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The 14th Conference on Linguistic and Intercultural Education – CLIE-2025

Alba Iulia, 27-29 June 2025

Special theme: Digital Education and Skills: Integrating Research, Learning, Teaching, and Communication

Dear colleagues,

We are honoured to invite you to the fourteenth edition of the **Conference on Linguistic and Intercultural Education – CLIE-2025, Alba Iulia, 27-29 June 2025.**

CLIE – 2025 continues the successful series of international conferences and workshops organised by dedicated linguists and educators since 2008:

1. **The 1st International Conference on Linguistic and Intercultural Education (CLIE-2008), 27-29 November 2008**

Venue and host institution: **University of Alba Iulia, Romania**

Special Theme: ***Multilingualism and plurilingualism, migrants' languages, minority languages***

2. **The Exploratory Workshop (CLIE-2009): Linguistic and Intercultural Education in the Process of Europeanisation of Higher Education, 21-23 May 2009**
Venue and host institution: **University of Alba Iulia, Romania**
3. **The 2nd International Conference on Linguistic and Intercultural Education (CLIE-2010), 10-12 June 2010**
Venue: **Hotel Plaža, Herceg Novi, Montenegro**
Host institution: **Institute of Foreign Languages, University of Montenegro**
Special Theme: ***Linguistic and cultural diversity within European learning communities: cross-cultural and trans-national perspectives***
4. **The 4th ENIEDA Conference on Linguistic and Intercultural Education, 29 September - 1 October 2011**
Venue: **Hotel Srbija, Vršac, Serbia**
Host institution: **Teacher Training College, Vršac, Serbia**
Special Theme: ***Negotiating and constructing European identities across languages and cultures***
5. **The Exploratory Workshop (CLIE-2015): Linguistic and Intercultural Education in the Process of Internationalisation of Higher Education, 26-28 March 2015**
Venue and host institution: **University of Alba Iulia, Romania**
Special Theme: ***Including an 'intercultural dimension' in the internationalisation of teaching, learning and research***
6. **The 6th edition of the Conference on Linguistic and Intercultural Education – CLIE-2016, Alba Iulia, 20 - 22 April, 2016**
Venue and host institution: **University of Alba Iulia, Romania**
Special Theme: ***Intercultural education for Europe to address the migrant issue***
7. **The 7th edition of the Conference on Linguistic and Intercultural Education – CLIE-2017, Alba Iulia, 16 - 18 June, 2017**
Venue and host institution: **University of Alba Iulia, Romania**
Special Theme: ***Linguistic creativity in intercultural pragmatics***
8. **The 8th edition of the Conference on Linguistic and Intercultural Education – CLIE-2018, Alba Iulia, 5 - 7 July, 2018**
Venue and host institution: **University of Alba Iulia, Romania**
Special Theme: ***In Varietate Concordia – A Hundred Years of Romania***
9. **The 9th edition of the Conference on Linguistic and Intercultural Education – CLIE-2019, Alba Iulia, 4 - 6 July, 2019**
Venue and host institution: **University of Alba Iulia, Romania**
Special Theme: ***Fostering linguistic diversity to preserve cultural heritage***
10. **The 10th edition of the Conference on Linguistic and Intercultural Education – CLIE-2020, Alba Iulia, 16 - 17 October, 2020 (online format)**
Special Theme: ***Metaphors in the time of Coronavirus***
11. **The 11th edition of the Conference on Linguistic and Intercultural Education – CLIE-2021, Alba Iulia, 17 – 18 December, 2021 (online format)**
Special Theme: ***Challenges of on-line pedagogy and research in linguistic and intercultural education***
12. **The 12th edition of the Conference on Linguistic and Intercultural Education – CLIE-2023, Alba Iulia, 30 June – 2 July, 2023**
Venue and host institution: **University of Alba Iulia, Romania**
Special Theme: ***From political correctness to cancel culture: Linguistic reflections***
13. **The 13th edition of the Conference on Linguistic and Intercultural Education – CLIE-2024, Alba Iulia, 28 - 30 June, 2024**
Special Theme: ***Language and Artificial Intelligence. Perspectives and Challenges on Research, Learning, Teaching, Translation, and Communication***
Venue and host institution: **University of Alba Iulia, Romania**

We warmly invite you to give presentations in the Conference on Linguistic and Intercultural Education – CLIE-2025 and engage in the open forum which will address the challenges faced by the globalising culture and education nowadays.

Please send us your proposals via email at clie@uab.ro (name and affiliation, title, 500-word abstract, 5 key words, 5-10 references – APA style of referencing and a bionote) by

15th of June 2025. Your abstract should include the **problem statement** and **research objectives, research methods and instruments, key results** and **conclusion, minimal references**. Please include all of the above in the Registration form in .doc format.

Letters of acceptance will be sent by **17th of June 2025**.

Please send your full contributions (5000 words) to be considered for post-conference publication by **31st of October 2025**.

A **selection** of (extended) papers (**5000-9000 words**) will be published in the *Journal of Linguistic and Intercultural Education - JoLIE 2026*, which is indexed by Scopus, ERIH Plus, EBSCO, ProQuest, MLA Directory of Periodicals, Cabell's Directories, Ulrichs Web, The Linguist List. (Please see <http://jolie.uab.ro/>)

Additionally, a peer-reviewed selection of conference papers will be published in a monographic collection produced by a reputable international publisher.

Further details will follow in due time.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Conference on Linguistic and Intercultural Education – *CLIE-2025*:

Alba Iulia, 27-29 June 2025

Conference aims and scope:

Affiliated with *I Decembrie 1918* University of Alba Iulia, Romania, situated in Central Europe, at the crossroads between Romance, Slavic, German and Hungarian cultures and languages, the **CIEL Centre** has been long activating in the field of language education, intercultural awareness-raising and active citizenship promotion. Its members, academics, practitioners and researchers alike, understand linguistic and intercultural education as paramount to constructing a global citizenship of culturally competent and aware individuals who display cultural insights and a sense of belonging to the humanity at large.

Digital education and skills have rapidly emerged as critical components of modern life, reshaping how individuals learn, teach, and interact in educational and professional environments. While the digital landscape offers unparalleled opportunities for accessibility and innovation, it also introduces complex challenges that redefine traditional approaches to education and skill development.

Integrating digital tools into learning environments has transformed educational practices, enabling personalized learning experiences, fostering collaboration across borders, and equipping learners with skills for the digital economy. However, this shift comes with its own set of challenges. On the one hand, digital platforms streamline administrative tasks and provide instant access to knowledge, enhancing efficiency and inclusivity. On the other hand, they can inadvertently diminish critical thinking and problem-solving skills if learners become overly reliant on pre-designed algorithms or static information resources.

These challenges are particularly pronounced in fields such as language, translation studies and pedagogical studies, where the formation of future teachers, language specialists, translators, interpreters, and researchers is at stake. In these areas, digital education must balance leveraging technological advancements and fostering critical human skills. For example, while translation tools and language learning applications provide learners with powerful resources, they can also risk oversimplifying complex cognitive processes like creative problem-solving, cultural sensitivity, and nuanced language understanding. Similarly, the preparation of future educators and researchers requires digital proficiency and the ability to adapt and apply traditional pedagogical and linguistic theories in a rapidly evolving technological landscape. The overreliance on digital solutions risks undermining the development of reflective practices, collaborative skills, and a deep understanding of language systems, all essential for these professions.

One of the more significant impacts of digital education is the redefinition of teacher and learner roles. Though digital tools empower educators with innovative teaching methods and offer learners diverse resources, reliance on technology can dilute the interpersonal aspects of education. The absence of face-to-face interaction often challenges developing soft skills, such as communication, teamwork, and emotional intelligence, essential in navigating complex social and professional contexts.

Similarly, expanding digital skills training raises questions about equity and accessibility. While digital literacy is increasingly recognized as a foundational skill, disparities in access to technology and the Internet remain significant barriers, particularly in underserved

regions. This digital divide creates an uneven playing field, leaving many without the opportunity to participate fully in the evolving digital economy.

Ethical concerns also arise as digital tools and platforms collect vast amounts of data. Questions about privacy, consent, and the ethical use of data become more pressing as digital education platforms expand. How can these systems ensure inclusivity and fairness while respecting individual privacy and cultural diversity? Furthermore, as artificial intelligence increasingly supports digital education, concerns about algorithmic bias and its impact on learners' experiences must be carefully addressed.

As digital education evolves, the field faces pressing questions about the balance between human and technological elements. To what extent should digital tools augment traditional teaching methods? How can educators and institutions ensure that digital skills training supports lifelong learning while maintaining education's creative and interpersonal aspects? The aforementioned questions highlight the need for a nuanced, interdisciplinary approach to research and innovation in digital education, ensuring that its development genuinely enhances learning and skill-building equitably and sustainably.

CLIE-2025 invites everyone interested in language studies, translation studies, language acquisition and teaching, and intercultural communication to share their expertise and contribute to the ongoing global conversation on integrating and expanding digital education and skills within the following areas of research.

Conference topics:

- Foreign/Second Language Teaching and Teacher Education;
- Intercultural pragmatics and Cultural linguistics;
- Discourse Analysis, Rhetoric and Pragmatics;
- Semantics and Stylistics;
- Corpus and Computational linguistics;
- Second Language Acquisition;
- Sociolinguistics;
- Contrastive Linguistics;
- Translating, Interpreting and Mediation;
- Intercultural Business Communication.

Conference venue:

University of Alba Iulia, Romania (on-site)

Early bird registration fee - 80 Euro (400 lei), payable by 15 June, 2025.

Early bird registration fee - Ph.D. Students – 40 Euro (200 lei), payable by 15 June, 2025.

Standard registration fee - 90 Euro (450 lei), payable by 20 June, 2025.

Standard registration fee - Ph.D. Students – 45 Euro (225 lei), payable by 20 June, 2025.

Further instructions will follow in June, 2025.

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REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

Registration is effected through email at clie@uab.ro. Please fill in the Registration form in .doc format (including abstract, key words, minimal bibliography, and a bionote), and send it via email at clie@uab.ro. The recommended abstract structure should contain: **problem statement** and **research objectives, research methods and instruments, key results and conclusion, minimal references**.

Further instructions will follow in June, 2025.

Conference fee covers conference pack (Programme and Book of Abstracts), refreshments and coffee breaks, lunches on 27th, 28th and 29th June, access to internet facilities.
An official dinner will be organized against a fee of 30 Euros on the 27th of June.

Early bird registration fee - 80 Euro (400 lei), payable by 15 June, 2025.

Early bird registration fee - Ph.D. Students – 40 Euro (200 lei), payable by 15 June, 2025.

Standard registration fee - 90 Euro (450 lei), payable by 20 June, 2025.

Standard registration fee - Ph.D. Students – 45 Euro (225 lei), payable by 20 June, 2025.

Fees should be transferred to the accounts below with the reference “**SURNAME_NAME_CLIE-2025**”. Please instruct your bank to apply exchange rates as on the transfer date. Please make sure the amount transferred is clear of bank charges.

Payments in **RON** (Romanian participants):

Account details:

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Payments in **Euro** (foreign participants):

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VENUE

The conference venue will be the **University of Alba Iulia**; address: Alba Iulia, Unirii Street no. 15-17, **Postcode:** 510009, **Tel:** +40-0258-811412. The venue offers all necessary presentation facilities, including laptops and projectors, and internet access.

PROGRAMME AND BOOK OF ABSTRACTS

An electronic version of the programme will be e-mailed to registered participants by **22 June 2025**. Hard copies of both the programme and book of abstracts will be included in your conference pack.

PUBLICATION

A **selection** of (extended) papers (5000-9000 words), following a peer-review process, will be published in the **Journal of Linguistic and Intercultural Education - JoLIE 2026**, which is indexed by ERIH Plus, EBSCO, ProQuest, Index Copernicus, Cabell's Directories, Ulrichs Web, The Linguist List.

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IMPORTANT DATES

15 June 2025, abstracts due;

17 June 2025, notification of acceptance (following peer review by the members of the scientific committee);

15 June 2025, early bird registration fee due;

20 June 2025 standard registration fee due;

22 June 2025, final conference programme.

27 – 29 June 2025, conference dates;

31 October 2025, full contributions due.

TRAVEL

By plane:

International airports of Romania: Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca, Timișoara, Sibiu, Constanța, Arad and Târgu Mures.

By train:

The timetable of Romanian train routes can be found at <http://www.mersultrenurilor.ro/>.

By bus:

From Bucharest and Cluj-Napoca to Alba Iulia, you can travel by bus. There are at least 4 buses a day and the price is about 8 Euro (from Cluj-Napoca to Alba Iulia) or 25 Euro from Bucharest.

For more information on flights, please visit the following websites:

The International Airport in Bucharest www.bucharestairports.ro,

The International Airport in Cluj-Napoca www.airportcluj.ro,

The International Airport in Timisoara www.aerotim.ro,

The International Airport in Sibiu www.sibiuairport.ro.

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