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## The 8th International Language for Specific Purposes (LSP) Seminar - Aligning Theoretical Knowledge with Professional Practice

### Message from the Guest Editors

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Language for Specific Purposes (LSP) for the past decades has contributed significantly to various areas, such as language teaching, workplace communication, and language research. As a dynamically evolving discipline, LSP has redefined the ways practitioners understand complex language phenomena, hence, shaping their professional practice. Due to the wide-ranging and interrelated strands of LSP, researchers are faced with challenging tasks of selecting appropriate research design and theoretical framework in order to allow them to offer direct implications of research on their specific intended areas. The reviewed seminar papers included in this Procedia Special Issue reflect such academically challenging methodological and theoretical dimensions of LSP.

The 8th International Language For Specific Purposes Seminar (LSP 2012) was successfully held in Kuala Lumpur from 4-5 September 2012. The theme “Aligning Theoretical Knowledge with Professional Practice” managed to draw more than 100 papers from presenters all over the world. The objectives of the seminar are:

- To provide a platform for the exchange of ideas, insights, research findings and expertise among LSP practitioners
- To investigate LSP developments in teaching and teacher training, professional areas, communication, research and language consultancy
- To optimize human capital through new literacies
- To strengthen collaboration between institutions of higher learning and corporate sectors and industries

We would like to express our special thanks to all the presenters, participants, authors, reviewers, and clerical staff who made this publication possible.

We hope we will receive similar warm responses in our next seminar in 2014.

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