

**Association of University Language Communities in the UK & Ireland**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**King's College, London**

The Annual General Meeting of the Association of University Language Communities in the UK & Ireland (AULC) was held at King's College, London, on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 during the annual AULC conference.

1. AULC Chair, John Morley, opened the AGM with his Chair's report.
  - a. As of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 the AULC has a new name and a new logo. The change of name from Association of University Language Centres to Language Communities reflects the changing nature of the membership, where only 25% are now language centres. It is also intended to bring together the full diversity of language teaching & learning professionals working in the sector.
  - b. The AULC constitution has been amended to reflect an updated composition of the Executive Committee, with identified representatives for members in Wales and Scotland, and a representative for staff development and professionalisation. The change was approved by electronic vote, with 58 votes in favour and 3 votes against.
  - c. For 2019 AULC has two returning members: the University of Limerick and NUI Galway. There are 3 new members: Open University, the Consejería de Educación of the Spanish Embassy in London, and the Institut français in London. The latter two are joining as Associate Members.
  - d. The Chair announced that he would be stepping down in April 2019 before the end of the normal term of office. There will be a call for nominations in March 2019, with an election held by electronic ballot in March 2019, with results reviewed in Manchester.
  - e. The 2020 conference, and Annual General Meeting, will be held in Maynooth University, 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
2. The Secretary and Treasurer, Mark Critchley, provided a financial and membership report. This is appended as Annex 1.
3. Caroline Campbell and Mark Critchley presented the initial findings of the annual members' survey conducted amongst UK members.
  - a. 55 member institutions responded, with a survey focus on assessment, the relationship between institution-wide language programmes (IWLP) and academic Departments and less-commonly taught languages. Overall registrations to IWLP are stable, as is the breadth of language choice. There has been an increase in uncertainty in the sector, for reasons as yet unexplored. Results of the survey will be published by way of a written report which will be available via the AULC website ([www.aulc.org](http://www.aulc.org)).

- b. Questions regarding the survey focussed on support for English language provision, which has not as yet been tracked, and concerning independent learning, where there has been no formal review as yet.
4. The SIG/Events Officer, Andrew Grenfell, delivered a brief report concerning ongoing activities.
  - a. Languages for Specific Purposes has become a regular annual conference, with >50 attendees. There will be meetings at Imperial College and in Europe during 2020.
  - b. Professional Development SIG held its first meeting in Reading in May 2018, with a follow up meeting planned for Nottingham in May 2020. Resources are hoped to include an on-line repository and potential ideas for shared CPD.
  - c. The Teaching & Learning SIG hosts an annual meeting which took place in 2018 in Coventry.
  - d. Whilst not a SIG, University College Dublin hosted an Irish government language policy meeting in September 2018, with a follow up meeting due to take place in Cork in 2019.
5. The Chair of the UNILANG Steering Group, Catherine Chabert, provided an update. There are now approximately 50 approved UNILANG examiners, especially in French, German and Spanish. Dr Marion Coderch (Durham) is currently the lead external examiner for UNILANG. 864 certificates were issued in 2018 (Cardiff, Durham, Manchester, Warwick), and institutions are encouraged to pilot UNILANG, even if only on a limited basis. UNILANG is now moving from a pilot phase towards a development phase to increase the numbers of institutions involved. It is important to stress that UNILANG is a light touch process, and follows what has been happening in continental Europe for some years. In this respect UNILANG will be providing supporting materials, including a new handbook and supporting website.
6. The Chair provided an update on CercleS.
  - a. 48 of the 69 AULC members are also members of CercleS, with an annual subscription fee of €100. The bi-annual CercleS conference took place in Poznań, Poland, in September 2018. The next CercleS conference will take place in Brno, Czech Republic, in September 2020. CercleS has a website with various resources available, and operates a number of Focus Groups. CercleS and keen to promote scholarships to attend Focus Group meetings and to boost participation.
  - b. UNILANG is now a member of the Network of University Language Testers in Europe (NULTE), which was formed with five other national associations in Poznań: AKS (Germany), Ranacles (France), ACLES (Spain), SERMO (Poland), AICLU (Italy).
  - c. CercleS continue to produce the journal *Language Learning in Higher Education*. This is published via de Gruyter, and is available free of charge to all members via University Library subscription services.
  - d. The CercleS legal registration is being renewed, and will be newly registered in Strasbourg. It is anticipated that legal and financial formalities will be completed in 2019.

The Annual General Meeting concluded at 14:30.

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### Treasurer's Report 2018

<b>Balance on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>	<b>£16,083.75</b>
<b>Balance on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	<b>£15,503.28</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>	
4 2017 member subscriptions carried forward	£540.00
21 member subscriptions AULC only	£1,890.00
48 member subscriptions AULC & CercleS	£8,640.00
2019 conference sponsorships	£1,800.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£12,870.00</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	
2018 AULC conference expenditure	£531.20
2019 AULC conference expenditure	£3,207.00
AULC Executive committee expenses	£2,112.16
CercleS travel expenses	£492.66
UNILANG support	£2,133.45
CercleS subscriptions re-payment (2017)	£270.00
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Bristol on-line surveys subscription	£222.00
Bank charges	£72.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£13,450.47</b>
<b>Net Expenditure:</b>	<b>£580.47</b>

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### Membership Report 2018

#### 2017

AULC/CercleS members	44
AULC members	24
Subscription invoices unpaid	8 (5 subsequently paid late in 2018)
Total membership:	<b>68</b> (including late payments)

#### 2018

New and returning members

- Goldsmith's College
- Manchester Metropolitan University

AULC/CercleS members	48
AULC members	21
Subscription invoices unpaid	2
Member withdrawn	1
Total membership:	<b>69</b> (not including late payments)

#### 2019

New and returning members will include:

- NUI Galway
- University of Limerick
- Open University

New Associate members

- Consejería de Educación, Embajada de España
- Institut français

### Membership List 2018

Aberystwyth University	Leicester University
Anglia Ruskin	Liverpool University
University of the Arts	London School of Economics
Aston University	Loughborough University
Bath University	Manchester University
Birmingham University	Manchester Metropolitan University
Bournemouth University	Maynooth, NUI
Brighton University	Newcastle University
Bristol University	Nottingham Trent University
Brunel University	Nottingham University
Cambridge University	Oxford University
Cardiff University	Portsmouth University
University of Central Lancashire	Queen Mary University, London
Chartered Institute of Linguists (Associate member)	Queen's University, Belfast
University College Cork	University of Reading
Coventry University	Regent's University
University College Dublin	Richmond University
Durham University	Roehampton University
Edge Hill University	Salford University
Edinburgh University	Sheffield Hallam University
University of Essex	Sheffield University
Exeter University	Solent University
Glasgow University	Southampton University
Goldsmith's College	Sunderland University
Greenwich University	Surrey University
Heriot-Watt University	Sussex University
University of Hertfordshire	University College London
Huddersfield University	University of East Anglia
Hull University	Warwick University
Imperial College, London	West Indies (Associate member)
University of Keele	Westminster University
University of Kent	Wolverhampton University
King's College London	University of Worcester
Lancaster University	York University
Leeds Beckett University	York St John University
Leeds University	

