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## 5th International Conference on Advanced and Systematic Research

(Official Languages: English and Croatian)

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### *The Fifth Specialized Research Symposium:* **Early Learning of Croatian / Mother Tongue (ELC/MT-5)**

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## Information on 5th International Conference on Advanced and Systematic Research (ECNSI-2011)

### Conference Venue and Dates

- Conference dates: **November 10 – 12, 2011**
- Venue: **Panorama Zagreb Hotel-Hotel Four Points by Sheraton**,  
Address: Krešimir Ćosić Square 9, 10000 Zagreb, (<http://www.hotel-fourpointspanorama.com/>;  
[ECNSI 2011 CONFERENCE B&B](#); [ECNSI 2011 CONFERENCE HB](#))
- **Social program** includes a dinner party on Nov 12, 2011 (8 p.m.) and a one-day trip by bus. The trip also includes lunch at the restaurant offering traditional food.
- The International Conference includes several symposia (research symposia).
- **Official languages** of the Conference and Symposia are Croatian and English.

### Conference Chairperson:



#### **Dr. Vladimir Šimović, Full Professor**

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## **Information on the Research Symposium ‘Early Learning of Croatian / Mother Tongue (ELC/MT-2011)**

### **Purpose and Aim of the 2011 Research Symposium**

Special Focus Symposium on the Early Croatian/Mother Tongue Language Learning (ECMTLL) is being held for the fifth time. The purpose of the Symposium ECMTLL-5 is to bring together scientists involved in studying the organization and content of the curricula of Croatian language as the mother tongue, i.e. native languages in general, in the early period of learning, that is, in preschool institutions and primary schools. This year the symposium does not include the topics dealing with foreign languages.

All the papers presented at the conference, and positively reviewed by two independent reviewers (foreign and national), will be published in the Conference Proceedings.

### **Current situation in the Field of Early Language Learning**

The Fifth Symposium "Early Croatian /Mother Tongue Language Learning is held in special circumstances. The Research projects related to the early learning of Croatian language /mother tongue, which began at the Faculty of Teacher Education in Zagreb in 2007, have entered their final phase. This coincides with the introduction of the 2011 National Framework Curriculum for Compulsory Education (preschool period and the first ten years of schooling -primary school + two years of high school) in Croatia. The subject curricula have not been completed yet, so this symposium is an opportunity to contribute to this issue by presenting appropriate research results and suggestions about the organization and content of the Croatian language curriculum in the preschool and primary school period. Of course, strategic problems of early learning and teaching Croatian language/mother tongue in primary school and preschool education significantly transcend the scope of the issues covered by the research projects whose results will be presented at this symposium, which is a further reason for the consideration of the symposium topics.

### **ECMTLL-5 Topics**

#### **Symposium Topic Framework:**

#### **Curriculum of Early Croatian/Mother Tongue Language Learning**

The introduction of the curriculum as a means of planning and organizing lessons for the period of preschool education and compulsory education (10 years) has become a legal requirement in Croatia. The principles of drafting, terminology, organization and content of curricula in Croatia have been debated for a long time, both in professional and political circles. There is particularly vigorous discussion regarding subject curricula, where substantial changes to the current curriculum are expected. The results of research projects, as well as the experience and critical views of the experts from the countries where the mother tongue subject curriculum is already applied in practice will be more than welcome. This is particularly important given the changing paradigms of Croatian language learning in the National Curriculum Framework, which will certainly be followed by the subject curriculum of the Croatian language. This change mainly refers to the fact that certain areas of learning the Croatian language as a school subject in the current curriculum (language, language expression, literature, media studies) are being replaced with the strategic areas of language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing), and curricular content and organization of lessons will be planned according to them. Such planning, and teaching the mother tongue has already been introduced by numerous countries. Therefore, the exchange of opinions and experiences of experts

from Croatia and other countries regarding the development and implementation of curricula can be very fruitful. This is the time when the foundations of the Croatian language curriculum are laid, and once completed and accepted, it will certainly for a long time determine the manner and the content of early Croatian language teaching. Thus, this is the opportunity for all professionals and scientists who care about the content of teaching the Croatian language in preschool institutions and elementary schools to use their professional explications to influence the changes. This applies especially to matters of language, literature, media and the general knowledge, and their incorporation into a new curricular paradigm. All proposals, critical thinking, or a different view of this issue may be fruitful.

These are the topics of research projects, headed by professors at the Faculty of Teacher Education in Zagreb:

- 1) Language-Visual Artistic Standards in Initial Reading and Writing in the Croatian Language  
(*Dr. Ante Bežen, Full Prof.*)
- 2) Development of Communicative Competence in the Early Croatian Language Discourse  
(*Dr. Dunja Pavličević – Franić, Full Prof.*)
- 3) Plot and Discourse in Children's Literature  
(*Dr. Dubravka Težak, Full Prof.*)
- 4) Children's and Oral Literature in Interference  
(*Dr. Stjepan Hranjec, Full Prof.*)
- 5) Croatian Bibliography of Children's Books until 1945  
(*Dr. Berislav Majhut, Assist. Prof.*)

### **Preferred presentations on various aspects of the main topic:**

- Educational content, values and other needs of the contemporary society in the Croatian language curriculum (essential knowledge and skills, democracy, information technology and biotechnology era, communication, national and European perspectives - identity, globalization, tolerance, science, ideology and religion, particular values in the Croatian society)
- Curricular terminology
- Language activities / skills (listening, speaking, reading, writing) as the foundation for the planning of the Croatian language curriculum– communicative and methodological paradigm for preschool and elementary school
- Linguistic content (concepts, forms, skills) in the early Croatian / mother tongue language learning curriculum - the selection criteria and planning
- Curricular planning in initial reading and writing
- Presence of children's literature and literature for adolescents in the early Croatian / mother tongue language learning curriculum
- Presence of literature in the early Croatian / mother tongue language learning curriculum - the criteria for selection of writers and texts (the criteria of aesthetic and historical representation and individual/personal selection)
- Presence of new media studies in the early Croatian / mother tongue language learning curriculum - the selection criteria and planning
- Dialects in the Croatian / mother tongue curriculum
- The history of language and literature in the Croatian / mother tongue curriculum - a thematic and historical principle
- Contemporary methodological approaches (strategies, methods, procedures) in the curriculum
- Vertical planning of the curricular content
- Standards in evaluating and assessing the achievements in Croatian / mother tongue

In addition to the presentations covering the main topics, other topics may be related to the main topic or topics of research projects:

- 1) Early learning of the Croatian language and literature;
- 2) Learning of other mother tongues (similar to the Croatian language).

The final formulation of the presentation topic is proposed by each participant, which is approved by the symposium chairpersons. Researchers in projects covering the early learning of Croatian / mother tongue / foreign language and literature, experts at other teacher training and teaching faculties, state institutions and associations linked to these issues, interested postgraduate (MA and PhD) students are all expected to attend the symposium.

The symposium is planned to include plenary sessions and sections but the final decision on this will be made upon receiving registration forms and having an insight into the topics.

## **Official Languages of the Symposium (Research Symposium ELC /MT - 2011)**

Official languages of the Symposium are Croatian and English.

## **Call for Papers**

Papers addressing any of the above mentioned topics are considered invited. An abstract of approximately 200 words should be submitted for evaluation. All proposals will be evaluated on the basis of their scholarly quality, originality, and potential for further scientific activity.

**Abstracts** may be submitted **electronically** (Microsoft Word and Adobe PDF), by filling in the attached **registration form** (p. 12) **or by mail**, no later than September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, to the following addresses (note the symposium title: Early Learning of Croatian– ELC/ MT-5):



### **Sanja Lovrić, Symposium Secretary**

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## **Evaluation / Review Process and Conference Symposia Proceedings:**

All papers, submitted on time will be peer-reviewed by professionals in the area (international and national reviewers). The final (full) papers (a camera ready electronic version, including appendices and bibliographies) should not exceed **15 single-spaced typed pages** (approximately 30,000

characters) and should be prepared according to the *Instructions to Authors* which can be downloaded at the website <http://www.ecnsi.hr/en> or <http://www.ufzg.hr>.

Papers will be published in the *Conference-Symposia Proceedings ELC/MT-5* upon the conference.

## **Important Dates**

Abstract	5/9/2011
Notification on abstract approval	12/9/2011
Symposium (€CNSI-2011)	<b>10 – 12/ 11/2011</b>

**Registration Fee** (covers all the symposia within the Conference framework, events, materials, refreshments).

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Yours sincerely,

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