

Writing Research Across Borders VI - Call for Proposals

February 18–22, 2023, Trondheim, Norway at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Proposal Deadline February 28, 2022

Detailed information in English, French, and Spanish at the Conference Website:

<http://www.wrab2023.com/>

About WRAB VI

The International Society for the Advancement of Writing Research invites you to the Sixth World Conference on Writing Research

The International Society for the Advancement of Writing Research (ISAWR) is composed of researchers from all over the world interested in writing across all education levels and in all life situations. For years, the WRAB Conference has promoted an exchange of approaches and promoted the regular updating and the creation of networks to carry out research and international projects.

Previous Writing Research Across Borders (WRAB) conferences were:

- WRAB I (2008) at University of California, Santa Barbara, California, USA
- WRAB II (2011) at George Mason University, Fairfax, Northern Virginia, USA
- WRAB III (2014) at Université Paris-Ouest Nanterre La Défense, Paris, France
- WRAB IV (2017) at Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogota, Colombia
- WRAB V (2021) - Digital Meeting

Conference Theme

The 2023 Conference Organizers invite proposals for presentations, symposia, round tables, and posters. The theme for the 2023 conference is *From early literacy learning to writing in professional life*. We invite empirical and theoretical papers on writing development at all stages of life. Thematically, studies could include early acquisition of

writing, writing across grade levels (K-12), writing in the disciplines and professions, second language writing, multilingual writing, writing in the workplace or other community and institutional settings, and the impact of new technologies on learning to write, and more. We also invite proposals on any other areas of writing use and practice, such as writing in progressive or large-scale educational programs, or proposals that link writing research and policies. We welcome papers raising methodological issues about researching writing. We invite work from any research tradition.

Types of presentations

There are four types of presentations:

- *Individual paper presentation*: 20-minute presentations followed by ten minutes of questions and answers.
- *Symposium*: A symposium will feature several scholars working on related questions. Duration: 2 hours. These symposia can take two shapes: team symposia and symposia bringing together several scholars from different teams or countries. This second type of symposium is strongly encouraged as it makes the conference the site of intellectual exchange and collective work.
- *Roundtable*: Roundtables focused on debates and commonalities (duration: 2 hours). The author of the proposal provides the theme and the topics that will be discussed during the roundtable.
- *Poster presentations*: Presentations of completed work or work in progress. Posters will be a written summary, and displayed in a designated area.

Conditions and criteria for proposal selection

Individual paper presentations and poster presentations

The proposals should contain:

- a title indicating the topic and the field of work
- the research problem, question or objective of the study including a succinct description of the knowledge contribution of the current study
- the study design, which should include information about:
 - participants or other data sources (e.g., corpuses)
 - analytical strategies, including information on how data were collected and analyzed

- the most important (anticipated) results, achievements and limitations.

Length, and ensuring a blind review

- The proposals should not be longer than 500 words (excluding references and tables)
- The proposal should not contain names, affiliations or other information that may be used for identifying the author(s).

Proposals that are longer than 500 words (excluding references and tables) and/or that are not blinded for review will not be considered.

Symposia

The proposals should contain:

- A short overview statement indicating the objective of the symposium. The overview should indicate who will serve as chair of the symposia.
- Proposals for individual presentations in the symposia should contain:
 - a title indicating the topic and the field of work
 - the research problem, question or objective of the study including a succinct description of the knowledge contribution of the current study
 - the study design, which should include information about:
 - participants or other data sources (e.g., corpuses)
 - analytical strategies, including information on how data were collected and analyzed
 - the most important results, achievements and limitations.

Length, and ensuring a blind review

- The overview statement should be no longer than 300 words.
- The proposals for individual presentations should not be longer than 500 words (excluding references and tables) per presentation. (E.g., Four presentations = max. 2,000 words)
- The proposals (except the overview statement) should not contain names, affiliation or other information that may be used for identifying the author(s).

Proposals for individual presentations that are longer than 500 words (excluding references and tables) and/or that are not blinded for review will not be considered.

Roundtable

The proposals should contain:

- A short overview statement indicating the objective of the roundtable (e.g., debating the role of technology in writing assessment). The document should indicate who will serve as chair of the roundtable.
- Short descriptions (max. 200 words) of the positions of speakers invited to participate. The descriptions should indicate the view of the individual speaker.

Length, and ensuring a blind review

- The overview statement should be no longer than 300 words.
- The proposals for individual presentations should not be longer than 200 words (excluding references and tables) per presentation.
- The proposals (except the overview statement) should not contain names, home institutions or other information that may be used for identifying the author(s).

Proposals that are longer than 200 words (excluding references and tables) and/or that are not blinded for review will not be considered.

Review Process

The scientific committee will examine the proposals anonymously. Proposals, identifying information, and contact details must be uploaded through the site

<http://www.wrab2023.com/>

Calendar

- Deadline for submission of proposals: February 28, 2022
- Proposal acceptance notices sent: June 2022

Papers may be accepted pending revisions.

- Deadline for revised proposal: August 31, 2022

Proposers must accept the invitation and register for the conference in order to appear on the program by November 30, 2022.

WRAB VI 2023 Language Policy

Submission Guidelines for Call for Papers

While the working language of the conference is English, ISAWR and the conference organizers recognize the critical importance of linguistic diversity, the value of scholarship across languages, and the importance of understanding L1 and L2 writing across geographies and contexts.

To this end, we encourage the use of data, cases, and examples in all languages. Further, the conference organizers welcome submissions of proposals in all languages as long as proposals are accompanied by English translations. In all cases, efforts will be made to have the proposal read and reviewed in its original language. Notes on linguistic editing: If you are planning to translate your proposal into English from another language we highly recommend that you work with a fluent communicator in both languages; if such an individual is unavailable to you we suggest using the best possible translation tools available through the internet*. If there is a language-specific term or concept that does not have a direct translation, please explain it as clearly as possible in your proposal or as a footnote.

Languages for the CFP

The call for proposals for WRAB VI 2023 will be posted on the conference website and made available in English, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, and French.

In support of linguistic diversity, the conference organizers will encourage the translation of the CFP into as many languages as possible and these translations will be posted on the ISAWR.org website.

Language Policy for Conference Presentations

Plenary Sessions

If needed, all plenary sessions will be interpreted into English. Other languages will be considered and accommodated as needed based on registration information.

Concurrent Sessions

As noted, the working language of the conference is English. Therefore, all individual and panel presentations must either A) be delivered in English or B) be delivered in the presenter's preferred language with accommodations for listeners in English (e.g. provide detailed slides and/or handouts or interpreters in English)

Poster Sessions

Presenters are welcome to create and present multilingual posters, as long as the posters are accessible to English speakers.

Linguistic Diversity Forum at WRAB VI

During the conference, ISAWR will host a special lunch session focused on exploring and discussing issues related to linguistic diversity, the mission of ISAWR, and future WRAB conferences.

*Some digital sites offering automated translation services

<https://translate.google.ca/>

<https://blog.gengo.com/10-online-translation-tools-translators/>

<https://opensource.com/article/17/6/open-source-localization-tools>

<https://www.deepl.com/translator>

<https://www.freetranslation.com/>