

Dear participants Dear colleagues

I am very sorry to advise that we have had to postpone the date for the international Language Policy and Language Teaching conference "Multilingualism in Society, the World of Work, and Politics. New Challenges for Teaching at Institutes of Higher Education/Universities", originally announced in October 2010, due to the forthcoming visit of Pope Benedict XIV. At the time of the announcement we were, unfortunately, not aware that the Pope would be coming to Freiburg, an event which has had widespread consequences for the hotel business in the region.

We have been informed that accommodation in the city of Freiburg and the vicinity is fully booked out for the period from 17th September to 4th October 2011. Those of you who have tried to find a hotel for the duration of the conference can bear us out.

For this reason we have now set a new date for the conference: 18th to 20th April 2012. The topic of the conference as well as those of the sections and podium discussion will remain unchanged. I will be delighted if you can still participate in the conference despite the change of date, and we hope very much that this will be the case.

Participants who have already registered for September will be contacted by us separately. Abstracts that have already been submitted can be reclaimed or left for the new date.

Should you still wish to submit an abstract for a presentation or a poster, you may still do so. The deadline for presentations is 31st January 2012; for posters it is 29th February 2012.

Once again, I apologise for any inconvenience caused. I sincerely hope that you will understand our predicament in these very unusual circumstances.

Both the SLI and the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Freiburg look forward to welcoming you to the conference in April next year.

Yours sincerely

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