



SOCIAL NETWORKING:

Thriving as a
Community of
Practice



Organizers

AVEALMEC and ARCALL <http://avealmec.org.ve/>

Description

AVEALMEC and **ARCALL** are two Latin-American associations interested in promoting the use of ICT in the language classroom. They have joined forces to organize this first regional event to help spread the word on the role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the language classroom. This first conference will focus on **social networks** and their potential to create **communities of practice** to share, communicate without barriers and enhance the teaching-learning process in the language classroom.

This conference will have **guest speakers** not only from South America but from different parts of the world. Their presentations will range from proposing an alternative theory to understand how the sea of information available on the net sparks connections, thus creating new information and a different way of learning to the possible e-environments where these connections are likely to take place. Environments generally made up of like-minded people (communities of practice) networking, connecting, sharing and building new knowledge or experiences.

Guest Speakers

Guest speaker	Topic
George Siemens (Canada)	<i>Connectivism and social networking</i>
Etienne Wenger (USA)	<i>Communities of Practice: a Social Discipline of Learning</i>
Charalambos Vrasidas (Cyprus) and Maria Solomou (Cyprus)	<i>Social Networking for Professional Development</i>
Vance Stevens (Abu Dhabi-UAE)	<i>Modeling Social Media in Groups, Communities and Networks</i>
Graham Stanley (UK-Spain)	<i>Before and after Twitter: Personal Learning Environments</i>
Nicky Hockly (UK-Spain)	<i>Edmodo and the wired classroom</i>
Carla Arena (Brazil)	<i>Flickr: Design that Connects</i>
Nellie Muller Deutsch (Israel)	<i>Wikieducator: a Community of Educators</i>
Nik Peachey (UK)	<i>From Information to Knowledge: Creating Your Own Development Network</i>
Ronaldo Lima Jr & Erika Cruvinel (Brazil)	<i>Ed Tech and Social Networking</i>
Jennifer Verschoor (Argentina), Evelyn Izquierdo (Venezuela), Erika Cruvinel (Brazil).	<i>Webheads in Action: Connecting to Empower</i>
Rita Zeinstejer (Argentina) and Paula Ledesma (Argentina)	<i>The Web 2.0: Honing Social Skills</i>

Conference e-tools

Wiziq: Video-conferences

Moodle: Forums

Yahoo group: Organizers and guest speakers

Audience/Registration

It is free and open to language teachers from Latin-American or any other country around the world interested in social networking and its educational role in the language classroom.

Important dates

Speakers' summaries submission: August 30th, 2009

Registration: September 29th, 2009

Pre-event: October 31st – November 4th, 2009

Event (Video-conference): November 5th- 8th, 2009

Post-event (Forums): November 10th – 20th, 2009

Sponsors

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