Institute of English and Institute of English Cultures and Literatures, University of Silesia

are happy to announce

**CLIL CONFERENCE 2013 ON**

**Modernizing Educational Practice**

**Perspectives in Content and Language Integrated Learning**

**Upper Silesia, Poland,**

**April 4th - 6th, 2013**

The conference is dedicated to academics and university lecturers, representatives of central and local educational authorities, non-governmental organizations and school teachers. The event is a great occasion for meeting experts in CLIL working in a varied set of areas.

**PLENARY SPEAKERS**

Prof. Maria Dakowska (University of Warsaw, Poland)
David Marsh (United Arab Emirates)
Peeter Mehisto, PhD (United Kingdom)
Prof. Olivier Mentz (Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg, Germany)
Prof. Mirosław Pawlak (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland)
Prof. Dieter Wolff (Bergische Universität Wuppertal, Germany)

**CONFERENCE THEME**

Since language instruction without a distinctively targeted content seems as untenable as squaring of the circle, the conference expresses a firm belief in the golden means philosophy that may
facilitate keeping balance between fostering communication skills and developing human capitals in various branches of economy. Hence, the conference has been designed as a forum of interdisciplinary academic dialogue on CLIL methodologies as well as purely practical consequences of implementing CLIL pedagogies in institutional educational practices, human resources management, labour market modelling, and multilateral political cooperation. More specifically, the papers are expected to address possible juxtapositions and intersections of the following:

- CLIL-focused theory and research: experiences and future perspectives
- CLIL in SLA theories (productive and receptive skills, linguistic and communicative competences)
- psychological and psycholinguistic perspectives on CLIL (attitudinal patterns, motivations, individual learner differences, cognitive and hermeneutic strategies)
- sociolinguistic theories and discourses (bilingual and multilingual education, international language policies, institutional implementation of CLIL initiatives)
- CLIL classroom discourse and management (classroom discourse, classroom interaction analysis, curriculum design, qualitative/quantitative assessment and evaluation, code switching)
- socio-cultural considerations (intercultural competence development, multiculturalism in theory and practice, ethnic/language minority classrooms)
- socio-economic contexts of CLIL implementation initiatives (labour market modelling, human resources management)
- Perspectives in teaching content knowledge through literature and British/American cultural studies.
- Problems of intercultural competence development in the context of cultural and literary studies.
- Investigating into target language culture as a means of fostering social integration in multicultural settings (Canadian, American and European cultural studies)

Proposals for original and previously unpublished papers (20 minutes for the presentation and 10 minutes for questions) or workshops (45 minutes) reporting on research related to the theme of the conference, or posters regarding the issues are welcome for presentation at the conference.

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

Abstracts of papers, workshops or posters in the range of 200-250 words should be submitted by e-mail to CLIL2013@interia.pl by November 15th, 2012. The proposals should include the title, name, affiliation, e-mail address and a short biographical note, about 100 words in length.
Notifications of acceptance will be sent by November 30th, 2012. Conference proceedings will be published.

REGISTRATION
All the participants are requested to return the attached registration form by November 15th, 2012. The fee, which covers organization costs, conference materials, lunches and refreshments, conference dinner, and the cost of subsequent publication is:
paper / workshop / poster and participation - € 200

The Conference fee does not cover the accommodation, however, special rates will be prepared for the Conference participants.

More details concerning the venue of the conference will be provided in the next Conference circular.

FURTHER INFORMATION
Queries regarding the event can be sent to CLIL2013@interia.pl
All those wishing to present papers, posters, prepare a workshop or just to attend presentations are welcome to participate in the conference.

With best regards,
Conference Organisers:
Katarzyna Papaja, PhD
Tomasz Burzyński, PhD
Artur Świątek, PhD