

We are very pleased to announce the third **EALTA Summer School**, which will take place this year at the **UNIVERSITÀ PER STRANIERI DI SIENA (ITALY)** from **JULY 28 (13:00) TO AUGUST 1 (12.30)**

The theme of the 2014 EALTA Summer School will be **TESTING AND ASSESSMENT FOR LEARNING LANGUAGES**. The aim is to address theoretical and practical underpinnings of classroom-based language assessment, an area of obvious importance, however often not given enough attention in teacher education.

The course will address the following topic areas:

- Introduction to Educational Assessment and Language Testing and Assessment
- Developing and using different forms of language assessment in classrooms
- Assessment of language competences (skills)
- Assessment of language elements (grammar & vocabulary)
- Large scale assessment for learning
- The function of feedback
- Self- and peer-assessment

The course aims to address graduate students, language teachers and teacher educators, researchers, test writers, exam designers and policy makers, administrators and school program planners who are responsible for language assessment.

There will be a mixture of lectures, seminars and practical work, and participants will therefore be asked to bring their own laptops. The course does not require long experience or specialized knowledge in Language Testing and Assessment. A short questionnaire will be included in the application form to make it possible to adapt the detailed planning of the course to the needs of the participants.

We are very pleased that PROFESSORS ILDIKO CSEPES, GUDRUN ERICKSON, JAMES PURPURA and DINA TSAGARI have generously accepted to be tutors in the 2014 Summer School.

Following EALTA policy, and thanks to the generous contribution of the tutors and the Università per Stranieri di Siena, the PARTICIPATION FEE FOR THE SUMMER SCHOOL has been kept at 150 EUROS. This will cover tuition and materials, as well as the reception on Monday evening.

Accommodation and travel costs will be covered by the participants, as will the dinner which is planned for Wednesday evening, 30th July.

The DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS is 28TH APRIL 2014. The number of participants will be limited to 30. If the number of applicants exceeds 30, the final selection will be made on the basis of the profiles of the applicants and the date of application.

The applicants will be informed about the outcome of the selection by MAY 16TH 2014. The fee will have to be paid in full before JUNE 10TH 2014. Information about method of payment will be given together with the acceptance message.

The programme and the application form are available at the EALTA website: <http://www.ealta.eu.org/events.htm>