Seminars, events in University of Reading

- Erasmus+ staff mobility exchange with Umeå University, Sweden (Professor Janet Enever, EU Early Language Learning “ELLiE” Project; Tavakoli and Furneaux visiting Sweden later in year)
- Applied Linguistics Circle – two talks, May 2014, including Professor Enever
- Visiting Scholar in DELAL, Jan – July 2014, Vanessa Zhang Xicha awarded Scholarship from Department of Education of Zhejiang Province, China, for project “Using Online Automated Writing Evaluation in English Writing Teaching”, in collaboration with DELAL
- Invited talk at BEL (Brain Embodiment Lab), Reading (Jaworska)
- L1 & L2 Skills and Processing Group (Applied Linguistics Research Group) - termly meeting, June 2014
- BilingualismMatters@Reading: weekly consultations ongoing; talks at two local schools and toddler groups; local fair (8 June); refresher training courses for staff and students to become consultants

Events outside UoR

- BAAL SIG Language teaching and learning, Leeds (Wright, Tavakoli)
- S-SLARF (SLA Research Forum) Colloquium, St. Mary’s University College, London (Tavakoli)
- HEA national workshop on MOOCs, UCLAN; ISCLD International Symposium 3 on Chinese language and discourse, Birkbeck; ICWM 5-yearly International Conference on working memory, Cambridge (Wright)
- EuroSLA colloquium on oral fluency, York (Tavakoli and Wright)
- ICAME conference on Corpus Linguistics, Context and Culture; German in the World, SOAS, University of London; University of Budapest (Hungary), CADAAD (Critical Approaches to Discourse Analysis Across Disciplines); Annual conference of the Southern African Applied Linguistics Association (SAALA) at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg (Jaworkska)
- Invited participant in Kochi University International Culture and Learning programme (Furneaux)
- Final Workshop / ANR-DFG project Langacross II. Linguistic diversity and cognition: implications for first and second language acquisition (Laws, with IoE, presentation by Laws, Lille).
- Visiting Lecturer, Rhodes University, 16/06 – 02/07/14, funded by the National Research Fund of South Africa (Jaworska)
Research collaborations/applications

- TLDF award for MOOC evaluation mini-study on Reading FutureLearn MOOC course on Academic Writing (Wright/Furneaux, with ISLI), £2500
- CeLM Pump-priming grant for Working Memory in bilinguals (Wright, with IoE & PCLS), £1000
- TLDF award for implementing TEL for Distance Learning (Furneaux), £2500
- ESRC large grant on L2 literacy and acquisition in low-literate immigrant adults (Wright, Co-I with Newcastle University)
- British Academy/Leverhulme Small Grant on Multilingualism in Reading (Themistocleous, Jaworska and La Morgia).
- Appointment of Dr Louise Courtney as part-time RA working on fluency research projects with Wright (July-December 2014)

Recent/forthcoming publications


Hasrati, M. and Tavakoli, P. (under review). The impact of globalization on MA TESOL courses in the UK.


