

AELFE-TAPP 2020 Conference

19th International Conference of AELFE – 2nd TAPP Conference
Vilanova i la Geltrú (Barcelona)
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CONFERENCE THEME: “Multilingual academic and professional communication in a networked world”

This joint AELFE-TAPP Conference brings together the 19th annual conference of AELFE (Asociación Europea de Lenguas para Fines Específicos/European Association of Languages for Specific Purposes) and the 2nd Conference of the Trans-Atlantic and Pacific Project (TAPP), a growing virtual exchange network that has developed



transnational collaborative projects on specialised communication, translation and user experience. The combination of both conferences will allow participants to link the fields of languages for specific purposes (LSP) and virtual exchange.

The annual AELFE Conference is a meeting point for scholars interested in academic and professional communication from a multidisciplinary perspective.

The first TAPP conference was held in Fargo (ND, USA) in 2016, under the theme “Converging fields”. This second edition, “Expanding networks”, will explore virtual exchange from the perspective of its consolidation and will provide a forum for researchers and practitioners from different networks to share their experience and insights.

In a networked era, we are faced with the challenges of faster and more complex communication involving a variety of languages, participants and modes. Academic and professional communication also poses challenges related to disciplinary literacies and interdisciplinary collaboration. As higher education is undergoing a process of increasing internationalization, through English-medium instruction (EMI) and internationalization

at home and abroad, what is the role of LSP teaching and research? How can academics expand their international and multidisciplinary networks? How can educators best prepare future graduates for complex multilingual and multicultural work and study environments?

With an emphasis on the demands of international academic and professional language use as well as on the opportunities afforded by technology for collaboration and intercultural communication, the AELFE-TAPP 2020 Conference will provide scholars with the opportunity to discuss advances in academic and professional communication as well as in virtual exchange.

Together with an inspiring academic programme, participants will also enjoy a social programme in a privileged location, Vilanova i la Geltrú (Barcelona), which will offer participants plenty of opportunities to strengthen their academic and social networks.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Marie C. Parette (Virginia Tech, Blacksburg VA, USA)

Francesca Helm (University of Padua, Italy)

Sonia Vandepitte (Ghent University, Belgium)

David Block (ICREA Professor, University of Lleida, Spain)

CALL FOR PROPOSALS:

The International AELFE-TAPP 2020 Conference welcomes proposals related to either languages for specific purposes or virtual exchange (or which combine both). Submissions are accepted for paper and poster presentations, workshops, colloquia, and roundtables. AELFE is multilingual in nature, so participants can send their contributions in languages other than English (Spanish, Catalan, French, German, Italian).

Participants are invited to send their proposals on current issues in the field of languages for specific purposes, in relation to the following AELFE thematic panels (the list is not restrictive):

- Corpus linguistics
- Genre and discourse
- Terminology
- Translation and interpretation
- Innovation and digital technologies in LSP
- Teaching methodologies and CLIL / EMI

In particular, participants are encouraged to connect the topics in the thematic panels to broader issues, such as the interplay between EMI and ESP, EMI/ESP training or the role of ESP in the context of increasingly internationalized university settings.

Proposals focusing on virtual exchange/telecollaboration will be featured in a distinct strand, the TAPP conference, which will be held concurrently with the AELFE conference sessions. This strand is open to both experienced participants and academics willing to learn more about (or perhaps engage in) virtual exchange. A variety of proposals are welcome for papers, workshops, colloquia, roundtables on any area of virtual exchange. Topics may include (but are not limited to):

- Creation, growth and sustainability of virtual exchange networks
- Affordances and uses of technology in virtual exchange or blended learning
- Multidisciplinary collaborative projects through virtual exchange
- Developing intercultural, communicative, and professional skills through the use of virtual exchange in LSP courses.
- Tasks, modes and learning outcomes: written, spoken and digital texts, translation, and user-experience.
- Digital and disciplinary literacies in academic and work settings
- Virtual exchange and the internationalization of universities

Forum for young researchers:

As it is usual in AELFE Conferences, there will be a forum for young researchers, which will provide PhD students and junior scholars with the opportunity to present their research and receive feedback from experienced scholars.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Call for proposals: from 8th July 2019 to 31st October 2019

Notification of acceptance: 30th November 2019

Early bird registration: 31st March 2020

Deadline for registration: 31st May 2020

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION:

Proposals (in the form of papers, posters, workshops, colloquia or roundtables) will be submitted via EasyAbstracts. Specific instructions are provided in the section below.

PUBLICATIONS:

Papers based on conference presentations will appear in an open-access peer-reviewed proceedings publication. We also plan to publish one or more volumes (special issue of a journal or edited book) with selected contributions.

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