

Conference on Distinguished Language Studies  
Linthicum, Maryland  
December 6-7, 2008

The Coalition of Distinguished Language Centers, the only international organization dedicated to research and application of research in the area of teaching and achieving native-like foreign-language proficiency, will be holding its sixth annual symposium at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum, Maryland (near Baltimore-Washington Airport), December 6-7, 2008.

Professors, researchers, and others with experience in teaching, studying, or assessment at the near-native level of proficiency in any foreign language are invited to submit a one-page abstract (exclusive of bibliography) on any aspect of language study at the distinguished level. (For those looking for a definition of “distinguished” level/ILR Level 4, a description can be found at [www.govtilr.org](http://www.govtilr.org)). The working language of the conference will be English. However, presentations may be in any language, as long as there are enough presentations in that language to form a panel. Abstracts should be written in the language in which they will be presented and should be sent to the CDLC Operations Director, Boris Shekhtman, via email: [sbsltc@aol.com](mailto:sbsltc@aol.com).

Abstracts will be peer-reviewed. Notification of acceptance (or rejection) of proposals will be made on or about October 15. Following the conference, presentations will be published in a Proceedings volume.

The Maritime Institute has guest rooms that include breakfast and dinner meals for \$130/day for those who care to stay there. Rooms may be reserved after the beginning of October, at which time contact information will be posted on the CDLC website. There are a number of near-by hotels serviced by a free shuttle to and from the institute. More information will be available after October 1.

The latest-available information about the conference, including the program and changes to it, will be posted on the CDLC website through the opening of the conference: [www.distinguishedlanguagecenters.org](http://www.distinguishedlanguagecenters.org). Before the conference begins, an emergency number for contacting CDLC staff during the conference will be posted on the website. Please check the site from time to time.