



*Call for papers*  
*Annual Congress of the AFLS*

**« Les voix du français : usages et représentations »**  
**3-5 September 2008**

**Plenary speakers :**

Joëlle Gardes-Tamine (Université de Paris 4)  
Tony Lodge (University of St Andrews)  
Mortéza Mahmoudian (Université de Lausanne)  
Sophie Moirand (Université de Paris 3)  
Ambroise Quéffelec (Université de Provence)  
Alain Rey (Lexicographer, Paris)

**Topics :**

- Description of French (phonology, morphosyntax, lexis, sociolinguistics, pragmatics, stylistics and psycholinguistics)
- Regional and diachronic variation in French
- Non-hexagonal French, sociolects, dialects
- Didactics of French as a foreign and second language

This conference aims to bring together researchers with an interest in French in all of its forms and in all of its representations, both spoken and written. In particular, participants are invited to address social, phonological, grammatical, syntactic and lexical features of varieties of French, as well as dialogic and polyphonic dimensions of the language. Discussion will focus on any of these aspects of the language, not only in metropolitan French (dialects, regionalisms, social varieties) but also across the French-speaking world (European, North American, African varieties, creoles). Papers may adopt a synchronic or diachronic perspective.

Papers are also invited which analyse acquisitional and educational approaches to French as a Foreign Language - such as the stages of acquisition and the learner's language representations, learning and teaching strategies, formative and summative assessment, learning contexts.

**Submission of abstracts :**

**Paper proposals** (20 minutes with 10 minutes of discussion) should reach us **by 1 May 2008** as a one-page abstract, accompanied by the author's affiliation and complete address on a separate page. They should be sent electronically to Michaël Abecassis (who will forward abstracts to the scientific committee): [afls2008oxford@hotmail.fr](mailto:afls2008oxford@hotmail.fr)

The scientific committee will send its response **by 20 June 2008**. All practical information concerning the organisation will be published on the AFLS web site (address below).

### **Workshop for doctoral students:**

The morning of 3 September will be dedicated to the workshop for doctoral students. Students preparing a thesis are invited to present their research. This has traditionally been an excellent opportunity to meet other doctoral students and specialists in related fields of research, and to gain a new perspective of ongoing research in your field. You may be able to benefit from a grant from the AFLS to cover part of your travel expenses. The deadline for the submission of postgraduate paper proposals is 15 June 2008: these should be sent to ([blandine.guillot@anu.edu.au](mailto:blandine.guillot@anu.edu.au)). Full submission details can be found in the separate call for the doctoral workshop. Please see [www.afls.net](http://www.afls.net) for updates.

### **Practical information :**

The languages of the conference will be French and English.

**Organisers and co-organisers :** Michaël Abecassis (University of Oxford), Myriam Abouzaïd (Université Stendhal, Grenoble), Nigel Armstrong (University of Leeds), Laure Ayosso (University of Oxford), Gudrun Ledegen (Université de la Réunion), Caroline Rossi (Université Lyon 2)

**Conference venue:** Taylorian Institution, The University of Oxford

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