



international language conference

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Call for Abstracts

for The International Language Conference on
'The Importance of Learning Professional Foreign Languages for
Communication between Cultures'

22 – 23 September 2011

Organised and hosted by The Faculty of Logistics,
University of Maribor, Celje, Slovenia

In today's globalised business and social environments intercultural communication is an integral part of most modern professions. Consequently, good foreign language skills have become essential for overcoming language and cultural barriers and have been recognized as one of the inevitable competences of professionals from all walks of life.

Today's students are tomorrow's professionals who will conduct business on a global scale. As logistics is markedly global in its nature, The Faculty of Logistics at the University of Maribor strives to promote foreign language learning and teaching by organizing the International Language Conference on the 'Importance of Learning Professional Foreign Languages for Communication between Cultures'. After our successful conferences of 2008, 2009 and 2010, we now announce the fourth conference to be held on **22-23 September 2011**. With the conference we would like to examine the shape of teaching and learning professional foreign languages and identify potential changes and processes taking place within all fields and areas related to professional foreign language teaching/learning. We would thus particularly like to encourage submissions from academics, practitioners, and students to discuss current international issues and reflect on the challenges in the broad area of professional language learning and teaching.

We are inviting you to submit proposals for papers or workshops which will be delivered in English or one of the following world languages - German, Italian or French - provided at least 5 conference participants register for a presentation/workshop. Possible themes include, but are not limited to:

- the role of languages for specific purposes in the 21st century,
- the Bologna process in an LSP course,
- modern approaches to LSP teaching with the emphasis on competences,
- intercultural dimension of teaching and learning in an LSP course,
- modern methods/approaches used in teaching LSP,
- developing language skills in an LSP course,
- assessment and grading in an LSP course,
- preparation of glossaries of professional terminology for LSP teaching,
- preparation of materials for LSP teaching,
- the impact of information and communications technology on teaching/learning LSP,
- multilingualism and LSP.

Abstract submission

Those interested in presenting a paper or offering a workshop at the conference are invited to submit an abstract in English of 250-300 words and send it to int.conference@fl.uni-mb.si by no later than **15 May 2011** (please note that any abstracts received after this date will be put on a reserve list). Files should be sent in an editable format (plain text, RTF or MS Word), and the file name should be first author's surname. Please include names, affiliations and contact details of all authors. Abstracts will be reviewed and selected by the professional committee of the conference. Authors will be notified of acceptance by **1 June 2011**.

Important dates

Date Event

February 2011	Call for abstracts opens
15 May 2011	Deadline for abstracts
1 June 2011	Notification of accepted abstracts & Conference registration opens
31 August 2011	Deadline for full papers & Deadline for registration

Conference fees (VAT included) - including full two day conference programme, refreshments, lunch on Thursday and Friday and conference social event are as follows:

Presenters Listeners

€105	€150	for the first participant from a faculty/school
€55	€75	for the second participant from the same faculty/school
€35	€40	for the third participant from the same faculty/school
		each further participant from the same faculty/school is exempt from paying the fee

Details on the conference will be published on our website <http://fl.uni-mb.si/>.

Presentation

Paper presentations at the conference should be no more than 20 minutes in length with 5 minutes for questions or a short discussion. Workshop sessions should run no longer than 45 minutes.

Papers

The conference papers of a minimum 1,500 words including references should be e-mailed to int.conference@fl.uni-mb.si no later than **31 August 2011**. Please note that papers will not be accepted unless speaker(s) have registered for the conference.

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