

## IATBLT Research Article Award

### Call for nominations

The Executive Board of the International Association for Task-based Language Teaching (IATBLT) vzw is pleased to invite nominations for the IATBLT Research Article Award. This award is given biennially for an article that makes a significant contribution to the field of task-based language teaching (TBLT).

Members of IATBLT vzw may nominate articles published in refereed journals or as book chapters published in the years 2015 and 2016.

The first winner of the award will be presented with an award of €500 (funded independently by the IATBLT vzw) and a certificate at the next biennial conference of IATBLT in Barcelona in April 2017.

#### Selection criteria:

- Relevance of the contribution to the field of TBLT;
- Significance and originality of the topic addressed;
- In the case of empirical work, strength or originality of research design, quality of data collection and analysis procedures, and appropriate interpretation of results;
- In the case of conceptual / theoretical work, the persuasiveness and clarity of the argument;
- Potential impact of research on TBLT-related practice, theory and future research.

#### Nomination procedure:

Any member of IATBLT vzw may nominate an article for this award. Nomination statements should be no longer than 1 double-spaced page, and should provide clear grounds for the nomination in light of the selection criteria above.

Please send the nomination statement with a pdf copy of the article to the President of IATBLT, Kris Van den Branden, by e-mail at [info@tblt.org](mailto:info@tblt.org). The deadline for nominations is 31 January 2017.

A Selection Committee, made up of two delegates of the Executive Board (EB) of IATBLT vzw and two delegates of the local organising committee for the TBLT biennial conference will rate and rank the nominated research articles, and draw up a shortlist of three articles. The three shortlisted articles will then be read by all members of the Executive Board, who will submit their recommendation for the award to the President of IATBLT. The President makes the final decision. Current members of the IATBLT Executive Board and the local organizing committee are also eligible for the award. If an EB member is the author of an article that is put forward, they will recuse themselves from the entire evaluation process. The award may not be made if there is an insufficient number of nominations (less than three), or no nominated article meets the criteria for the award.