



## **Language Testing Course – ‘Testing Language for Specific Purposes: issues and solutions’**

ALTE is running a two-day introductory course on Testing Language for Specific Purposes in Santiago de Compostela in April 2009.

The course will be taught by Professor Barry O’Sullivan of the University of Roehampton, England.

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

**Dates:** 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> April, 2009.

**Location:** San Francisco Hotel Monumento, Campillo San Francisco 3, Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, Spain.

**Cost:** The cost of tuition is €350 per person.  
Accommodation and meals are not included.

**Payment:** By cheque or international bank transfer to ALTE. Please see registration form for further details.

### **Course Outline:**

This seminar will present a broad introduction to the area of testing language for specific purposes (LSP). We will begin by briefly outlining the short history of the area and then move to a practical operational definition of LSP. Having done this we will focus on three key issues in LSP:

- **Identifying & Reporting Success**
- **Content & Language Boundaries**
- **Establishing Evidence of Specificity**

At all stages in the seminar, there will be brief input sessions followed by individual and group activities (tasks and discussions). The final major activity will see participants analysing a test (ideally one they are working on or are very familiar with) from these three perspectives and producing a brief report based on a template provided by the seminar leader.

**Registration:** To register for this course, please complete a registration form and forward to the ALTE Secretariat.