

CogDev 2013: A combined Cognitive and Developmental Section Conference

4th- 6th September 2013
University of Reading

For 2013, the Developmental Section is joining forces with the Cognitive Section, hosting CogDev 2013 at Reading. The combination of highly accessible location, great academic programme, and a superb complement of speakers promises a truly stimulating conference.

The theme of the conference is the relationship between cognition and development, although submissions on either theme will be considered. Keynote speakers are **Mark Seidenberg, Faraneh Vargha-Khadem, Sue Gathercole, and Mike Tomasello.**

In addition to the headline keynote speakers, CogDev 2013 has secured a very strong programme of invited symposia, organised by many of the key players in the UK and European scene, including **Dorothy Bishop, Andy Bremner, Nikki Botting, Marc Brysbaert, Tony Charman, Vincent Connelly, Cathy Creswell, Gareth Gaskell, Margaret Harris, Chris Jarrold, Denis Mareschal, David Messer, Lynne Murray, Kate Nation, Vince Reid, Tricia Riddell, Gaia Scerif, Jeanne Shinskey, and Theo Marinis.**

Says local organiser **Graham Schafer** "The Reading campus really lends itself to this kind of meeting. The Palmer building can hold the entire academic programme under a single roof, and the atrium design allows easy movement between sessions. Plus, a decent espresso will never be far away!"

Attendees can present individual papers or posters. In addition to the traditional oral symposium format, you may choose to offer a poster symposium, and for graduate students, there is a 10 minute format - with no questions at the end.

Bursaries are available for 250 towards registration costs. There are 24 of these (16 Developmental. 8 Cognitive), for students submitting abstracts (just tick the box when you submit). The Wessex branch of the BPS has generously added another four £250 bursaries, on top of those offered. For these and other details, go to the website at <http://www.reading.ac.uk/pcls/CogDev2013.aspx>

The conference includes a lively social programme, the main event of which is an 'Evening of English Entertainment'. There will be displays of Morris dancing, English songs and riddles, followed by an evening of country dancing to a local band. Graham is hoping for sunny evenings: "Come rain or shine, the newly-refurbished Meadow Suite will put us right in the middle of our lovely campus, by the lake" he adds.

Registration includes all meals. Good quality accommodation is available right on site, as part of a package. Ofsted childcare is available.

Any questions or comments should be addressed to:

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Call for Abstracts and Registration

Visit <http://www.reading.ac.uk/pcls/CogDev2013.aspx> to see further details of the conference, to download submission documents, or to submit an abstract.

Registration is now open. **Early bird rates apply until 21st June.** The call for abstracts for oral, poster and symposium presentations is also open – **deadline 30th April.**

Registration itself is payable at the BPS shop, at <http://www.bpsshop.org.uk/Joint-Cognitive-Psychology-Section-Developmental-Psychology-Section-Annual-Conference-2013-P2766.aspx>