



Call for papers

The 25th Communication Skills Workshop
 “Managing Diversity: Theory and Practice”
 24–26 May 2012 Tallinn, Estonia

The Communication Skills Workshop is now in its 25th year! The Workshop is a meeting point for teachers of all languages, language revisers and administrators in Finnish and Estonian language centres and language departments alike. The event brings together a diverse group of delegates, to gain new insights and brainstorm ideas on the areas of language teaching and learning, and related topics. The working language of the workshop is English.

This first call for papers invites you to submit abstracts of papers to be presented at the Workshop. In addition to invited plenary speakers, the workshop will include parallel sections.

THEMES: The range of presentation (or poster) topics includes (but is not limited to)

1. catering for a variety of student and teacher needs in terms of teaching styles / learning styles
2. skills development
3. learner autonomy
4. handling cultural differences
5. English as a Lingua Franca in academic settings
6. needs analysis; developing curricula; course content; feedback
7. thesis supervision; editing/revising academic texts
8. testing language skills.

Authors are welcome to suggest any other topic not mentioned above for a presentation topic for one of the parallel sessions.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: Each presentation should be 20 minutes plus 10 minutes for questions and/or discussion. Presentations/posters can be individual or shared (2+ presenters).

Send your English-language presentation abstract (150-200 words/WORD document format) or poster (PDF format) to the Communication Skills Workshop Committee at csw-reg@helsinki.fi by 31 January 2012. Include the following information in the abstract.

Name of presenter:
 Academic title:
 Affiliation:
 E-mail address:
 Title of paper:
 Suggested section (thematic area):
 5-7 key words:

The authors of abstracts will be notified of acceptance or rejection of their submissions by the end of February 2012.

Registration to the Workshop begins in January 2012. More information on the Workshop programme will follow in late September.

Please pass on this message to your colleagues in case they would be interested in attending the CSW.