



news

- **The WG2+WG3 and Societal team meetings in Zagreb were a success**
- **Two ELN training schools in Coventry (UK) and Stavanger (Norway) scheduled for September and October**
- **New website section on public interest**
- **Country reports on Digital literacy and education just published online**

1st literacy summit

If you are a literacy practitioner, researcher or software developer, as well as a not-for-profit literacy organization, be sure to come to the 1st Literacy Summit and tell the world about your invaluable best practices, discoveries, apps, and actions. As you will experience in Porto (November 1-3, 2018), the relation between practice, science and technology can be truly multiplying.

Save these dates:

- September 11, 2017: 1st call for papers
- February 28, 2018: Submissions' deadline
- June 22, 2018: Early bird registration
- September 30, 2018: End of registration
- **November 1-3, 2018: 1st Literacy Summit**



wg2+wg3 workshop

ELN WG2 and WG3 met in Zagreb last March 30-31. The workshop coordinated and advanced WGs shared goals and activities. In addition to productive parallel meetings and several interesting talks from WGs members, there were two keynotes:

Move analysis for automated writing evaluation
Sarah Huffman

Training reading skills with computer programs encompassing bottom-up and top-down strategies
Tomas Tjus

Detailed program, photos, and talks [here](#)



societal team meeting

The ELN Societal Team met in Zagreb to advance the works on the Charter of the European Literacy Network. This meeting was followed by a public discussion involving all participants in the WG2+WG3 workshop during the closing session. To have a grasp of that discussion, see the slides presented by the Action's Chair [here](#).

As soon as a complete written draft of the Charter is achieved, it will be posted at the ELN website for a discussion within the network. Such discussion will be open until the Charter is approved in the last MC meeting of the Action, which will take place in Porto, in November 2018.

Please do join the ELN Charter discussion.

calendar

sep 4-6 ELN TS #4, Coventry
oct 16-18 ELN TS #5, Stavanger
oct 18 SG meeting #6, La Valetta
oct 18-20 WG1 meeting, La Valetta

nov 16-17 WG2 meeting, Lyon
tba WG3 meeting, Antwerp
feb 7-9 ELN Winterthur Conference
feb 7-9 SG #7 / MC #4 meetings, Winterthur

eln training school #4

Assessing literacy skills in a digital world

The 4th ELN TS will take place at Coventry University, in September 4-6, 2017. This TS is organized by Luís Pereira and Daniel Villar-Onrubia and it aims to explore new strategies and prototype models or tools that could help capture the level of fluency of students when using digital media in academic contexts. Specific topics are:

- Digital literacy landscapes
- Digital literacy and non-formal education
- Building digital capability for new digital leadership and pedagogy
- Skills for surviving in a digital world

public interest

A new section labelled [Public Interest](#) was recently added to our website. In this section you can find current ELN initiatives aimed to bridge the gap between literacy science and education, non-technical abstracts of projects spinning off from our network and ELN members' publications complying with COST criteria, as well as a [form](#) for literacy organisations worldwide to join us and to effectively strengthen literacy globally and especially wherever it is valuable.

Whether you are an organization, working group, initiative, network, library, or association engaged in the field of literacy and interested in joining efforts with us, fill in the form and become an ELN Partner. We will be in touch with you soon!

eln training school #5

Practical skills for writing process research in primary and secondary schools

The 5th ELN TS will take place at the Norwegian Reading Centre at the University of Stavanger (UiS), in October 16-18, 2017. This TS is coordinated by Christer Johansson, Per Henning Uppstad, Vibeke Rønneberg, and Mark Torrance.

Key topics will be:

- Computational Linguistics for complete beginners. Including an accessible introduction to natural language processing in R.
- Handwriting process analysis, basic theory and hands on practice at segmentation into psycholinguistically-meaningful units.
- Collecting and interpreting keystroke data from students writing by keyboard.
- Introduction to data manipulation and statistical analysis using linear mixed models in R.

Task-design clinic

During the TS, participants will develop their own research plans in teams, and then present these plans for expert scrutiny and discussion.

digital literacy

Digital literacy and education: Country reports

ELN's Digital Literacy Team has been gathering information about digital literacy and education across European countries. In here you can find the first batch of reports from Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Serbia, Spain, and United Kingdom.

Consistently across countries, each report includes three sections, namely, Background, Scope, and Future. This structure relates to current H2020 directives and is well aligned with the societal goals of the European Literacy Network. This set of cross-cultural reports aims to increase public awareness on the central role that digital literacy can play in Europe's development, specifically by focusing on identifying educational practices that boost digital literacy and build inclusive societies.

The Digital Literacy Team is now aiming to increase the number of represented countries.

Contact Maria José Brites for more info, including how to join this project

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