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INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE ASIA PACIFIC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR 2011

Dear IB School Heads and Programme Coordinators,

The 2011 Professional Development Calendar is now available for downloading and printing. For those of you who are new to our community, the reason we produce this calendar is to serve you better by giving you a schedule with which to plan and budget for professional development as necessary.

In an effort to create a calendar that comprehensively addresses the long-term professional development needs of the diverse IB Asia Pacific region, we take into consideration a variety of factors, such as:

- The costs to schools including staff time, travel, accommodation;
- The provision of a regular cycle of workshops in each of the 4 different sub-regions so that each region has equitable access: South-East Asia, East Asia, South Asia, and Australasia;
- The timing of events to suit the range of academic calendars that differ from country to country within the region;
- The needs of experienced and new IB practitioners in established IB World Schools and schools seeking authorization;
- The IB curriculum review cycle

We are conscious that the timely publication of the regional workshop dates can assist Heads and Coordinators in their professional development planning. To that end, we are providing as much detail as we can as early as we can, usually date, city and course details. In some cases specific venues in a city or specific dates in a month may change. Our online searchable calendar <http://www.ibo.org/events/> is updated regularly, as is our downloadable calendar <http://www.ibo.org/ibap/workshops/>.

From this year we are pleased to welcome a number of partner workshop providers. This will enable us to better support local needs, specialised interests and a broader range of languages all within the same quality assurance framework as regional workshops. As arrangements are finalised with our partners they will be announced by email and posted on the website.

New this year:

Groups 1 and 2 Language Workshops: In December 2010 major subject guide revisions will be published for Group 1 and Group 2 language subjects. Teaching of the new courses will commence in August 2011.

To support schools in their preparations for August all languages workshops have been scheduled for the first three months of the year. These workshops focus **exclusively** on the new guides and integrate so-called '*subject specific seminars*' which detail the changes to the curriculum. Kindly note the classification of these workshops:

For example:

English A: Literature C1

This workshop replaces the English A1 workshop. It is a Category 1 (C1) workshop for teachers new to the IB Diploma Programme. It will explain in detail the changes to the guide as well as fulfil the session guidelines for a regular Category 1 workshop.

English A: Literature C2

This is a Category 2 (C2) workshop for experienced English A1 teachers. It will explain in detail the changes to the guide as well as fulfil the session guidelines for a regular Category 2 workshop.

English A: Language and Literature

This workshop replaces English A2. It will be available as both a Category 1 (C1) and Category 2 (C2) workshop according to demand.

English: Literature and Performance

This replaces Text and Performance.

Language B and Ab initio workshops will be available as both a Category 1 (C1) and Category 2 (C2) workshop according to demand. These workshops focus exclusively on the new guides.

Support for low-enrolment languages: In 2011, we will continue to offer generic language workshops, now for Language A: Literature, Language A: Language and Literature, Language B and Language ab initio. Delivered in English, these workshops will cover the common framework of the subject guides and the session guidelines for language workshops. They are designed to support practitioners for whom language-specific workshops are unavailable in the region. As you enrol for these workshops, kindly inform us which specific language you teach so that we can better support you with resources as available.

Economics – new guide for August 2011

To support schools in their preparations for the new guide, the Economics workshops have been scheduled in the first three months of the year in each sub-region, alongside the language workshops.

We would like to draw your attention to a few updates and reminders:

- **Register early:** At the close of early bird registration, we will review enrolment and determine whether to add a workshop to meet demand.
- **New workshop partners.** We are very pleased to welcome a number of workshop partners. To date we have finalised agreements to offer specific workshops with: ISTA, Temple University, Wesley College and TAISI (The Association of International Schools in India), with several more agreements in the pipeline. Look out for the 'in-co-operation with the IB' logo that these providers will use. We will give updates on our list of partner workshop providers as agreements are finalised.
- **More Continuum Workshops:** In 2011, the number of Continuum Workshops targeting the needs of practitioners across the programmes will be increased. We will continue to offer the popular Teacher-Librarians Continuum Workshop. Workshops for Special Education Needs and Second Language Support have also been added to the 2011 calendar.
- **Themed events and extension opportunities:** Where possible we will look to group certain subjects or disciplines together to allow for greater opportunities for interdisciplinary links, visiting speakers – post workshop seminars, and excursions. This will appear first in the sciences and arts and develop progressively.
- **Counsellors workshop and University Recognition Forum:** In response to requests we have created a workshop for counsellors. This goes beyond college placement and looks at how an articulated and coherent counselling programme through the pre-IB Diploma years to IB Diploma years can support student course selection and achievement. We have scheduled some of these Counsellors workshops to be held consecutively with the University Recognition Forums.
- **On-line Workshops:** More on-line workshops are being developed for 2011. Details of these have now been integrated into our global online calendar. <http://onlineworkshops.ibo.org/>
- **In-school Workshops:** These provide a dynamic and cost effective means for faculty members to collaborate, develop new skills and articulate key concepts vertically or horizontally across the curriculum. This can be particularly useful when looking to implement new IB programmes or systems. Details of our in-school workshops are available here <http://www.ibo.org/ibap/workshops/inschoolworkshops/>

In closing, we ask that you pay close attention to **4 important issues**:

- **Choosing the Right Level:** IB workshops are designed for varying levels of participants' *IB programme experience*. In order to ensure that participants have the requisite level of IB experience to attend and benefit fully from the right level of workshop, coordinators and participants should check the **Workshop Descriptions**: <http://www.ibo.org/events/news/index.cfm>.
- **New Subject Guides:** Prior to the official publication of new subject guides, the regional office cannot guarantee that they will be available (in draft form or otherwise) at subject workshops. Workshop leaders will make reference to whatever material is available at the time of the workshop in order to prepare participants for new course requirements.
- **PD Strategic Planning:** For assistance in strategic planning, please refer to the documents **Professional Development: Unpacking the Standards and Practices** at our website: <http://www.ibo.org/ibap/workshops/UnpackingtheStandardsandPractices.cfm>
- Professional Development policies and procedures are clarified in <http://www.ibo.org/ibap/workshops/RegistrationPolicy.cfm>

Regards,



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INFORMATION:

The Events Calendar is subject to changes during the course of the year. Refer to the **IB Asia Pacific website** at <http://www.ibo.org/ibap/workshops> regularly for latest information.

1. Registration and information packs will be available online 4 - 5 months prior to the workshop.

2. Effective **September 2010**:

Cost per participant is **USD552 (Early Bird Rate)** and **USD622 (Standard Fee)**. Fees are exclusive of travel and accommodation cost.

3. Workshops are conducted over a duration of 3 days, begin at 8.30am, conclude at 4.30pm for Day 1 and 2, and finish at 4pm on Day 3.

4. Agendas will be available online one month before the workshop, and it is the responsibility of coordinators/participants to download the agendas from the respective website prior to the workshop.

5. An official "IB Certificate of Attendance" is only awarded to participants who have attended all sessions of a workshop. Please ensure that travel arrangements do not preclude your candidacy for a certificate.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE:

The **25th Annual Regional Conference** will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Australia from 17 – 20 March 2011.

This provides an excellent opportunity for educational leaders and decision makers in schools and government to come together to share best practices around cultivating the way we are educating our children and creating an education system that nurtures creativity. The conference will also celebrate renowned speakers in the areas of education and creativity, and challenge participants to rethink our current school systems and the way education is being taught.

More information will be available at www.ibo.org/ibap/conference in August.