

Poster Session Guidelines

You will be presenting a poster at this year's TESOL France Annual Colloquium. Not sure what this will look like? Read on ...

Research posters summarize information and/or your research in an attractive, concise, clear and eye-catching way to help publicize your work and encourage discussion.

Depending on the field of study, the poster is most often a mix of brief blocks of text mixed with tables, graphs, pictures, and other presentation formats. Most commonly, in the instance of a conference, the researcher stands by their displayed poster while delegates pass and view the presentation and engage and enquire with the author/presenter.

As with most meetings or conferences, the TESOL France Annual Colloquium asks that when you present your poster presentation session, it means that you will display your poster and be available for delegates to ask questions about the subject or research presented on your poster.

A poster session is a presentation format with the following characteristics:

- A **small, relatively restricted topic** or theme that can be introduced and explained in a short time.
- A **knowledgeable person** who provides a short overview of the topic and answers questions.
- A **poster** (about 24" x 36") that presents the most important points of the topic.
- Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee provisions (tape, blu tac, pins or clips) e. You will need to provide this yourselves. We only have limited stationery supplies and they are not customized for the weight of hanging a heavy and high quality poster.
- You are responsible for designing, printing and setting up your poster (space).
- We strongly recommend that if you want to share additional references, links and information, please share that via a QR code. If you prefer pre-printed **handouts** with this information, please bring the handouts with you as we do not have access to a photocopier on the days of the conference.
- We will do our best to provide you with a table, please specify if you require one.



Why give a poster session?

- It's a more informal way of delivering a presentation.
- It's a quick and efficient means of communicating classroom / academic research or new ELT materials, etc.
- It enables the presenter to have access to a wider audience.
- It puts the emphasis on conversation among small groups of people.
- It encourages delegates to contribute their own experiences.
- It's a fluid format that is becoming increasingly popular at many professional conferences, blurring the line between the expert and the novice.
- It offers an initial presentation opportunity for a teacher wishing to participate in an international conference.

Why attend a poster session?

- It provides a greater diversity of topics to be presented in a shorter space of time.
- It's a more informal means of viewing a variety of topics.
- It allows delegates time to study and restudy the information

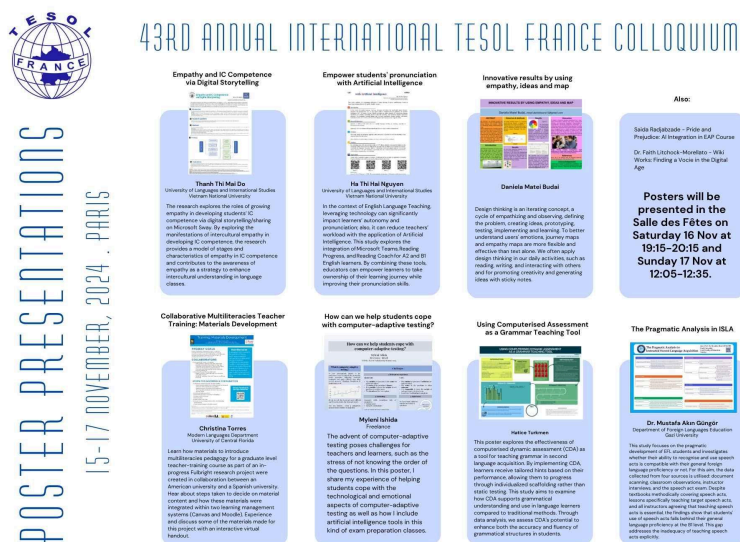
presented.

- It enables interaction directly with the presenter.

When do poster sessions take place?

Two Poster sessions are normally allocated at specific time slots during the TESOL France Annual Colloquium schedule – one on Saturday and one on Sunday. The conference schedule is confirmed in September.

- We ask that all the poster presenters try to be present at each session -- on Saturday and Sunday.
- Details about each poster session and their presenter will appear in the Colloquium Programme.



Poster presenters have a separate program to talks (left). This is a copy of the program for the poster presenters program (2024) posted in and around the venue. We will request a thumbnail of your poster in October.

- Upon request, poster presenters will receive a signed certificate stating they attended and spoke at the TESOL France Colloquium as a Poster Presenter.

Thank you for presenting a poster at our conference this year.

The TESOL France Speaker Coordination Team