



Dear TESOL France Members and Friends,

We are pleased to invite you again to be part **39th Annual International TESOL France Colloquium, 20-22 November 2020, the first VIRTUAL Colloquium**, which promises to welcome many delegates from around the world. REDISCOVER and RECONNECT

For almost 40 years, TESOL France has given you, year after year, an in-person conference with quality presenters from all over the world.

Unfortunately, this will be the first year that we cannot provide an in-person event. We, like many others, are constrained by the impacts of Covid.

Although we would have preferred to see all your lovely faces in person, we do have to admit that we are excited to put on such a high caliber online conference.

We will have the privilege of welcoming **Chia Suan Chong**, a writer, communication skills trainer and a teacher trainer. She is the author of *Successful International Communication*, where she presented her ADAPT model as a framework for dealing with intercultural conflict. Delivering both online and face-to-face training to clients around the globe, Chia specializes in interactive workshops that encourage reflection for more effective international communication and improved collaboration.

And what a fitting plenary she will be, because it will truly be an international event. In fact, another benefit to having our conference online is that we will be able to reach out to people from all over the world who have never had the opportunity to come to our past conferences in France.

**We have partnered up with a state-of-the-art conference platform** to bring all the attendees the best possible online experience. This will not be a simple Zoom session. It will be much more:

- Networking capabilities with other conference goers, speakers, and exhibitors. You will be able to make appointments to meet with people privately and it will be possible to upload job ads, CVs, and photos.
- An extended experience enabling you to view recordings of the talks for up to two months after the conference. This is truly a fantastic innovation because we all know that feeling of frustration when we can't go to all the talks we want to see. Whether it's live or after, now you'll be able to watch all the talks at your own leisure up to two months after the event. Another reason to register even if you aren't sure you can make it during the live sessions.
- Attendance certificates will be issued to all participants.
- Data privacy is secured. All data of clients will be returned at the end of the two months after the event.

## IMPORTANT REGISTRATION DEADLINE DETAILS:

Full members need to register for the colloquium by **13th November 2020** at the latest to enable notification of the access code to the conference platform. You will have the opportunity to make a donation to help with this event.

Those needing to renew membership must do so online by the **5th November 2020** and all payments received by **13th November 2020** to ensure colloquium registration. Justification for reduced rate membership must also be provided by email to [treasurer@tesol-france.org](mailto:treasurer@tesol-france.org) with the payment.

Members and non-members will all have the opportunity to make a donation to help with this event.

### **Online payment is recommended!**

It's easy, safe and secure.

The colloquium fee for non-members should be paid online whenever possible.

### **Bank transfer:**

Anyone wishing to pay their membership or colloquium fee by bank transfer should request bank details from the treasurer at the email above by the **5th November 2020**.

### **Cheque payments:**

Cheque payments need to be sent by post to 23 rue Nollet, 75017 Paris **in advance of 5th November 2020. We ask you to be mindful of potential postal delays caused by any Covid 19 restrictions which may be in place.**

With that said, we welcome you all with open arms, virtually that is!

Let's rediscover and reconnect!