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## ISMLA Annual Conference 2012

Dear Colleague,

I am writing to invite you and/or representatives from your school to ISMLA's annual national conference, which is to be held this year at University College School, Hampstead, London NW3 on Saturday, 4 February 2012. We are extremely grateful to UCS, and to its Headmaster Kenneth Durham, for placing the school's facilities at our disposal. UCS is very well placed for the London Underground network, and is within walking distance of Metropolitan Line (Finchley Road) and Northern Line (Hampstead) Tube stations. You are therefore recommended to come by public transport; but car parking will be available on site.

This year's programme aims to perpetuate the combination which has characterised recent conferences of practical advice – including ideas to use straightaway in lessons – and broader cultural themes. We are delighted that **Rachel Hawkes** is able to give our keynote presentation in the morning. She is in great demand around the UK as a speaker on language teaching, and she is sure to send us away with plenty to think about and do. The later morning sessions look very much at the nuts and bolts of a modern languages department, and we are pleased that the experience and wisdom of **Helen Myers**, **Alex Frazer** and **Nick Mair** will be on hand to guide us. The afternoon broadens the scope of the conference considerably: we look at Spanish art (**Eva Bosch** on Joan Miró), French and German issues and – as so many of you have requested – a talk from **Samia Earle** on the teaching of Arabic. We finish with an insight into linguistics, both as a topic of general interest and as a potential university subject, with a plenary presentation by **Bert Vaux**, from the University of Cambridge.

The programme deliberately spans language areas, cultures and levels of the educational system; it can be seen as a cross-section of what is going on in modern languages in the UK today. I enclose a copy of the details. The conference continues to offer top-value CPD, and we are delighted to be able to keep the cost per head (to include lunch and refreshments throughout the day) to only £90 to **members** (£110 to **non-members**, to include full ISMLA membership for the remainder of the academic year – normally £45). The conference fee has remained the same for the last two years. If a school sends more than one delegate, there will be a **£20 reduction** for each of the extra delegates. If you do not know your current membership status, please contact the Membership Secretary, Geoffrey Plow at [gplow@ucs.org.uk](mailto:gplow@ucs.org.uk). We hope that even if you cannot make it yourself, you will send someone from your department to represent your school at the meeting.

If you wish to attend the conference, please return the enclosed form, with a cheque to cover the conference fees, payable to ISMLA, to **Marie-Claire Byrne, Gateway House, Clare Place, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. GL53 7NJ**, as soon as possible. PLEASE NOTE THIS NEW ADDRESS; DO NOT SEND TO THE ADDRESS GIVEN RE PREVIOUS YEARS. Further copies of this form may be obtained from the website [www.ismla.co.uk](http://www.ismla.co.uk).

I do hope that you and/or a member of your department will be able to support the meeting, and I look forward to meeting you on Saturday 4 February 2012 at UCS.

Yours sincerely

Geoffrey Plow

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## ISMLA Annual Conference 2012: registration form

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Name of delegate(s):


School:

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Address for correspondence:


E-mail (if you would like confirmation of your place):

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Telephone number:

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Special food requirements:


Cheque enclosed, payable to ISMLA, to the value of £ \_\_\_\_\_

**[NB: If paying by BACS, please scan in payment notification and advise Marie-Claire Byrne by email ([mc.byrne@sky.com](mailto:mc.byrne@sky.com))]**

*[£90 to members. £110 to non-members, to include full ISMLA membership for the remainder of the academic year. If a school sends more than one delegate, £20 reduction for each of the extra delegates]*

Preferred sessions (please circle chosen option):

*[These are not binding choices but help us to choose suitable venues for each presentation]*

<b>12:15</b>	Helen Myers	Alex Frazer	Nick Mair	
<b>14:45</b>	Arabic	French	German	Spanish

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