

ICEC 25th Anniversary Conference Agenda



Saturday, October 12, 2013

The Marriott Inn & Conference Center
University of Maryland University College

Registration 9:00 am- 9:45 am

Session 1: 9:45 am – 11:00 am

Opening Remarks

Gholam H. Azarbajani
ICEC Board of Trustees



Keynote Speaker

Dr. Ahmad Karimi-Hakak, Professor of
Persian Language, Literature, and Culture



Plenary Session: The Case for Connecting Foreign and Heritage Language Education: Educating Persian Bilinguals in the U.S

Panelists

Dr. Catherine Ingold,
Director of National Foreign
Language Center



Dr. Terrence G. Wiley, Center for
Applied linguistics



Nancy C. Rhodes, Center for
Applied Linguistics



Moderator
Moderator's
Assistants:

Iran Arbabi Amin, ICEC Board of Trustees
Lily Tajaddini, Shakib Pourifarsi, Kamran Partovi and Behnaz Razavi (ICEC Alumni)

Session 2

11:15 am- 12:00 noon

Panel A: *Forming Advocacy Groups to Promote Cultural Heritage*

Panelists

Dr. Zohreh Movahed

Dr. Neda Frayha

Tamara Darvish



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Fereidoon Behbahani, ICEC Board of Trustees

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Sherwin Heydarbeygi, **Autusa Pahlavan** (ICEC Alumni)

Panel B: *Experiences of Professionals - Alumni Stories*

Panelists

Raeka Safai, Esq.

Rameen Taeb

Pegah Yousefi

Saman Behbahani, Esq.



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Masood Shoyooee, ICEC Anjoman's Former President

Moderator's Assistant

Mina Rahimi, **Mahbod Olfat** (ICEC Alumni)

Panel C: *Experiences with Speaking Persian (Session in Persian)*

Panelists

Samira Omidvar

Mina Jafari

Nima Sarfaraz

Minoo Razavi



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Hessam Yousefi, ICEC Board of Trustees

Moderator's Assistant

Tahmineh Nikakhtar, **Aulia Shariat** (ICEC Alumni)

Session 3

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm

Panel A: *Resources Available for the Immigrant Community*

Panelists

Brian Oliner, Esq.,
Maryland Office of Attorney
General

Young-chan Han,
Maryland State Dept. of
Education

Lily Qi, Office of
County Executive,
Montgomery County,
Maryland



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Rassa Davoodpour, ICEC Board of Trustees
Dina Ajalli, Arash Eidizadeh (ICEC Alumni)

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Panelists

Dr. Mahsheed Taeb

Ehsan Keramat

Farbod Fakhrai



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Dr. Masoud Olfat, ICEC Anjoman's Former President
Nasim Afrakhteh, Behtash Banihashemi (ICEC Alumni)

Panel C: *Youth Leadership Engagement, Community Building and Networking*

Dr. Nassim Ebrahimi

Mana Kharrazi

Meena Shoyoee



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Guita Irani Rahimi, ICEC Anjoman's Former President
Yosmin Badie, Shayda Musavi (ICEC Alumni)