

First Announcement

REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON 'CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING SCIENCES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION - 2010' 3-4TH MAY 2010

INTRODUCTION

This conference aims to disseminate research, current developments and practices in the region focusing on a number of topics listed below. In recent years, more attention has been given to research in speech, language and hearing sciences, which are key areas in health and education. Since 2008, the British Council's Prime Minister Initiative II has supported a research project on 'Researching Syntactic Development for Malay and Chinese Children in Malaysia & Constructing Syntactic Assessment Tools for Speech & Language Therapy'. The project is a collaboration between the Speech Language Therapy Division, Faculty of Health and Life Sciences, De Montfort University, UK and the Department of Audiology & Speech Sciences, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). Findings of this research will be presented alongside with other research findings in the fields of Speech Sciences, Clinical Linguistics and Audiology by participants in the region.

Abstracts for papers and posters are invited on the following areas:

- A) **SPEECH PATHOLOGY:**
 - Computational tools in speech and language
 - Voice and swallowing
 - Adult speech and language disorders
 - Child language disorders
 - Clinical language assessments
 - Clinical Education

- B) **CLINICAL LINGUISTICS & EDUCATION:**
 - Local language assessments
 - Child language development
 - Clinical Linguistics
 - Special needs & education
 - Other related topics

- C) **AUDIOLOGY:**
 - Pediatric audiology

- Audiology Diagnostics
- Hearing aids & Cochlear Implants
- Aural rehabilitation
- Other related topics

CONFIRMED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Prof. Paul Fletcher, , University College Cork, Ireland. : 'Towards the early identification of language impairment'.

Prof. Diane Bless, University of Wisconsin-Madison, US. : 'Current research in Voice'.

CONFIRMED INVITED SPEAKERS:

Prof. Dr. Jasmy Yunus, Faculty of Biomedical Engineering & Health Science, Univ. Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) : 'Collaborative works with biomedical engineering in speech-language and hearing research'.

Prof. Brooke Hallowell, Neurolinguistics Laboratory, Ohio University, US 'Current Neuroscience Research in Speech Pathology'

Dr. Lixian Jin, Speech and Language Therapy Division, Faculty of Health & Life Sciences, De Montfort University, UK: 'Developing a Chinese grammatical assessment tool for speech and language therapy'

Prof. Dr. Siti Zamratol Mai-Sarah Mukari, Dept. Of Audiology and Speech Sciences, UKM : 'Newborn hearing screening'

OBJECTIVES

- to provide a platform for researchers and practitioners in the related fields to share their research findings.
- To facilitate discussions among researchers and practitioners on best practices in research and clinical practice.
- To discuss possible effective treatment outcomes and provide update on development of tools and materials for clinical use.

CONFERENCE DETAILS

Date : 3rd – 4th May 2010
Venue: To be determined.

CONFERENCE FEES

International participants : USD 350

Local participants : RM500

Students : RM150

Conference fees include conference program book, abstract book, stationery, and food (morning break, lunch, and afternoon tea.)

CONFERENCE DINNER

We are planning to hold a conference dinner which will be held on the first day of the conference i.e. 4th May 2010. The venue has yet to be determined. But you could indicate in your e-mail to us if you would like to join the conference dinner. Estimated cost would be around RM100-150 (USD 30-50). We will confirm the actual cost soon.

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOP

'HANDS-ON PRACTICE ON A NEWLY DEVELOPED MALAY AND MANDARIN SYNTACTIC ASSESSMENT TOOL RESPECTIVELY FOR MALAY AND CHINESE CHILDREN IN MALAYSIA'

Date: 2nd May 2010. 9:00 am – 1 pm.

Venue: Hotel where conference will be held.

Participant Fee : RM200

Student Fee : RM100

The objective of the half-day workshop is to familiarize speech-language pathologists, undergraduate students in speech sciences, post-graduate students in clinical linguistics and related areas, teachers and academics with the Malay and Mandarin syntactic assessment tools respectively which has been developed out of the British Council Prime Minister Initiative II research grant .

Participants of workshop will be given a complimentary set of the developed syntactic assessment tool as part of the materials given in the workshop.

Interested individuals can contact the honorary secretary, Ms Yazmin Ahmad Rusli at : yaz.rusli@yahoo.com

ABSTRACTS

Submissions guidelines

Format

Abstracts should not be more than 200 words. Please use font Times New Roman size 12. List of references must follow the APA style.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 1st MARCH 2010

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE: 1st APRIL, 2010

Please send abstracts to:

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