

The UK Synaesthesia Association committee is pleased to announce that the 6th UKSA Annual Conference will take place over the weekend of **25 - 27 March, 2011** at the University of East London, United Kingdom.

The conference will be hosted by Dr. Mary Spiller, Dr. Ashok Jansari and the School of Psychology at UEL. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Edward M. Hubbard PhD from the Department of Psychology and Human Development, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

The full conference programme will be announced after the **January 21, 2011** deadline for the call for abstracts.

Conference travel and accommodation suggestions and other relevant information will be posted shortly on the UKSA website: <http://www.uksynaesthesia.com/agm2011.htm>

For any other queries contact the UEL Synaesthesia Research Team directly - synaesthesia@uel.ac.uk.

For those wishing to present, please contact the UEL Synaesthesia Research Team – synaesthesia@uel.ac.uk – with an abstract no longer than 250 words in length together with a list of authors and their affiliations. If you are not affiliated to an academic institution, please include a CV (no more than 1 page) to help us assess your submission. Remember to include your name and contact details. Also, list any additional equipment you might require for your presentation. Try to limit your presentation to 20 minutes plus an additional 10 minutes for Questions & Discussions. We welcome talks from synaesthetes, researchers and all others with a professional or general interest.

DEADLINE for Abstract Submissions: Friday January 21, 2011.

Accepted abstracts will be notified soon after.

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The UKSA conference held last year in Brighton was a great success and provided a fantastic opportunity for researchers and synaesthetes to meet each other and learn about the latest scientific and artistic explorations of synaesthesia. The 2011 conference promises to be as varied, informative and thought provoking as ever. Attendees travel from all over the world, lending the conference its accustomed international flavour and this year we are privileged to have as keynote speaker Dr. Edward M. Hubbard, PhD, post-doctoral fellow from the Department of Psychology and Human Development at Vanderbilt University, Nashville Tennessee. Ed will also be giving a general lecture on synaesthesia – admission available to all - on the evening of Friday 25th March 2011. We will be posting details of times and locations as soon as they are known.

Ed is an established veteran at these conferences and is a most informative and entertaining orator. He was one of the world's first to gain a PhD in synaesthesia research and he dedicates a lot of his time making information about synaesthesia and science in general accessible and more importantly, understandable to a wider public. His work has appeared in specialist journals such as The Journal of Consciousness Studies, Neuron and Nature Reviews Neuroscience, Science and popular journals such as Scientific American. He is a founding member of the American Synesthesia Association and co-hosted the 2nd and 8th Annual meetings of the American Synesthesia Association in 2001 at UCSD and 2010 at Vanderbilt, respectively. In the past Ed has worked alongside such notables as V.S. Ramachandran from the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) and more recently he has begun to investigate the neural basis of numerical and mathematical processing in non-synaesthetes, and the development of these abilities in children, in order to shed light on how synaesthesia may develop in children. Ed is also currently co-editing - along with Dr Jools Simner - the much awaited Oxford Handbook of Synaesthesia (due out 2012).

This annual conference event has grown in popularity since the very first meeting in London back in 2005. These gatherings enable and actively encourage the international exchange of information, experience and ideas between researchers with a view to initiating new avenues of research and to lay the foundations for future cooperation. They underscore the importance of continued research into synaesthesia as well as providing an important platform for synaesthetes to express their experiences in an accommodating and appreciative environment. They also provide those who are participants in various research projects with a way of receiving feedback from their own contributions to general understanding and, rather uniquely, they grant ample opportunity for the researched to research the researchers!

The constructive and amenable atmosphere found at these annual conferences and the commitment and enthusiasm of the Associations that organise them are so vital in our mission to provide accurate and reliable information for those that want it.

Hopefully, we will get to meet some of you in London, March 25 - 27, 2011!

James Wannerton (On behalf of the UKSA committee).