1st International Conference on Language Testing and Assessment
Dedicated to the memory of Dr Pavlos Pavlou
June 3-5, 2011 (preconference workshops June 3)
Venue: Department of English Studies, University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Department of English Studies and the Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies of the University of Cyprus announce their 1st International Conference on Language Testing and Assessment dedicated to the memory of Dr Pavlos Pavlou.

Pavlos, an esteemed faculty member at the University of Cyprus since 1997, passed away on August 22, 2010 after a long and difficult fight against cancer. The Department of English Studies and the Cypriot academic community will miss Pavlos not only as a colleague, but also as a valued friend. His scholarly work in Teaching English as a Foreign Language in Cyprus and his research on the Sociolinguistics of Cypriot Greek were pioneering. Besides being a committed scholar, he was also a dedicated teacher and mentor to students and colleagues alike. He will be remembered above all for his good will, humour and open-mindedness. The dignity and courage with which Pavlos confronted his illness served as a life model to all of us, and will continue to remind us of the Human at the heart of the Humanities. (For information about his publications go to: http://www.ucy.ac.cy/goto/mainportal/en-US/pavlos_pavlou.aspx)

The theme of this year’s conference is: ‘Language Testing and Assessment round the Globe: Achievements and Experiences’. The conference is addressed to scholars, teacher trainers, teachers, postgraduate students, examination providers, employers and policy-makers and anyone else seeking a better understanding of international and national language testing and assessment practices.

The conference will focus on the following areas but not only:

• Assessment policy and practices

• Establishing standards and promoting quality

• Deontological/ethical aspects

• Decentralisation and liberalism at regional and national level

• Issues in developing testing and assessment systems, e.g. cross-national cooperation
• Assessing dialect and minority languages
• Cultural aspects of testing and assessment practices
• Implementation of new international/national assessments
• Accreditation/recognition procedures of international/national assessments
• Comparability of language certification and qualifications
• Development of qualification frameworks
• Information technologies in language assessment
• Impact, bias, validity and reliability
• Classroom-based assessment
• Alternative assessment
• Portfolio assessment
• Role of feedback on language assessment
• Professional development and assessment literacy

Keynote Speakers
Prof. John de Jong (Vrei University of Amsterdam, Pearson Assessment)
Prof. Barry O’ Sullivan (Roehampton University, UK)
Prof. Bessie Dendrinos (University of Athens, Greece)
Prof. Elana Shohamy (Tel Aviv University, Israel)
Dr Salomi Papadima (Cyprus University of Technology)

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