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**SCIENTIFIC STUDENTS' INTERNET-CONFERENCE ON FOREIGN  
LANGUAGES IN THE NON-LINGUISTIC HIGH SCHOOL USING THE  
PROGRAM SKYPE**

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Internet-conferences in foreign languages at the non-linguistic higher educational establishment allow students to discuss their ideas and learn from each other. The importance of attending professionally oriented conferences for students is discussed. The author considers Skype to be the best program to use at the conference. The matter of Internet-conferences in foreign languages focuses on professional development activities.

*Key words:* conferences in foreign languages for students, Skype program.

The students participation in research helps them to improve the level of theoretical knowledge and gain practical skills, to expand their horizons, provides an opportunity for self-improvement, contributes to the high level of professionalism. Scientific Student Conference – is a form of organization scientific activity, within which students present and discuss their work.

Nowadays pedagogy widely explores various aspects of organization and conduct of students scientific research work: development methodology and techniques of scientific work of students (K. Dobroselsky, F. Nuts), the relationship of academic and scientific research (I. Ivashchenko) rational management of students scientific work (D. Tskhakaia); teaching academic writing (T. Yakhontova, A. Tarnopolsky, S. Kozhushko).

However, despite the large number of publications on the abovementioned problem, there are question about conducting online conferences on foreign languages in non-language universities, which is still undeveloped.

The purpose of this article is to determine the role of the Internet conference in education foreign language in non-linguistic institution of higher education and study software selection Skype for online students research conferences.

The annual student research conference “Landscape design” on foreign languages (English, German, French) take place in the Southern Branch of the National University of Life and Nature of Ukraine “Crimean Agrotechnical University”. Initiated and organizers of these events are the Department of Foreign Languages and Department of floristic, Botany and Plant Physiology of the University. Number Students participating in these conferences is increasing each year (Table 1).

Table 1

**Information about the number of participants in students scientific conferences in foreign languages “Landscape design” based on PF NUBiP Ukraine “Crimean Agrotechnical University”**

Date	The number of participants in language sections			Total
	English	German	French	
15.10.2009	11	2	2	15
02.12.2010	15	6	2	23
23.11.2011	23	10	7	40
22.11.2012	27	10	5	42

To achieve the goals and objectives by student, who is studying learning specialized university and working with foreign of information of various subjects we have interactive services and resources of the Internet (e-mail, electronic conferences, video conferencing, web forums, chat rooms, ICQ, blogs, technology, wiki). For our

research is important that such resources and services, due to their didactic properties, can solve these methodological problem more effectively:

1) the creation of a genuine language environment (in terms of teleconferencing, audio and video conferencing, instant messaging), which contributes natural need to communicate in a foreign language and, therefore, allows to generate the need for learning a foreign language;

2) the possibility of interactivity, that promotes students' communication skills, cultural communication, and provides the ability to concisely and articulate their own views, opinions tolerate partners ability to debate, argued their views formed tolerant attitude towards the views of partners, ability to debate, argued their views and listen to and respect the views of partners.

We use one of the modern approaches while teaching foreign languages in non-language universities during the preparation and conducting scientific student conferences- communication-oriented approach with interdisciplinary integration, that enables students to gain communication skills in situations, which are close to real. However, the current technology development give us the opportunity not only to simulate live communication in the classroom between students, but also to organize conferences using innovative technology with native speakers or with students and specialists from other countries, where English, German or French are foreign languages. We refer to the possibilities of the Internet.

The Internet provides opportunities for useful, informative filled, productive and professionally oriented communication with native speakers. Students have a unique opportunity to make contact with students and experts from other countries, which helps to create a global mindset and communication culture of future specialists in a particular field,-by participating in online conferences of foreign languages.

Speaking about making choice of software for online conferences, we should say that among ICT Internet (ICQ, MSN, AIM, Yahoo massager, Google Talk, etc.) we stopped on the program Skype. As well as other programs, Skype allows you to chat in

real time with people around the world, through the printed messaging, voice and video chat.

Consider more details the Skype possibility.

1. Skype – is a system of free Internet telephony, text and video communication. In other words, Skype allows you to "call" from one computer to another. All you need for making such a connection –is a microphone, headphones and Skype itself with a positive balance of funds on the PC from which supposed to make the call.

In addition, this system allows you make calls to regular landline or mobile phones around the world at low rates. For example, Skypeoffers some interesting services: SkypeIn – creating a local number of the desired country, on which can call other people; SkypeOut –all calls we have already talking about above, but for ordinary phones; Skype video calling-chat; Skype Chat-instant text messaging [1].

2. Skype-conference can be of three types: 1) chat, where communication is going through correspondence, 2) voice conference, 3) video conference. If it necessary, you can send files with high speed.

3. Skype –is safe and secure software: there is no advertising, its provided effective spam protection and it is possible to avoid external invasion from other subscribers into communication process.

4. Skype makes it possible to communicate with several buddies simultaneously (10 subscribers) all over the world, using group video. Skype - is great for business meetings with people from all over the world. You should know that the group video call are restricted in order to prevention the abuse: not more than 100 hours of group video calling per month not more than 10 hours and not more than 4 hours per group video call. Once these limits have been exhausted, video function disconnected, and current video call becomes a normal voice call [2].

The above listed features of Skype fully meet the needs of organizers and participants in online conferences.

In our opinion, such action as the Internet conference must be carried out in three phases: preparatory, main and final.

1. Preparatory stage includes: establishing contacts with foreign colleagues; discuss the timing of the conference, a program of the conference; practical exercises-repetition, during which we activated lexical grammar skills, students are introduced to the concepts of etiquette [3] rules of chatting, which are established and developed by organizers according to the objective and themes of the conference harmonization some questions about technical equipment of the room in which the conference is going to take place. To motivate students for further work, they are encouraged to discuss given questions to make an assumption about the possible responses from English-speaking and other countries participants.

2. The main stage – is a stage conducting Skype-conference: students represent their report in a foreign language, listen to the reports of other participants, communicate, make the necessary entries.

3. Final stage: students are offered to post their own impressions from the conference or comment on the conference, fill out the form.

During the conference, the teacher, if it is possible, doesn't interfere in the dialogue between students. He enters into a dialogue when students can not sort out any questions, or something went wrong. The students' errors are not corrected during the conference. They are discussed in the next lesson of foreign language.

In our future work, we plan to develop guidelines for non-linguistic students of higher educational institutions concerning writing reports on foreign language for presentation at the conference.

So, Skype-conference in foreign languages requires careful preparation by the organizers, teachers and students. During such an event students gain skills on the Internet, using authentic communication with native speakers, which can be useful in their future careers.

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Наукова студентська Інтернет-конференція на іноземних мовах у немовному вищому навчальному закладі з використанням програми Skype

Інтернет-конференції на іноземних мовах у немовному вузі дозволяє студентам обговорити свої ідеї і вчитися один у одного. Обговорюється важливість для студентів участі у професійно орієнтованих конференціях. Автор розглядає Skype як кращу програму для використання на конференції. Питання Інтернет-конференції на іноземних мовах фокусується на розвиток професійної діяльності студентів.

*Ключові слова:* студентська Інтернет-конференція на іноземних мовах, програма Skype.

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Научная студенческая Интернет-конференция на иностранных языках в неязыковом высшем учебном заведении с использованием программы Skype

Интернет-конференции на иностранных языках в неязыковом вузе дают возможность студентам обсудить свои идеи и учиться друг у друга. Обсуждается важность для студентов участия в профессионально-ориентированных конференциях. Автор рассматривает Skype как лучшую программу для конференции. Интернет-конференции на иностранных языках фокусируется на развитие профессиональной деятельности студентов.

*Ключевые слова:* студенческая конференция на иностранных языках, программа Skype.

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