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The SIG Writing Newsletter. Issue # 1

With 2010, SIG writing intends to re-establish the use of Newsletters to spread information and news better among writing researchers.

This is the first SIG Writing Newsletter for many years.

The SIG writing newsletters will be sent out to members and contributors **three times a year**.

Each Issue will be sent out through the SIG writing mailing list, and will be published on the SIG Writing website.

Links to relevant websites and homepages will always be provided in the Newsletter, so that readers may have easy access to the related information.

The Newsletter will also be sent to Associations, Organizations, Journals and Scholars cited in the Issue.

A list of contributors will be reported for each Newsletter. Contributions are invited from both SIG writing members and international scholars and researchers interested in writing, provided that they are writing related.

You will find a call for contributions for the next Issue on page 4!

The aim of the Newsletters is to update the community of writing researchers on relevant initiatives in the scientific study of writing, including:

-publications

-conferences
-calls for papers and research projects
-grants and awards
-ongoing research projects.

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SIG writing Mission Statement

Invitation to discussion

At our last SIG writing meeting, during the EARLI Conference in Amsterdam, it was proposed to discuss our Mission Statement.

We report it here for your evaluation and comments:

“SIG Writing aims at providing a forum for exchange of ideas about writing and promoting research collaboration between writing researchers from different countries as well as from different disciplines,

such as education, psychology, linguistics, cognitive science, computer science, literary studies and rhetoric. Examples of topics we deal with are:

- the cognitive, social and developmental processes involved in writing
- the functions of writing in different social and institutional contexts
- the design of writing instruction in various educational settings

Our activities include writing-

related publications, conferences and information facilities...”

More at:

http://www.earli.org/special_interest_groups/writing

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SIG Writing conference 2010



University of Education
Heidelberg,
September 8-10, 2010

"Second call for
papers for the
12th International
Conference of
SIG Writing!"

Deadline for sub-
mission of abstracts
February 15th

The SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS for the 12th International Conference of SIG Writing is OUT NOW!

The deadline for abstract submission is February 15, 2010.

Instructions for abstracts submission and electronic submission forms are now available at the conference website:

<http://www.sigwriting2010.de/>

An invitation trailer from the Conference Manager, Joachim Grabowski, is available at the conference website, or accessible from:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5S8o_otjKcU

Future conferences related to writing

Seventh International Workshop on Writing Systems and Literacy (AWLL)

Paris, Sept 30-Oct 1, 2010

Deadline for abstract submission: April 15, 2010

Call for papers and conference information at:

<http://writtenlanguage.ruhosting.nl/>

Writing Research Across Borders II

Washington, DC

February 17-20, 2011

Submission deadline: May 3, 2010

Call for papers and conference

information at:

<http://www.writing.ucsb.edu/wrconf11/cfp.html>

Meeting of the Society for Text and Discourse

Chicago, August 16-18, 2010

Submission deadline:

March 1, 2010

Call for papers and conference

information at: <http://www.societyfortextanddiscourse.org/conferences/index.html>

CL&W 2010- Workshop on Computational Linguistics and Writing

NAACL-HLT 2010 Los Angeles, USA, June 5-6, 2010

Submission deadline: March 1, 2010

Call for papers and instructions for submission at:

<http://www.lingued.info/clw2010/>

Academic writing and beyond in Multicultural Societies

Tel Aviv, July 28-29, 2010

Submission deadline: January 31, 2010

Call for papers and conference information at:

<http://www.ifawconference.org/>

SIG Writing publications

You may not know...

The SIG writing promotes the scientific publication of writing through three main publication activities. These include:

The Journal of Writing Research

Consult the current issue at:

<http://www.jowr.org/current.html>

Our publication archive...

offers researchers the possibility to publish papers, chapters and research material online, freely accessible to other writing researchers at:

<http://www.sigwritingpublications.org/>

The book series "Studies in Writing"...

Members of the SIG writing form the editorial board for the book series "Studies in Writing" under the editorship of Gert Rijlaarsdam.

Book proposals may be sent to Gert Rijlaarsdam. More at:

<http://www.sig-writing.org>

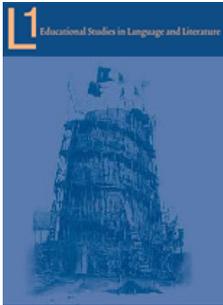
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News and calls: writing related publications...

NEWS..



LI-Educational Studies in Language and Literature

A special Issue on Sign Language as LI, guest edited by Debra Abrams, has been published on LI—Educational Studies in Language and Literature:

<http://www.ilo.uva.nl/projecten/Gert/LIEducationResearch/index.htm>

The First Issue of Writing System Research is published online

Writing System Research is a new Oxford journal concerned with empirical approaches based on the analysis of written data and on experiments.

See the first Issue at:

<http://writsy.oxfordjournals.org/current.dtl>

Learning to write effectively – Current Trends in European Research is the first publication of the European Research COST Network-Learning to Write Effectively.

The book will include over 90 short papers summarising a wide range of current European writing research and will be published with the OPOCE (the EU official publishers). Editors will be Mark Torrance and an editorial team drawn from members of the COST IS0703 European Research Network on Learning to Write Effectively. The expected publication date is before the end of this year.

Studies in Writing

Three volumes are in progress. One on L2 writing is expected to be published in 2010. Two volume proposals are in production: one on Academic Writing and one on Online Writing Education. For both volumes,

a call for contributions will be distributed.

For further information please contact Gert Rijlaarsdam:

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CALLS..

...for papers and reviewers

The International Journal of Linguistics encourages and publishes papers in the field of linguistics, including theoretical linguistics, descriptive linguistics and applied linguistics.

The Editor, Amy Li, Invites researchers in the field to submit their research work and recruits reviewers for the journal.

More at:

<http://www.macrothink.org/journal/index.php/ijl/announcement>

John Hayes award

The Journal of Writing Research announces the establishment of the **John R. Hayes Award** for excellence in writing research.

The award, aimed at recognizing outstanding quantitative or qualitative empirical research in writing, will be awarded biennially to an author or authors of an article published in the *Journal of Writing Research*.

The award is generously funded by **John R. Hayes** himself. Professor

Hayes (Carnegie Mellon, Pittsburgh) is one of the most influential writing researchers since 1980, and a pioneer in the study of the cognitive writing processes.

The winner of the John R. Hayes Award will be selected by a committee appointed and chaired by a representation of the editors, in 2010 by Luuk Van Waes and Gert Rijlaarsdam.

Articles will be evaluated for quality of empirical scholarship. Winners will be announced in the journal and

recognized at the biennial **Earli SIG Writing Conference in Heidelberg 2010**.

Recipients of the award will receive a custom-designed object and \$1000.

All articles published before August 2010 will be eligible for the first award.

More at:

<http://www.jowr.org/award.html>

“The John R. Hayes Award for excellence in writing research”

EU Writing research: the COST Action IS0703

COST – European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research – is one of the longest-running European institutions supporting cooperation among scientists and researchers across Europe. COST is also the first and widest European intergovernmental network for coordination of nationally funded research activities.

The "European Research Network on Learning to Write Effectively" -ERN-LWE was founded in 2008 and will be operative until 2012.

The main objective of the Action (Chair: Denis Alamargot and Vice-Chair: Asa Wengelin) is to improve the understanding of how written production is mastered and how its learning and use can be optimised for all European citizens, especially

school children and working adults.



The European Research Network on Learning to Write Effectively

ERN-LWE NEWS..

The Training School

In the context of the scientific programme of the COST Action "ERN-LWE", a 3 day Training School will be organized in Prague, Charles University (Czech Republic), between 14 and 21 April 2010.

The total number of participants should not exceed 30.

A call for candidature, the exact dates and the detailed program will be sent in January 2010.

The training courses will be based on the advances of the COST Action "ERN-LWE", particularly the strength lines and outcomes of the network working groups. Topics are: Early acquisition of writing skills; Improvements in written communication; Design of written documents; Technological advances in writing tools.

The COST Action "ERN-LWE" will offer 20 fellowships (up to 500 Euros) to support the travel and accommodation expenses of 20 junior researchers.

More at: <http://www.cost-lwe.eu/>

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NEXT ISSUE # 2 (July 2010) CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

SIG writing members and writing and literacy researchers are invited to send:

- conferences, workshops and symposia announcements, calls and programmes
- calls for chapters and papers
- editorial news
- information on research grants and calls for research projects
- information on writing and literacy related awards
- information on National and International funded writing research projects

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