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### ***SIMTEST*: A foreign language proficiency CAT**

Within the context of an interuniversity system certifying a level of proficiency in a foreign language, the School of Modern Languages (SIM) at the *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona* (UAB) has designed and developed the *SIMTEST*. A computer-based application operating on computer-adaptive principles, the *SIMTEST* gives a fast, reliable indication of a candidate's level according to Common European Framework (CEF) scales. After initial pilot studies and further trials at the UAB, other Catalan universities and official language schools (EOIs) in the Barcelona area, results were carefully analysed by psychometricians at the UAB, successfully demonstrating the test's reliability. The *SIMTEST* can be used as an element in a certification system to evaluate grammatical and lexical knowledge, reading skills and listening comprehension. It can also be used in a placement-test context as an indicator of a candidate's global level of proficiency. The *SIMTEST* contains an optional self-evaluation element that allows candidates to test their communicative ability by an adaptive questionnaire based on CEF "can-do statements". The presentation will provide a brief description both of the *SIMTEST* project's development and of its resulting applications.