



**Institute of Foreign Languages
at the Technical University in Zvolen
and
Czech and Slovak Association of Language Centres (CASALC)**

invite you to a scientific conference

**TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGES
FOCUSING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOFT SKILLS AND
COMMUNICATION IN ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL
CONTEXTS,**

held on

17 – 18 October 2024 (Thursday – Friday)

under the auspices of the Rector of the Technical University in Zvolen

Dr. h. c. Prof. Ing. Rudolf Kropil, PhD.

The Institute of Foreign Languages at the Technical University in Zvolen and the Czech and Slovak Association of Language Centres invite you to a traditional autumn conference on applied languages and applied linguistics, providing the opportunity to exchange knowledge and experience among foreign language teachers at universities with philological and non-philological focus.

This year's conference draws attention also to teaching foreign languages in relation to the development of soft skills and communication in academic and professional contexts. In the foreground, foreign language education in philological and non-philological study programmes is linked to the needs of students from the aspect of their holistic personal development, considering the requirements of professional practice in the context of lifelong learning.

In addition, papers focused on various linguistic, literary, and terminological aspects of foreign language teaching are welcomed.

Papers passing the review process will be published in the peer-reviewed proceedings of scientific papers *Aplikované jazyky v univerzitnom kontexte XI*. Selected papers may be published in *Apps – Academic Journal of Applied Linguistics and Languages*.

SCOPE OF THE SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

Section I – in-person participation

Applied linguistics, terminology

- foreign languages at universities with philological and non-philological focus – starting points, benefits, difficulties;
- specifics of teaching applied foreign languages at universities, methods and forms of work, study material and its preparation in teaching applied foreign languages;
- glottodidactics;
- teaching foreign languages in connection with developing soft skills and communication in academic and professional context.

Section II – in-person participation

Literary aspects of teaching foreign languages

- literary text and its didactic use in teaching foreign languages at universities with non-philological/philological focus;
- difficulties in translating artistic texts;
- literature as a reflection of today's multicultural society.

Section III – hybrid access (online access and in-person participation)

Section in English language

CASALC board and membership round table

SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE BOARD:

- **Prof. PhDr. Katarína Chovancová, PhD.**, Faculty of Arts, Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica
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- **PaedDr. Peter Gergel, PhD.**, Faculty of Education, Comenius University Bratislava
- **Mgr. Žaneta Balážová, PhD.**, Institute of Foreign Languages, Technical University in Zvolen – *corresponding member of the board with the conference participants*
- **PaedDr. Darina Veverková, Ph.D.**, Institute of Foreign Languages, Technical University in Zvolen

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

• deadline for registration and abstract submission	14/04/2024
• deadline for paper submission	30/06/2024
• deadline for conference fee payment	31/08/2024

CONFERENCE FEES:

- Active in-person or online participation in the conference: 55 €
- Active in-person participation in the conference – members of the Slovak section of CASALC: 35 €
- Participation in the conference (no presentation): 55 €
- Participation in the conference (no presentation) – members of the Slovak section of CASALC: 35 €
- Publication of a paper in the proceeding with no participation in the conference: 75 €

The conference fee covers costs for organizational and technical support of the conference, peer-reviewed proceedings of scientific papers in electronic form, conference materials, lunch, refreshments, and social gatherings on the day of the conference.

CONFERENCE LANGUAGES: Slovak, Czech, English

Conference room is equipped with IT equipment (PC, data projector, audio and video technology, Internet connection).

GUIDELINES FOR WRITING A PAPER:

- paper language: Slovak, Czech, English;
- abstract language: Slovak/Czech, English;
- the length of a paper: 10 pages including references;
to write a paper, use the **Word template**, which you can find here:
https://www.tuzvo.sk/sites/default/files/files/AJ_sablona_pre_v_ypracovanie_prispevku_2024_RE.doc

For conference registration fill out the form on the website by 14 April 2024:

<https://ucj.tuzvo.sk/sk/prihlaska-na-konferenciu>

After 14/04/2024 you will be informed about the decision on approval of the abstracts and conference fee payment procedure.

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The conference is organised in cooperation with the civic association *Drevársky kongres*, a member of the Union of the Slovak Scientific and Technical Societies

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