



## Call for bids for a conference venue and host for ALT XV, 2024

The Association for Linguistic Typology now solicits bids for a conference venue and host for ALT XV, 2024. We especially encourage submissions from outside of Europe and North America, since ALT XIV will take place in Austin, Texas and ALT XIII was hosted in Pavia, Italy. Below you will find a full list of ALT venues, going back to 1995.

- ALT I, 1995, Vitoria-Gasteiz, The Basque Country, Spain
- ALT II, 1997, Eugene, Oregon, USA
- ALT III, 1999, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- ALT IV, 2001, Santa Barbara, California, USA
- ALT V, 2003, Sardinia, Italy
- ALT VI, 2005, Padang, Indonesia
- ALT, VII, 2007, Paris, France
- ALT VIII, 2009, Berkeley, California, USA
- ALT IX, 2011, Hong Kong
- ALT X, 2013, Leipzig
- ALT XI, 2015, Albuquerque, USA
- ALT XII, 2017, Canberra, Australia
- ALT XIII, 2019, Pavia, Italy
- ALT XIV, 2022, Austin, Texas, USA

In order to be included for consideration by ALT's Executive Committee, please reply to the ALT secretary and conference manager, Ljuba Veselinova [ljuba@ling.su.se](mailto:ljuba@ling.su.se), with responses to the following questions:



## 1 Organizing Committee

Who are proposed members of the local organizing committee? What is the availability of administrative support at the host institution?

## 2 Location and accessibility

Please provide detailed information about the following:

- Availability of conference halls of various sizes.
- Availability and accessibility of hotels and student accommodation.
- Logistics of venue access, including access by airport/rail and by local public transport.
- Accessibility of venue for people with disabilities
- Possibilities for providing sign language interpretation, live captioning
- Possibilities for facilitating the participation of people with young children, e.g. providing some form of child care during the conference.
- Keep in mind possible conflicts with respect to timing, for example local holidays, events, celebrations, etc. in that location.

## 3 Timing

Describe the preferred timing, keeping in mind that ALT normally takes place during late northern hemisphere summer, and describe or justify timing alternatives (for example early autumn or some other more appropriate timing), if available. Please keep in mind the availability of conference halls, hotels etc. at your institution and in your area. Please describe any possible combination and/or conflicts with other workshops or conferences at the proposed time of year (e.g. the LSA Summer Institute in the U.S., other summer schools, other conferences such as ICHL).

## 4 Format

The ALT EC has indicated a strong preference for an in-person conference. However, given the ecological and accessibility advantages of virtual conferences, can you as a host also consider hybrid formats? And if worst comes to worst (as in



the Covid19 pandemic), can you as a host consider an online conference as an alternative?

## 5 Finances

Please describe any potential funding sources (research councils, university funding, or other sponsors) that can be used towards ALT XV. Describe also options available from your institution for offering scholarships to students and scholars from developing countries.

## 6 The Role of ALT

The local host institution is the primary organizing force for ALT conferences. As such, the host is expected to have its own decision-making process in place. However, ALT will serve an advisory role in particular matters, including local organizing committee set-up, program committee establishment, facilitating calls for abstracts and award organization, and the ALT business meeting. Special Note: If you think that your venue might be appropriate, or if you want to begin informal discussions, we strongly encourage you to reach out to ALT Secretary Ljuba Veselinova [ljuba@ling.su.se](mailto:ljuba@ling.su.se) or to ALT President Keren Rice [rice@chass.utoronto.ca](mailto:rice@chass.utoronto.ca) early on. We would still require the full responses to the questions above in order for EC deliberation, but we would certainly welcome working with interested parties on potential ideas.

Please send this information or direct any questions to Ljuba Veselinova [ljuba@ling.su.se](mailto:ljuba@ling.su.se) by **June 30, 2021**. The Executive Committee will consider the applications, with the intention of selecting the venue by early 2022 and announcing the venue at the 2022 Austin ALT meeting.