

## Events Officer Report 2022-23 BALEAP AGM

### Activity

The last year has seen a renewed interest in hosting Professional Interest Meetings (PIMs) in both hybrid and online formats, the June 2022 Leeds PIM being the first hybrid PIM following the pandemic. The PIM schedule is now mostly finalised to March 2025 with the first overseas PIM being held in June 2024 in Kazakhstan.

The Events Officer's time has been occupied by:

- 1) **Scheduling PIMs** i) Ensuring there is a range of PIMs scheduled relevant to the community in terms of themes for the following year and beyond. ii) That these are hosted via different modes of delivery to support a more inclusive approach.
- 2) **Supporting hosting institutions** Ensuring hosting institutions feel supported at each stage through **a)** regular communication, including meetings, emails etc., and **b)** clear guidelines in the PIM Handbook.
- 3) **Supporting the Chair in securing a 2025 Conference** Communicating to the list and following up with prospective hosts to ensure they feel informed regarding what is involved.

### Administration

In light of the first overseas PIM in Kazakhstan hosted by Nazarbayev University in June 2024 and associated logistics around finances the Events Officer is working more closely with the Treasurer on this, and more generally on draft budgets from institutions hosting PIMs.

### PIMs hosted since the last AGM

The last year has seen three very successful PIMs delivered by the Universities of Leeds, Sheffield and Oxford Brookes. Leeds hosted the June PIM on the theme of **EAP and Intercultural Communication** in June 2022 which very much led the way for a return to face-to-face PIMs. The Sheffield PIM in November 2022 on the theme of **EAP Teacher to EAP Educator** was very well attended both online and face-to-face. The Oxford Brookes PIM was fully online offering variety of format and on the theme of **Education for Sustainable Development**.

### Upcoming PIMs 2023-2025

The following PIMs are scheduled for the next year:

PIMs				
Year	Date	Institution	Theme\working theme	Mode
2023	Fri. 30 <sup>th</sup> June	University of Durham	AI assisted academic writing	Hybrid
	Sat. 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Heriot-Watt University	Multimodality in EAP Contexts	Online
2024	Sat. 16 <sup>th</sup> March	King's College London	Collaboration. Power and Influence	Hybrid
	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan	Back to the Classroom – New Framework, New Balance.	Hybrid

	November tbc	University of Portsmouth tbc	AI and materials design	F2f /hybrid tbc
2025	March tbc	University of Lincoln International College	Relationships with the wider institution	F2f /hybrid tbc

## Events Officer

### Successes

- ✓ Renewed interest in hosting hybrid PIMs following pandemic
- ✓ Healthy engagement in terms of proposals and attendance
- ✓ 3 successful PIMs delivered since last AGM

### Looking Forward

- First overseas PIM to be hosted by Nazarbayev University in June 2024
- PIMs scheduled up to March 2025



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