

SIG Meeting : Assessing Speaking

One of the core aims of the EALTA Speaking SIG is to share professional expertise in the testing and assessment of speaking. During our inaugural SIG meeting at EALTA 2014 in Warwick we agreed that we needed to better understand speaking assessment practices across Europe. As a result, during our well-attended second SIG meeting at EALTA 2015 in Copenhagen we prepared a questionnaire on how speaking is assessed in Europe and also what teachers and assessors would like to learn about speaking assessment. At our third SIG meeting in Valencia we would like to share the preliminary results from the questionnaire.

Additionally, inspired by the conference theme, “Assessment of what ...?”, and to build on our aim of sharing professional expertise in speaking assessment, we invite colleagues to present their test of speaking, describing the design of the test in light of challenges/constraints that they faced and the solutions that they have found. Each presentation will be 20 minutes (including 5 minutes for questions or comments from the audience). After all the presentations, we will hold a group discussion of the test design issues that have been raised.

If you would like to present during the SIG meeting, please prepare a 250-word proposal (title no longer than 15 words) and send it to ealtaspeakingsig@gmail.com by Friday, 22 January 2016. In order for SIG participants to meet the early-bird registration deadline, notification of acceptance will be sent by Sunday, 14 February 2016.

We look forward to seeing you and to having a lively discussion about the speaking construct.