

NeuroPsychoLinguistic Perspectives on Aphasia

International conference

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Languages of the conference: English and French



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Call for abstracts

The study of acquired language disorders, and specifically the study of **aphasia** in adult patients, brings together various research perspectives around language and cognitive sciences, such as:

- **Linguistics** (involving different representational levels and their interfaces: phonetics, phonology, prosody, morphology, semantics, lexicon, syntax, discourse, pragmatics, ...);
- **Psycholinguistics** (regarding the different levels of decoding and encoding processes) ;
- **Neurolinguistics** (investigating the neurobiological grounding of language and cognition).

The meeting is dedicated to illustrate different approaches to aphasia research, including qualitative and quantitative studies of language disorders in patients with left hemisphere and / or right hemisphere lesions (stroke, traumatic injury, dementia) — both case and group studies — relating to one or a combination of several of the research areas mentioned above.

The conference particularly invites papers investigating theoretical aspects of language disorders (underlying impairments, functional reorganisation, development of compensation strategies, etc.) or exploring practical aspects (treatment outcomes, novel proposals for therapy, etc.), based on one or several of the following perspectives (but not restricted to them):

- **Modelisation** of language and cognitive structures and functions;
- **Remediation** programs for therapy (development of treatment and assessment methods based on clinical research) ;
- **Across-thematic** perspectives:
 - Disorders and normality;
 - Bilingualism and crosslinguistic approaches;
 - Empirical and experimental research methodologies;
 - Variability and stability of performance;
 - Aphasia therapy and recovery, language assessment, treatment programs,
 - Spontaneous and elicited strategies and their clinical implications.

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We encourage papers exploring dissociations, that are relevant or not, and papers with consideration to language structure, processing and use in pathological contexts and in “normality” with original empirical and experimental methods (computational, formal, corpus analysis, eye-tracking, study of intra- and inter-task, -individual, -language variability, dissociations between modalities : production - comprehension / speech - writing - non verbal, fMRI, PET, awake surgery, ...).

The contributions will be presented and discussed during oral (20 minutes + questions) and poster sessions. Additionally, **workshops** intended to stimulate discussions will be organised, with special focus on:

- 1- Crosslinguistic and typological approaches;
- 2- Empirical and experimental methods;
- 3- Clinical applications: elaboration of treatment programs;
- 4- Social readaptation of aphasic persons: improving communication to live better.

Abstracts (maximum of 600 words including references, see the submission guidelines: <http://npl-aphasia-2012.com/submission/>) should indicate which type of presentation (talk, poster or talk/poster for a workshop) is preferred.

Important dates

Sept. 2011	Call for abstracts
31 Dec. 2011	Deadline for abstract submission
Feb. > March 2012	Notification of acceptance and confirmation for attendance
March > June 2012	Registration (early bird: before 15/04, late: after 15/04)
May 2012	Program
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