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Alan Maley

Alan Maley has worked in the field of ELT for over 45 years. From 1962-1984 he worked as English Language officer in the British Council in Yugoslavia, Ghana, Italy, France and PR China. He was Director of the British Council, Madras (S.India) from 1984-88. He then became Director-General of the Bell Educational Trust in Cambridge, where he stayed till 1993. He was then Senior Fellow at the National University of Singapore from 1993-98. In 1999 he set up the post-graduate MA programme in ELT at Assumption University, Bangkok, and ran it till 2003. Since then he has held a number of visiting posts in Kuala Lumpur (UPM), Hanoi (National Teachers University), Ho Chi Minh City Open University, etc. He has published over 35 books and numerous articles, and was until 2009 series editor of the well-known Oxford Resource Books for Teachers. He is currently Visiting Professor at Leeds Metropolitan University.

Brian Cullen

Brian Cullen is originally from Ireland but has been teaching and developing language-learning materials in Japan since 1991. He has authored or edited over 25 textbooks. As a musician, he composed and produced the music for the Oxford University Press series, Potato Pals, and is currently involved in several other music production projects. His doctoral research was based on many years of experience with Japanese songwriters who are writing in English. His ongoing research interest is the field of L2 creativity. He works at Nagoya Institute of Technology. More information is available at www.briancullen.net.

Burcu Akyol

Burcu Akyol has been teaching English for ten years, to young learners and adults. She holds a masters degree in Educational Management and is currently the coordinator of the foreign languages department of the ISTEK Schools in Istanbul, Turkey, with responsibility for training and development programmes. In the last three years, she has focused on using web technologies in the language classroom. Her primary aim is to explore new possibilities for engaging learners and enhancing their learning experiences. Burcu blogs at burcuakylol.com where her blogging experiences have helped her build a strong personal learning network and raise awareness of the importance of sharing knowledge and ideas.

Hitomi Masuhara

Dr. Hitomi Masuhara, Visiting Fellow for Leeds Metropolitan University, Secretary of MATSDA and freelance Education, Research and Materials Development consultant. Her main interests include the role of the brain in language acquisition, materials & teacher development. She has presented as an invited plenary speaker at numerous international conferences across the globe. Her publications include 8 course books, journal articles (e.g. ELTJ, MET), book chapters on Materials Development and Language Learning (e.g. CUP 1998; Continuum: 2003, 2007, and 2008) and books (e.g. Developing Language Course Materials, RELC).

Ivor Timmis

Ivor Timmis is Reader in English Language Teaching at Leeds Metropolitan University, UK, where he teaches on the MA course and supervises PhD students. He has been involved in English Language Teaching for around 25 years as a teacher, teacher trainer/educator, materials writer and researcher. He is particularly interested in the description and teaching of spoken language and the 'lexical dimension' of language teaching. These interests were reflected in his PhD thesis, 'The place of spoken grammar in ELT', which he completed at the University of Nottingham. Conferences and projects have taken him to a number of different countries, including the USA, Cuba and China, but not yet to Malaysia (except for a holiday). Outside work, he enjoys sport, especially football, which he still plays, and reading history.

James Dean Brown

James Dean ("JD") Brown is Professor of Second Language Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. He has spoken and taught in places as diverse as Brazil, China, Cuba, Egypt, France, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Oman, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE, Venezuela, and the former Yugoslavia. He has published numerous articles on language testing, curriculum design, and research methods, and books on: reading statistical language studies (Cambridge U. Press), language curriculum (Heinle & Heinle), language testing (2nd ed. with McGraw-Hill), language testing in Japan (edited with Yamashita for JALT), testing pragmatics (two books with Hudson and Detmer, UH Press), performance testing (two books with Norris & Hudson, UH Press), criterion-referenced language testing (with Hudson, Cambridge U. Press), using surveys in language programs (Cambridge U. Press), doing applied linguistics research (with Rodgers, Oxford U. Press), language test development (edited with Hudson, UH Press), as well as edited collections of modules for classroom assessment (TESOL), of articles on teaching connected speech to L2 speakers (with Kondo-Brown, UH Press), and of studies on teaching Chinese, Japanese, and Korean heritage students (with Kondo-Brown, LEA).

Brian Tomlinson

Dr. Brian Tomlinson is a Visiting Professor at Leeds Metropolitan University. He has worked in Indonesia, Japan, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Vanuatu and Zambia and has given presentations in nearly sixty countries. He is the Founder and President of MATSDA (the Materials Development Association) and has published many articles and books. His new book, English Language Teaching Materials, was published by Continuum in March 2008.

Peter Lutzker

Dr. Peter Lutzker has been teaching English in Steiner Schools in Germany for 23 years. For the last fifteen years he has also worked as a teacher trainer for foreign language teachers at teaching seminars in Germany, Switzerland, Hungary, Russia, England and the U.S.A. He was co-founder of the English Week, the largest international conference for Steiner School foreign language teachers, held annually since 1997. Along with numerous articles, he has published the following books: Der Sprachsin: Sprachwahrnehmung als Sinnesvorgang [The Sense for Language: Language Perception as a Sensory Process] and The Art of Foreign Language Teaching: Improvisation and Drama in Teacher Development and Language Learning. His particular focus both as a language teacher and teacher trainer has been on encouraging individual artistic development in the foreign language. In the framework of secondary school teaching, this has led him to develop a variety of approaches using drama, literature and creative writing. In the context of teacher development, he has designed training programmes in Europe and in the U.S.A., based on intensive work in the fields of drama, improvisation and theatre clowning.

Rod Bolitho

Rod Bolitho is Academic Director of Norwich Institute for Language Education (NILE). He started out teaching English in Germany and has been involved in teacher education and trainer training for over 25 years. He has been consultant to a number of British Council projects since 1989, and is currently involved in Teacher Education reform work in Uzbekistan and Croatia. He has been a frequent visitor to Malaysia over the last 20 years, most recently in late 2008. He has spoken at two previous MICELT conferences. He has authored many articles and a number of books, including (with Brian Tomlinson) 'Discover English', (with Richard Rossner) 'Currents of Change in ELT', and (recently, with Tony Wright) 'Trainer Development'. He is currently editor of Folio, the journal of the Materials Development Association (MATSDA). His main professional interests lie in the fields of Professional Development, Materials Writing and Language Awareness. He enjoys reading, cooking and walking, and is a lifelong Liverpool FC supporter.

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