

Honorary Secretary report – Executive Committee meeting, 11th November 2022

1. Elections to UCML Exec

We welcome our first British Sign Language representative to the Committee, Robert McCluskey, from the University of Reading, and also our first Classical Studies representative, Arlene Holmes-Henderson, from Durham University.

2. Small Grants

We met on 30th September to review applications from round 4. Two projects were awarded grants: *Teaching Russian Culture after the Invasion: Discussion and Workshop* and *Translating Crises for Language Teaching and Learning*.

It was decided at the last Plenary that there will be two rounds from now on instead of four. The deadline for the first round in 2022-2023 was on 3rd November. The Small Grants Subcommittee will meet very soon to review the latest submissions.

3. Representation on the CIOL Educational Trust Board

I attended my first meeting of the board on 13th October. On 1st November, I also attended the Languages are for Everyone: CIOL and Duolingo in Conversation event, with Duolingo CEO Luis von Ahn and CIOL CEO John Worne at the House of Lords.

4. Representation on the European Language Council

I have been in correspondence with María Teresa Zanola, President of ELC, with the aim of re-establishing our partnership with the Council. María Teresa has expressed a keen interest in our involvement in projects/initiatives, especially now that Mike Kelly, who used to represent the UK as a member of the Board, has retired. After a conversation with Emma, I have volunteered to represent UCML in ELC's next conference in December.

5. Upcoming meetings

Winter Plenary: 13th January 2023

Exec Committee meeting: 28th April 2023

Summer Plenary: 14th July 2023

Steering group meetings: 10th March & 19th May 2023

Marcela Cazzoli, 7th November 2022