

Call for expressions of interest to host EALTA conferences in 2024 and 2025

Since 2004, EALTA has held a series of successful annual conferences which have provided a lively forum for exchanging information and views, and which have supported the mission statement of EALTA to “*promote the understanding of theoretical principles of language testing and assessment, and the improvement and sharing of testing and assessment practices throughout Europe*”.

For EALTA, the annual conference is a key event and provides an important forum for our community. Organising a conference takes a considerable amount of planning and preparation. Therefore, it is important that the venue of a future conference is selected well in advance. The local organising committee works closely with the EALTA Executive Committee to prepare the conference for the benefit of the EALTA membership. It is also an opportunity for the host institution to engage with the wider language testing and assessment community and raise the visibility of your organisation.

We therefore invite expressions of interest to host future EALTA conferences, mainly for 2024 and 2025.

The expression of interest should include the following information:

- Organising team and access to support (e.g. events teams, student helpers)
- Potential dates (Conferences are held in late May or early June each year and extend for 5-6 days, including 2-3 days of pre-conference workshops and SIG events, followed by 2.5 days for the full conference.)
- Venue
- Facilities (capacity, IT infrastructure and support, number of rooms, accessibility)
- Institutional support
- Transport accessibility
- Accommodation options
- Possible social events
- Suggestions for a conference theme

Details are not necessary, but it would be important to consider these issues ahead of time. Past conference information can be found on the EALTA website.

Expressions of interest will be reviewed by the Executive Committee, who invite you to an initial exploratory online meeting to discuss the requirements of a detailed proposal.

An expression of interest does not entail any commitment on either EALTA or the submitting organisation to deliver the conference.

Final decisions will be based on the submission of a more detailed proposal.

The deadline for expressions of interest to host the 2024 conference is March 31, 2023.

Expressions of interest for 2025 and further will be considered upon submission.

If you would like further details about what is involved in organising an EALTA conference, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please send any enquires, or your completed expression of interest, to the EALTA Chair of the Committee for Conference Organization, Sonja Zimmermann, at zimmermann@gast.de