Rio Grande Valley
Texas Association for Bilingual Education

Time to Celebrate! The Cognitive Edge of Biliteracy
¡Es hora de celebrar! Las ventajas cognitivas de la biliteracidad

January 20–21, 2017
South Padre Island Convention Centre
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Rio Grande Valley
Texas Association for Bilingual Education
23rd Annual RGV-TABE Bilingual Education Conference
South Padre Island Convention Centre
South Padre Island, Texas
January 20-21, 2017

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Friday, January 20, 2017

7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Conference Registration / Visit with Exhibitors
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast / Visit with Exhibitors
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony / Keynote Speaker: Dr. Janet Zadina
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break / Visit with Exhibitors
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Breakout Session #1
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Lunch on your own
1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  Breakout Session #2
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Visit with Exhibitors
3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  Breakout Session #3

Saturday, January 21, 2017

7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Conference Registration
7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Visit with Exhibitors
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast / Entertainment / Visit with Exhibitors
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. General Session / Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ellen Bialystok
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break/Visit with Exhibitors
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Breakout Session #4
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Awards Recognition Luncheon (included w/registration)
1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  Breakout Session #5
2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.  Visit with Exhibitors
2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Breakout Session #6
4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  Door Prizes
September 16, 2016

Dear colleagues and friends,

On behalf of the RGV-TABE and Executive Board, I would like to take this time to extend our invitation to the 23rd Annual RGV-TABE Conference to be held at the South Padre Island Convention Center on **January 20-21, 2017**. As always, our conference will be offering high-quality professional development sessions, as well as wonderful networking opportunities with other bilingual educators and administrators from other parts of the world!

Through a balanced program of professional development and public education, RGV-TABE pursues the implementation of educational policies and effective bilingual-bicultural programs that promote equal educational opportunity and academic excellence for Bilingual/ESL students in the Rio Grande Valley. RGV-TABE firmly believes that only enrichment forms of bilingual education ensure that Bilingual/ESL students are successful cognitively, linguistically and affectively.

In keeping with this fundamental mission, RGV-TABE is committed to serve as a professional association for people interested in the education of bilingual learners; to review and analyze the state of bilingual education in the Rio Grande Valley and exchange practices for more effective implementation of bilingual programs; to disseminate research, ideas and information regarding bilingual and ESL education with the general public.

The theme of this year’s conference is **“Time to Celebrate! The Cognitive Edge of Biliteracy”**. We will have great keynote speakers, such as internationally renowned Dr. Ellen Bialystok, Distinguished Research Professor at York University, in Toronto, Canada. As a cognitive neuroscientist, Dr. Bialystok has spent almost 40 years studying the bilingual brain. Much of her research is focused on the effect of bilingualism on children’s language and cognitive development, as well as how long-term bilingualism protects older adults from cognitive decline.

By attending the conference you will have the opportunity to earn 12 CPE hours on best practices from other districts and other states. In addition, the conference will feature a complimentary luncheon and award ceremony where students and professionals will be recognized for their excellent work and contributions to the field of bilingual education. We are confident that with your support and participation, this year’s 23rd RGV-TABE Conference will be a success.

Once again, I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support for this great conference! Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions. We hope to see you at the Island in January!

Mil gracias,

**Karina E. Chapa**
Karina E. Chapa, M.Ed.
President, RGV-TABE
16 de septiembre del 2016

Estimados amigos y colegas,

A nombre de RGV-TABE y de su mesa directiva es un placer invitarlos a nuestra vigésima-tercer conferencia anual que se llevará a cabo en la Isla del Padre el 20 y 21 de enero del 2017. Este año, nuestra conferencia ofrecerá sesiones de alto calibre académico, así como excelentes oportunidades para convivir y relacionarse con educadores y administradores bilingües, no sólo de la región, sino del estado y de otras partes del mundo.

Mediante un programa de capacitación profesional balanceado, RGV-TABE promueve la implementación de pólizas educativas y programas bilingües y biculturales que aseguran oportunidades equitativas y de excelencia académica para los estudiantes del Valle del Río Grande. RGV-TABE cree firmemente en los programas de educación bilingüe de enriquecimiento, por medio de los cuales se asegura el desempeño cognitivo, académico y lingüístico de los alumnos.

Para cumplir con esta misión, RGV-TABE se compromete a servir como una asociación profesional para las personas interesadas en la educación de estudiantes bilingües; revisar y analizar el estado en el que se encuentra la educación bilingüe en el Valle del Río Grande e intercambiar prácticas para una implementación más efectiva de sus programas bilingües; así como también diseminar con el público en general investigaciones, ideas e información sobre la educación bilingüe y de inglés como segundo idioma.

Este año el tema de nuestra conferencia es “¡Es hora de celebrar! Las ventajas cognitivas de la biliteracidad”. Tendremos como oradores invitados a grandes conferencistas, como la Dra. Ellen Bialystok, Profesora e Investigadora Distinguida de la Universidad de York, en Toronto, Canadá. Como neurocientífica cognitiva, la Dra. Bialystok ha invertido cerca de 40 años estudiando el cerebro bilingüe. Una gran parte de sus investigaciones se han enfocado en el efecto del bilingüismo en el desarrollo lingüístico y cognitivo infantil, así como en el rol que juega el bilingüismo en el retraso del deterioro cognitivo en los adultos mayores.

Al asistir a esta conferencia, nuestros miembros podrán recibir 12 horas de desarrollo profesional y aprender de las mejores prácticas educativas de otros distritos de Texas y de otros estados. Además, ofreceremos para todos los participantes un banquete para celebrar a estudiantes y maestros que gracias a su dedicación y entrega serán reconocidos en este evento. Estamos seguros de que con su apoyo y participación esta conferencia será todo un éxito.

Nuevamente, les agradezco de antemano por su apoyo y quedamos a sus órdenes para cualquier pregunta que tengan sobre esta vigésima-tercer conferencia de RGV-TABE.

Mil gracias,

Karina E. Chapa
Karina E. Chapa, M.Ed.
Presidente, RGV-TABE
Ellen Bialystok is a Distinguished Research Professor of Psychology and Walter Gordon York Research Chair of Lifespan Cognitive Development at York University. She is also an Associate Scientist at the Rotman Research Institute of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. Her research uses both behavioral and neuroimaging methods to examine the effect of experience on cognitive processes across the lifespan, with most attention on the effect of bilingualism. Participants in these studies include children, younger and older adults, and patients, in an attempt to identify the mechanism by which experience modifies cognitive systems. She has published extensively in the form of books, scientific articles, and book chapters.

She is a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Society for Experimental Psychology, American Psychological Society, and other professional organizations. Among her awards are the Canadian Society for Brain Behaviour and Cognitive Science Hebb Award (2011), Killam Prize for the Social Sciences (2010), York University President’s Research Award of Merit (2009), Donald T. Stuss Award for Research Excellence at the Baycrest Geriatric Centre (2005), Dean’s Award for Outstanding Research (2002), Killam Research Fellowship (2001), and the Walter Gordon Research Fellowship (1999). In 2016, she was named an Officer of the Order of Canada for her contributions to our understanding bilingualism and for opening up new avenues of research in her field.

Source: [http://research.baycrest.org/ebialystok](http://research.baycrest.org/ebialystok)

For more information on Dr. Bialystok, scan the QR code below.
A determination to better understand learners’ struggles led high school and community college teacher Dr. Janet Zadina to an interest in neuroimaging studies of dyslexia. Pursuing that interest, she became a neuroscientist, conducting MRI research into dyslexia in the Department of Neurology at Tulane University School of Medicine, where she completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship in cognitive neuroscience.

Today, Dr. Zadina is an internationally renowned speaker, consultant, and author. She is known for her extraordinary ability to debunk popular myths about the brain while keeping educators aware of credible brain research. The Society for Neuroscience honored her with the 2011 Science Educator Award for making significant contributions to public education and raising awareness of neuroscience through her powerful conference presentations and transformational workshops.

She is the author of reading and learning textbooks for students as well as professional development books for teachers, including *Multiple Pathways to the Student Brain*, and is co-founder of the Butterfly Project, a project designed to help teachers who have experienced natural disasters. Among her many honors, she has been named as a Distinguished Fellow in the Council of Learning Assistance and Developmental Education Associations.

For more information on Dr. Zadina, scan the QR code below.
Rio Grande Valley
Texas Association for Bilingual Education
23rd Annual Bilingual Education Conference Registration
South Padre Island Convention Centre, South Padre Island, Texas
January 20-21, 2017

Name (Mr./Mrs./Miss./Ms.) ___________________________________________________________

Last First Middle

Home Address ________________________________________________________________

Street

City State Zip

Home Phone ___________________________ E-Mail _________________________________

Employer District _____________________________________________________________

Campus ____________________________ Position _________________________________

Campus Address ______________________________________________________________

Street

City State Zip

Campus Work Phone ___________________________ Campus FAX _________________________

Purchase Order# ___________________________

Check Type: $135.00* – Early Registration – must be received by Friday, November 18, 2016
(includes membership to RGV-TABE and TABE)

$150.00* – Regular Registration – must be received by Friday, January 13, 2017
(includes membership to RGV-TABE and TABE)

$165.00* After January 13, 2017 **On-Site Registration Only**
Conference materials are not guaranteed/must present paper copy of PO or cash
(includes membership to RGV-TABE and TABE)

RGV-TABE Presenter – Must be approved by RGV-TABE Executive Board
$100.00 Discounted Registration for first presenter!

$40.00 – Current Undergraduate Student Registration
(attach copy of current student ID)

Mail conference registration with your check/money order to:

RGV-TABE
P.O. Box 1714
Pharr, TX 78577

or email Purchase Order with registration form to rgytabe@yahoo.com

Questions can be directed to the RGV-TABE Office at (956) 354-6949. E-mail questions and/or
comments to rgytabe@yahoo.com.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Date: ___________________________ Check Number: ___________________________

Amount Paid: __________________ Purchase Order: ___________________________

No refunds will be allowed after January 13, 2017.
Rio Grande Valley
Texas Association for Bilingual Education
Presentation Proposal
23rd Annual Bilingual Education Conference – South Padre Island Convention Centre
January 20-21, 2017

PRESENTERS

Name: __________________________________________ Title: ____________________________

School District/Company/Institution Affiliation: __________________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________ City State Zip

Phone: ____________________________ FAX: ____________________________ E-Mail: ____________________________

Name: __________________________________________ Title: ____________________________

School District/Company/Institution Affiliation: __________________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________ City State Zip

Phone: ____________________________ FAX: ____________________________ E-Mail: ____________________________

(Attach sheet with additional presenters, if needed)

Topic/Area:  __Newcomers __ELPS __Special Populations
__Early Literacy Development __Biliteracy Development __State Certification __Technology
__ESL Instruction __Early Childhood __Gifted and Talented __Assessment
__Multicultural Education __Parental Involvement __Math __Sheltered Instruction
__TEKS __STAAR __Science __Other
__Dual Language __Spanish Language Instruction __Social Studies __Other

Session Type:  __Informational __ Panel Discussion __ Workshop

Audience:  __Elementary Teachers __MS/HS Teachers __Administration/University __Other

Language of Presentation:  __English __Spanish

Session Title: __________________________________________

Proposal Abstract (50-75 word summary): Attach Maximum 250 word Proposal Description

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Each presentation room will be equipped with a screen and data projector ONLY. Additional equipment must be provided by presenter (adaptors, clickers, etc.)

NOTE: Registration fee is $100 for first presenter; regular fee for rest of presenters. Please complete Conference Registration form and mail with payment.

DEADLINE: November 18, 2016

MAIL or EMAIL THE INFORMATION TO:
RGV-TABE Office
P.O. BOX 1714
Pharr, TX 78577
Phone: 956-354-2042 • rgvtabe@yahoo.com
Yes, our company will participate in the 23rd Annual Rio Grande Valley-Texas Association for Bilingual Education (RGV-TABE) Conference to be held at the South Padre Island Convention Center, South Padre Island, Texas, on January 20-21, 2017 and agree to:

___ Sponsor at the following level:

   ___ $3,500 – Platinum (written commitment must be received by November 18, 2016)
   Sponsorship includes double booth with four exhibitor tables, a presentation slot, company instructional packet and/or promotional items in each bag and special recognition in conference program and breakfast table.

   ___ $2,500 – Gold (written commitment must be received by November 18, 2016)
   Sponsorship includes two exhibitor tables, a presentation slot and recognition in conference program and breakfast table.

   ___ $1,300 – Silver (written commitment must be received by November 18, 2016)
   Sponsorship includes one exhibitor table, a presentation slot, and recognition in conference program.

   ___ $700 – Bronze
   Sponsorship includes one exhibitor table and recognition in conference program.

___ Exhibitor fee of $350 – this includes one table

___ Local Independent Retail $150 – this includes one table

NOTE: Additional tables will be provided upon request for an additional $100 each.
Requests for additional presentation slots will be accommodated if space availability permits for an additional fee of $65. A Presentation Proposal must be submitted for consideration no later than November 18, 2016.

Company:______________________________________________________
Sales Representative:__________________________________________
Address:______________________________________________________
City:_________________________ State:_________________________ Zip:____________________
Day Phone:_________________________ Evening Phone:_________________________ FAX:_________________________

Due to a limited supply of conference materials, exhibitors may not receive conference bags. Only official level sponsors will be guaranteed at least one set of conference materials. An official exhibitor program guide will be available for all exhibitor companies.

Sponsorship/Exhibitor Fee $__________________
Additional Table + $__________________
Additional Presentation Slot + $__________________
Total Amount Enclosed = $__________________

As an authorized representative, I agree to have company representation at your conference from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on January 20-21, 2017

Authorized Signature:________________________________________ Date:________________________

SET UP TIME
THURSDAY, January 19, 2017
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Payment Deadline: January 10, 2017

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO RGV-TABE THEN MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK TO:
RGV-TABE Office, P.O. BOX 1714, Pharr, TX 78577
Phone: 956-354-6949 ● FAX: 956-354-3072 ● rgvtable@yahoo.com
**Rio Grande Valley**  
**Texas Association for Bilingual Education**  
23rd Annual RGV/TABE Bilingual Education Conference  
South Padre Island Convention Centre, South Padre Island, Texas  
January 20-21, 2017  

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

Hotel discount rates available for RGV-TABE Conference

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RGV-TABE 23rd Annual
“Being Bilingual” Essay Contest

Important notice to all elementary school, middle school, and high school students who are learning in two languages:

The Rio Grande Valley-Texas Association for Bilingual Education (RGV-TABE) invites all elementary, middle school, and high school bilingual/dual language learners to participate in a Writing Contest.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016**

**DESIGNATED TOPICS**
Write an essay on one of the following themes:
- Growing Up Bilingual
- Learning in Two Languages
- Why I Want to Be Bilingual
- Proud to Be Bilingual
- The Power of Bilingualism

**CASH PRIZES**
Grades 3-5: $500 (1 Winner)
Grades 6-8: $500 (1 Winner)
Grades 9-12: $500 (1 Winner)

**CRITERIA**
Each essay will be judged on the following criteria:
(1) originality
(2) content/clarity
(3) organization
(4) grammar

**RULES**
Only entries that comply with the following rules will be considered.

- **LANGUAGE:** All essays must be written in the student’s second language.
- **SUBJECT:** All essays must address at least one of the themes listed under “TOPICS.”
- **LENGTH:**
  - Grades 3-5 (150-200 words)
  - Grades 6-8 (250-350 words)
  - Grades 9-12 (400-500 words)

*The number of words must be noted at the end of each essay.*

**FORMAT:**
The essay must be handwritten neatly in ink or typed, double-spaced.

**APPLICATION:** An application form must be stapled to the essay. Participant name should not appear on the essay.

Applications require a teacher’s signature verifying that applicants meet the contest eligibility criteria.

**ENTRY SUBMISSION**
All entries must be submitted electronically to: rgvtabe@yahoo.com no later than December 16, 2016.

For further information contact: RGV-TABE, at rgvtabe@yahoo.com or call 956 354-6949
RGV-TABE

“Being Bilingual” Essay Contest

APPLICATION FORM

Instructions:
1. Staple a copy of this form to each essay.
2. Names should not appear on the essay.
3. All application forms must be signed by the teacher.

Name of Contestant:_________________________________________________

Grade: ___________________ Native Language: ____________________________

Home Address: ________________________________________________________

City: _____________________ State: __________________ Zip: ________________

Home Phone: (____) ____________________________

Name of School: _______________________________________________________

Name of Bilingual/Dual Teacher: _________________________________________

Name of Principal: ____________________________________________________

School Address: _____________________________

City: _____________________ State: __________________ Zip: ________________

School Phone: (____) ______________________ School Fax Number: (____) ___

Name of School District: _______________________________________________

I certify that this student meets all eligibility criteria.

Teacher Signature:_____________________________________________________

Date: _______________________

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016
Please submit the name of your nominee for each category with a brief description of their work:

Community Advocate: __________________________ Email: ____________________________

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Bilingual Educator: __________________________ Email: ____________________________

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Higher Education: __________________________ Email: ____________________________

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Submitted by:

Name: __________________________ District: ____________________________

Contact Number: __________________ Email: ____________________________
Rio Grande Valley
Texas Association for Bilingual Education

PARENT INSTITUTE
AT HILTON GARDEN INN - SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

7010 PADRE BLVD, SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TX 78597
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017
10:00 AM-1:30 PM
$25 PER PERSON

** ONLY TAKING ON THE FIRST 100 PARENTS **