



University of Silesia in Katowice

**35<sup>th</sup> International Conference on  
Foreign/Second Language Acquisition  
Szczyrk, 23-25 May 2024**

***INSTITUTIONS PROMOTING POSITIVE LANGUAGE  
LEARNING AND TEACHING ENVIRONMENTS***

**SECOND CIRCULAR**

Dear Colleague,

We have already completed the selection of the presentation proposals for the **35<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Foreign/Second Language Acquisition (ICFSLA)** and those of you who submitted their abstracts have been informed about their acceptance. The book of abstracts for this year's conference will be available online at **the end of April 2024**.

**PLENARY SPEAKERS**

We are pleased to confirm that the following scholars, whose research concerns, among others, institutions promoting positive language learning and teaching environments, have agreed to give plenary talks at our conference:

- Kata Csizér Wein (Eötvös Loránd University)
- Melanie Ellis (Silesian University of Technology)
- Steve Killick (University of South Wales)
- Mirosław Pawlak (Adam Mickiewicz University)
- Yolanda Ruiz de Zarobe (University of the Basque Country)

**PROGRAMME**

The first version of the programme will be available at the end of April. As was mentioned in the First Circular, the programme will include the plenary talks, individual topic-oriented sessions on the main theme of the conference, as well as presentations on other aspects of SLA-related research.



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### **VENUE: ACCOMMODATION AND FEES**

Traditionally, the event will be held in **Szczyrk**, a well-known (to many of you) resort town in the Beskid Mountains of southern Poland and the dates are: **23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024**, but it would be most convenient if the participants arrived on Wednesday afternoon/evening, **22<sup>nd</sup> May**, since the sessions start on Thursday morning. The conference venue will be the Hotel META. All conference participants can be accommodated there, but if for any reason you prefer to choose different accommodation or don't require any at all, please inform the organisers about it as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, we are forced to raise slightly the conference fee because of high inflation rate and the resulting higher prices of hotel services. The conference fee this year is: **PLN 1800 (€400, US\$ 450)** for those who wish to stay in a double room and **PLN 2200 (€500, US\$ 550)** for the participants who require to use a single room. Since the accommodation is subject to availability, the rooms will be distributed on the first paid-first served basis. The fee covers **ALL** participation costs, including the accommodation, conference materials, the meals **together with the conference dinner** (on Friday evening), coffee breaks and shuttle bus transfer from Katowice to the hotel and back.

Additionally, we are thinking of organizing an extra leisure activity on Thursday afternoon, but the details will be communicated after all arrangements are completed.

The fee must be paid not later than **19<sup>th</sup> April 2024** to our conference account at the University of Silesia, the account number is: **74 1050 1214 1000 0007 0000 7909**, the beneficiary: **Uniwersytet Śląski w Katowicach, ul. Bankowa 12, 40-007 Katowice, Poland**, the title of the payment: **ICFSLA + your name**. The swift code of the bank is **INGBPLPW**. For payments from abroad it is customary to extend the IBAN number by PL added in front of the account number. It is very important that you specify the title of payment as **“ICFSLA + your name”**, because otherwise the financial department will not know where to allocate the money and we will not have your name on the list of those who have paid.



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To ensure that the money transfer is properly registered, please e-mail us a scan of the payment document, or its electronic version in PDF/JPEG. **All the money transfer costs and bank charges must be paid by the participant on top of the conference fee.**

We regret to inform you that **no card transactions** can be made at the conference desk, and that we can accept **cash payments at the conference desk only in exceptional circumstances**. Any such payments will have to be agreed with the organisers prior to arrival.

**IMPORTANT:** Everyone who wishes to receive **an invoice (Faktura VAT)** issued to the home institution should make sure that the money is transferred by the institution, and not from a private bank account of the participant. It is a policy of our financial department not to issue the bills to a different person/institution than the one who actually made the payment. However, if it is impossible for the university to transfer the money for conference participation and the staff members are asked to make the payments by themselves, the invoices may still be issued to the institution on condition that it is specifically requested by the participant and the information on the required invoice payer is provided in a mail to the conference organisers. If the fee is paid at the conference desk in cash, there is no problem with issuing the bill to the university.

### **SHUTTLE BUS TRANSFER**

The participants are welcome to use our university shuttle bus on Wednesday, **22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024** (Katowice-Szczyrk) and/or on Saturday, **25<sup>th</sup> May 2024** (Szczyrk-Katowice). The exact departure time as well as the pickup spot will be announced later. The bus will take the participants from Katowice city centre (near the railway station) directly to the conference site in Szczyrk (Wednesday) and/or back (Saturday).

If you want to reserve a place on the bus, please do so by writing to the organisers at [szczyrkconference2024@gmail.com](mailto:szczyrkconference2024@gmail.com) or [icfsla@us.edu.pl](mailto:icfsla@us.edu.pl) by **30<sup>th</sup> April 2024** at the latest. We regret to inform that reservations made after that date will not guarantee a seat on the shuttle bus.



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## **CANCELLATIONS**

We would appreciate it greatly if you informed us well in advance that you will be unable to participate in the conference for any reason and you wish to cancel your participation, as this would save us many organisational problems. If the cancellation is made before **30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**, we can guarantee the refund of the whole conference fee.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Szczyrk!

## **The Organising Committee**

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