecting words presented relate to the conference theme, “Theory Meets Practice: Teacher Training in the Digital Era”. By combining all the intersecting letters in the series of images, the viewer can create the word ‘TEACHERS’; the role that is central to, and connects, both elements of this joint conference.

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