

Welcome to ISLE 6 online in Joensuu, Finland!

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Dear all,

We are excited to note that ISLE 6 is approaching and we are making good progress with the preparations. The decisions for the second round of call for new papers have been made, the presenters have been informed, and the conference registration is now open!

Abstract submission and reviewing process

The total number of talks will be close to 200. In the second round, we accepted 43 full and work-in-progress papers and 2 posters, which means that in total we will have 120 paper presentations and 10 poster presentations. On Wednesday, there will also be seven pre-conference workshops. A preliminary programme summary is available on the conference website.

Costs and registration

The registration for ISLE 6 is now open at <https://tinyurl.com/regISLE6> – more information is available on the conference website: <https://sites.uef.fi/isle6/registration/>. Please note that ISLE membership is a prerequisite for participation at the conference. You can find out more about ISLE and how to join the society here: www.isle-linguistics.org.

The Early Bird Registration fee for ISLE 6 is 80 EUR and is valid until 30 April. From 1 May, the regular fee will be 100 EUR. We offer a reduced student fee of 40 EUR (proof of student status required).

Those of you who registered already last year will be contacted shortly.

Conference Programme

You are most welcome to attend any of the pre-conference workshops organized on Wednesday, 2 June 2021 (<https://sites.uef.fi/isle6/pre-conference-workshops/>). Please note that one of the workshops is still accepting abstracts: Replication and Reproducibility in English Corpus Linguistics (deadline 31 March).

With the move to the online realm, there will be some new elements to ISLE 6 that, we hope, will help you make the most of the conference. First of all, we decided to retain sessions in which each paper is presented (either live or as a pre-recorded talk), and there is a chance to ask questions and provide feedback. The results from our survey last year indicate that this is what most participants see as the core of online conferences. Secondly, to allow you to ‘attend’ each interesting talk, we hope to make as much of the conference as possible available for on-demand viewing, either as a pre-recorded file or by recording the live talks on Zoom and making the recordings available on a secure server hosted by the University of Eastern Finland, for the duration of the conference and for some

time (before and) after it, as well. If you prefer to give a live presentation, we hope you will give us a permission to record your talk and make it available online for viewing and comments. Thirdly, we will be using Whova as the conference platform – Whova offers a number of features for different kinds of communication: chat rooms, one-on-one meetings, Zoom meetings. The questions, comments and discussion can go on after the actual presentation slot, enhancing the traditional conference experience. Whova also enables you to schedule your own meetings with colleagues, on top of which we will do our share to get you together with old and new colleagues.

In addition to the Presidential address by Prof. Jeremy Smith (University of Glasgow), ISLE 6 will have four plenary talks (<https://sites.uef.fi/isle6/plenary-speakers/>).

Full and work-in-progress papers are allocated a slot for a live or a pre-recorded presentation, including a brief Q&A. Posters will be presented in the form of a pre-recorded video (3–5 minutes) which will be available for viewing on the conference platform; the poster presenters will also be available for discussion during a poster session in individual Zoom meeting rooms. For more information, see <https://sites.uef.fi/isle6/practical/presenting-at-isle-6/>.

Whova and Zoom

In practice, ISLE 6 takes place on Zoom meetings and webinars, and the Whova platform enables easy navigation between sessions. All recorded talks will be accessed through links available in Whova. While the conference operates in Finnish Summer Time (UTC+3), Whova will localize the schedule to your own time zone. When registering, you can indicate the time zone you will be presenting from so that we can do our best to find you a suitable slot.

Whova can be used on a computer (Web app) or mobile device (Mobile app) – the download links will be made available on the conference website in due course. A user guide is available here: <https://whova.com/pages/whova-app-user-guide/>.

More information on producing a pre-recorded presentation (e.g. a screencast) and sending it to us, presenting live on Zoom and recording the talk, as well as permission issues, is available here: <https://sites.uef.fi/isle6/practical/presenting-at-isle-6/>.

Formatted Abstracts

We ask all presenters with accepted papers to now submit the final version of their abstracts. Please consider the reviewer comments, and make sure that your abstract includes sufficient information on the data and methods and presents the (preliminary) results. When formatting the abstract, we ask you to follow the guidelines here: <https://sites.uef.fi/isle6/accepted-papers/>. Revised and proofread abstracts should be sent to the conference email (isle6@uef.fi) in **.doc(x)** format by **30 April 2021**. Please include a .pdf copy of the abstract if it contains tables, figures or characters that may not print out correctly in .docx format.

Important dates

Formatted abstracts	30 April 2021
Registration: early bird closes	30 April 2021

Pre-recorded talks	17 May 2021
Consent form	17 May 2021
Registration closes	1 June 2021

Contact details

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at isle6@uef.fi! Visit the website (<https://sites.uef.fi/isle6/>) for more detailed information, and don't forget to follow us on Twitter ([@isle6_uef](https://twitter.com/isle6_uef))!

We look forward to seeing you in virtual Joensuu in June!

ISLE 6 organising team