Miles Dyslexia Centre and the School of Psychology, Bangor University

**Course Invitation** 

MABEL – MULTILANGUAGE BATTERY OF TESTS ASSESSING READING, SPELLING AND THEIR PREDICTORS



Course date: 29.2.2020

**Time:** 10:00 – 16:30 (registration from 9:30 am) **Location:** Nantlle Building, Normal Site, Bangor

**Registration fee:** £75.00

## **Presenters:**

Dr. Markéta Caravolas, School of Psychology Mrs. Joanna Dunton, Miles Dyslexia Centre The course is intended for psychologists, speech therapists, special educational needs teachers, specialist dyslexia teachers and registered students in these fields.

Note: Welsh norms are currently local to North Wales populations.

Once registered as a MABEL Subscriber, you will find the relevant test materials at: **www.eldel-mabel.net** 

The MABEL battery was developed as part of a large-scale, longitudinal, cross-linguistic study of early literacy development in within the programmed ELDEL (Enhancing Literacy Development in European Languages).

MABEL contains 15 of the most important and sensitive assessments of early literacy, as validated in each language of the ELDEL project. A unique feature of the MABEL battery is that each test was created to be parallel (directly comparable) across multiple languages. The skills assessed are: letter knowledge, phoneme awareness, and rapid naming, reading and spelling

MABEL is unique in that all tests within the battery are parallel (i.e., comparable) across English, Spanish, Czech, Slovak and Welsh. A French version is forthcoming and Portuguese and Polish versions are in development.

## **PROGRAM**:

9:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:20 Early literacy assessments in the context of the new Literacy Curriculum for Wales – J. Dunton

10:20 – 10:50 Issues in bilingual assessments – M. Caravolas

11:50 – 11:10 MABEL's current status and navigation

11:10 – 11:25 Coffee Break

11:25 – 12:15 Spelling measures - M. Caravolas

12:15 - 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:00 Tests of Phoneme Awareness
14:00 – 14:40 Tests of Letter Knowledge and RAN
14:40 – 14:50 Coffee Break
14:50 – 15:50 Tests of reading
15:50 – 16:00 Closing discussion

## About the presenters:

**Dr. Markéta Caravolas**, PhD., Reader in Psychology, Bangor University, UK. Her long-standing research interests focus on early literacy development across languages. She was the Co-ordinator of the ELDEL Project (2008-2012), and is the Principal Investigator of the MABEL project. She has carried out numerous studies on literacy and its disorders in the UK and elsewhere, and, has coauthored several test batteries in the Czech, Slovak and other languages. Her applied interests are mainly in the field of dyslexia and other disorders of literacy. She directed the Miles Dyslexia Centre from 2008 to 2014.

**Mrs. Joanna Dunton,** M Ed, AMBDA, Co-ordinator Miles Dyslexia Centre, Bangor University, UK. Her teaching career has covered a wide range of ages including working in special schools and FE colleges. She joined the MDC's teaching team after completing the AMBDA course in Bangor, subsequently going on to become the Director of Teaching for the Centre. She is the module leader for the BDA accredited Masters courses delivered at the School of Education, Bangor University. She has recently been invited to join the BDA Accreditation Board.

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