ALTE Language Testing Courses

The ALTE Course in Testing Reading 2010

ALTE is running a week-long course on Testing Reading in Bilbao in September 2010. The course will be taught by Dr Hanan Khalifa and Dr Ivana Vidakovic, University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations. Participants are expected to have a professional interest in testing reading, and may be employed by an ALTE member or affiliate, though are not expected to have a profound knowledge of the subject area.

Dates: 27th September - 1st October 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.

- A model of reading comprehension and stages of cognitive development in reading
- A framework for developing reading tests
- Reading test design and production
- Reading tests and the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)
- Validating your own reading tests and developing a research agenda.

Please note:

- Both trainers will be present throughout all sessions. The trainers' approach is participatory, so discussions and insights from personal experience will be valued and encouraged. The course participants are also encouraged to bring in materials from their own personal experience which are relevant to the assessment of reading.
- Each day will begin with a brief review of the content from the previous day.
- A questionnaire focusing on course participants' objectives, experience with reading assessment, and relevant background characteristics will be distributed prior to the commencement of the course.
- Some pre-workshop activities may be required from participants.

Registration is now open.

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