

UCML business meeting

Friday 14th January 2022 10am-12pm



Item 3a: Honorary Secretary's report

1. Elections to UCML Exec

This report covers the time since the AGM at the Plenary of 9th July 2021. The main secretarial business has been completing the elections of new Executive members. These are:

Hon. Treasurer	Marián Arribas-Tomé	July, 2021
East Asian Studies Rep	Binhua Wang	July 2021
Linguistics Rep	Ursula Lanvers	July 2021
Scotland and UCMLS	Ed Welch	July 2021
Vice Chair, External Engagement and Communications	Fransiska Louwagie	October 2021
Vice Chair, Research	Liz Wren-Owens	October 2021
Wales Rep	Carlos Sanz Mingo	December 2021
Germanic & Low Countries Rep	Sarah Bowden	January 2022

We have called for nominations for a new **Area Studies Representative** to replace Frances Weightman, who is finishing her term at the end of January (thank you, Frances!). We have also advertised for a new **Executive Assistant**, who will replace James Illingworth from the end of January. Huge thanks to James for the wonderful work he has done for UCML and for the incredible support he has provided to us committee members.

2. Small Grants Subcommittee

We have had two meetings of the Small Grants subcommittee meeting, on 12th August and 19th November. We were really pleased to make awards to 13 projects altogether!

The subcommittee has a rotating membership and this year, we have been joined by Ursula Lanvers, Luís Gomes, and Liz Wren-Owens. Huge thanks to Gigliola Sulis, Vicky Wright, and Jo Drugan.

3. UCML's input in the Durham University Conference (2023)

Emma and I have met with Charles Burdett (IMLR), Claudia Nitschke and David Cowling (Durham University) for discussions on the contribution of UCML to the conference (April 2023). Once I have some concrete details and proposals, I will report with more information.

4. Partnership with CIOL

John Worne and I have had a couple of meetings to discuss ways in which UCML and CIOL can work in partnership. John has proposed an Accreditation & Certification project involving UG finalists. We are

planning a pilot in the first instance (from 2022), which will involve Durham University students. I will report back as soon as I have more details.

5. Upcoming meetings

Spring Steering Group meeting: 4th March, 2022

Spring Executive Committee: 29th April, 2022

Marcela Cazzoli, 10/01/22