The Department of Philology, Stanisław Staszic University of Applied Sciences in Piła
in cooperation with
The Department of Ecocommunication, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań,
The Centre for Research and Innovation in Linguistic Education, “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia, Romania
and
Student Academic Clubs
are honoured to invite you to
the International Academic Seminar with the leading theme

‘BRIDGES AND NOT WALLS’

which will be held on 17-18 November 2015
on the premises of Stanisław Staszic University of Applied Sciences in Piła, Poland

The seminar ‘BRIDGES AND NOT WALLS’, inaugurating the series ‘PHILOLOGICAL SEMINARS IN PIŁA’, is devoted to exchanging experiences between researchers and teachers interested in modern academic trends with reference to the fields represented by them. You are invited to prepare paper presentations of 20 minutes (which will be followed by a discussion) or workshops of 45-minute duration. One can also participate in the seminar without a paper.

As part of the seminar, we are planning to organise a separate workshop section for English language teachers.

Seminar subjects:

SECTION 1: ‘HABENT SUA FATA LINGUAE’/ LANGUAGES HAVE THEIR FATES
Language: English, Polish
Suggested topics:
- language diversification,
- language planning and policy,
• survivability chances of natural languages in the global arena of natural languages,
• language contacts,
• vitality of natural languages,
• communicative orders, diversification of communicative forms and environments,
• status of the communicator,
• communication in public space,
• relations between language, culture and communication,
• aesthetics of language and communication.

SECTION 2 : LANGUAGE EDUCATION: CONNECTING THE DOTS
Language: English, Polish
Suggested topics:
• classroom interaction/ communication,
• corrective feedback,
• ICT in language teaching,
• language for specific purposes,
• learner identity,
• method eclecticism,
• multilingual learners,
• sociocognitive approaches,
• systematicity and variability,
• teacher development,
• teaching very young children/ older adults,
• culture in language teaching,
• modern methods, techniques or forms of language teaching.

SECTION 3: NEW TRENDS IN GERMAN LITERATURE AND LINGUISTICS - CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES TO TEACHING AND SCIENCE
Languages: German, Polish
Suggested topics:
• new media and new opportunities to develop the educational process,
• German language teaching: development and changes,
• experimental methods in the teaching of German culture, literature and linguistics,
• intercultural approach: a requirement or a ballast?,
• the image of Poles and Germans in culture and literature,
• popular culture and literature in the teaching process,
• current linguistic research,
• translation studies and translation techniques.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE:
Prof. dr. Renate Haas, Christian Albrechts Universitat, Kiel, Germany
Prof. zw. dr hab. Roman Lewicki, University of Wrocław, Poland
Prof. zw. dr hab. Stanislaw Puppe1, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland
Prof. zw. dr hab. Teresa Siek-Piskozub, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland
Prof. zw. dr hab. Jerzy Zybert, University of Warsaw, Poland
Prof. nadzw. dr hab. Anna Bączkowska, Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz, Poland
Prof. nadzw. dr hab Adriana Biedroń, Pomeranian University in Słupsk, Poland, Stanislaw Staszc University of Applied Sciences in Piła, Poland
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rodica Chira, "1 Decembrie 1918" University of Alba Iulia, Romania
Assoc. Prof. Teodora Iordachescu, Ph.Ed., "1 Decembrie 1918" University of Alba Iulia, Romania
Prof. nadzw. dr hab. Barbara Skowronek, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland
The seminar fee includes the cost of refreshments at coffee breaks, 2 lunches, an official dinner, seminar materials and the publication of selected papers in a peer reviewed monograph. The fee does not include the cost of accommodation or travel.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **25.09. 2015** - deadline for registration (please fill in the attached form and submit it to the following e-mail address: Joanna.Han@pwsz.pila.pl);
- **30.09.2015** - notification of acceptance;
- **09.10. 2015** - deadline for the seminar fee payment; in the case of resignation after Oct. 16, 2015 the seminar fee cannot be returned for organisational reasons;
- **31. 10.2015** - announcement of the seminar programme.

Seminar participants are kindly requested to book accommodation individually.

**HOTELS IN PIŁA:**

- **Gwda**, ul. Dąbrowskiego 8, 64-920 Piła, tel. (+48) 67 212 49 10 w. 11 lub 14, [http://hotelgwda.pl](http://hotelgwda.pl)
