

## FIRST CALL

### 4th International Conference of the Slovene Association of LSP Teachers



**Terme Čatež Thermal Resort, Slovenia**

**14 –16 May 2026**

## Languages for Specific Purposes in a Changing World

**The Slovene Association of LSP Teachers (SDUTSJ)** is happy to announce its **fourth international conference** dedicated to languages for specific purposes, which will be held **from 14 to 16 May, 2026** in **Terme Čatež thermal resort** (Čatež ob Savi, Slovenia). We cordially invite you to submit your contributions.

The Slovene Association of LSP Teachers plays an important role in the development of teaching and research in languages for specific purposes in Slovenia. The past three highly acclaimed conferences (in 2017, 2020, and 2023) successfully brought together researchers and teachers of languages for specific purposes from around the world. Since one of the conference's goals is to strengthen collaboration with existing partners and establish new connections within the broader international LSP research and teaching community, the 2026 conference will also feature **AELFE** (the European Association of Languages for Specific Purposes) as an **honoured guest association**. With approximately 200 members from both European and non-European universities, AELFE's aim is to advance diverse approaches to LSP and specialized communication while promoting current knowledge across academic and professional settings.

Through the presentation of research, and the sharing of knowledge, experience and examples of good practice in the field of LSP, the 4th international SDUTSJ conference offers a unique platform for a vibrant and productive exchange of perspectives among LSP scholars across Europe and beyond. At the same time, it presents an opportunity to reconnect with familiar faces and also to establish new international professional and research partnerships and collaboration in the field of foreign languages for specific purposes.

The selected papers based on the contributions presented at the conference will be published in SDUTSJ's online journal **Scripta Manent** (indexed in MLA, ERIH, DOAJ LLBA, in ANVUR) or in the conference proceedings in the **Inter Alia** series.

## Languages for Specific Purposes in a Changing World

### Conference topics

Submissions are welcome in the following areas of LSP:

- ❖ LSP genre-based research
- ❖ LSP multimodal texts
- ❖ LSP lexicology and lexicography
- ❖ LSP translation studies
- ❖ LSP intercultural studies
- ❖ LSP language policy
- ❖ LSP teaching/learning
- ❖ LSP curriculum and syllabus design
- ❖ LSP teaching and learning materials design
- ❖ LSP language teaching methodology
- ❖ LSP assessment and evaluation
- ❖ LSP teacher roles and education
- ❖ LSP information-communication technologies

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## Keynote speakers

### Marina Bondi

Marina Bondi is Professor of English Linguistics at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, where she has been Dean of Faculty, Head of Department and Coordinator of the PhD programme. Founding Director of the *CLAVIER* centre (*Corpus and Language Variation In English Research*), she has published extensively in the field of genre analysis, EAP and corpus linguistics, with a focus on language variation across genres, disciplines and cultures. Her publications have appeared in international journals such as *Pragmatics*, *IJBC*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Written Communication*, *IEEE Transactions in Professional Communication*, *Discourse Context & Media*, *Lingua* etc. She is Associate-Editor of *ESP journal*. Her recent interests centre on two main strands: vagueness in corporate disclosure practices and the impact of digital media on knowledge dissemination discourse and its analysis.



### Begoña Bellés Fortuño

Begoña Bellés Fortuño is a senior lecturer in the Department of English Studies at Universitat Jaume I (Castellón, Spain), where she lectures English Studies degree students as well as in the degree of Medicine, and supervises MA projects in the Secondary Education, Vocational Training and Language Teaching master's degree. Currently, she is the head of the Doctoral programme on Languages, Literature and Translation Studies at Universitat Jaume I. She is also a member, former director, and current academic secretary of the Interuniversity Institute of Modern Applied Languages (IULMA) at UJI, a research institute that serves as a bridge between language in the different specialised domains and society. Some of her publications include the article *Multimodality in medicine: How university medical students approach informative leaflets*, *SYSTEM* Vol. 77 (2018), *Evaluative language in medical discourse: A contrastive study between English and Spanish university lectures*, *LANGUAGES IN CONTRAST* 18(2) (2018), the chapter *Popular Science Articles vs Scientific Articles: A Tool for Medical Education* in Ordoñez-Lopez, P. & Edo-Marzá, N. (2016) *Medical Discourse in Professional, Academic and Popular Settings*, *Multilingual Matters* or the article *Accommodating the Syllabus to Visually Impaired Students in the English Language Classroom: Challenges and Concerns*, *International Journal of English Studies*, 21 (1) (2021).



## Andreea Nechifor



Dr. Andreea Nechifor is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Letters, Transilvania University of Braşov, Romania, specializing in Applied Linguistics. Her research and teaching focus on discourse analysis, pragmatics, ESP, digital language pedagogy, and AI- assisted language learning. She has coordinated and contributed to multiple national and international projects, including Erasmus+, focusing on gamification, neurodidactics, and AI integration in language education (e.g., ELITE-AI, TeachME, GIRO, LanGuide). Dr. Nechifor has published extensively in journals indexed in Erih+, Scopus and Web of Science, with recent work exploring AI-based tools in ESP, digital literacy in multilingual contexts, and the role of culture in language acquisition. She serves as a certified evaluator for The Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education and is actively involved in teacher training, curriculum development, and international academic cooperation. A frequent presenter at international conferences, she is also engaged in supervising academic research, having managed distance learning platforms, and issuing language proficiency certifications. Her current work explores the ethical and pedagogical dimensions of generative AI in language learning.

## Sven Tarp



Sven Tarp is a Sworn Translator and Interpreter, Professor of Spanish at Aarhus University (Denmark). He is also Honorary Professor at Rovira i Virgili University (Spain), Extraordinary Professor at Stellenbosch University (South Africa) and Chair Professor at Huazhong Agricultural University (Wuhan, China). With a Ph.D. in Specialised Lexicography (1993) and a Senior Doctorate (Dr.ling.merc.) in Learner's Lexicography (2006), he is one of the founders of the Function Theory of Lexicography and has published numerous articles in journals and monographs. He has edited, authored or co-authored 17 dictionaries and several books on lexicography, including *Manual of Specialised Lexicography* (Benjamins 1995), *Lexicography in the Borderland Between Knowledge and Non-knowledge* (Niemeyer 2008) and *Theory and Practice of Specialised Online Dictionaries* (De Gruyter 2014). His most recent book is *Introducción a la Lexicografía en Español: Funciones y Aplicaciones* (Routledge 2024), written together with Dr. Antoni Nomdedeu Rull. He is currently conducting research in Artificial Intelligence and collaborating with the Danish company Ordbogen A/S on developing an AI-based writing assistant for foreign learners of Spanish. In this context, he is researching the new and changing relationship between the human and the artificial lexicographer.



**Conference email:** [sdutsj.conference.2026@gmail.com](mailto:sdutsj.conference.2026@gmail.com)

**Conference website:** <http://sdutsjkonferenca.splet.arnes.si>

## Abstract submission

Abstracts should be submitted via: <https://easyabs.linguistlist.org/login/?next=/submit/SDUTSJ2026/>

Each participant may submit one abstract in authorship and a second one in co-authorship.

Abstract length: 150–200 words. Key words: minimum 5.

Do not cite any references, figures or tables in the abstract.

Due to blind peer review, do not add your name(s) or affiliation(s) in the abstract attachment.

## Submission languages and language policy

It is recommended that abstracts are written in the language that the paper will focus on: English, German, Spanish, Italian, French or Slovene. The working languages of the conference are English, German, Spanish, Italian, French and Slovene. No interpreting services will be provided.

## Abstract selection criteria

All abstracts will undergo a double-blind peer review, which will be based on: the originality of the topic and its relevance to the conference, the relationship between the title and the content, structural organisation, theoretical or contextual relevance, and clarity. All abstracts must be proofread.

## Presentation policy

SDUTSJ firmly believes that conferences are an opportunity for professional exchange, constructive feedback, in-depth discussion, and connecting with colleagues who share similar interests. As a space for meaningful dialogue, each 15-minute presentation will be followed by a 5-minute discussion; therefore, papers should only be presented by the (co)authors themselves (non-author substitute presenters will not be allowed to present the papers). If possible, conference participants who will deliver their presentations in languages other than English are kindly asked to prepare handouts in English for the audience.

## Key dates for submissions and registration

❖ abstract submissions open:	1 October 2025
❖ abstract submissions deadline:	5 December 2025
❖ notification about abstract acceptance:	19 January 2026
❖ early registration:	20 January–19 February 2026
❖ standard registration:	20 February–19 March 2026
❖ late registration (for non-presenting attendees only):	20 March–19 April 2026
❖ publication of the draft conference programme:	16 April 2026
❖ submission of papers:	5 October 2026

***Registration is possible until all places are filled.***



## Publication of papers

Selected papers will be published in:

- ❖ ***Scripta Manent***, the peer-reviewed journal of the Slovene Association of LSP Teachers. The journal is indexed in MLA, ERIH, DOAJ LLBA, and ANVUR;
- ❖ ***Inter Alia***, the series of peer-reviewed conference proceedings published by SDUTSJ.

## Conference fee and payment

The conference fee includes conference materials, the book of abstracts, refreshments, and a certificate of attendance.

❖ <i>Early bird registration</i> (20 January–19 February 2026)	EUR 120
❖ <i>Standard registration</i> (20 February–19 March 2026)	EUR 140
❖ <i>Late registration</i> (20 March–19 April 2026)	EUR 160

The transaction is non-taxable as defined by Article 187 of Directive 2016/112/EC.

Payment of the conference fee must be made directly to the SDUTSJ account, in due time. Let us know by email at [sdutsj.conference.2026@gmail.com](mailto:sdutsj.conference.2026@gmail.com) if you need a pro forma invoice. It is not possible to pay the fee by cash on arrival.

Payments can be made by bank (wire) transfer. Please use the following data:

### Account holder

Name: SDUTSJ, The Slovene Association of LSP Teachers  
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In the box "namen plačila" or "purpose of payment" please write "lsp-surname-2026" (e.g. "lsp-Smith-2026").

All bank charges must be covered by the payer.

Confirmation of registration will be issued upon receipt of payment.

## Cancellation policy

A 50% refund can be granted if notification of cancellation is submitted before 13 April 2026. No refund is possible for requests submitted after this date. Refund requests will be processed after the conference and can be sent to: [sdutsj.conference.2026@gmail.com](mailto:sdutsj.conference.2026@gmail.com).

## Venue

The conference will be held at Terme Čatež Conference and Thermal Resort (<https://terme-catez.si/>). Please arrange your accommodation directly with the hotel (contact person: Ms Larisa Vogrinc at [larisa.vogrinc@terme-catez.si](mailto:larisa.vogrinc@terme-catez.si)). Upon booking, state that you are participants of the SDUTSJ conference so that conference rates can be applied (front desk telephone: +386/ (0)7 62 07 020).

The following rates\* have been arranged for conference participants:

Hotel Terme ****	Bed and breakfast (per person per night)	Half board (per person per night)
Double room	EUR 65.00	EUR 75.00
Double room (single use)	EUR 90.00	EUR 100.00
Additional charges	Lunch (self-service / per person) EUR 20.00	Dinner (self-service / per person) EUR 23.00
Compulsory charges	Tourist tax EUR 2.50 (per person per night)	Registration fee EUR 1.50 (per person)

\*The price includes unlimited entrance into the indoor and the outdoor Hotel Terme pool, two daily visits to the Thermal Riviera, a bathrobe, entrance into the Grand Spa Terme (hotel saunas), parking in front of the hotel, Wi-Fi access.

**We will be hosting the conference dinner, with further details to follow.**

## How to reach Terme Čatež?

Terme Čatež Thermal Resort is accessible by:

- train to Brežice (<http://www.slo-zeleznice.si/sl>), then with a local bus or taxi to Terme Čatež;
- bus (approx. 1.5 hours from Ljubljana to Brežice, then with a local bus or taxi to Terme Čatež);
- car (approx. 1.5 hours from Ljubljana, approx. 2 hours from Maribor);
- by door-to-door shuttle service (e.g. GoOpti <https://www.goopti.com/en/>).

The closest international airports are Zagreb, Ljubljana, Graz, Venice, Trieste.

**Please feel free to circulate this call  
to any colleagues or contacts you think may be interested.**