The 24th Language Testing Symposium
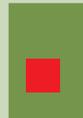
ACROLT

(Academic Committee for Research on Language Testing)

An ILTA Institutional Affiliate

September 18 - 19, 2008

The Open University, Ra'anana, Israel

CALL FOR PAPERS

List of relevant topics

- Alternative or Performance-Based Assessment
- Assessing Diverse Populations
- Assessing Literacy
- Assessment and Technology
- Assessment in ESP/EAP contexts
- Assessment in Multicultural Contexts
- Classroom Assessment
- Ethical Considerations in Language Assessment
- Evaluation of Teachers and Teacher Education Programs
- Language Assessment and Language Policy
- Language Program Evaluation
- Large-Scale/National Testing
- Test Development and Validation
- Validity Research
- Washback in Language Assessment
- Other (please describe)

Presentation formats

- A 20-minute lecture, followed by 5 minutes of comments by a discussant, and 5 minutes for questions
- A 90-minute symposium focusing on one topic, comprising a number of short lectures and a discussion
- A poster displaying research or work-in-progress

Language of Presentation

Presentations may be in English or Hebrew

Evaluation criteria

Each proposal will be evaluated by at least two persons according to a blind-review process. The following criteria will guide the evaluations:

- The relevance to language assessment and evaluation;
- The contribution to the field of language testing and assessment;
- The extent to which the proposal is based on data;
- The clarity of expression of the proposal.

Submitting proposals

All proposals must be submitted electronically to Janine Woolfson at janine@nite.org.il by July 1st, 2008. If in English, they must be in Times New Roman 12 font, and double-spaced. If in Hebrew, they must be in David 12 font, and double-spaced. Submissions should be in the form of two Word documents:

1. The first document should give the authors' names and affiliations (as you would like them to appear on the program), as well as e-mail addresses and telephone numbers. It should also provide the title and the topic of the paper (see above).
2. The second document should be a double-spaced abstract (300 to 500 words) of your paper. The heading should consist of the title of your paper only. (Do not include the authors or institutional affiliations). In general, the abstract should include information on the objectives of the paper, the sources of information and the methods used, results, conclusions, and contribution of the paper to the field.

If your paper is accepted, you will be asked to provide a detailed summary of your paper to a discussant two weeks before the conference.

ACROLT will provide an overhead projector, computer and barco for each session. Presenters who wish to make use of the barco will be asked to send their PowerPoint file to Janine Woolfson at janine@nite.org.il three days before the conference.

Conference participants who would like to receive assistance with regard to accommodations or other conference-related matters are requested to contact Orly Haim at haimorly@zahav.net.il Conference fee: 100 NIS for one day and 130 NIS for two days. This includes coffee but not lunch – various culinary options are available on or near the Open University campus. Students are eligible for a 50% discount.