

CALL FOR PAPERS, PANELS, & PROGRAMS
INTERNATIONAL LISTENING ASSOCIATION CONVENTION
July 18-22, 2007
NH Hotel Frankfurt / Main, Germany
"Listen and Make the Connection!"

Please use this proposal format for your submissions

Last name _____ First name _____

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Title _____

Please check one of the following proposal types:

Refereed Paper* **Student Submission**

Include a proposal description (500 words) that details the contribution and perspective of the paper. Please also provide a brief bio (1-2 sentences) for each presenter. Include the following information for all presenters: names, addresses, phone #, fax #, E-mail, institutional affiliation. If all authors are students, you may indicate the manuscript as a "student submission" on the cover page. **[NOTE: Completed manuscripts will be sought from all accepted proposals for a top paper panel and award, and a top student paper panel and award, respectively.]** The time frame for papers is 30 min, including presentation (20 min) and discussion (10 min).

Refereed Panel Program*

Include a complete proposal description (500-1000 words) that details the purpose and rationale of your panel. Please also provide a brief bio (1-2 sentences) for each presenter (and chair, if applicable). Include the following information for all presenters: names, addresses, phone #, fax #, E-mail, institutional affiliation.

Practice Workshop*

Include a brief workshop description (no more than 2 pages) that describes the nature of the workshop (e.g., interactive, round-table).

Proposed time frame for panel / workshop: 1/2 hour 1 hour, 1 1/2 hours

Identify track: Business Education Research Intercultural
Spiritual Appreciative General Health

*For **all submissions**, attach a brief description clearly explaining the content of your proposal, suitable for program listing if accepted (**3 sentences**). Submissions in the reviewed categories will receive a certificate of recognition if accepted.

AV Needs: Flip Chart, Overhead, VCR, Computer/Projector (free of charge)

Identify any special room or setup requirements: _____

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The International Listening Association is a professional organization whose members are dedicated to learning more about the impact that listening has on all human activity. The International Listening Association promotes the study, development, and teaching of listening and the practice of effective listening skills and techniques.

The convention theme for 2007, **Listen and make the connection!**, is both broad in its implications and narrow enough to allow program submissions in a variety of areas and formats. The convention theme emphasizes the idea that listening research and practice is an interdisciplinary endeavor and that it is both necessary and stimulating for listening scholars to reach out to a variety of academic and practical fields. Among them may be communication, psychology, pedagogy, health care, audiology, speech research, rhetoric, linguistics, language teaching, acoustics, counseling, journalism, human resource development, and many more.

The convention provides a platform to learn from each other and to encourage innovative ways of research and listening practice.

The following are a few examples of the possible types of program content:

Listening Assessment: How do we know when people are effective listeners? How can we measure effective listening?

Listening Instruction and Development: How does listening affect learning? What strategies can we use to help students be better listeners? What should be included in the curriculum to enhance listening? How does listening develop across the life-span?

Listening in Multicultural Environments - Intercultural Communication: What is intercultural listening? What are some of the similarities and differences in listening among people of different countries and cultures? How can we teach people to be more effective listeners in international settings?

Listening to Clients and Customers: What is the role of listening in the workplace? How can I help my workers listen better to clients or customers?

Managerial Listening: What are the results of good/poor listening in the organization? How effective are managers who listen well?

Technology: How does technology affect listening? How can we use technology to enhance or impede listening? How can listening in mediated communication be improved?

Social Competence: What is listening competence? Can active, empathic listening improve communication in our relationships with others? Why is listening an important factor in improving our social competence?

Health: How can listening enhance communication in health/medical settings? How does listening benefit the healthcare practitioner? How does listening affect the health of the listener and of the speaker?

Environmental Health: What difference will it make if we listen to noise? How does sound pollution affect listening? How do music and sound affect the ear, brain, and nervous system? How can we learn to listen to and heed the earth/environment?

Listening Theory: What are the underlying mechanisms driving the listening process? Is listening synonymous with information processing? What are different perspectives we can use to inform the study of listening?

Spirituality and Religion: What is the relationship between listening and spirituality? Are the skills employed in spiritual listening different from those used in other listening contexts?

For further information on the convention, please refer to the convention website at www.listen.org, follow the link Convention 2007. For convention communication please use the following email: Listen2007@uni-frankfurt-de.

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