

15:55–17:25 3F Main Hall

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## **“CALL Bridges the World”**

**Mike Levy (Griffith University)**

**Ana Gimeno-Sanz (Universidad Politécnica de Valencia)**

**Robert Fischer (Texas State University)**

**Thomas Robb (Kyoto Sangyo University)**

**Osamu Takeuchi (Kansai University)**

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In this final WorldCALL 2008 panel session, we are very fortunate to have as participants, Ana Gimeno-Sanz (President–EuroCALL), Bob Fischer (Executive Director–CALICO), Tom Robb (President–PacCALL) and Osamu Takeuchi (President–LET Kansai Chapter). These four leaders of major CALL organisations from around the world will give their views on the future of CALL, especially as it relates to their own region and to their own organisation as each continues to grow and evolve. Individual panel members are encouraged to expand on their own perspectives and to present their own vision for CALL in the future. The overarching theme throughout will reflect that of the conference, “CALL Bridges the World”.

Following the short individual presentations, the discussion will be opened up to the audience as a whole. Questions will be invited from the floor and panel members and other participants will be invited to respond. We are confident of an engaging and lively discussion as our attention moves away from WorldCALL 2008 and onwards into the future, towards WorldCALL 2013 and beyond.

Representatives from eleven countries will share their knowledge and experience to discuss the challenges they face implementing technology enhanced language learning in their own countries. As leaders in CALL in their respective countries, they will briefly describe their own experience as well as the current trends and obstacles that face teachers in their area. The colloquium will conclude with a discussion of an overall strategy for addressing some of the commonalities and concerns mentioned by the panelists. The panelists look forward to a vigorous give and take with audience in this concluding section.