



**31st BETA Annual International Conference
and
2nd Regional Central and Eastern Europe FIPLV Congress
„Language teaching challenges: rediscovering, reconsidering,
revisiting“**

27th-29th September 2024, Shumen, Bulgaria

FIRST CALL



DEAR COLLEAGUES,

We are delighted to extend our warm invitation to you for the esteemed 31st BETA Annual International Conference and the 2nd Regional Central and Eastern Europe FIPLV Congress. Hosted by the Bulgarian English Teachers' Association (BETA), in collaboration with FIPLV (Fédération Internationale des Professeurs de Langues Vivantes), Yoan Ekzarh Balgarski Secondary School – Shumen, and Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen, this joint event will be held in the beautiful city of Shumen, Bulgaria, from the 27th to the 29th of September 2024.

The prestigious event will bring together educators representing diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds, fostering meaningful dialogue and collaboration towards advancing language education worldwide. It aims to inspire and motivate language teachers to make the most of the teaching and learning contexts they work in, and to exploit the potential of various innovative and collaborative practices in all areas of ELT, ESP, modern languages education and research.

We would like to provide you with the opportunity to share your experience, expertise and insights into the fascinating world of language teaching and research. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to *Teaching Young Learners and Teenagers; Teaching ESP/LSP; Teacher Education and Development; Bilingual Education; Literature, Media & Cultural Studies in ELT/Language Teaching; Global Issues; Content and Language Integrated Learning; Blended Learning; Applied linguistics; Research; Testing, Evaluation and Assessment.*

Internationally prominent professionals in the field of ELT and modern languages education are invited as keynote speakers and workshop leaders. A book exhibition of major publishers and service providers will accompany the conference.

KEY DETAILS

SPEAKER PROPOSAL DEADLINE: 30th June 2024. For speaker proposal forms, accommodation and other details visit <https://forms.gle/mZCirSoxd2SVY12g8> and check <http://www.beta-iatefl.org>.

Official languages: The official languages of the event will include Bulgarian, English, German, Russian, and French.

Important dates:

Notification of acceptance: 31st July

Submission of papers: 31st October

Publication of conference proceedings in a special issue of BETA E-Newsletter: 31st December

FEES

Participants registration	Early bird (until 31st August)	Regular fee
BETA members and Bulgarian teachers	60 lv./30 €	80 lv./40 €

FIPLV members	50 €	60 €
Non-BETA & FIPLV	60 €	70 €

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Venues: The event will be hosted across two venues:

- 27th September – Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen
- 28th & 29th September – Yoan Ekzarh Balgarski Secondary School

Accessibility: Shumen is easily accessible by various means of transport:

- by plane: Shumen can be reached via flights to nearby airports in Varna, Burgas, Sofia, and Bucharest.
- by bus, train, and car: The city is well-connected by bus, train, and car, ensuring convenient travel options for all attendees.

For further queries, contact beta.iatefl@gmail.com

We very much look forward to seeing you in Shumen – a town that attracts visitors with its history, mystery, natural charm and radiant people.



Madara Horseman, an early medieval rock relief, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, located on the Madara Plateau, east of Shumen

Kind regards,
The Conference and Congress Organising Team