

Monday, April 27

- 9:00 - 9:30 SYMPOSIUM: ADVANCES IN CLOZE TESTING (PART I)
Winton H. Manning *Juan Soto*
Development of Cloze-Elide Tests of English
as a Second Language
(PART II is on Tuesday.)
- 9:30 - 10:30 SYMPOSIUM: RELIABILITY, VALIDITY, AND OTHER
ASPECTS OF TEST QUALITY -- HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT
IS BOTH GOOD AND USEFUL?
Grant Henning and Young Gee
Specialization Bias
Eduardo Cascallar
Syntactic and Semantic Activation Measures in
Language Proficiency Testing
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 12:15 SYMPOSIUM: RELIABILITY, VALIDITY, AND OTHER
ASPECTS OF TEST QUALITY -- HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT
IS BOTH GOOD AND USEFUL? (Continued)
Allene Grognet and Rebecca Oxford
Validity and Reliability Issues in Developing
a Hands-On Test of Work-Oriented English
Language Skills for Refugees
David Nevo and Elana Shohamy
Beyond Reliability and Validity: Evaluating
a National Oral Proficiency Test
Brendan J. Carroll
The English-Speaking Union (ESU) Framework Project
- 12:15 - 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 - 3:00 SYMPOSIUM: ANALYTICAL AND STATISTICAL TECHNIQUES
IN LANGUAGE TESTING
Fred Davidson *Self Rating*
The Dimensionality of ESL Proficiency Testing
Russanne Hozayin
Investigating the Interdependence of Language
Ability Items: A Comparative Study of Three
Analytic Methods
Thom Hudson
Norm-Referenced, Criterion-Referenced, and Item
Response Theory
- 3:00 - 3:15 Break

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3:15 - 5:15 SYMPOSIUM: ISSUES IN THE ASSESSMENT OF
READING COMPREHENSION

Charles Alderson, Grant Henning, Yasmeeen Lukmeni
Levels of Understanding in Reading Comprehension
Tests

Pardee Lowe and Tom Parry
Is There a Reading Offset?

Elana Shohamy and Claire Gordon
What Are We Really Testing on Reading Comprehension
Tests?

Esin Kaya-Carton and Aaron S. Carton
Issues of Validity in Judging Passages for Testing
Reading Proficiency

5:15 - 7:00 Catered Dinner at the Diplomat

7:00 - 9:00 SPECIAL PANEL DISCUSSION

Lyle Bachman and John Clark (Chairs)
Charles Alderson, Pat Dandonoli, Thom Hudson,
Charles Stansfield, John Upshur (Respondents)
Forum on a Program of Research and Development
of Measures of Communicative Language Proficiency

Tuesday, April 28

8:30 - 9:00 Business Meeting

Topics: Dates, location, and coordinators of
1988 Language Testing Research Colloquium;
publication of 1987 Proceedings; improved
communications (mailing list, etc.).

9:00 - 10:00 SYMPOSIUM: ADVANCES IN CLOZE TESTING (PART II)

Charles B. Friedman
Multiple Choice Cloze: Application of Latent
Trait Theory

Marilyn Chasan and Aurora Marron
Content or Function Word Deletions as a
Factor in Cloze Test Difficulty

10:00 - 10:15 Break

10:15 - 11:15 SYMPOSIUM: COMPUTER-ADAPTIVE TESTING

John Clark and John Thain
Computer-Adaptive Testing at the Defense
Language Institute

Harold Madsen and Diane Strong-Krause
Development of a Multi-Modality ESL Computer-
Adaptive Test

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11:15 - 12:30 Lunch

12:30 - 1:00 PAPER SESSION

Liz Hamp-Lyons
A General Performance Profile for Testing
Specific Academic Writing

1:00 - 1:30 PAPER SESSION

Lynn Sawyer-Thompson and Ray Graham
Testing of Language Skill Attrition

1:30 - 2:00 PAPER SESSION

Sylvia Rothfarb and Maria Ariza
Developing Multiple Criteria to Mainstream
English-as-a-Second-or-Other-Language (ESOL)
Students

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