

Report

From 6th to 8th October 2006 I have the honour to represent IATEFL Poland on the 16th Annual Conference of IATEFL – Hungary, which was held in Dobó Katalin Secondary Grammar School in Esztergom, a historical city (the birthplace of St Stephen) on the right bank of the Danube, just on the border with Slovakia. In the city I found the Polish accent, as it was reverted to Hungarian monarch in 1683 by Polish King Jan Sobieski.

The main topic of the conference was “Personality-centred English Language Education”. I had a pleasure to present the paper on “Pre-writing strategies as the way to motivate learners as the key factor in self-evaluation and reflective learning”. Moreover, I listened to very fruitful debates and took part in many workshops, to mention some of them:

- Michael Harris’s discussion on how to motivate secondary students through “challenging topics which make them think”,
- Prescott’s presentation on how to promote autonomy in a first-year EAP writing course,
- Livia’s workshop on language skill development through art,
- Bogucka’s presentation on successful learning-oriented teaching, “Meaningful Adventures”

I was literally energized during Brain-Based workshop by Vogl and Preis, featuring kinesiology, pacing, rhythm and in the evening I enjoyed circle/barn dancing, and “The Bear,” the performance prepared by The Bear Educational Theatre, Prague

It was only a pity that I had to choose from 12 simultaneously held presentations!

I would like to thank IATEFL Poland for the opportunity of participating in the conference, and IATEFL Hungary, especially Komlosi Edit and Zoltán Poór, the President of IATEFL Hungary, for their great hospitality.

On behalf of IATEFL Hungary, I invite everyone to take part in the 17th Annual Conference in Budapest. The details can be found on the website:

<http://www.iatefl.hu/content.php?id=015701>

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