

LTRC Newcomers' Session

This session is designed to provide a welcoming introduction and informal orientation on the eve of the conference to anyone attending LTRC for the first time. It will take place on **Tuesday 13 April, 5.15 – 6.15 pm, in Room 4** at the West Road Concert Hall.

Though aimed at newcomers, this session is open to all conference delegates. Thanks to generous sponsorship by the University of Michigan we are able to offer this session free of charge and there is no need for delegates to register specifically for this session. [Last year approximately 20 people attended this session.]

The welcome team this year will include LTRC organisers, LTRC 'veterans' and some who have joined our LTRC community more recently: *Lynda Taylor, Nick Saville, Carolyn Turner (ILTA President), Alan Davies, Evelina Galaczi, Fumiyo Nakatsuhara, Spiros Papageorgiou, Elvis Wagner, Talia Isaacs.*

Suggested Programme: 5.15 – 6.15 pm

- Welcome and introductions, inc. acknowledgement to ELI, Michigan (Lynda – 5 mins)
- Some reflections on the origins of LTRC and its evolution since 1979 (Alan Davies – 10 mins)
- Some comments on the LTRC/ILTA relationship (Carolyn Turner – 5 mins)
- Some helpful hints for getting the best out of your attendance at LTRC (Lynda – 10 mins)
 - Finding your way round the printed programme
 - Finding your way round the venue and events
 - Sharing some tips from experienced LTRCers (handout to be provided)
- Open question and answer session (20-25 mins), maybe discussing some of the advice given on the handout
- Leave at 6.10 pm for the Opening Reception at the University's Museum of Zoology which starts at 6.30 pm. (Guides will accompany the group on foot to the reception venue.)