



International Federation of
National Teaching Fellows

IFNTF “Symposathon”
December 4-5, 2023
Augmenting Teaching Excellence:
Embracing the future of Education with AI and Emerging Technologies

The International Federation of National Teaching Fellows (IFNTF) is pleased to host its second virtual “symposathon” (Symposium + Marathon) in December 2023.

IFNTF (<https://www.ifntf.org>) is a non-for-profit organization that aims to bring together award-winning teachers from across the world for the global advancement of excellence in learning and teaching in higher education. The federation was officially launched at the House of Lords in London, UK, in September 2016, and currently has members from Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, UK and the USA, and all members aim to work in collaboration on innovative projects and initiatives on teaching and learning pedagogies in higher education.

This is the fifth annual international summit/symposium held by IFNTF. The IFNTF First World Summit in 2017 in Birmingham, UK, featured the theme *Defining Teaching Excellence across Disciplines*. The IFNTF Second World Summit in Halifax, Canada, in 2018, was themed *Nurturing Teaching Excellence across Disciplines*. The IFNTF 2021 Symposium held in conjunction with the Canadian STLHE conference featured *Shaping Teaching Excellence across Disciplines*. In 2022, IFNTF held its first “symposathon” themed *RE-Shaping Teaching Excellence: Pandemic and the New Now*.

This year the theme of the symposathon will be *Augmenting Teaching Excellence* in an age where artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning tools such as ChatGPT, and other cutting-edge technologies are redefining teaching pedagogy. The broad focus will be on embracing these transformative methodologies to augment teaching excellence, explore novel strategies for student engagement, assessment, and impactful teaching, and the ethical implications of AI in education. The IFNTF symposathon will feature keynote speakers from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK and the USA, presentations from authors of accepted papers, and participant-led breakout sessions and panel discussions.

SYMPOSATHON TIMINGS

In its true spirit as an international federation, the symposathon will run in multiple time zones that will be convenient for participants from both the Northern and the Southern hemispheres. Each time zone will host the symposathon in a 3-hour time slot. There will be an additional one-hour “handover” slot during which participants from the previous time zone may find it convenient to attend the first hour session from the next time zone. Please see the timings of the symposathon below.

Symposathon Time Slots

UTC Time	North America (EST)	UK	Australia (AEST)	New Zealand (NZST)
Monday, December 4, 2023 at 15:00:00	Mon 10:00 am	Mon 3:00 pm	Tue 2:00 am *	Tue 4:00 am *
Monday, December 4, 2023 at 16:00:00	Mon 11:00 am	Mon 4:00 pm	Tue 3:00 am *	Tue 5:00 am *
Monday, December 4, 2023 at 17:00:00	Mon 12:00 noon	Mon 5:00 pm	Tue 4:00 am *	Tue 6:00 am *
Monday, December 4, 2023 at 18:00:00	Mon 1:00 pm	Mon 6:00 pm	Tue 5:00 am *	Tue 7:00 am *
Monday, December 4, 2023 at 19:00:00	Mon 2:00 pm	Mon 7:00 pm	Tue 6:00 am *	Tue 8:00 am *
Monday, December 4, 2023 at 20:00:00	Mon 3:00 pm	Mon 8:00 pm	Tue 7:00 am *	Tue 9:00 am *
Monday, December 4, 2023 at 21:00:00	Mon 4:00 pm	Mon 9:00 pm	Tue 8:00 am *	Tue 10:00 am *
Monday, December 4, 2023 at 22:00:00	Mon 5:00 pm	Mon 10:00 pm	Tue 9:00 am *	Tue 11:00 am *
Monday, December 4, 2023 at 23:00:00	Mon 6:00 pm	Mon 11:00 pm	Tue 10:00 am *	Tue 12:00 noon *
Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 00:00:00	Mon 7:00 pm	Tue 12:00 midnight	Tue 11:00 am *	Tue 1:00 pm *
Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 01:00:00	Mon 8:00 pm	Tue 1:00 am	Tue 12:00 noon *	Tue 2:00 pm *
Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 02:00:00	Mon 9:00 pm	Tue 2:00 am	Tue 1:00 pm *	Tue 3:00 pm *

PAPER SUBMISSION

We welcome submissions for paper sessions. Papers can be theoretical, conceptual, and/or empirical. Authors should submit an extended summary limited to 1500 words (excluding references). Papers should be related to the key theme of the conference and the key task areas.

Submissions are welcome from all educators. However, at least one of the co-authors of each paper must be eligible for full membership at IFNTF. That is, at least one of the co-authors must have received a national teaching fellowship in their home country.

To submit your extended summary, please go to <https://forms.gle/xXv67a3DZuAmRCuv6>

All authors will be invited to expand their paper submission for publication in an e-book which will be available on the IFNTF website. The eBook produced from last years "symposathon" is available at: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0C9N2F2HJ>

IMPORTANT DATES

Submissions due: Oct. 15, 2023 (11.59 PM Anywhere on Earth (AOE))
 Notification of acceptance: November 1, 2023
 Registrations due (for accepted authors): November 20, 2023

REGISTRATION FEE AND DATES

Registration fee for authors: 30 GBP
 Early bird registration fee for other participants: 30 GBP
 Regular registration fee for other participants: 40 GBP

Early bird registration deadline is November 20, 2023, 11.59 PM (AOE)
 Last registration for all participants is December 3, 2023, 11.59 PM (AOE)

REGISTRATION LINKS

Early bird registration fee for other participants: 30 GBP
 Register at: <https://IFNTFSymposathon2023-early.eventbrite.com>

Regular registration fee for other participants: 40 GBP

Register at: <https://IFNTFSymposathon2023-main.eventbrite.com> (after 20/11/2023)

Registration fee for authors: 30 GBP
Register at: <https://IFNTFSymposathon2023-authors.eventbrite.com>

Student Registration FREE
Register at: <https://IFNTFSymposathon2023-student.eventbrite.com>

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IFNTF MEMBERSHIP

IFNTF welcomes new members to join the federation and collaborate internationally, promoting and sharing evidence-based strategies for excellence in teaching and learning in higher education. For more information about the types of membership and for enrolling as a member, please visit: <https://www.ifntf.org/page-membership>

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