

Symposium

Complexity, Accuracy and Fluency in Second Language Use, Learning & Teaching

March 29-30, 2007

Palace of the Academies, Brussels

This event is organised by the Centre for Research on Language Learning and Teaching (*ACQUILANG*) of the University of Brussels (VUB) & the AILA Research Network on ‘Task complexity and Second Language Learning’ (*TacoSell*), with the support of the *Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for the Sciences and Arts (KVAB)* and the *Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)*.

The symposium features:

- 11 key lectures by experts from various disciplines, followed by question and discussion sessions.
- 2 poster session (each preceded by an introductory session in which the poster presenters orally introduce their poster).
- a closing panel discussion chaired by two discussants

Key Speakers

Nina Spada
Peter Skehan
Florence Myles
Pauline Foster &
Gillian Wigglesworth
Oesten Dahl
Richard Towell
Suzanne Schlyter & Jonas Granfeld
Fanny Meunier
Nivja de Jong
Folkert Kuiken & Ineke Vedder
Siska van Daele, Alex Housen
& Michel Pierrard

University of Toronto, OISE
Chinese University of Hong Kong
University of Newcastle upon Tyne
St. Mary's University College
University of Melbourne
University of Stockholm
University of Salford
University of Lund
Université Catholique de Louvain
Universiteit van Amsterdam
Universiteit van Amsterdam
Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Discussants

Gabriele Pallotti
Rick de Graaff

Universtità di Modena e Reggio Emilia
Universiteit van Utrecht

Venue

Palace of the Academies
Hertogsstraat / Rue Ducale 1
1000 Brussels

The Palace of the Academies is centrally located in the immediate vicinity of the Royal Palace and can be entered via the Regentlaan or the Hertogsstraat. It is also within easy reach of the following public transport stations: *Brussels Central Train Station* or, alternatively, Brussels South Train Station (then underground line 2 until Station "Troon").



Programme

Thursday 29 March 2007

9.00 - registration

10.00-10.45 (registration) *Complexity, Fluency and Accuracy in Second Language Acquisition Research.* R. Towell

10.45-11.30 (registration) *Complexity, accuracy and fluency in early second language grammars: the role played by formulaic language* F. Myles

11.30-12.15 (registration) *Psycholinguistic mechanisms underlying the production and development of 2nd language fluency, accuracy and complexity.* S. Van Daele, A. Housen & M. Pierrard

12.15-13.00 Short oral presentation of posters (Session 1)

13.00-14.00 Lunch + Poster Session 1

14.00-14.45 *The complexities of selecting complex (and simple) forms in instructed SLA research.* N. Spada

14.45-15.30 *Fluency in second language proficiency: Speaker, rater and task.* N. De Jong & Jan Hulstijn

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-16.45 *Task type, task complexity and linguistic performance measures* F. Kuiken & I. Vedder

16.45-17.30 *Complexity, Accuracy, Fluency, and Lexis in Task-based Performance: A meta-analysis of the Ealing research.* P. Skehan

Friday 30 March 2007

09.30-10.15 *Syntactic complexity in learner language: insights from corpora.* F. Meunier

10.15-11.00 *Stades de développement en français – perspectives historiques et futures.* S. Schlyter & J. Granfeldt

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.15 *Capturing accuracy in second language performance: exploring the reliability of global and local measures.* P. Foster & G. Wigglesworth

12.15-13.00 Short oral presentation of posters (session 2)

13.00-14.00 Lunch + Poster session 2

14.00-14.45 *On the complexity of complexity.* Ö. Dahl

14.45-17.00 Panel discussion & conclusion

17.00-18.00 Reception

20.00-22.30 Conference dinner at 45 Rue du Page Elsene, Brussels-Capital Region.

Registration and Payment

Return the completed registration form below as an email attachment to <Sivdaele@vub.ac.be>.

The registration fee is 80 Euros (standard fee) and 40 Euros for students (proof of student status must be faxed to +32-(0)2-629.36.84; please mention: *CAF Symposium*).

Add 45 EUR to the registration fee if you want to attend the conference dinner.

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The total amount must be paid to the following bankaccount number:

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Pre-registration closes on March 15th, 2007.

Accommodation in Brussels

Participants must arrange for their own accommodation in Brussels. A list of hotels can be found at the following website: <http://www.brusselsdiscovery.com>

**We look forward to welcoming you in
Brussels!**

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