MLIE HISTORY

The following history has been kindly collated by Maurice Carder, one of the founders and original committee members. Please contact the committee if you spot any errors, or if you have any photos to share from previous conferences.

1983: ECIS autumn conference, Rome. A group of concerned teachers decided to form a committee to represent the pedagogical needs of ESL students in international schools. A subject committee was formed, Shirley Bakker was nominated as Chair, and other committee members included Coreen Sears, Sandra Meakin and Maurice Carder.

1987: the 1st ECIS ESL Conference was held at the Vienna IS, Vienna. Organised by Maurice Carder. Keynote speaker: Jim Cummins, OISE, Toronto, Canada. Guest speaker: Dick Allwright, University of Lancaster, UK; Chair of TESOL. Committee Chair: Maurice Carder.

1989: the 2nd ECIS ESL Conference was held at Ferney-Voltaire, France, near Geneva. Sandra Meakin organised accommodation; Maurice Carder organised the speakers. Keynote speaker: Dr Virginia Collier, George Mason University, USA. Committee Chair: Maurice Carder.

1991: the 3rd ECIS ESL Conference was held at Cavtat, near Dubrovnik, Croatia. Organised by Maurice Carder. Keynote speaker: Dr Virginia Rojas. It was agreed to change the name of the committee to ESL & Mother Tongue Committee. Committee Chair: Maurice Carder.

1993: the 4th ECIS ESL & MT Conference was held in Munich, Germany. Organised by Jeanne-Marie Briginshaw. Committee Chair: Jenny Suitemaker. Committee members: Kim Oppenheim, Jeanne-Marie Briginshaw. The ‘& MT’ was dropped.


2000: the 5th ECIS ESL & MT Conference was held at the Vienna IS, Vienna. ‘& MT’ was officially recognised by the ECIS CEO, Dixie Mckay. Organised by Maurice Carder. Keynote speaker: David Graddol, via video link. Guest speakers: Constant Leung, Rebecca Field, Else Hamayan. Committee Chair: Jeanne-Marie Briginshaw. Committee members: Maurice Carder, Eithne Gallagher, Kim Oppenheim.


2011: the 9th ECIS ESL & MT Conference was held in Dusseldorf, Germany. "Promoting Linguistic Human Rights in International Schools: from Theory to the Classroom". Organised by Dr Patricia Mertin. Keynote speakers: Tove Skutnabb-Kangas with Robert Phillipson. Guest speakers: Jim Cummins, Else Hamayan. Dr Maurice Carder, Elizabeth Coelho, Margaret Early, Rebecca Freeman-Field, Ethne Gallagher, Christine Helot, Sunny Man Chu Lau, Constant Leung. Committee Chair: Kim Oppenheim. Committee members: Frances Bekechi, Nick Clarke, Pascale Hertay, Lynddi Readean.

2014: the 10th ECIS ESL & MT Conference was held at the IS of Amsterdam. 'Developing multi-literate global citizens: from language policy to classroom practice'. Keynote speaker: Dr Catherine Snow, Harvard University. Guest speakers: Jim Cummins, Alma Flor Ada, F. Isabel Campoy, Roma Chumak-Horbatsch, Ethne Gallagher, Fred Genesee, Else Hamayan, Deborah Short, Carol Inugai-Dixon, Dr Maurice Carder, Dr Patricia Mertin, Eugenia Papadaki. Committee Chair: Chadwick Williams. Committee members: Frances Bekechi, Nick Clarke, Niki Cooper, Eugenia Papadaki, Ron Rosenow.

2017: the 11th ECIS ESL & MT Conference was held in Copenhagen, 2-5 March, at the Tivoli Hotel. 'The Power of Multilingual Classrooms in International Education: Implications for Curriculum Design, Teaching and Learning.' Keynote Speakers: Jim Cummins, Paul Kei Matsuda, Pauline Gibbons, Stephen Krashen. Guest speakers: Jon Nordmeyer, Beth Skelton, Brian Dare, Linda Li, Sheldon Bradshaw, Else Hamayan, Fred Genesee, Patricia Mertin, et al. Committee name changed to MLIE – Multilingual Learning in International Education. Committee Chair: Ron Rosenow. Committee members: Niki Cooper, Ros Şentürk, Aaron Deupree, Eugenia Papadaki.

2019: the 12th MLIE conference was held in London, 1-3 March. hosted by the International School of London and held at the Novotel London West in Hammersmith. 'Unity through Multilingualism'. Key note speakers: Jim Cummins, Mary Hayden, Paul Kei Matsuda, Fred Genesee, Kate Seltzer. Invited speakers: Li Wei, Victoria Murphy, Jean-Marc Dewaele, Yongcan Liu, Jackie Jia Lou, Judit Kormos, Antonella Sorace, Constant Leung, Robert Sharples, Jim Anderson, Particia Bloem, Laura Vander Broek, Yu-Chiao Chung, Vicky McLeroy, Monika Schmid, Lise Fontaine, Beth Skelton. Additionally, the conference featured 4 student speakers as well as over 50 teacher presenters. Committee chair: Susan Stewart. Committee members: Niki Cooper, Ron Rosenow, Mindy McCracken.