"Iorgu Iordan – Alexandru Rosetti" Institute of Linguistics of the Romanian Academy
invites you to participate in

InCoLORE

THE 1ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LINGUISTICS OLYMPIAD PROBLEMS IN RESEARCH AND EDUCATION
(Bucharest, May 21-22, 2027)

The **1st International Conference on Linguistics Olympiad Problems in Research and Education (InCoLORE 2027)** will take place on 21–22 May 2027 in Bucharest, Romania, in a hybrid format, allowing both in-person and online participation. The conference aims to bring together researchers, educators, and practitioners from different disciplinary backgrounds interested in exploring the applications of Linguistics Olympiad problems (LOPs) beyond competitive settings.

While LOPs have recently attracted increasing attention in computational linguistics, particularly as benchmarks for evaluating the linguistic reasoning abilities of large language models, their potential applications in other areas of linguistics and related disciplines remain comparatively underexplored. InCoLORE seeks to encourage interdisciplinary dialogue and foster new research directions involving LOPs, including their use in linguistic theory, typology, language documentation, cognitive science, and higher education.

Topics of interest

The conference welcomes contributions addressing, but not limited to, the following areas:

1. Linguistic theory, analysis, and typology;
2. Computational linguistics and natural language processing;
3. Cognitive science and linguistic reasoning;
4. Linguistics education and pedagogy;
5. Interdisciplinary applications and methodological perspectives.

Scope of submissions

InCoLORE 2027 welcomes original empirical and theoretical research, methodological contributions, and well-grounded proposals exploring new applications of LOPs beyond competitive settings. Both completed studies and exploratory contributions are encouraged. Submissions need not report completed research, provided they present clearly formulated research questions, theoretically motivated approaches, or substantive arguments supported by relevant evidence and academic literature. All contributions should demonstrate clear theoretical, empirical, methodological, or educational relevance.

Although the conference draws inspiration from Linguistics Olympiads, its primary focus is on the applications and scientific potential of their problems beyond competitive settings. Contributions concerned exclusively with competition organisation, participant training, competition performance, or personal experiences of problem-solving or problem design will normally not be considered, unless they establish a clear and substantive connection to the broader research or educational objectives of the conference.

Important dates

March 1, 2027 — Abstract submission deadline
March 21, 2027 — Notification of acceptance
April 21, 2027 — Early registration deadline
May 7, 2027 — Final registration deadline

All deadlines are at 23:59 AoE (UTC−12).

Submission guidelines

We invite submissions of abstracts normally between 300 and 500 words, excluding references. Slightly longer abstracts are welcome, but submissions should not exceed 750 words. Abstracts may additionally include up to one figure, table, or other visual element, which will not count towards the word limit.

Abstracts must be written in English and should clearly outline the proposed contribution, its relevance to Linguistics Olympiad problems, and its theoretical, empirical, methodological, or educational significance.

All submissions will be reviewed by the Conference Committee based on their originality, academic merit, clarity, and relevance to the conference's scope.

Accepted contributions will be presented orally, either in person in Bucharest or online.

Abstracts should be submitted by email to incolore.conference@gmail.com by March 1, 2027 (AoE). The submission email should include the title of the contribution, the names and affiliations of all authors, and clearly identify the presenting author and their provisional preference for participating in person or online.

Registration fees

	Early bird (until April 21)		Regular (until May 7)	
	In person	Online	In person	Online
Regular	€80	€30	€100	€40
Reduced	€50	€15	€65	€20

Reduced registration fees are available to undergraduate, Master's, and PhD students. All fees are quoted in euros (EUR). Registration and payment instructions will be provided upon acceptance or registration.

Publication opportunities

The organisers are considering the publication of a peer-reviewed edited volume of selected contributions from InCoLORE 2027, to be published by Bucharest University Press.

Subject to confirmation of the publication arrangements, selected presenters may be invited to submit full papers for consideration. Acceptance for presentation at the conference does not automatically entail an invitation to contribute to the volume. All submitted manuscripts will undergo a separate peer-review process, and publication will be subject to the outcome of this review.