

Call for proposals to host Annual Conference

The Association's Executive Committee always welcome offers from around Europe to host the annual EuroSLA conference, which, as our constitution states, aims to "promote within Europe and on a multidisciplinary basis" research into second language acquisition, use, and processing. We are currently looking at offers for 2021 onwards.

If you believe your institution would be well suited for hosting a future EuroSLA conference, please have an informal word with one of the Executive Committee, or drop the Secretary an email (currently Clare Wright, c.e.m.wright@leeds.ac.uk).

Before doing so, you should check expectations of best practice (documented in the *EUROSLA conference: Frequently Asked Questions* and *Proposal to host Template* on the EuroSLA website). As a first step, you should consider your offer in terms of:

Capacity, atmosphere and financial strength:

Capacity to host around 250-300 people from Wednesday to Saturday, and be an attractive genial environment for conference attendees to enjoy the local setting as well as the academic content. Financial capacity to manage budgets on a break-even basis, usually with local institution or regional research support, to ensure that conferences are accessible and affordable for everyone.

Academic quality:

Ability to attract good speakers for plenary speakers and the Language Learning Round Table, which can reflect local organising committee and institutional strengths, but which must also be appealing to EuroSLA's wide range of interests within the field of Second Language research.

Committee planning:

Evidence of a strong and engaged organising committee of sufficient size and cohesion to ensure smooth planning and running, with evidence of experience of hosting previous conferences of similar size.