

UCML Executive Committee

Friday 2 November 2018 12.30 – 16.00
Monnet Room, Europe House
32 Smith Square, London SW1P 3EU



IWLP Report

1. AULC-UCML report on IWLP 2018-19

The annual IWLP survey is now live and a link will be sent to AULC and UCML members by the end of October. It would be much appreciated if colleagues could forward the link to relevant staff and encourage completion by the deadline – 23 November 2018.

2. 20th AULC conference – King's College London, 10-11 January 2019

The theme of the next AULC conference is **Linguistic transitions: towards languages for life**. The call for papers is now open – deadline 2 November 2018. For further details - <https://aulc2019.org.uk/>

3. AULC – change of name

By a unanimous vote in May 2018, the AULC membership decided to change the name of the Association to the Association of University Language Communities in the United Kingdom and Ireland - bringing language teaching learning professionals together. The new name will come into effect in January 2019 and the mark the 20th anniversary of the Association.

4. LSPHE: Languages for Specific Purposes in Higher Education

The 4th annual LSPHE conference took place at the University of Leeds on Friday 14th September 2018 and was attended by over 50 delegates from the Czech Republic, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Turkey and the UK. Following on from the success of previous events and repeated requests for a longer event, LSPHE is planning to run a 2-day conference in September 2019, venue to be announced.

The special issue of the Journal of Teaching English for Specific and Academic Purposes (<http://espeap.junis.ni.ac.rs/index.php/espeap/index>), dedicated to Languages for Specific Purposes and guest edited by Benoît Guilbaud and David Tual, will be out soon.

5. UNILANG

- During CercleS' 15th conference held in Poznan last September, UNILANG - together with five other national European certification schemes - signed a Memorandum of Cooperation under the coordination of NULTE (the Network of University Language Testers in Europe). This major step forward for UNILANG's development brings new potential opportunities of cross-collaboration with other CEFR-based certification systems.
- The cumulative number of students who have gained a UNILANG certificate since 2015-16 is 1,359. Four universities have piloted the scheme: Cardiff University, Durham University, the University of Warwick and the University of Manchester. The pilot has included various CEFR levels in French, German, Portuguese and Spanish languages.

- In July, members of the UNILANG steering group met with representatives from the *Institut Français* and the *Instituto Cervantes* to agree mutual referencing of their respective certificates. This cross-referencing aims to help students better understand what is available to them in terms of language certification.
- UNILANG is now a registered domain name under ac.uk; for more information on UNILANG, please visit www.unilang.ac.uk

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