#### PLENARY SPEAKERS

#### in order of presenting

# <u>Joan Kang Shin</u>



Joan Kang Shin, Ph.D. is a teacher, teacher trainer, professor, and researcher in the field of TESOL. She specializes in professional development programs for teaching English as an international language to young learners and teenagers. She is also an expert in online TESOL education and conducts research on building international virtual communities of practice for English teachers. She is currently working at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) and is Series Editor for a ground breaking 6-level primary English series for National Geographic Learning called *Our World*. She has also designed a professional development video series for *Our World*. Her most recent book co-authored with Jodi Crandall

is called Teaching Young Learners English.

Dr. Joan Kang Shin is the Director of TESOL Professional Training Programs at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). In this position she administers numerous online professional development programs for EFL teachers in over 100 countries, including her own courses Teaching English to Young Learners and Teaching English to Teens. At UMBC, she is also a Professor of Practice in the Education Department and Project Director of the STEP T for ELLs Program (Secondary Teacher Education and Professional Training for English Language Learners) funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

## Jamie Keddi



Jamie Keddie is a teacher, trainer, writer and presenter. He is the founder of Lessonstream.org and the winner of a British Council ELTons award. His publications include Images (OUP, 2009) and Bringing Online Video into the Classroom (OUP, 2014). He is also the author of Videotelling, a self-published ebook to be released in 2014.

## **Grant Kempton**



Grant Kempton has been involved in ELT for more than 25 years. During that time he has been a teacher, tester, curriculum coordinator, school director and teacher trainer. From 2000-2006 he was the global teacher trainer for Pearson Education and travelled the world training teachers. He received his MA in ELT from Reading University and is currently working at Izmir Ekonomi Üniversitesi in Turkey. He is also a writer, being involved in such courses as Language Leader, Opportunities, New Success and New Total English.

# **David Evans**



David Evans is a writer, broadcaster and teacher trainer. He is the author of 20 English language teaching books and has given talks and workshops in over 40 countries around the world. He spent ten years as a radio producer for the BBC World Service and has also acted as a consultant author to some of the top names in British business. He has degrees from Queens' College, Cambridge and City University, London. In 2002, he received the Duke of Edinburgh's English Language Award from Prince Philip at Buckingham Palace.

#### Willy Cardoso



Willy Cardoso is a freelance teacher trainer and course writer based in Europe. Willy has taught EFL for over 12 years (Brazil and UK), written hundreds of articles in his blog Authentic Teaching, and presented at major international conferences in Europe. Willy has recently completed an MA in Education (University of Bath) focused on reflective practice and teacher cognition. He sits on the committee of IATEFL Teacher Development SIG and is the author and trainer of Pilgrims' new course Effective Thinking Skills for the English Language Classroom.

## <u>Kenn Norris</u>



Kenn Norris has twenty-five years' experience of teaching, training teachers, and managing language schools. He has worked with The British Council in Spain and Morocco, and was Director of Studies for AMIDEAST/Morocco for ten years. He is now a director of The English Company; a teaching and teacher training organization, based in Rabat and Casablanca.

Working as a freelance teacher-trainer for Macmillan, Kenn leads interactive workshops in 'Teaching English for the Workplace' and 'Setting Up and Running a Language School'.