



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Elaine Boyd (*United Kingdom*)

*Conference speaking topic: **Managing diversity in classroom assessment***

Dr Elaine Boyd has worked in English language assessment for a range of international testing organisations for the last 35 years. She has worked closely with teachers and teacher educators designing and delivering courses in assessment literacy in Europe, India and SE Asia and has published articles in this field. She is also the author of several exam coursebooks for leading international publishers, including Pearson. Elaine is an Individual Expert Member of ALTE. She is an Associate Tutor in Language Assessment at University College, London and her research interests are classroom assessment and managing learner feedback.

Neus Figueras (*Spain*)

*Conference speaking topic: **The CEFR in Language Education: Aligning Curriculum, Teaching, and Assessment***

Dr. Neus Figueras has been involved in a number of international research and development projects related to assessment at different education levels and has given courses and presented in universities in Spain, in various European countries, in Asia and in the USA. She has also carried out consultancy work in assessment and in curriculum design. She has collaborated with the Council of Europe in the uses and the dissemination of the CEFR in language testing and assessment and is one of the authors of the Manual for Relating examinations to the CEFR (Council of Europe, 2009). She has recently co-edited with David Little *Reflecting on the CEFR and its Companion Volume*, published in 2022 by Multilingual Matters and co-authored the publication of *Aligning Language Education with the CEFR: A Handbook*, jointly published by the British Council, UKALTA, EALTA and ALTE, publicly available online. She is a founding member of EALTA (European Association for Language Testing and Assessment, www.ealta.eu.org),

and is currently coordinating the EALTA CEFR SIG. She is also a founding member of GIELE (Grupo de interés en evaluación de lenguas en España, <http://giele.webs.upv.es/>).

Duncan Foord (*Spain*)

*Conference speaking topic: **Seven deadly virtues of ELT - Rethinking what we think works***

Duncan Foord is the Director of OxfordTEFL, Barcelona. He has 35 years' experience in language teaching, teacher training and school leadership and management. He is lead trainer on the OxfordTEFL *Leadership in ELT* course and the author of "The Developing Teacher" (2009) and *From English Teacher to Language Coach* (2014).

Dina Tsagari (*Norway*)

*Conference speaking topic: **Inclusive Assessment of English Learners with Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLDs)***

Dina Tsagari, PhD, is Professor, Department of Primary and Secondary Teacher Education, Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway. She has also worked for the University of Cyprus, Greek Open University and Polytechnic University of Hong Kong. Her research interests include language testing and assessment, materials design and evaluation, differentiated instruction, multilingualism, research literacy, distance education, learning difficulties and inclusive education. She is the editor and author of numerous books, journal papers, book chapters, project reports etc. She coordinates research groups, e.g., CBLA SIG – EALTA, EnA OsloMet and is involved in EU-funded and other research projects.

WORKSHOPS

Duncan Foord (*Spain*)

*Conference speaking topic: **Six simple ways to help students improve their pronunciation***

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Delia Ortega *(Spain)*

*Workshop topic: **AI in language teaching***

Delia Ortega is a language educator, teacher trainer, and freelance consultant specialising in inclusive and communication-driven language teaching. She is the founder of DELIATEACHER, a Barcelona-based English language centre she led from 2015 to 2025, where she developed a personalised, speaking-focused approach for diverse learner profiles. With a background in law and university teaching, she brings an interdisciplinary perspective to language education, combining academic insight with highly practical methodologies. Her work focuses on designing tailored learning experiences, particularly in ESP (English for Specific Purposes) and professional communication, supporting learners across educational and corporate contexts. At CEFLE 2026, she will lead a workshop on practical strategies for integrating AI into inclusive foreign language education.

Jeanne Perrett *(Greece)*

*Workshop topic: **Drama activities in the primary classroom***

Jeanne Perrett has been working in the language teaching sector for over forty years as a teacher, school owner, publisher and writer and is the author of many acclaimed primary and pre-primary EFL series. She has trained teachers all over the world and frequently presented at professional conferences. A graduate of Sussex University and International House, she has lived in Greece since 1981.