



Messages from MEDAL

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Summer School in Computational Linguistics

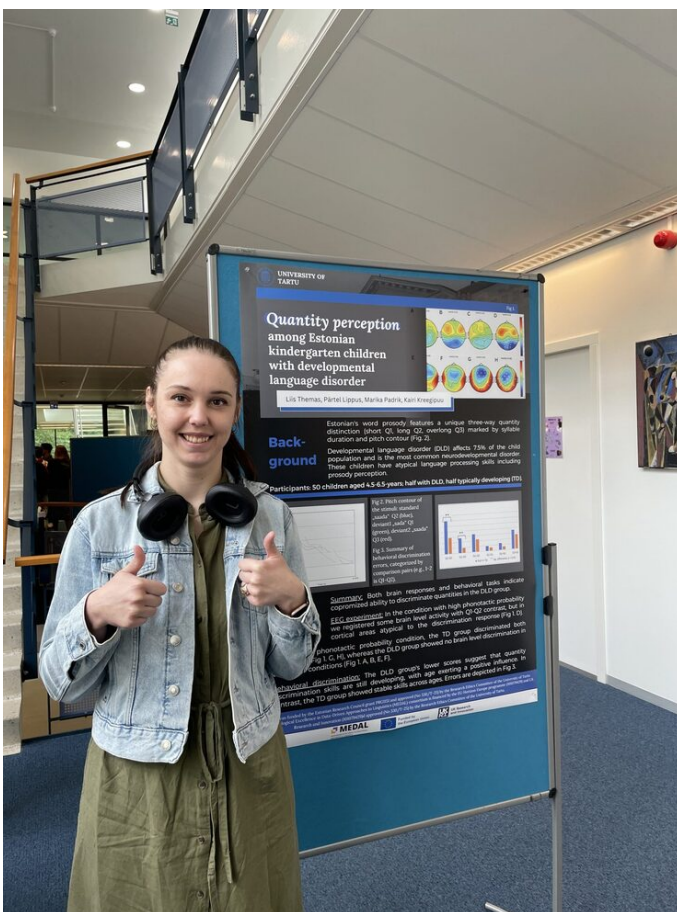
Save the date!

The third and final summer school will be on **computational modeling** and will take place **23-27 June 2025** in **Birmingham**. Registrations will open soon, keep an eye out on the website.

Important announcement: if you are a non-EU citizen, it is very important to start your visa application for the UK before December. So, please register and apply for a visa as soon as registrations open.

We hope to see you all in Birmingham next year!

In the meantime, we can all relive the Nijmegen summer school experience through Tartu student Liis Themas' [summary](#). Thank you, Liis!



Tomorrow: Designing CDIs with Katie Alcock

There was some bad news at the Nijmegen summer school: Katie Alcock's (Lancaster University) workshop on designing CDIs had to be cancelled.

The good news is that Katie agreed to give her workshop online instead! The workshop on designing questionnaires and CDIs takes place on **September 17th, tomorrow, 12:00-15:00 EE / 11:00-14:00 NL / 10:00-13:00 UK.**

Click [here](#) for more information.



Save another date: Final conference

Time, sadly, flies.

This means that we slowly but surely have to start preparing for the end of our 3-year consortium.

We will not go out without a bang! There will be a final conference in the place where it all began, **Tartu, on October 9th and 10th 2025.** Mark the date in your calendars, and follow the [event page](#) for updates!



MEDAL for High School

The new semester will not just have events for early-career researchers, but also for early early-career researchers! On **September 25**, high school students from Nijmegen will come to the **Max Planck Institute** to listen to talks on sign language (by Hasan Dikyuva and Gerardo Ortega) and on child language acquisition (by Renske Sakalis).



Gretechen was here



The MEDAL consortium was visited by the one and only Gretchen McCulloch, the internet's favorite language science communicator.

Gretchen gave two talks in Tartu, one for the Linguistics Colloquium TÜling, and one MEDAL Communicating Linguistics workshop (with the very meta title *Applying linguistic methods to linguistic communication*). There were plenty of opportunities for consultations and networking.

Gretchen also visited Nijmegen, where ECRs of the Radboud University and the Max Planck Institute could ask her questions about their science communication projects.

Overall, a very fruitful visit. We hope Gretchen has a nice continuation of her trip through Europe!

Upcoming Events Fall 2024

Multiple free hybrid, online and in-person **workshops for the coming semester**

September 17 (online)

Designing CDIs and Questionnaires with Katie Alcock

September 23-24 (in-person EE)

Methods: Advanced data retrieval for corpus linguistics with Akira Murakami

September 25 (in-person NL)

Masterclasses for high school students in Nijmegen

Talk to the hand with Hasan Dikyuv and Gerardo Ortega

Knutselen met de bouwstenen van taal (in Dutch) with Renske Sakalis

October 21-24 (hybrid or online)

Statistics Masterclass: Bayesian regression with Natalia Levshina

November 6 (online)

Open Science: Why and how to do preregistration? with Dirk van Gorp and Anita Eerland

November 20 (hybrid)

Soft skills: Behind the journal with Dagmar Divjak

These activities are financed by the EU Horizon Europe Twinning project MEDAL (101079429) and UK Research and Innovation (101079429).

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