

4 November 2024

Dear UKALTA members and colleagues

Reminder: Language Testing Forum 2024, Fri 22 to Sun 24 November

Registration for our next LTF, hosted by CRELLA on the Bedford campus, is still open: [Language Testing Forum \(LTF\) 2024 | University of Bedfordshire Online Store](#) . Don't miss the 7 NOVEMBER DEADLINE! A provisional timetable is available at: <https://www.beds.ac.uk/crella/seminars/language-testing-forum-2024/> You will also find information about access and suggested accommodations. Arrival and registration take place from 5pm on the Friday afternoon and the conference starts at 5.45pm.

Pre-conference workshop on EDI Leadership – Friday 22 November

There is also a FREE pre-conference workshop on Friday 22 November (13.00-16.45 GMT). Funded by the Academy of Social Sciences and ESRC, UKALTA and BAAL are collaborating to enhance leadership skills in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) within Applied Linguistics and Language Assessment. This free, in-person workshop is open to both aspiring and current leaders, with priority given to under-represented groups if oversubscribed. Travel support is available for some participants. For more details, please visit: <https://www.beds.ac.uk/crella/seminars/language-testing-forum-2024/> Registration for the workshop also closes on 7 November: <https://forms.gle/XaLMYKxMhWkEtZq46>.

UKALTA Executive Committee meeting – Friday 22 November

On Friday morning (22 Nov), the full UKALTA Executive Committee will be meeting onsite and in-person. If you wish to raise any matters for the Board to consider, please email them ASAP to me or to our Secretary, Gemma Bellhouse on info@ukalta.org .

Notice of UKALTA Annual General Meeting on Saturday 23 November 2024

This year, the UKALTA AGM will take place in-person during LTF on Saturday 23 November 2024, 5.30-6.30 pm. This is an important meeting for our professional association where we report on our recent activities and future plans, so please join us if you can. The AGM is open to all (though only UKALTA members may vote).

Notice of elections for the UKALTA Executive Committee in December 2024

Elections for UKALTA Executive Committee posts needed from 2025 will take place online in early December after the AGM. Nominations are invited for the following positions: Treasurer (3 yrs), Website & Communications Officer (3 yrs), and 2 members of the Membership and Nominations Committee (1 yr). Please think about who to nominate, or consider standing yourself. Role and responsibilities are detailed in the UKALTA

Constitution, available from the following page: [General: About – UKALTA](#) . Nomination suggestions should be forwarded to info@ukalta.org by Monday 25th November. Details of all nominees will be posted on the UKALTA website and UKALTA members will be notified of the online voting process. Where there is only one nominee for a given position, the election will be uncontested and no ballot will be required as per normal electoral practice.

I look forward to seeing many of you at LTF in just under 3 weeks' time.

Kind regards

Lynda