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**1st FIPLV East European Regional Congress**  
**26<sup>th</sup> BETA-IATEFL Annual International Conference**  
**Learning and teaching languages: Creating bridges to the future**

**22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Varna, Bulgaria**



**DEAR COLLEAGUE,**

The International Federation of Language Teacher Associations (FIPLV), Bulgarian English Teachers' Association (BETA-IATEFL) and "Konstantin Preslavsky" University of Shumen, are pleased to invite you to the 1st FIPLV East European Regional Congress and the 26<sup>th</sup> BETA-IATEFL Annual International Conference, which will take place from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in Varna, European Youth Capital 2017.

The Congress aims to inspire and motivate teachers to exchange experience and ideas about interesting and innovative ways of teaching and creating bridges to a future learning environment where students feel confident and inspired to explore and create. We would like to offer you the opportunity to share your professional experience, expertise and insights into the fascinating world of language teaching and research. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to *Teaching Young Learners and Teenagers; Teaching LSP; Teacher Education and Development; Bilingual Education; Literature, Media & Cultural Studies in LT; Global Issues; Content and Language Integrated Learning; Blended Learning; Applied linguistics; Research; Testing, Evaluation and Assessment, First/Second Language Acquisition, Foreign/Second Language Teaching, Language Education Policy, Quality in Language Education, and Multilingualism.*

**PLENARY AND FEATURED SPEAKERS:**

			
<b>Penny Ur</b> (Oranim Academic College of Education)	<b>Diane Larsen-Freeman</b> (University of Michigan)	<b>Elka Todeva</b> (SIT Graduate Institute)	<b>Terry Lamb</b> (University of Westminster, London, UK)

			
<b>Birsen Tütünlü</b> (Istanbul Kültür University)	<b>Marianne Hepp</b> (Universität Pisa, Italien; Präsidentin des IDV)	<b>Christine O'Leary</b> (Royaume-Uni, Université Hallam de Sheffield)	<b>Geraldo de Carvalho</b> (Brasilien, Schriftleiter des IDV)
			
<b>Zuzana Tomáš</b> (Eastern Michigan University)	<b>Denis Cunningham</b> Australia, FIPLV Honorary Counsellor		

A book exhibition of major publishers and service providers in the field of language teaching and learning accompany the conference. A programme of social events will offer the opportunity to combine professional growth with delightful experiences.

For application forms, fees and accommodation check <http://www.beta-iatefl.org/annual-conference/conference-call/> . For further queries, contact [beta.iateflbg@gmail.com](mailto:beta.iateflbg@gmail.com) .

We very much look forward to seeing you in Varna.

Best regards,

The Conference Organizing Team

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