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## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED: 4 AUGUST

Have you submitted your abstract for the HELTASA Conference 2014 yet?

The HELTASA 2014 team has decided to extend the abstract submission deadline with one week, due to the recent growing interest in the HELTASA Conference, and to allow reasonable time for colleagues to submit.

Please note the following details regarding abstract submission:

\*Due to logistics involved, we will not accept abstract submissions per email. Only abstracts that are submitted online will be taken into consideration for the review process. Here is the link to submit your HELTASA abstract online: [http://conferences.ufs.ac.za/templates/Heltasa/heltasa\\_sub\\_abstracts.aspx?DCode=731](http://conferences.ufs.ac.za/templates/Heltasa/heltasa_sub_abstracts.aspx?DCode=731)

\*The glogster or video submission is replacing the traditional poster presentation at this year's conference. Presentation platforms new to this year's HELTASA conference include panel sessions and interactive sessions. If you need more information, please contact Mieke du Plessis at [duplessism2@ufs.ac.za](mailto:duplessism2@ufs.ac.za).

### PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT: DR CHARLIE NUTT



Dr. Charlie Nutt, the Executive Director of the NACADA Institute, will be visiting the UFS on **8 — 11 September 2014**. Some topics that will be discussed in the workshops include **developmental, intrusive and strengths-based advising**, institutional advising delivery, advising strategies to support student learning and success, learning centered advising, and ethical foundations of academic advising. Please see the attached document for further information regarding Dr. Charlie Nutt's visit.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS FOR THE HELTASA 2014 CONFERENCE:



**PROF GEORGE KUH**  
Leading expert in institutional improvement, student engagement, assessment strategies, and campus cultures.



**DR WILLIAM GRABE & FREDRICKA STOLLER**  
Leading experts in academic literacy, second language teaching and learning, and reading and writing development.



**PROF MELANIE WALKER**  
Expert in higher education and social justice, with a particular focus on theorising human capabilities and operationalising human development values in policy and practice.

Look out for more information about our keynotes in the upcoming communiques!

### MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CTL

#### What is different about HELTASA 2014?

Throughout 2014, the HELTASA coordination team has been working on creating an exciting HELTASA experience. Our efforts have been focused on contributing to the development of the next generation of scholars of teaching and learning, and academic development of specialists within the UFS, but also nationally. Such efforts include five national workshops that took place throughout the year to share international expertise with colleagues in the sector. In November, the Conference will be bustling with innovative papers and interactive experiences where staff will not only listen to innovative work, but also be part of new teaching and learning experiences. We have leading keynotes and a couple of surprises in store.

Thank you for your abstract submissions, without which a different and innovative HELTASA 2014 would not be possible.  
Francois Strydom



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