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ALA 2014 - Language Awareness: Achievements and Challenges

First circular and Call for papers

Hedmark University College is organizing the 12th International Conference of the Association for Language Awareness (ALA 2014) in Hamar, Norway from July 1-4, 2014. The theme of the conference is “Language Awareness: Achievements and Challenges”, and the deadline for abstract submission is November 15, 2013.

Academic programme

The programme will consist of full paper presentations, work-in-progress reports and poster sessions. A pre-conference workshop will be arranged for PhD students, as an opportunity to engage with peers and senior scholars.

Confirmed plenary speakers:

- Agneta Svalberg (University of Leicester): Language Awareness Research: Where we are now
- Ofelia García (City University of New York): Language Awareness in Teacher Education
- Kenneth Hyltenstam (Stockholm University): Language Awareness in Polyglots
- Arne Torp (University of Oslo): The Language Situation in the Nordic Countries

Conference venue

ALA 2014 will be held at [Hedmark University College](http://www.hihm.no) in Hamar, Norway. Hamar is located one hour north of Oslo Airport, and is easily accessible by train. Sitting on the shores of Norway’s biggest lake, Mjøsa, it has beautiful surroundings. The campus is in the town center with easy access to hotels, restaurants and shops, as well as recreational areas by the lake. Further information about the venue, travel arrangements and accommodation is available from our website: www.hihm.no/ala2014.

Call for papers

We welcome abstracts that address any aspects of research on language awareness. In accordance with the conference theme, submissions are encouraged to focus on the state of the art within relevant research areas, and on challenges and future avenues of research related to language awareness. Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- the role of language awareness in
 - first, second and other language acquisition
 - language learning and teaching
 - teacher education
 - language contact situations
 - work place communication
 - etc.

- the relation of language awareness to
 - language policy
 - intra- and inter-language variation
 - modern technology and digital communication

Papers will be allocated 30 minutes, including 10 minutes for discussion. Posters (max. size A0, portrait format) will be presented in a special session and remain on display throughout the conference.

Abstract submission

Deadline for abstract submissions: November 15, 2013. Abstracts must be submitted via the [conference website](#), which will contain further instructions about submission, format, etc. (If you should have difficulty submitting your abstract online, please send an email to ala2014@hihm.no.)

Abstracts must not exceed a maximum of 350 words (exclusive of references). Authors may submit a maximum of two abstracts if at least one of these is co-authored. The abstracts will be reviewed anonymously, and notification of acceptance will be sent at the beginning of 2014. Registration will open in December 2013.

Scholarships

PhD students and early career researchers are warmly invited to send in abstracts, as ALA offers conference scholarships for these groups. More information will appear in the second circular.

ALA membership

If you are not yet a member of the Association for Language Awareness (ALA), we strongly recommend that you join now. ALA members will be charged a lower conference fee, and will receive the official journal *Language Awareness* (four issues per year). Further information about membership can be found on ALA's website: <http://www.languageawareness.org/>.

We hope to see you at Hamar!

The conference organizing committee:

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Conference webpage: www.hihm.no/ala2014