



7th Annual International Conference of the European Association of Languages for Specific Purposes (AELFE).

Researching and Teaching Specialized Languages: New Contexts, New Challenges.

Hotel Galúa. La Manga, Murcia, Spain. 18-20 September 2008.

Organising Committee: Department of English Studies (University of Murcia).

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FIRST CIRCULAR: OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

1. PRESENTATION

Dear colleagues,

Department of English Studies at the University of Murcia, Spain, looks forward to organising the 7^{th} Annual International AELFE (European Association of Languages for Specific Purposes), which will be held on 18^{th} , 19^{th} and 20^{th} September 2008 in Hotel Galúa (La Manga, Murcia, Spain).

As suggested in the title of this conference, we particularly welcome papers which attempt to gain insight into the current challenges in didactics and theoretical-practical research in modern languages applied to academic and specific purposes. We consider that a new research and didactic scene is being shaped by such factors as the expansion of new technologies, the heyday of distance learning and the university reform derived from the implementation of the European Space for Higher Education. Undeniably, all this deserves our uttermost attention, although any other topic that may lead us to reflect on our teaching, experimental and research practice would also be accepted.

We would like to take the chance to strongly encourage you to participate in this conference

Warmest regards, The Organising Committee – AELFE 2008

2. PLENARY SESSIONS

The following scholars have confirmed their participation to date: John Flowerdew of Leeds University, Douglas Biber of North Arizona University and Gilliam Lazar of Middlesex University.

3. PAPERS

Those researchers and teachers interested in participating should submit their paper proposal by 1 March 2008 (submission deadline) to the sole contact address for this conference (aelfe2008@um.es); proposals will then be sent on to the coordinator of the panel in which they wish to participate. This is the submission deadline for summaries or ABSTRACTS. Proposals will be reviewed by at least 2 members of the coordination panel and/or by experts to whom reviewing is delegated. Authors will receive a report from the reviewers regarding the quality of the paper and its relevance with regard to the lines of research and general norms of the Conference. The final version of the paper must not exceed 3000 words, including abstract and references. Speakers will be allowed 25 minutes for their oral presentation, plus 5 minutes question time.

Those wishing to present a proposal should send the following as an e-mail attachment to aelfe2008@um.es:

- a) A page (on a separate file from the *abstract*) indicating the first name and surnames of the author/authors, professional data, postal and electronic address, telephone number, fax number, the name of the panel in which they wish to participate and the title of the paper.
- b) A text file in **Word format (Times New Roman 12)** with the title of the paper and the *abstract* (500 words including references) written in the same language as the paper. The name of the file should include the first surname and initials of the author or one of the authors. Please bear in mind that papers will be selected on account of the summary or *abstract*. The 500 word abstract should therefore reflect as far as possible the most noteworthy elements of the paper, thereby facilitating the reviewers' task.
- c) Once authors have received confirmation of the acceptance of their paper, they should send as in b) the full text which must not exceed 3000 words, together with a new abstract no longer than 150 words in the same language chosen for the presentation of the paper. The text must include the title of the paper (capital letters) and the name and affiliation (e.g.: University of...) of the author or authors. Submission deadline: 15 May 2008.

d) Accepted papers will be published as long as they conform to the style guidelines of the journal IBÉRICA: http://www.aelfe.org/?l=en&s=normes (guidelines in English)

4. PUBLICATION OF CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings of the Conference will be published and the copies will be distributed before the end of the Conference together with the participation certificate.

A selection of sound research papers will be published along with the contributions of the plenary speakers in an international edited volume.

5. KEY DATES

1 March 2008: Submission deadline for the presentation of paper proposals. *Abstract* of 500 words.

15 May 2008: Submission deadline for the final version of the paper conforming to publication guidelines.

10 June 2008: Deadline for reduced registration payment.

6. REGISTRATION FEES

Until 10 June 2008	After 10 June 2008
AELFE members: 180 Euros	AELFE members: 205 Euros
Non-members: 216 Euros	Non-members: 240 Euros
Students: 75 Euros	Students: 90 Euros

7. SECOND CIRCULAR

The next circular will include further information with accommodation details as well as the Registration Form and bank data for the transfer of the registration fee.

8. ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

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