

# Partnership Agreement

*(Between Yakut TESOL and TexTESOL V)*

Intended to develop the collaboration between the two parties on a mutually agreed-upon basis, this document presents the terms of an agreement between two affiliates of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc: (Yakut TESOL) and (TexTESOL V).

The terms of the agreement were discussed on 14 July 2008 by (Larissa Olesova, President of Yakut TESOL) and (Donald Weasenforth, Past President of TexTESOL V).

*(These terms are based on the guidelines for affiliate partnership activities outlined by the TESOL Central Office, adopted from the Affiliate Leadership Handbook, 1998 Edition.)*

## **I. Exchange of Publications**

### **A. Newsletter / Website:**

1. The two associations will exchange newsletters on a regular basis.
2. Original articles by Yakut TESOL members printed in Yakut TESOL's newsletter, will be reprinted in TexTESOL V's newsletter on a regular basis with prior consent of the newsletter editor. Original articles by TexTESOL V members printed in TexTESOL V's newsletter will be reprinted in Yakut TESOL's newsletter on a regular basis with prior consent of the newsletter editor.
3. The newsletter editors and co-editors of the affiliates will publish a joint newsletter twice a year.
4. A complimentary copy of each newsletter will be made available by each affiliate to the other.
5. A column will be established in each newsletter for all partner association/affiliate news.

### **B. Other:**

1. Conference programs and publicity will be exchanged between the two affiliates.
2. Constitutions, program planning guidelines, manuals, and other sample publications will be exchanged between the two parties.

## **II. Exchange of Delegates**

1. Each party will invite one representative of the partner affiliate to its national/state conference.
2. Arrangements for such exchanges will be initiated at least three (3) months prior to the national/state conference.
3. The representative will be responsible for financing the overseas trip or seeking funds from institutions/agencies to finance it.
4. The host affiliate will cover the conference fee, meals, accommodations, and travel costs for the partner affiliate representative during his/her stay.

## **III. Sharing Professional Development**

1. Each party will organize joint conferences/seminars/workshops where affiliate members can share ideas and views on the subject of teaching English in the two countries: in a non-native environment as a foreign language and native environment as a second language. The formats for the conferences could vary from digital to on-site, including video-conferences, online-conferences, and face-to-face conferences in Dallas and in Yakutsk.

2. Both affiliates will exchange guest speakers who can share their practical experiences and theoretical approaches related to second language instruction. These activities can be organized via videoconferences or online synchronous and asynchronous technologies.
3. Both affiliates will seek to develop and implement joint training courses for teachers in Dallas and Yakutsk via online and face-to-face formats in Dallas and in Yakutsk.
4. Yakut TESOL will organize an EFL Summer Institutes/Schools for teacher training in Yakutsk, to include invitations of teachers from Dallas to work in the EFL Summer Institute in Yakutsk.
5. Both affiliates will seek to establish a Visiting Scholar Program, for which a Yakut TESOL member would work at a Dallas/Fort Worth institution and a TexTESOL V member would work at a Yakutsk institution.

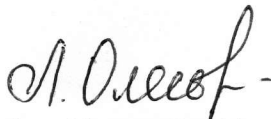
**IV. Shared Classroom Instruction Support**

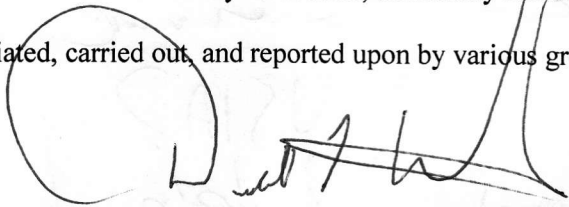
1. Both affiliates will work with local schools to develop online courses and multimedia projects for students and adults.
2. Both affiliates will organize, develop, and implement collaborative educational Internet projects between Dallas/Fort Worth area and Yakutsk schools/universities to: promote EFL/ESL instruction, broaden ESL professionals' perspectives of instructional approaches, and provide Dallas and Yakutsk students and teachers an authentic audience with which they can share information.
3. Both affiliates will seek to establish a mutual cultural exchange of students from universities and schools from Dallas/Fort Worth to Yakutsk and from Yakutsk to Dallas/Fort Worth to study cultures, history and geography, ecology, permafrost conditions, and plants and animals of the two regions, etc.

**V. Miscellaneous**

1. Names, addresses, and materials will be exchanged between leaders of the partner Interest Sections.
2. Yakut TESOL's Interest Sections include: Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Adult Education, Higher Education, CALL, NNEST
3. TexTESOL V's Interest Sections include: Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Adult Education, Higher Education
4. Cooperative projects will be initiated, carried out, and reported upon by various groups within the affiliates.

Signed by:

  
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Date