

Written words: From graphematic forms to meaning

15th International Workshop on Writing Systems and Literacy

29-31 October 2025

Italian National Research Council (CNR),

Institute for Computational Linguistics “Antonio Zampolli” Pisa, Italy

Extending the Association of Written Language and Literacy’s (AWLL) tradition of international conferences devoted to writing systems, AWLL15 will convene to facilitate researchers from various backgrounds in exploring their shared interests in written words; from their diverse graphematic forms to the different kinds of information evoked within the reciprocal processes of writing and reading.

AWLL15 registration details

All participants should register by completing the Google form at the AWLL15 homepage; onsite participants then click on the appropriate fee option on the homepage:

<http://faculty-sgs.tama.ac.jp/terry/awll/WS/15/2025-HP.html>

Please note that the deadline for onsite participation is 22 October and that AWLL15 fees are in pounds sterling (GBP).

Full fee:	£230
Student fee:*	£160
Conference dinner (day 2):**	£48
Online (audience)	no fee

*To qualify for the student fee, please email evidence of your student status. There is no charge for student participants to attend the conference dinner.

**If any accompanying persons would like to only attend the conference dinner, please contact to arrange that.

As the Google form for AWLL15 registration indicates, further information about online access will be sent about a week before AWLL15.

AWLL15’s programme consists of a symposium (Perspectives on text reading and comprehension) (Day 1) and two keynote presentations (from Elinor Saiegh-Haddad on Day 2 and Alessandro Lenci on Day 3). In addition to 10 oral sessions, featuring 26 presentations, over the three days of the conference, there are two poster sessions, featuring 10 presentations, on Days 2 and 3. AWLL’s business meeting will be on Day 2 and the conference will conclude with a panel discussion.

AWLL15’s welcome reception (Day 1 evening) will include a guided evening walk on the Pisa medieval walls overlooking Piazza dei Miracoli (locations of the Duomo, the Baptistery and the Leaning Tower) and an art exhibition in Bastion; the venue for a cocktail buffet.

For the conference dinner (Day 2 evening), there is a choice of three menus:

Menu #1 (meat)

Appetizer: *Marinated beef with truffles and pecorino cheese*
First course: *Hand-made maccheroncini pasta with hand-chopped Chianina beef ragù and Tuscan sausage*
Second course: *Sliced sirloin steak with Colonnata lard, fleur de sel, and rosemary; roasted potatoes*
Dessert: *Soft apple cake with custard sauce*

Menu #2 (fish)

Appetizer: *Cacciucco of baby squid with potato cream and newly made olive oil*
First course: *Paccheri alla trabaccolara (pasta with tomato sauce and sea food)*
Second course: *Sea bream in salt crust with homemade mayonnaise and vegetable side dish*
Dessert: *Fresh fruit sorbet*

Menu #3 (vegetarian)

Appetizer: *Yellow pumpkin flan with cave-aged pecorino cheese sauce*
First course: *Fresh maccheroncini pasta with porcini mushrooms*
Second course: *Eggplant parmigiana*
Dessert: *Soft apple cake with custard sauce/Fresh fruit sorbet*

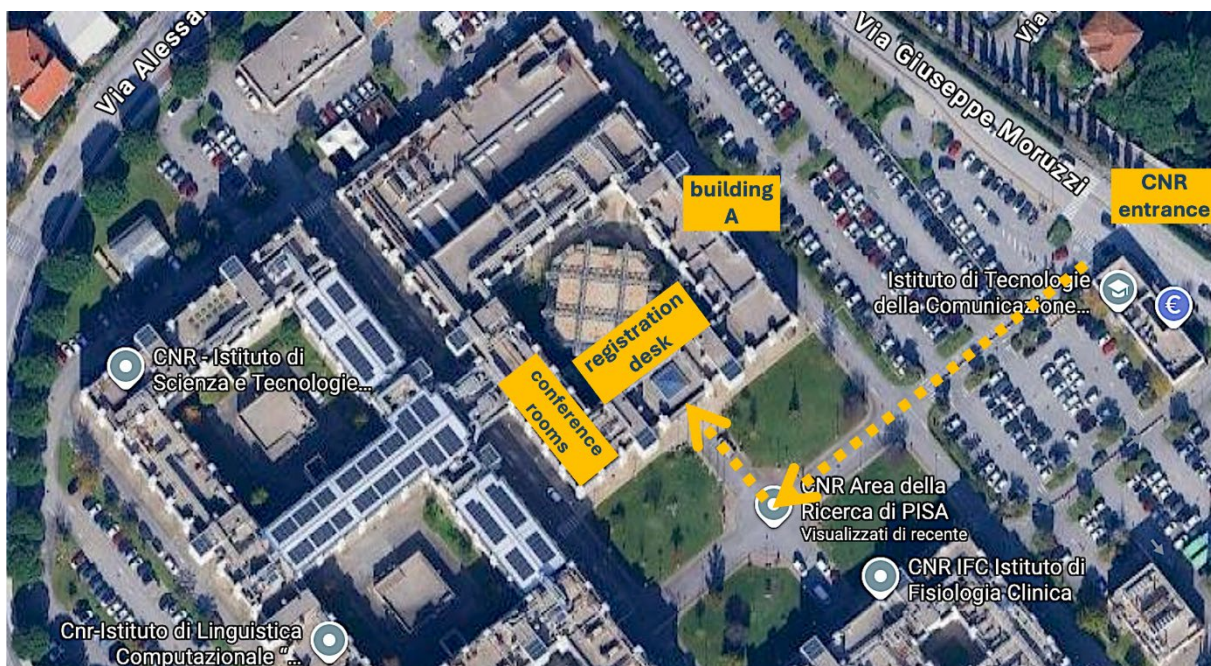
Wine from the Terre di Pisa Consortium

Coffee

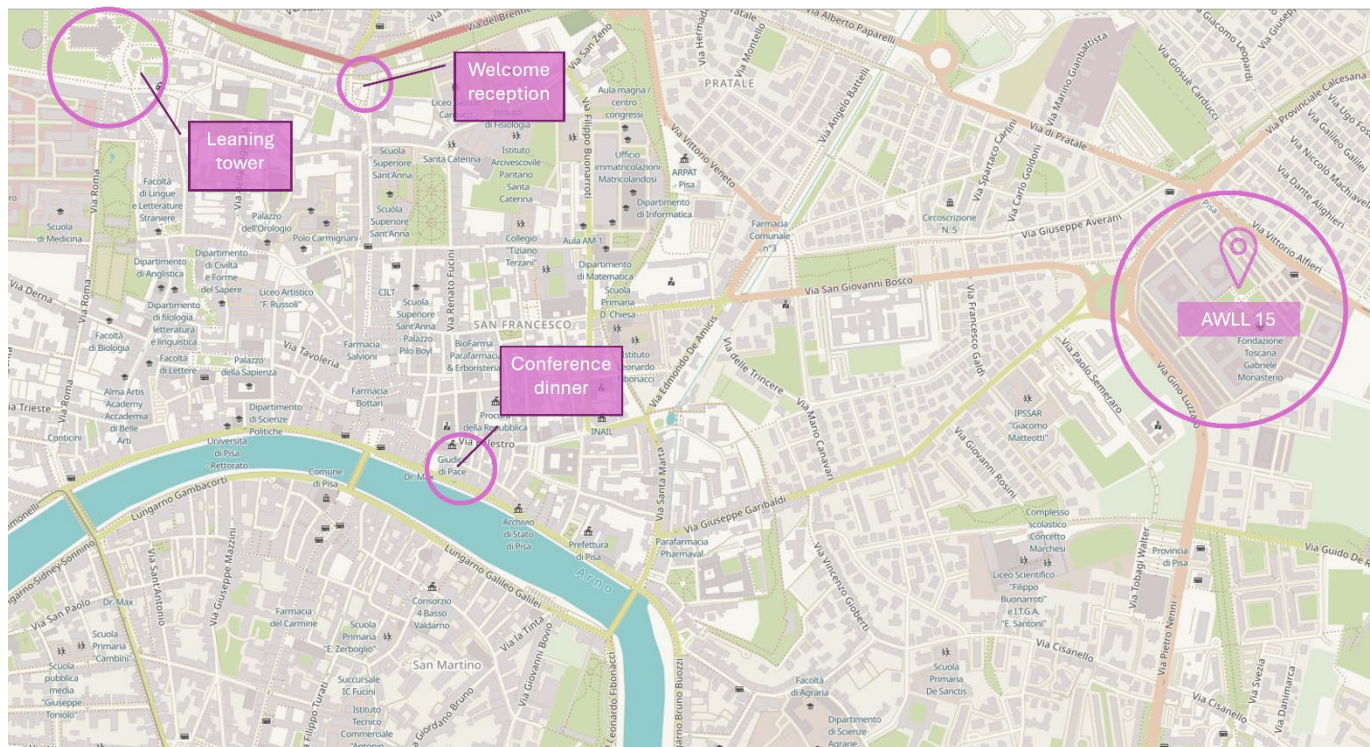
Onsite participants registering to attend the conference dinner will be required to select one of these menus on the Google registration form.

AWLL15 venue

AWLL15 will take place at the Institute for Computational Linguistics “Antonio Zampolli”. This map of the CNR complex indicates the locations of the CNR entrance, the registration desk and the conference rooms.



As the second map indicates, CNR is located on the north-east outskirts of Pisa.



Accommodation in Pisa

As a well-known tourist destination, there is a wide variety of places to stay in Pisa, but the conference dates are expected to be a busy period for Pisa. Accordingly, onsite participants are recommended to search early for suitable accommodation on the well-known booking portal sites (such as Booking.com, Expedia, Tripadvisor, and Airbnb).

The following is a list of some B&B places and some 3-star and 4-star hotels (although it should be noted that most are centrally located; see their websites for further information).

B&B Antica Piazza dei Miracoli	www.anticapiazzamiracoli.it/
B&B Dolce Notte Pisa	www.dolcenottepisa.it/
B&B La Corte di Stelio	www.lacortedistelio.it
Hotel Di Stefano ***	www.hoteldistefano.it/it/
Hotel Alessandro Della Spina ***	www.hoteldellaspina.it/
Hotel Verdi ***	https://hotelverdipisa.com/
Hotel San Ranieri ****	www.sanranierihotel.com/
Hotel AC Marriott Pisa ****	www.marriott.com/it/hotels/psaps-ac-hotel-pisa/photos/
Hotel Repubblica Marinara ****	www.hotelrepubblicamarinara.it/
Hotel Bologna ****	https://hotelbologna.pisa.it/
GH Duomo ****	www.grandhotelduomopisa.it/

Presentation requests:

Oral presentations:

Please note that, to facilitate smooth transitions between oral presentations, a venue computer will be used for all oral presentations (i.e., it will not be permissible to use your own computer). Accordingly, oral presenters are requested to send your presentation file by 26 October (Sun) at the latest (send to Terry).

Oral presentations are for 30 minutes, inclusive of 5-10 mins for questions and answers at the presenter's discretion. Chairpersons will, however, provide time warnings.

Posters:

The poster panels are A0 in size in the portrait orientation (1189mm height x 841mm wide). Presenters are free to utilize the panel space as you wish (but please do not exceed these dimensions). Poster presenters are responsible for printing own posters.

Files for AWLL15 website:

Moreover, both oral and poster presenters are asked to provide your presentations as PDFs, suitable for sharing at the AWLL15 conference website. These should also be sent by 26 October (Sun).

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