

UCML Exec Committee

Friday 16 April 2021 2-4pm Via Zoom



Item 10.1 ELT

The BALEAP biennial conference hosted by Glasgow University concluded on Saturday 10th of April. The theme this year was pedagogy, and the conference was, as you might expect, entirely online over 5 days and had over 700 participants (including over 130 speakers) from 52 countries. The previous conference held at the University of Leeds, which had been the largest ever BALEAP conference, had around 450 participants. The conference was very successful and demonstrated that more colleagues – internationally and nationally – could attend in an online environment and there were also 13 special interest groups present organising events. SIGs are a relatively new endeavour for BALEAP and have proved, generally, very successful in enabling a greater number of members to take a more active role in the association. BALEAP funded research being carried out to document the impact of Covid 19 on EAP delivery in the UK during 2020 was also presented during the conference and should be of interest beyond BALEAP.

A new open-access EAP journal has just been published and welcomes papers from EAP practitioners. It is the International Journal of English for Academic Purposes: Research & Practice and can be accessed here: <https://www.liverpooluniversitypress.co.uk/journals/id/94/?flush=1>

A first for BALEAP – it is jointly hosting/running a conference with CEAPA (China EAP Association formed in 2015). The theme is *EAP as a Glocal Language* – and will be taking place on 28-30 May 2021. Further information can be found here: <https://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/conference/ceapa-baleap-2021-conference>.

Finally, the Journal of English for Academic Purposes is planning a special issue marking two important anniversaries falling in 2022; BALEAP's 50th anniversary and the 20th anniversary of the first issue of JEAP. The papers will focus on practice, scholarship and research across the 50 year history of BALEAP.

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