The concluding session of the workshop emphasized the need to apply these things at the target level (schools) and at the teacher educator level. Language teachers who are looking for more effective and interesting ways to teach language/languages left this three day workshop with many practical ideas that they could apply in their classrooms to enliven their lessons/ class. They gained confidence about helping their students learn the seemingly difficult things with great ease and scientific base, particularly in language. The workshop created grounds to assist in addressing the continuing need to provide professional development opportunities that enhance the teaching skills of language teachers in Bihar's schools and in the training colleges. The workshop's emphasis on "What a child knows before coming/joining to school" tried to bring in the issue to the fore that a child knows many things (including language structure) before she enters the school premises.

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Forthcoming Events

January 2013

International Conference on Empowering the English Language Classroom

Dates: January 18-19, 2013

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 15

November 2012

Organization: Malaviya National Institute of

Technology, Jaipur

The conference will focus on significant issues related to English Language Teaching in the technology-dominated academic and professional environment, and will also explore modern pedagogical approaches which can empower the teacher in the English Language Classroom.

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Brochure_International_Conference_Jan.18_-19,_2013_.pdf

Contact person: Dr Preeti Bhatt and Mrs Nanny Tripathi

IAIRS: International Conference on English Language and Literature (ICELL - 2013)

Dates: 19-20 January 2013

Organization: International Academic and

Industrial Solutions (IAIRS)

Location: The Golkonda Hotel, Hyderabad,

A.P, India

Registration: 25 December 2012

Website: http://www.iairs.org/eng_hyd/

ENGLISH.html

Contact person: Conference Secretary

February 2013

Confluence: The 4th Annual International Conference on Teaching and Learning English as a Second Language

Dates: 22-23 February 2013 Location: Nagpur, India

Last date for submission of abstracts: 15

December 2012

Last date for submission of full papers: 15

January 2013

Enquiries: eslconfluenceinfo@gmail.com

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March 2013

3rd International English Language **Teacher Educator Conference**

Dates: 16-18 March 2013

Organization: British Council, EFL-U (English and Foreign Languages University), ELTAI (English Language Teachers' Association of India) and IATEFL (International Association for Teachers of English as a Foreign Language)

Location: Hyderabad International Convention

Centre, Hyderabad, India

June 2013

2nd Annual International Conference on Language, Literature and Linguistics (L3-2013)

Dates: 17-18 June 2013

Organization: Global Science and Technology

Forum (GSTF)

Location: Singapore

The Conference Proceedings (Print ISSN: 2251-3566, E-Periodical ISSN: 2251-3574) will be indexed by EBSCO, CrossRef, ProQuest, and Ulrichsweb, and will be submitted to Scopus, ScienceDirect and Cabell's Directories amongst others, where applicable.

Depending on their importance, originality, quality, relevance and other editorial considerations, eligible research articles will be invited for publication in the GSTF Journal of Law and Social Sciences (JLSS) (Print ISSN: 2251-2853, E-periodical: 2251-2861) which is indexed by EBSCO, CrossRef, ProQuest, Ulrichsweb and Cabell's Directories. Best Paper Awards and Best Student Paper Awards will be conferred at the conference (in order to qualify for the award, the paper must be presented at the conference). L3-2013 will also constitute a Special Panel Session. Panel Proposals are invited for submission to the L3 2013. A minimum of three papers centring on a specific topic will be accepted for submission under Panel Category. Website: http://www.13-conference.org Contact person: Penny Jing

July 2013

ECLL 2013 - The European Conference on Language Learning Conference

Dates: 18-21 July 2013

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 1 March 2013 Conference Theme: "Shifting Paradigms:

Informed Responses"

Location: Brighton, United Kingdom

Organization: IAFOR (International Academic Forum)

Publishing Opportunities: Authors of accepted abstracts will have the opportunity of publishing their associated paper in the official conference proceedings, and a selection of papers will be considered for inclusion in the IAFOR Journal of Language Learning. For more information about IAFOR journals, go to http:// www.iafor.org/journal.html.

Website: http://ecll.iafor.org/index.html

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