

11th International Conference on Innovation in Language Learning

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I took part in the 11th International Conference on Innovation in Language Learning held in Florence, Italy from Nov. 8 to 9. It was held by Pixel, a professional planning organization for academic conferences and projects. It holds three academic conferences every year and is now in cooperation with many academic institutions in Europe on academic projects. 119 teachers and scholars from 54 universities from 36 countries gave 119 presentations. Topics included online teaching, the flipped classroom, computer assisted language learning, blended learning, language and content integrated teaching, task-based language teaching, assessments for teaching, second language acquisition.

Along with oral presentations, there were also poster and virtual presentations. Mine was a poster presentation concerning modal verbs and the results of STU-based research regarding students' disposition toward teaching approaches and task engagement. Additionally, I moderated the session on language teaching strategies.

On the whole, the trip was quite rewarding. It increased my knowledge of language teaching around the world, especially the policies and modes of language teaching in Europe. It also opened up my horizon concerning innovation in language teaching.