

Academic Conference Attendance Report: Innovation in Language Learning

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The Academic Conference “**Innovation in Language Learning, 2018**” took place in Florence, Italy, from November 8 to November 9, 2018. As an approved presenter, I registered successfully and participated in the activities included in the program. The conference opening included a speech by Dr. Elenna Maddalena, Chairperson of the National Agency for the Erasmus+ Program. Her speech addressed the challenges of language learning for life and its implications in the European context nowadays.

The paper I submitted, “The EWAT as a Means to Enhance Students’ Writing Skills in English as a Foreign Language”, was scheduled to be presented and debated on the second day of the conference, November the 9th, under the conference code 3354 (a code which allows for locating the paper online). I was honored to have, as audience members of my presentation, participants from different professional backgrounds and countries (e.g., Spain, The UK, Italy, Kuwait, China, the Czech Republic, the United States, Norway and Russia). I was also registered as a co-author of a second paper (“The Impact of Assessment on EFL learning: A Case Study”), which was presented in the same session by my colleague Luo Yanqi.

In general terms, the quantity of presenters in the conference was large (with approximately 115 papers presented by professionals from 42 different countries). Also, the quality of the debate realized was of a high standard. Many of the presenters managed to actually engage with the audience in very productive professional discussions about language teaching and the impact of language learning on social development in several different contexts.

Attending the conference was a very good experience, which will certainly contribute to my professional development.

