



ALTE Language Testing Courses

The ALTE Introductory Course in Language Testing 2010

ALTE is running a week-long Introductory Course in Language Testing in Bilbao in September 2010. The course will be taught by Dr Lynda Taylor, Consultant to University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, and Professor Cyril Weir of the University of Bedfordshire.

Participants are expected to have a professional interest in language testing, and may be employed by an ALTE member or affiliate, though are not expected to have a profound knowledge of the subject area.

Dates: 20th - 24th September, 2010

Location: Royal Academy of the Basque Language, Bilbao, Spain

Cost: The cost of tuition is 850 Euros (750 Euros for ALTE Members and Affiliates). This does not include accommodation or meals.

The syllabus will incorporate some or all of the following topics. It will focus on the practical application of testing and assessment theory and will be tailored as far as possible to meet the requirements of the participants.

- introducing basic assessment principles and practice, including key socio-cognitive factors
- understanding the test production process
- writing test materials, particularly for testing reading (receptive) and speaking (productive) skills
- managing test delivery, including marking, post-test analysis and score-reporting
- building the test validity argument and the research agenda
- engaging with test stakeholders, including issues of ethics and fairness

Some prior reading will be issued to participants before the course.

Registration is now open.

Places are limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.