

Join us for the 21st Annual Meeting of the Society for Text and Discourse in Poitiers, France, July 11-13, 2011

We are pleased to announce the 21st Annual Meeting of the Society for Text and Discourse, to be held in Poitiers, France, July 11-13, 2011. Poitiers is located about 350 km southwest of Paris. It is easily reached by high speed train from Paris' Charles de Gaulle international airport.

The meeting will be hosted by the Center for Research on Cognition and Learning at the University of Poitiers (CeRCA, <http://cerca.labo.univ-poitiers.fr/>). The program will include workshops, invited lectures, spoken and poster presentations, and thematic symposia. As organizers, we will promote interdisciplinary participation and emerging research developments in the area of text and discourse. The meeting will take place in the recently renovated Faculty of Arts and Humanities located in downtown Poitiers and we will have accommodations available in several nearby hotels in the heart of the historical district.

Poitiers enjoys an international reputation as a tourist destination, thanks to its rich cultural heritage and to its great location. Participants may enjoy a large choice of walking tours and visits to famous cathedrals and other buildings dating back to the Middle Ages.

Poitiers is also located near many other attractions:

- **Futuroscope.** Only a 20-minute taxi or bus ride away, Futuroscope is a large recreation park dedicated to high tech movie technologies including 3-D, dynamic seats, robotics and videogaming.
- **Castles.** The Loire valley and its famous Renaissance castles, between 50 minutes (Azay-le-Rideau, Chinon) and 3-hour (Chambord) car, bus or train rides from Poitiers.
- **The beach.** The city of La Rochelle, Ile de Ré and the Atlantic coast beaches, a 1.5h car or train.
- **Wine and Cognac.** Visit the wine regions of Bordeaux or Cognac (2 to 3-hour drive or train ride).
- **Paris.** Of course, there is Paris. The conference will end on the day before Bastille day, with celebrations all over the country and popular fireworks and concerts in many places including Champs Elysées in downtown Paris.



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More details on accommodations, getting to Poitiers and other places to visit will be disseminated through the conference Web site, to be open in the fall of 2010. For more information please contact the 2011 conference chair, Jean-François Rouet at jean-francois.rouet@univ-poitiers.fr

We hope to welcome you in Poitiers for the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Society for Text and Discourse!