

## Factoids on KOTESOL Conferences

1. The first KOTESOL conference was held on October 16-17, 1993, at Wonkwang University in Iri (now Iksan), Jeollabuk-do, celebrating KOTESOL's first anniversary.
2. This year is KOTESOL's 21st autumn conference (1993-2013); one has been held every year since KOTESOL was formed.
3. The KOTESOL International Conference is the largest annual ELT conference held in Korea.
4. Approximately 200 English teachers attended KOTESOL's first conference in 1993. Attendance has grown to over 1,000 each year since 2007, with over 1,550 in 2010.
5. KOTESOL's International Conference is truly "international." Of the presenters listed for all the sessions at the 2012 Conference, over half were names of presenters who came to Korea from abroad especially to present at the conference; just over 100 were Korea-based.
6. The KOTESOL International Conference is always held on a weekend in the month of October, the middle of Korea's ELT conference season.
7. All of KOTESOL's autumn conferences have been held in Seoul except three: Iksan, 1993; Gyeongju, 1997; Daegu, 2000.
8. The International Conference attracts the world's most renowned figures in the fields of English Language Teaching and Applied Linguistics. To name a few: Jack Richards, David Nunan, Stephen Krashen, Rod Ellis, Jeremy Harmer, Michael McCarthy, Penny Ur, Paul Nation, Scott Thornbury, Alan Maley, Jane Willis, Kathleen Bailey, Donald Freeman, Dick Allwright.
9. The International Conference has grown from 30 presentations in 1993 to more than 200 presentations in recent years: over 150 academic presentations and over 50 by commercial interests. The 2013 conference is slated to host 225 sessions.
10. The competition to give a presentation at the International Conference is quite high: in 2013 only about 40% of the conference presentation proposals submitted could be accepted.
11. Revenue from online pre-registration and onsite registration fees for an International Conference covers less than two thirds of KOTESOL's total expenses for that conference.
12. As a founding member of the Pan Asian Consortium, KOTESOL has twice hosted the PAC Conference in association with the KOTESOL International Conference (PAC2 in 1999; PAC 2010).
13. The International Conference, hosted in Seoul in the fall, is complemented by a Spring National Conference hosted outside of the Seoul area.
14. The Spring National Conference was first held in 2006, and has been held seven times in the past eight years: Cheonan, 2006; Daegu, 2007; Cheongwon (Chungbuk), 2009; Daegu, 2010; Daejeon, 2011; Busan, 2012; Cheongwon (Chungbuk), 2013. It is scheduled for Daegu in 2014.
15. International Conference planning is so critical that it begins more than a year in advance of the conference date: invited speakers for the October 2013 International Conference were already being confirmed in June 2012.
16. KOTESOL International Conference presenters and attendees come from around the world: East Asia, Southeast Asia and Australia, North America, Asia, Europe, and the Mid-East.
17. It requires more than 200 individuals to plan and manage the International Conference: more than 50 members on the KOTESOL Conference Committee and nearly 150 student volunteers, in addition to regular venue staff and publishers' personnel.
18. International Conference Committee members are all KOTESOL-member volunteers contributing many hours of their time throughout the year without compensation in preparations for the two-day conference.
19. In addition to KOTESOL's National and International Conferences, the association's regional Chapters also host chapter conferences at various times throughout the year. In 2012, chapter conferences were hosted by Gwangju-Jeonnam, Seoul, Jeonju-North Jeolla, and Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapters, and jointly by Suwon-Gyeonggi + Yongin-Gyeonggi Chapters.
20. Some of the members of the 2013 International Conference Committee have been an active member of each international conference for more than a decade.
21. The 2014 KOTESOL International Conference is scheduled to be held at COEX in Seoul, the first time for an ELT conference in Korea to be held at such a large conference and exhibition venue.