

On the 31st March – 1st April 2017 the lecturers of the Foreign Languages and Methodology Department participated in the 22nd Annual National IATEFL Ukraine Conference for English as a foreign language teachers organized by British Council in Ukraine, Ukrainian branch of International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language (IATEFL) and National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine.

On the plenary sessions on 31st March – 1st April the reports were presented by incoming President of IATEFL Margit Szesztay («Discussion, debate, dialogue in the ELT classroom»); the Head of English Projects for the British Council in Ukraine Simon Etherton («Active learning principles: supporting the construction of knowledge and development of skills»); the Academic Director for Tertiary Education at NILE Tony Prince («21st century education: what Ukraine can learn from abroad, and what abroad can learn from Ukraine»); Cambridge CELTA and CELYL trainer Olha Madylus («Teaching English in the 21st century»); the coordinator of GoGlobal volunteers Iryna Gorlach («Teaching core skills: meeting the demand of the 21st century»).

The programme of conference was very informative and among other issues it was aimed at discussing the problems of 21st century skills forming by the means of foreign language. The participants were offered to visit a series of methodological workshops: «Getting to grips with technology!» (moderator: Iryna Maksymova, Teacher of English, Yappi Corporate, Poltava); «SMRT curriculum in the classroom as a source of motivation» (moderators: Nataliia Astrashkova, Nataliia Brovko, Illona Planida, Teachers, Kharkiv Private Lyceum «Professional», Kharkiv); «Be brave, don't be afraid of creativity: there are so many ideas around us!» (moderator: Iryna Lebid, Docent, European University, Uman); «Focus on FCE training: exam tips» (moderator: Svitlana Chugu, Docent, Vinnytsia Institute of Trade and Economics of Kyiv National University of Trade and Economics, Vinnytsia); «Prepare with Prepare: enjoy working with Cambridge textbooks» (moderator: Svitlana Gladio, Docent Vinnytsia Institute of Trade and Economics of Kyiv National University of Trade and Economics, Vinnytsia); «Preparing students to the real world: learning from and outside the coursebook» (moderator: Viktoriia Plishkova, ELT Consultant, Linguist LTD, Kyiv); «Small children – big questions?» (moderator: Olena Lysytsya, Director of Studies, International House, Kyiv); «The impact of computer-assisted language learning (CALL) on high school learners' lexical knowledge» (moderators: Kaveh Jalilzadeh, Mohammad Reza Oroji, Ankara Sosyal Bilimler Üniversitesi, Department of English, Zanjan Branch, Islamic Azad University, Zanjan, Iran).

The above-mentioned workshops provided the researches of different aspects that are urgent for modern foreign language education: the necessity of integration of foreign language innovative learning technologies in the process of teaching, creativity and motivation development to pupils/students foreign language learning, the growth of English classes planning and conducting effectiveness to the strategy of preparation to the English language international exams etc.

The next 23 Annual National IATEFL Ukraine Conference for English as foreign language teachers is held in April 2018.