



The Pacific Rim Objective Measurement Symposium (PROMS) 2008 will be held August 1-3, at Ochanomizu University, Tokyo. Rasch Measurement software workshops will precede the conference on Thursday, July 31st.

To register for the conference, view abstracts of accepted presentations, and retrieve additional information about the venue, purpose, and workshops, please visit the website:

www.proms-tokyo.org

Saturday, August 2 will be a language testing theme day. Featured speakers include:



Dr. Tim McNamara, Professor of Applied Linguistics, University of Melbourne. Author of “Measuring Second Language Performance” and “Language Testing: The Social Dimension.” Dr. McNamara will deliver a keynote address on August 2 entitled “Breaking down resistance: Rasch measurement and language testing research.”



Dr. Jack Stenner, CEO and co-founder of Metametrics, developer of the Lexile framework, a widely used measure of reading ability and text difficulty. Dr. Stenner will deliver a keynote address on August 2nd entitled “Testing a theory of reader ability, text readability and comprehension.”



Dr. George Engelhard, Jr., professor of educational studies, Emory University. Dr. Engelhard will present a keynote address on August 2nd entitled “Historical view of the influences of theories of measurement and language proficiency on English language tests.”



Dr. Trevor Bond, professor of educational psychology at The Hong Kong Institute of Education and co-author with Christine Fox of “Applying the Rasch Model - Fundamental Measurement in the Human Sciences.” He will present a keynote address on August 1st.



Dr. Margaret Wu, research fellow at the Assessment Research Centre (ARC), University of Melbourne. She is also a co-developer of Conquest Rasch analysis software package. Dr. Wu will be delivering a keynote address on August 1st entitled “Improving the measurement of reading scores by using mathematics and science scores, and student background information.”