

BAAL Report for CLIE Meeting, 9th June 2004

Modern Foreign Languages; English L1

BAAL, supported by Cambridge University Press, is holding a seminar on Vocabulary knowledge and use: measurements and applications on 8-9 January ~~2004~~ at the University of the West of England, Bristol. The seminar aims at bringing together researchers from different strands within Applied Linguistics, with a view to exchange ideas about the best ways to measure vocabulary knowledge and use and to evaluate how these measures can be applied in different contexts. These contexts will include research in L1 and L2 acquisition, early language impairment, aphasia, Alzheimer's disease, etc. The organisers intend to create a link with the teaching profession in primary and secondary education, in particular in relation to the teaching of English and modern foreign languages, where knowledge and use of vocabulary are a key issue. Thus, part of the seminar will focus on an exchange of views between researchers and teachers, to facilitate communication in both directions.

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English L1; Community languages

BAAL, supported by Cambridge University Press, is holding a seminar on Language and identity on 5-6 July 2004 at the University of Reading. The seminar aims to promote cross-disciplinary communication by comparing research on language and identity in different strands of applied linguistics, including mother tongue education. Presenters and discussants will be encouraged to focus on practical outcomes, for example, the educational achievement of minority children or heritage/community language maintenance.

Community languages

BAAL, supported by Cambridge University Press, is holding a seminar on Researching community languages: educational and social perspectives on 21-22 June at the University of Stirling.