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## Writing research: Events

## The CL&amp;W workshop 2012

At the business meeting of SIG Writing in Heidelberg, I gave a short report on the "Workshop on Computational Linguistics and Writing: Writing Processes and Authoring Aids (CL&W 2010)". The workshop was organized by Michael Piotrowski, Robert Dale and me as a side event of the 11th Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics in June 2010 in Los Angeles. See :

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

for information,

SIG Writing accepted to stage a second workshop as a side event for the SIG Writing Conference 2012 in Porto.

However, we discovered that the 50th Annual Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics will take place in Korea at the same time as the SIG Writing Conference in 2012. As one of the aims of the workshop is to bring together writing researchers and computational linguists, we had to look for another date during Spring/Summer 2012.

We will apply to have the workshop as a side event of either - EACL 2012 (the 13th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics), to be held

April 23-27, 2012, in Avignon (France) or

-ECAI 2012 (the 20th European Conference on Artificial Intelligence), to be held August 27-31, 2012, in Montpellier (France).

If both proposals are rejected, the workshop will be held separately, most probably in autumn 2012 in Zurich (Switzerland). The decision will be made in autumn 2011. We will keep you updated.

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## SIG Writing 2012 conference



SIG Writing 2012

SIG Writing Conferences are lively, engaging, and inspiring. Following memorable meetings in Padua, Paris, Freiburg, Utrecht, Barcelona, Poitiers, Verona, Stafford, Geneva, Antwerp, Lund and Heidelberg, the SIG Writing coordinators are

pleased to invite writing researchers from all over the world to meet in Porto, at the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, University of Porto, from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 2012. The local organizing committee is led by Rui Alves. Visit the Conference website at

<http://www.fpce.up.pt/sigwriting2012/>

The organizers are available to respond to your queries and suggestions on the Conference. Write at: [sigwriting2012@fpce.up.pt](mailto:sigwriting2012@fpce.up.pt)

Come and present your best writing research at Porto!

The SIG coordinators

## EARLI conference in Exeter

“Do not forget the EARLI conference in Exeter”

The 14th Biennial EARLI Conference for Research on Learning and Instruction "Education for a Global Networked Society" will be held in Exeter this summer, from 30 August until 3 September 2011. The theme of the conference is Education for a Global Networked Society. The conference program is filled with inspiring keynote sessions, interactive presentations and various networking activities. Many writing researchers will be attending the Conference

and a SIG invited Writing Symposium on LI-L2 has been organized this year by Gert Rijlaarsdam. You can find all the information about the event at <http://www.earli2011.org/>

As usual, a SIG business meeting will be organized during the conference, to allow SIG members to share ideas, proposals, and to discuss the SIG's policies, plans and choices. The meeting will be

held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 17.00-18.30, room Newman F. The coordinators invite all members to participate. An official agenda will be circulated before the Conference. SIG members who are interested in proposing points for discussion are invited to contact us and send their proposal. We will do our best to add their points to the agenda.

See you in Exeter  
Barbara and Denis

## SIG writing budget 2009-2011

Every two years the EARLI, upon request from the coordinators, provides 2000 Euros to support SIG writing activities. Normally these funds are invested in the SIG writing conference. During 2009-2011, thanks to the expert management of the SIG writing 2010 Conference by Joachim Grabowski, the SIG writing managed to retain the

full budget for extra activities.

The coordinators have proposed to EARLI a budget plan covering different areas: SIG writing website, Newsletter, Publication Server. The budget will be presented during the SIG Writing Business Meeting in Exeter.

A budget plan for the future biennium will also be presented and voted at the SIG writing business meeting in Exeter, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 17.00-18.30.

Denis Alamargot  
Barbara Arfé

## SIG writing coordinator 2011-2015: Call for candidatures

SIG writing  
coordinator 2011-2015  
Call for candidatures!

This year, Denis Alamargot (France) will end his mandate as coordinator of the SIG Writing. In thanking Denis for his work on behalf of the SIG writing community, we invite candidatures for the future SIG writing coordination. Candidates are invited to send the SIG writing coordinators, Denis Alamargot and Barbara Arfé a short CV which emphasizes their scientific track and their communication and organizational skills and a statement of interest.

Candidatures should be communicated via email by August 15, at:

[denis.alamargot@univ-poitiers.fr](mailto:denis.alamargot@univ-poitiers.fr)  
[barbara.arfe@unipd.it](mailto:barbara.arfe@unipd.it)

An electronic vote might be subsequently organized to allow SIG writing members to express their preference.

### General information (from EARLI guidelines):

All EARLI members (minimum period of membership of 4 years) who have research experience (i.e. publication record) in a field covered by one of the Special Interest Groups, are eligible for the post of SIG coordinator. The two SIG coordinators must be from two different countries. Not more than one coordinator can be non-European. A SIG coordina-

tor can serve for a minimum of two years and a maximum of four years, starting the term at the SIG members' meeting at the Biennial EARLI conference.

The SIG coordinators will receive applications for new coordinators and organise the elections. An online election system can be used to organise the voting process.

Barbara Arfé  
Denis Alamargot

## SIG writing website renewal: Call for position

The SIG writing coordinators invite candidatures for renewing the SIG writing website (2011-2013). The University of Poitiers has offered to host the SIG writing website free. The task of the appointed researcher will be to renew the SIG writing website in line with the style of the EARLI website and SIG writing Journal, manage data migration from the old to the new website and a first update

of the website. Candidates are invited to send a short CV and a letter of interest to the SIG writing coordinators, Denis Alamargot and Barbara Arfé ([denis.alamargot@univ-poitiers.fr](mailto:denis.alamargot@univ-poitiers.fr) and [barbara.arfe@unipd.it](mailto:barbara.arfe@unipd.it)) **by August 15.**

an invoice for her/his activity directly to the EARLI Office. For information, please contact [denis.alamargot@univ-poitiers.fr](mailto:denis.alamargot@univ-poitiers.fr) and [barbara.arfe@unipd.it](mailto:barbara.arfe@unipd.it)

Barbara Arfé  
Denis Alamargot

A recompense of 600 Euros will be paid. The appointed researcher should provide

## SIG writing Newsletter: Call for position

The SIG writing coordinators invite candidatures for Editor of the SIG writing Newsletter (2011-2013). The Editor of the newsletter will gather contributions to the Newsletter and edit three Newsletters each year with the help and assistance of the coordinators.

Candidates are invited to send a short

CV and a letter of interest to the SIG writing coordinators, Barbara Arfé and Denis Alamargot **by August 15:**

[barbara.arfe@unipd.it](mailto:barbara.arfe@unipd.it)  
[denis.alamargot@univ-poitiers.fr](mailto:denis.alamargot@univ-poitiers.fr)

A recompense of 400 Euros will be paid to the Newsletter Editor, who should

provide an invoice for her/his activity directly to the EARLI Office. For information, please contact :

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Barbara Arfé  
Denis Alamargot

## COST Training school in Lyon

A training school on spelling and early text composition will be held in Lyon, France at the DDL-CNRS laboratory, September 14-16. The Training School aims at providing trainees with state of the art knowledge on orthographic systems, spelling and text composition, the role of spelling and other criteria in text quality.

The Training School will cover the following themes:

- Spelling, types of spelling errors, detection and interpretation of errors in different languages, the impact of orthographic features on children's production of spelling errors.
- Text analysis: different aspects/ dimensions to be analyzed in texts

- Criteria for defining text quality. Relation between spelling errors and text

### Trainers:

Rui A. Alves, Professor, University of Porto, Portugal; Séverine Casalis, Professor, University Lille 3, France; Michel Fayol, Professor, University Blaise Pascal, France; Malatesha Joshi, Professor, Texas M University, USA; Liliana Tolchinsky, Professor, University of Barcelona, Spain.

Starting: 14 September 2011  
Ending: 16 September 2011, 5 pm

### Application Procedure

The training school is open to: PhD students, PhD + maximum 10 years, Life-long learning

A maximum of 12 trainees will be accepted. The registration fee for the Training School is 100 euros. The COST Action ERN-LWE will offer 5 grants (500 euros) to support the travel and accommodation expenses of 5 trainees. Anyone who intends to attend the TS is requested to register no later than 24 July 2011.

Information and Applications should be made using the following e-form:

<http://www.cost-lwe.eu/spip.php?article233&lang=en>



The European Research Network  
on Learning to Write Effectively

**“COST training school on “Spelling and early text composition”**

**Call for trainee candidatures!**

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## NEXT ISSUE # 4 (November 2011) CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

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

- conference, workshop 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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