

## ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

# 7th International Summerschool on Literacy Research

**Saturday, August 22 – Thursday, August 27, 2015**

Conveners: Ludo Verhoeven & Eliane Segers

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### Objective

After successful previous meetings, this seventh one-week meeting in 2015 will again bring together researchers in the field of literacy (focus on reading, spelling) in order to exchange and expand knowledge of research in the field. The intention is to give young researchers a chance to meet several leading senior researchers and to extensively discuss the participants' research projects. Topics may include but are not limited to: basic cognitive representations and processes in text comprehension, reading acquisition, skilled reading, spelling, writing, individual differences, neural processes, genetic factors, connections between spoken and written language, and reading difficulties. Participants are required to present their research (in progress) during the summer school. Proceedings from previous schools have been published in books (*Problems and Interventions in Literacy Development*, Kluwer, 1998; *Precursors of Functional Literacy*, Benjamins, 2002) and journal issues (*Written Language & Literacy*, 2005; *Reading & Writing*, 2011; *International Journal of Disability, Development & Education*, 2014). Since it is again our intention to have selected papers published in a special issue of an international journal, participants are invited to submit a paper suitable for publication immediately after the meeting (optional).

### Participants

The summer school is limited to a maximum of 40 participants. Advanced PhD students and recent postdocs from all over the world are invited to apply for participation. In addition to the conveners, other senior researchers are: Kate Cain (Lancaster University), Peter de Jong (University of Amsterdam), Kate Nation (University of Oxford), Charles Perfetti (University of Pittsburgh), Kenneth Pugh (Haskins Laboratories), and Linda Siegel (University of British Columbia).

### Location and costs

The summer school will be located at a nice 4-star beach resort hotel in Egmond aan Zee, a fishermen village not far from Amsterdam. The costs for full boarding (2pp per room) are €675 for the entire school period, including transport Amsterdam to / from the meeting site.

### Application

Advanced graduate students and postdocs are invited to apply for participation by sending a proposal for a presentation of their recent or ongoing research no later than February 15 2015. Proposals will be reviewed before April 15. Students should locally apply for funding. Each proposal (2 pages at maximum altogether) should include: (a) Name, institution, address, telephone, and e-mail address, the name and e-mail address of the supervisor, and also guarantee of funding. (b) A summary of your research to be presented: this summary should include background, theoretical framework, questions, rationale, method, results, conclusions and implications.

### Key dates

February 15:	Deadline for application
April 15:	Notification of acceptance
August 22:	Opening of Summer School
August 27:	Closing of Summer School
October 1:	Submission of papers for publication (optional)

### Mailing address

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