Academic writing for research publication takes place around the globe, involving, according to a recent account, 5.5 million scholars, 2,000 publishers and 17,500 research/higher education institutions (Curry and Lillis, 2010: 1). Because so many scholars whose first language is not English are now using that language for publication purposes and because of the research interest that has developed in the field, a specialist term has been coined, English for Research Publication Purposes (ERPP). This paper will overview some issues relating to ERPP.

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