

## **10th International Conference of the Spanish Cognitive Linguistics Association**

### *Discourse, Culture and Contexts*

The Organizing Committee of the 10th International Conference of the Spanish Cognitive Linguistics Association (AELCO/SCOLA) is pleased to announce that this 10th edition will be held at the University of Alcalá on the 26th, 27th and 28th October 2016 under the theme “Discourse, Culture, Contexts”

AELCO 2016 will take place in the historic centre of the medieval city of Alcalá de Henares, birthplace of Miguel de Cervantes and world heritage by UNESCO, in two historical buildings, Colegio de Málaga and Colegio S. José de Caracciolos, both founded between 1610 and 1620..

The conference will enjoy the presence of the following plenary speakers:

- Enrique Bernárdez, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Spain)
- Mercedes Belinchón, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain)
- Barbara Dancygier, University of British Columbia (Canada)
- Dirk Geeraerts, University of Leuven (Belgium)

The conference aims to serve as a forum for discussion on the relationship between mind and language within the theoretical framework applications and methods of Cognitive Linguistics. For this edition, special attention will be paid to different discourse types, new communicative contexts and particularly to the role that cultural, social and historical features play in the representation of reality through language.

We particularly encourage participation with papers that promote a methodological advance and/or a rigorous application of Cognitive Linguistics premises to the following areas

- Cultural linguistics
- Situated cognition
- Cross-linguistics studies
- Translation studies
- Genres and discourse types
- Multimodal contexts
- Cognitive Sociolinguistics

As well as other more general topics that have always been fostered by the Association such as:

- structural characteristics of categorization systems in language (prototypicality, metaphor and metonymy, image schemas, etc.)
- functional principles of linguistic organization
- relationship between language and thought
- conceptual interaction between syntax and semantics or
- experiential basis of language in use.

Proposals should clearly state research questions, method, data and expected results. They should not contain the names, affiliations or addresses of the authors: They will be submitted through the website of the conference <https://sites.google.com/site/aelco2016> and will be evaluated anonymously by members of the Scientific Committee according to criteria of originality, thematic relevance and scientific rigour.

Participation will possible in any of the following forms:

- **Thematic session:** Organizers will send a proposal including a general abstract for the panel (500 words excluding references) and the titles of 6 to 8 abstracts before **February 15th**. In case of provisional acceptance, participants will submit their abstracts individually to be evaluated by the Scientific Committee with the same criteria as those for the general session.
- **General Session:** Abstract will be sent (400 words, excluding references) through the conference website before **March 30th**, specifying if it is oral presentation or poster

As in previous editions, with the aim of promoting both the participation of young researchers and the presentation in poster format, two prizes will be awarded by the Association:

- AELCO/SCOLA Award to the best oral presentation by PhD students or master's degree
- AELCO/SCOLA Best Poster Award

Conditions can be seen at the SCOLA website <http://www.aelco.es/en/premios-aelco>