Language Skills: Working with Text and around Text
2nd International Conference
Department of English, Maria Curie-Sklodowska University, Lublin, Poland
22nd – 24th September 2014

Call for papers

Department of English, Maria Curie-Sklodowska University in Lublin in collaboration with John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin is happy to announce the 2nd international conference Language Skills: Working with Text and around Text, which is going to take place in Lublin, Poland, from 22th to 24th September 2014.

Theme
The conference aspires to provide a forum for sharing both theoretical and empirical findings in text research as well as pedagogic practices related to the use of text and text-based activities in the development of language skills and subsystems in second/foreign language instruction. Our main aim is to bring together scholars and researchers who explore and analyse text from a wide range of disciplinary perspectives, including pedagogic, discourse, linguistic, psycholinguistic, sociolinguistic or translation, to name but a few.

Organizers
The conference is organized by the English Language Acquisition and Teaching Department of the Department of English at Maria Curie-Sklodowska University in Lublin and the Department of Methodology and Typhlopedagogy of the Institute of English at John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin.

The Scientific Committee
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Plenary speakers

The following scholars have kindly agreed to deliver plenary talks during the conference:

Prof. Paul Meara (Swansea University)
Prof. Scott Thornbury (The New School, New York)
Prof. Steve Walsh (Newcastle University)
Prof. Maria Dakowska (University of Warsaw)
Prof. Andrzej Łyda (University of Silesia)
Prof. Mirosław Pawlak (Adam Mickiewicz University, Kalisz & State School of Higher Professional Education, Konin)

Submission of proposals

Proposals should be submitted by 25th May 2014. We welcome contributions related to the theme of the conference in the form of position, research and work-in-progress papers as well as posters. Preference will be given to proposals that are related to one of the areas listed below.

1. Text in language description and instruction.
   - Classroom discourse as text.
   - Spoken and written texts.
   - Corpus as text.
   - Text and digital media.
   - Text in literacy development.

2. Text in L2 language skills development.
   - Text in receptive and productive language use.
   - Criteria for text selection (genre, authenticity, difficulty, etc.).
   - Adapting and creating texts for pedagogic use.
   - Learner texts in L2 production: elicitation, assessment, feedback.

3. Texts and tasks in L2 instructional settings.
   - Text-based syllabuses.
   - Analyzing text structure for instructional purposes.
   - Text exploitability and task design.
   - Enhancing text comprehension.
   - Text in ESP/EAP and in CBI-CLIL.

4. Text in translation and interpreting.
   - Translation as text production.
   - Source text/target text relationship.
   - Specialised text in translation and interpreting.
   - Translation (mediation) as a language skill.

Papers are given 20 minutes followed by a 10-minute discussion.
Abstracts (up to 250 words) should be sent as .doc, .docx or .pdf files to contact@skillsconference.umcs.lublin.pl. Please save the file under the following name: proposal_yoursurname_yourname. In the case of co-authored papers use the following format: proposal_surname1&surname2. The proposals will be peer-reviewed and the notification of acceptance will be sent by 15th June 2014.

We plan to publish a volume with selected papers with an international publisher.

Registration and conference fee

There are two ways to register for the conference. You are kindly requested to either:

- visit the conference website at www.skillsconference.umcs.lublin.pl and complete the online registration form, or
- fill in the registration form sent together with this call for papers and send it to contact@skillsconference.umcs.lublin.pl.

You should register by:

- 25th May 2014 if you are submitting a proposal, or
- 15th June 2014 if you wish to participate without submitting a proposal.

The conference fee is 400 PLN (or 120 euros) for regular participants and 300 PLN (or 80 euros) for PhD and M.A. students. The fee must be paid by 30th June 2014. It covers organization costs, conference materials, meals, conference dinner and coffee breaks.

Please make your payment to one of the following accounts:

Account number for PLN: 57 1140 1094 0000 2905 1600 1134
Title of payment: Language Skills 2014, your name

Account number for EUR: PL78114010940000290516001047
SWIFT Code: BREXPLPWLUB
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If you wish the invoice to be issued to the institution you are affiliated with, the payment needs to be made from the bank account of that institution. For payments made from a personal bank account, the invoice will be issued to the owner of the bank account.
Venue
The conference will take place in the main building of the Faculty of Humanities at Maria Skłodowska-Curie Square 4a. The venue will host all plenary and other sessions. Meals and refreshments will also be served on the premises.

Accommodation
Participants are requested to book their own accommodation. Special conference rates have been arranged in the following hotels, all within walking distance from the conference venue.

HOTEL “HUZAR”
www.hotelewam.pl
Address: ul. Spadochroniarzy 9, 20-043 Lublin
Tel/Fax: (+48) 81 533 05 36
E-mail: huzar@hotelewam.pl
Rates (breakfast included):
- single room – 130 PLN (ca. €31) / day
- double room – 170 PLN (ca. €40) / day
- studio – 240 PLN (ca. €57) / day

HOTEL “MERCURE UNIA LUBLIN”
www.mercure.com
www.accorhotels.com
Address: Al. Raclawickie 12, 20-037 Lublin
Tel: (+48) 81 533 20 61
Fax: (+48) 81 533 30 21
E-mail: H3404@accor.com
Rates (breakfast included):
- single room (standard) – 220 PLN (ca. €52) / day
- double room – 248 PLN (ca. €59) / day

All the hotels listed above are within walking distance from the conference venue. Other hotels in the vicinity include:

Europa
ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 29
20-002 Lublin
www.hoteleuropa.pl

Grand Hotel Lublinianka
ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 56
20-002 Lublin
www.lublinianka.com
Campanile
ul. Lubomelska 14-16
20-067 Lublin
http://www.campanile-lublin.pl/en

Victoria
ul. Narutowicza 58/60
20-016 Lublin
www.victoria.lublin.pl/en

Hotel Mlyn
Al. Racławickie 23a
20-034 Lublin
www.hotel-mlyn.lublin.pl

Dom Nauczyciela Logos
ul. Akademicka 4
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