



Mercator European Research Centre on Multilingualism and Language Learning,
hosted by the Fryske Akademy,

is pleased to organize the

17th International Conference on Minority Languages (ICML XVII)

which will be held in WTC Expo, Ljouwert/Leeuwarden, The Netherlands, May 22-24, 2019.

Call for Papers

Minority Languages in a Globalized Society

Globalization has affected our world in countless ways. For example, it changed (and still changes) how people do business, communicate with each other and it impacts education and language learning. This is also the case for minority or minoritized languages. But while the world is increasingly globalizing, minority languages may face severe challenges to survive or withhold their position within a dynamic society.

The few dominant languages strongly influence smaller languages in language use and number of speakers, education and language learning, language policy and the development of language technologies for these under-resourced languages. Some languages are even threatened with extinction. According to the Endangered Language Project, 40% of the languages of the world will disappear due to globalization.

ICML XVII will address the challenges and opportunities of smaller languages such as minority languages in a globalized society. It aims to bring together scholars and students across the multidisciplinary field of minority languages. We welcome proposals focussing on minority languages and:

- digital technologies
- language use in social media
- new speakers
- migration
- methodologies in minority language research
- language policies and revitalization
- education and language learning
- language documentation and archiving.

Plenary speakers

We are proud to introduce our plenary speakers:

Dr. Bernat Joan i Marí

Associate Lecturer

Universitat de les Illes Balears, Catalunya/Spain

Dr. Lorna Carson

Associate Professor in Applied Linguistics

Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

Dr. Delyth Prys

Head of the Language Technology Unit

Bangor University, Wales/United Kingdom

Dr. Mandana Seyfeddinipur

Director Endangered Languages Documentation Programme

SOAS/University of London, United Kingdom

Proposals

Proposals regarding original, previously unpublished research on minority languages are invited in three formats: colloquia, individual papers, and posters. Proposals should relate to one (or more) of the conference themes listed above.

Proposals for Colloquia

Colloquia are collections of paper presentations which relate to a narrowly defined topic of interest and are offered in a three-hour time block. Proposals for colloquia are limited to 700 words and should

include brief summaries of each of the papers to be included, along with paper titles and individual authors' names. Sufficient detail should be provided to allow peer reviewers to judge the scientific merit of the proposal. A chair/discussant for the session must also be identified. The person submitting a proposal for a colloquium is responsible for securing the permission and co-operation of all participants before the proposal is submitted.

Proposals for individual papers or posters

Please submit an abstract (450-words including references) of your paper or poster, with your name, affiliation, address, phone and email address at the end of your abstract. The abstract should include enough detail to allow reviewers to judge the scientific merits of the proposal.

The official language of the conference is English. If a presentation is based on data in any other language, use of multilingual material (e.g. in Power Point slides, handouts) is recommended. Oral papers will be allotted 30 minutes, allowing 20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for questions.

The abstracts for **colloquia** should be submitted [HERE](http://bit.do/abstract-1) (<http://bit.do/abstract-1>)

The abstracts for **papers and posters** should be submitted [HERE](http://bit.do/abstract-2) (<http://bit.do/abstract-2>)

Important dates

Submission for proposals for colloquia: ~~1 October, 2018~~ **15 October 2018!**

Submission for individual papers or posters: ~~1 October, 2018~~ **15 October 2018!**

Notification of acceptance of colloquia: **15 November, 2018.**

Notification of acceptance of individual papers or posters: **15 November, 2018.**

Reviewing of the abstracts

All abstracts will be peer-reviewed anonymously by the members of the Scientific Committee of ICML XVII. They will be evaluated for their contribution to the field, quality of the content, thematic relevance and quality of the abstract (organization, clarity of expression).

We will accept for presentation by each author:

(a) a maximum of 1 first authored paper/poster, and (b) a maximum of 2 papers/posters in any authorship status.

Questions or remarks

Please visit the website <http://www.icml.eu> for regular updates on the ICML conference or find us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/icml2019) or on Twitter (@icml2019).

If you have any questions or remarks, please do not hesitate to contact the organizing committee:

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