

#### City & region

Maastricht is of course renowned for the Maastricht Treaty of 1992. It is also widely known as a old Medieval city with Roman roots, located in the south-eastern part of the Netherlands in the immediate vicinity of Germany and both the Flemish and French speaking regions of Belgium.

#### University

*Maastricht University*, a research university, is much younger, dating from the 1970's. Since then, the university has become well known, especially for its two main profiles: Problem-based learning and International programmes.

#### Conference venue

The conference will be held in the university premises, located just a few minutes' walk from the old centre of the city where you have opportunities for sightseeing and shopping.

#### Accommodation

Maastricht, widely known as a city for conferences and other events as The European Fine Art Fair, is well provided with a good choice of hotels for all budgets.

#### Fine art of living

In the Netherlands, Maastricht is seen as a city with a high quality of life. The excellent choice of restaurants contributes a lot to this reputation.

#### How to get to Maastricht

Maastricht lies midway between three main European airports (Amsterdam/Schiphol; Brussels/Zaventem, and Düsseldorf), and is also served by its own Maastricht-Aachen International Airport. In addition, the city has excellent road and rail connections.

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## Integrating Content and Language in Higher Education

**Maastricht, 11 April - 13 April, 2013**

Conference Maastricht University, Netherlands



Maastricht University, the Netherlands, is pleased to host the third conference in Europe that specifically addresses issues affecting the interface between content and language in higher education: “**Integrating content and language in higher education**” (ICLHE 2013).

In the decade after the implementation of the Bologna Declaration in Europe, with its impacts across the world, the higher education landscape has changed radically, even if we do not always notice it. Universities are increasingly competing for students and staff. They are acutely aware of their relative rankings, and they are critically concerned about the delivery of quality education.

In this landscape universities have been offering many programmes at bachelor’s and master’s level in other languages, especially but not only in English. How successful are these programmes? How do students access the content knowledge? How does their language knowledge evolve? How are the staff affected? And the universities as a whole? What has research taught us? These are some of the questions that ICLHE 2013 is designed to address.

ICLHE 2013, organized by ExHEM and Maastricht University Language Centre, thus focuses on the integration of disciplinary content learning and language learning affecting universities and other institutes of higher education worldwide. In particular, following on from the previous ICLHE Conferences in 2003 and 2006, it highlights research into issues affecting higher education learning through a foreign language.

## Conference themes

ICLHE 2013 addresses key themes such as:

1. **policy:** how local, regional, national and supra-national policies shape the design and implementation of the integration of content and language in higher education
2. **linguistic strains:** the impact of the rise of English-medium instruction on the role of other languages and cultures in the higher education landscape
3. **content:** ICL and the access to content knowledge
4. **language:** the evolution of language competencies in ICLHE programmes
5. **theory:** theoretical frameworks for underpinning the integration of content and language

While priority is given to research-based contributions on these themes, other contributions are also welcome.

Keynote speakers: see the conference site: <http://conference.iclhe.org>

## Call for contributed papers

We invite proposals on the themes of the conference from academic teaching staff and researchers, educationalists, methodologists and ICT specialists, as well as policy and strategic planners, and others with experience and interest in higher education mediated through a second/foreign language. Proposals may take the form of conference papers, posters, workshops or colloquia. See website for further details and proposal form.

The deadline for proposals is extended to **November 1, 2012**.



The official language of the conference is English. Proposals (and contributions) are welcome in other languages (German, French, Spanish, Italian).

Pre-conference workshops will be scheduled on Wednesday 10 April 2013.

## ICLHE Association

The conference will also see the formal inauguration of the ICLHE Association, with its founding General Assembly and voting for the officers of the Association.

## Who should attend

The conference is aimed at educators and others in higher education who are interested or engaged in the design, delivery and evaluation of academic programmes given wholly or partly through the medium of a second language.

- Academic staff responsible for education through or in a second language (discipline specialists, language specialists)
- Educationalists concerned with learning through the medium of an additional language
- Methodologists and ICT specialists concerned with the integration of content and language learning
- Directors and policy administrators in strategic development and internationalization.

### Local Organizing Committee at Maastricht University

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### Scientific Committee

To be announced on the website