

## EALTA SIG Assessing Writing

### Evaluation of the Warwick Writing Symposium, 3./4.December 2010-10-12

hosted by the Centre of Applied Linguistics, University of Warwick, UK

organised by Claudia Harsch, convenor of the SIG

Participants = 14; feedback received by n = 9

Ratings on a 4 point scale (very satisfied to not satisfied)

#### 1. Satisfaction with preparations:

General information	Deadline for registration	Travel and accommodation information	Assistance with questions
very satisfied: 7 satisfied: 2	very satisfied: 7 satisfied: 2	very satisfied: 5 satisfied: 3 Less satisfied: 1	very satisfied: 8 satisfied: 1

#### 2. Satisfaction with programme content:

Content coverage	Quality of contributions	Helpfulness of discussions	Time allocated for each contribution
very satisfied: 5 satisfied: 4	very satisfied: 6 satisfied: 3	very satisfied: 7 satisfied: 2	very satisfied: 6 satisfied: 3

##### Comments:

- Perhaps the contributions were slightly on the long side (mine included!), though we did have time and the point of SIGS as opposed to conferences is that there's an opportunity to go into more detail. Perhaps 40 minutes plus 30 minutes discussion time?
- I found the variety of presentations and discussions very useful to my own work.

#### 3. Satisfaction with venue:

Room Friday	Room Saturday	Eating options
very satisfied: 1 satisfied: 6 Less satisfied: 2	very satisfied: 4 satisfied: 5	very satisfied: 2 satisfied: 5 Less satisfied: 2

#### 4. Overall evaluation:

very satisfied: 7 satisfied: 2
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##### Comments:

- It was great to have a chance to discuss issues which we all felt were important. The problem with conferences is that there is never enough time to have a discussion like this. It was really helpful and highlighted many aspects for careful consideration and further thought.
- I enjoyed the event and would be pleased to come to other similar events in the future.
- A very useful forum for the exchange of ideas as well as for support and advice with difficult issues in our own context.
- It's the first time that I'm attending such a specific symposium/conference abroad. It's a very useful way of doing self-evaluation and seeing realistically in which areas one needs to improve. I'd like to participate in such events more often.