

## CONFERENCE 2023 – CALL FOR PAPERS

### Developing materials for English training in aviation: A wider perspective

*Sharing experiences, developments and ideas*

**Date:** 22-24 May 2023

**Venue:** Pullman Istanbul Hotel and Convention Centre – Istanbul, Turkey

**Host:** Turkish Airlines Aviation Academy

#### BACKGROUND

Awareness of the importance of language in aviation communication has grown steadily since the implementation of the ICAO Language Proficiency Requirements for pilots and air traffic controllers. With the need to raise proficiency standards to ensure safe and efficient operations now well accepted, there is growing interest to also develop English skills among other aviation professions, such as cabin crew, maintenance, airport and other ground staff, and people in training to join the industry.

Multi-lingual and multi-cultural teams are playing key roles in supporting organisations and companies as they rebuild and restructure the industry in its transition to a post-COVID world. Developing awareness of skills in English, as a common language for communicating in a range of contexts during these ongoing developments, is of paramount importance. Training aviation personnel to communicate effectively is vital to maintain a safe and expeditious operating environment.

Providing focused training in specific domains requires an awareness of the technical language and needs of learners, as well as appropriate pedagogy to deliver the training. Input and collaboration from subject matter and language experts leads to the production and use of materials and curriculum that target learners' real-world needs.

This event aims to bring together stakeholders from around the world to share their experiences in developing and delivering aviation English training across a range of aviation sectors. The conference will focus on practical experiences, knowledge and skills to enable participants to reflect and apply ideas to their own training contexts.

#### INVITATION

ICAEA invites submissions to deliver either:

1. **Workshop** (90 min) + introductory **Presentation** (15-20 min)

Workshops should be based on practical experience or research developments related to any aspect of Aviation English training with a focus on materials and curriculum development. Presenters will have 15-20 minutes to introduce their workshop topic via a presentation, and 90 minutes to deliver their interactive workshop. Presenters will also join a Q&A panel at the end of each day for follow-up reflection and discussion.

Or,

2. **Presentation** (10-15 min) + **Panel Discussion** (30 min)

Panel presentations should aim to share practical experience related to developing training materials and/or curriculum (e.g. a specific issue, a case-study etc) that will facilitate an interactive discussion session among panellists and conference attendees.

WORKSHOP	
<b>Presentation</b> (15-20 min)	Provide an overview / introduction to the workshop and activities (related to the <b>Conference Topic Areas</b> – see below). <i>Note: Presentations should not exceed 20 ppt slides</i>
<b>Workshop</b> (90 min)	Deliver a practical, hands-on, interactive workshop during which smaller groups of participants work together on guided activities that explore issues related to the topic and/or apply ideas to their own training context. <i>Note: ppt slides may be used to deliver the stimuli / instructions / activities to participants / facilitate discussion / exchange etc. Activity handouts are welcome.</i>

PANEL PRESENTATION	
<b>Presentation</b> (10-15 min)	Explore a specific issue / challenge / case study etc (related to the <b>Conference Topic Areas</b> – see below) to facilitate discussion among delegates <i>Note: Presentations should not exceed 15 ppt slides</i>
<b>Panel Discussion</b> (30 min)	Participate in a discussion session with other panellists and conference attendees, comparing / contrasting / reflecting on / sharing experiences.

## CONFERENCE TOPIC AREAS

We invite proposals focusing on one or more of the following areas:

- Developing English curriculum or training materials for operational staff or trainees in an aviation sector (pilots, air traffic controllers, cabin crew, engineering, airport and other ground staff etc).
- Language and operational experts collaborating in language course development and delivery.
- Conducting a needs analysis for curriculum developers, trainers and learners.
- Professional support for aviation English materials developers.
- Sourcing authentic and appropriate content for materials development.
- Identifying the skills for learners' real-world communication needs.
- Developing online training materials, including for e-Learning or virtual instructor-led lessons.
- Cross-cultural communicative needs in a multi-cultural aviation environment.
- Stakeholder cooperation in the delivery of aviation language training programmes.

*Note: Presenters may not promote commercial products or training services.*

Presenters wishing to submit a proposal on a topic not covered above are invited to do so, explaining how it will fit into the overall conference theme. For any queries, contact ICAEA on [events@icaea.aero](mailto:events@icaea.aero).

## SUBMISSIONS

Trainers, instructors, researchers, curriculum designers and training providers involved in or affected by issues related to the language and communication training needs of aviation professionals (including pilots, ATC, cabin crew, maintenance, airport and other ground staff etc) are invited to submit their proposal.

The submission should include:

- title of the Workshop or Panel Presentation,
- name of the presenter(s), and organisation(s) the presenter(s) represent (if applicable),
- Conference Topic Area the Workshop or Panel Presentation is related to,
- aviation sector(s) the topic is related to (e.g. cabin crew, maintenance personnel etc),
- **Workshop**: a 250-300 word summary of what the workshop will include (i.e. the practical, hands-on activities that will clearly engage small groups of participants creatively, to exchange experiences, to discuss issues etc), or,
- **Panel Presentation**: a 250-300 word summary to explain the issue / challenge / concept or case study, and,
- a 50-60 word biography of the presenter(s), including relevant qualifications and experience.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Proposal submission deadline:	24 February, 2023
Speaker proposal notifications:	16 March, 2023
Finalisation of speakers and programme:	30 March, 2023

## INTERESTED IN PRESENTING?

Please send your submission by 24 February 2023 with email subject 'ICAEA Istanbul 2023 Proposal' to:  
[events@icaea.aero](mailto:events@icaea.aero)