



JASAL2020 National Conference Call for Online Presentations

Date: Saturday, 5th December 2020

Location: Online (with possible face-to-face SAC tour at Tokyo International University, Saitama, depending on pandemic situation at the time of the conference)

Although the world has changed in unimaginable ways since JASAL held its last national conference in December 2019, we are continuing to provide a forum for self-access practitioners to connect and discuss self-access related matters, and we hope that you will be able to join us for our JASAL2020 National Conference. **The decision has now been made that this will be a fully online conference.**

Conference Theme: *Learner Support in Self-Access Language Learning*

This year more than ever, students need support to be successful language learners and users. Similarly, support is also required for teachers, learning advisors and administrators who want to design and deliver effective programmes. Self-access learning has always focused on helping students to take charge of their own learning, but with the sudden growth of online course provision, or emergency remote teaching, a mode of learning not usually actively chosen by students or educators, this support is more important than ever. JASAL2020 would like to focus on how we can support our learners, both in “normal” times and during the pandemic.

Conference Format:

Online, via Zoom. Presenters will be asked to: 1) submit a video recording of their presentation in advance, which will be played in the Zoom session, and 2) be available for Q&A during the presentation session. (Those presenters who prefer to present live may do so, but a video copy will still be required in advance). Only presentations where the presenter is available for Q&A will be hosted.

After the conference, presentations will be available for a limited time on the JASAL website and YouTube channel.

Plenary Speakers:

We are delighted to confirm that JASAL2020's plenary will be given by **Satoko Kato** (Kanda University of International Studies) & **Hisako Yamashita** (Konan Women's University). Satoko and Hisako are very experienced learning advisors and learning advisor trainers who have both published widely on advising and supporting learners.

We invite proposals for presentations focusing on this year's theme, Learner Support, including how we re-conceptualise self-access support in an age of physical distancing. Topics in the following areas, and other relevant topics, will also be considered:

- Learning advising/counseling/coaching
- Managing and administrating Self-Access Centers (SAC)/ Language Learning Spaces (LLS)
- Learner involvement in SAC/LLS, Learning Communities
- Student perspectives on SAC/LLS
- Collaboration in and around SACs/LLSs
- SAC/LLS design and layout (and how to accommodate physical distancing requirements)
- Self-access and curriculum, Learning program design (including materials and displays)
- Lessons for self-access language learning (SALL) from emergency remote teaching/advising experiences
- Professional development for SALL
- Assessment of SALL
- Evaluating a SAC/LLS
- Language policy in SAC/LLS
- Promotion of SAC/LLS
- Research design in SALL
- Lifelong learning
- Study abroad & SALL

Presentation Formats:

1. Research presentation (20+5 mins). Present your self-access related research
2. Work-in-progress (interactive mini-presentation, 10+10mins). Present and get feedback on a research proposal or project in progress.
3. Pechakucha & discussion (20 slides of 20 seconds each, followed by discussion on any self-access related research or practice - total 15 mins)

Overseas presenters are also welcome to apply.

Undergraduates are welcome to submit presentations. There will also be an online student forum on a different day in the Fall Semester - details to follow.

We welcome submissions in both English and Japanese.

Deadline for Submissions: ~~Monday, 31st August~~ Extended to Monday, 14th September

Please submit your proposal [here](#).

Conference Registration fee & Payment Methods

Presenters: ¥1500 (Undergraduate presenters: ¥0)

Participants: free of charge (donations accepted)

Payment: Bank Transfer (domestic presenters/ participants)

(International presenters and participants will be contacted about alternative payment methods.)