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EuroSLA
ECR Webinar – EuroSLA Abstract submission
Summary

- Deadline: 5 December 2026
- Submission portal: https://softconf.com/p/eurosla36/

Mastering the art of the abstract – IMRaD

Introduction

- Situate study in larger research area / question of interest, accompanied by a statement of significance
- Identify research gap / unanswered question that the present study seeks to address
- Tips: keep introduction short; include only key references to previous work; make sure the question(s) you seek to address are clearly stated

Methodology

- Mention research participants (how many; languages; proficiency level; education level)
- Mention task(s)/intervention/design specifics
- Tips: provide as much detail as possible so reviewers have a clear picture of what you did in the study; many abstracts lack detail for this part

Results & Analysis

- Make only brief mention of analysis technique (e.g., ANOVA, inductive qualitative analysis), and only if this is important for your study
- List results in as much detail as possible
- Indicate the status of your analyses, for instance "results indicate that" (for fully analyzed data), "preliminary results show that" (when data collection is complete, but the analysis is not), "we hypothesize that" (when data that have not yet been analyzed)
- Tip: submitting abstracts for data that still need to be collected is generally not a good idea

Discussion / Implications

- Explain how your findings help answer the larger question(s) you sought to address
- Tip: try to be specific if you can, avoiding generic statements like "implications of the results and suggestions for future research will be discussed" whenever possible

EuroSLA reviewing criteria

- Rating 1–7 for each assessment criterion: http://www.eurosla.org/abstract-evaluation/
- Quality of content
  - Theoretical underpinning
  - Originality
  - Rigour
- Clarity of the abstract
- Contribution to the field
- Contribution to Open Science
- Overall impression

+ DW: Questions for the discussants
+ DW: State of completion and likelihood of instructive discussion

Doctoral abstracts

Fatal & Non-fatal flaws - Practical conclusions (Pattemore & Pattemore, 2024)

Do	**Don't**
- Be clear - Be specific - Justify your choices - Include discussion questions - Say why you think the topic is interesting from an SLA standpoint	- Promise too much - Use 'woolly' language - Write about things other than your study design - Focus on topics unrelated to second language - Half-arse your discussion questions - Worry about not having results