
2019 VICTORIAN COMMUNITY LANGUAGES AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE

**Theme - A Menu and ingredients for keeping community language
schools tasty and interesting
A smorgasbord of practical ideas**



Close to 400 participants attended the Victorian State Community Language Schools Conference at RMIT Storey Hall.

The Conference commenced with the resounding singing of the National Anthem. Welcome to Country was done by Prof Mark Rose, a welcome and overview of CLA activity was presented by Stefan Romaniw OAM Executive Director Community Languages Australia, greetings from Rosaria Zarra – Commissioner with the Victorian Multicultural Commission and a vote of thanks from AFESA Chair Tassos Douvartzides.

This year's conference focused on listening and hearing from practitioners, teachers and instructors. A panel discussion followed by Q&A from the floor with a vibrant exchange of ideas, kicked off proceedings.

The panel members were Dr Bhuvana Sugumaran -Australian Tamil Academy, Ms Perla Luetic -Philippine Language School of Victoria, Ms Branka Stevanovic -Serbian School Vuk Karadzic St Albans, Dr Linda Sydor-Petkovic -Ukrainian School Council of Victoria, Ms Majida Ali -Assiraj Arabic School and Dr Andrea Truckenbolt.

The rest of day was much up workshops and professional development sessions:

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| 1) | Ten Ideas for Engaging Learners in the Languages Classroom, | Dr Andrea Truckenbrodt |
| 2) | Navigating the Victorian Curriculum, | Ms Marilyn Snider |
| 3) | Game based learning theory: Learning through game and play, | Dr Teresa De Fazio |
| 4) | Teaching language ideas and strategies | Ms Majida Ali |
| 5) | Developing Assessment Rubrics for Student Learning, | Ms Sarah Pavy |
| 6) | Revised VCE Second Languages Study Design, | Ms Maria Dikaiou |
| 7) | SSLP (VCE) authorisation - Administration aspects of the application, | Ms Angie Burton |
| 8) | Engaging CL students in reading and writing, | Dr. Lilly Yazdanpanah |
| 9) | From culture to intercultural: Engaging students in curiosity, | Dr Teresa De Fazio |
| 10) | ICT - using technology for teaching and learning, | Ms Majida Ali |
| 11) | Meeting the needs of all students, | Ms Helen Shnider |
| 12) | Teachers' wellbeing, | Dr Helen Kalaboukas |
| | Interactive grammar activities for the language classroom, | Ms Tina Isaakidis |
| 13) | Discipline strategies and classroom management, | Ms Majida Ali |
| 14) | Interactive vocabulary activities for the language classroom, | Ms Tina Isaakidis |