



CALL FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

Integrating sign language in social, educational, technological, and media contexts: raising awareness and enriching communication for and with the Deaf community.

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Faculty of Foreign Languages

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In the framework of the project “*Developing Research on Albanian Sign Language: from documentation and vocabulary expansion to the sociolinguistic analysis of communication among Deaf persons*”, funded by AKKSHI, the Faculty of Foreign Languages, University of Tirana, in collaboration with the Albanian National Association of the Deaf (ANAD), is organizing on the 28 January 2026 the International Scientific Conference entitled:

Integrating sign language in social, educational, technological, and media contexts: raising awareness and enriching communication for and with the Deaf community

Who can participate?

We invite researchers, scholars and practitioners in the field of communication/sign language to present their contributions in the International Conference which will be held in January 2026 at the Faculty of Foreign Languages, University of Tirana. The purpose of this event is to exchange the latest findings in research on the Albanian Sign Language, including documentation, vocabulary expansion, sociolinguistic analysis, and technological applications in communication and education.

Conference's main themes:

- Documentation and vocabulary expansion in sign language.

- Sociolinguistic factors in the development of communication among Deaf individuals.
- Innovative technologies supporting communication and education with the Deaf community.
- Social and inclusive awareness in today's society for the Deaf community and sign language.

The working languages of the conference: Albanian, Albanian Sign Language, English, and French. Participants are free to submit and present their papers in Albanian, English, and French.

Presentations may consist of scientific research, case studies, or theoretical and practical reflections.

Please send your abstract by 12 January 2026 to the following email address: sema.hysa@unitir.edu.al.

The Conference will be held on 28 January 2026 at the Faculty of Foreign Languages, Tirana, and its sessions will take place both in person and online.

Fees

No fees for the registration, participation and publication of materials are required.

Important dates:

Abstract submission deadline: 12 January 2026

Notification of abstract acceptance: 16 January 2026

Publication of the final program: 23 January 2026

Submission of full papers for publication: 6 February 2026

Guidelines for abstract submission: The abstract shall be in Albanian and/or French and no longer than 250 words, including keywords. It must be submitted in Word format and should include the title, the author's/authors' name(s), institutional affiliation, official email address, and individual ORCID number.

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