Call for papers

We are inviting paper proposals for the e-LADDA Closing Conference / ELN Pre-Summit Event that will be held at the University of Porto, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, from the 18th to the 21st of October 2023.

Conference theme

The main theme of the e-LADDA conference is "Advances in the Study of Language Development and Literacy Learning in the Digital Age". The conference has a multidisciplinary focus, and welcomes papers from the fields of Psychology, Linguistics, Education, Media Studies, Engineering, Computer Sciences, and other related areas, on the following topics:

- Early language development and digital tools.
- Behavioral, neuro- and electrophysiological assessments of first and second language acquisition.
- Underlying mechanisms of language development.
- Social robots and language development.
- Atypical language development in digital contexts.
- Digital tools for intervention in atypical language development.
- Impact of tablet and smartphone use on different dimensions of language development and literacy learning.
- Early and later literacy and digital media.
- Software and devices aimed at oral and written language development.
- App and software evaluation and assessment.
- Use of digital tools for assessment of oral and written language.
- Online interventions and assessment of oral and written language.
- Child speech recognition and text-to-speech for robotics and Augmented and Alternative Communication Devices.
- Second language learning with digital tools and online platforms.

Keynote speakers:

Jenny Saffran, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Tony Belpaeme, Ghent University

Ladislao Salmeron, University of Valencia

Presentation formats:

Symposia:

Symposia are in-depth research discussions on a common topic, featuring multiple perspectives. They are organized by one or two individuals who invite four presenters and a discussant. When choosing contributors, organizers should aim to include participants from at least two different countries. Organizers submit symposia, which should include

abstracts of prospective papers (no more than 200 words each) and a summary (no more than 400 words) that ties the papers together. Papers from a symposium may also be considered for individual presentations if the symposium is not included in the final program.

Symposia last for one hour and a half, with each speaker given 15 minutes, the discussant also 15 minutes, and an additional 15 minutes for audience discussion, moderated by the chairperson.

Paper Presentations:

Paper presentations are oral presentations that highlight original research. Submissions should clearly describe the research conducted and the results achieved in an abstract of no more than 200 words. By recommendation from the scientific committee, paper proposals can be suggested to be presented as posters.

Each paper presentation is organized into sessions comprising four papers, each moderated by a chairperson. The chairperson is responsible for ensuring the smooth flow of the session, including ensuring adherence to the allotted 15-minute time limit for each presenter, and facilitating a meaningful 5-minute discussion period. Attendees have the option to switch between parallel sessions during this discussion time, thus it is essential for all sessions to strictly conform to the 15 + 5-minute presentation format.

Posters:

Posters serve as a visual representation of research findings. Submissions should succinctly convey the research conducted and the results achieved, with an abstract of no more than 200 words. In the conference program, posters will be organized by theme and presented by the first author in a 5-minute overview. A designated group of discussants will also provide commentary on the set of graphical communications.

Posters are grouped thematically and presented during lunch breaks in sessions lasting one hour. To ensure a cohesive display, presenters should prepare their posters to the A0 standard size (841mm width x 1189mm height, portrait orientation) and are expected to affix them on the morning of the scheduled poster session. Conference staff members will provide materials and assistance with display setup.

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Important Dates
Deadline for submission of proposals: *April 28th, 2023, 19:00 (CET)*

Notification of Scientific Committee decision: *June 16th, 2023*

End of early bird registration: *July 28th, 2023*

End of registration: *September 8th, 2023*

Final Conference Program: *September 15th, 2023*

Registration Fee: *100 Euros* (PhD students); *150 Euros* (PhD)

We will be using the ELN website (eln.eu) as a platform for submissions and peer-reviewing (available soon).