

Constitution

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1. Name

1.1 International Association for Languages & Intercultural Communication (IALIC)

2. Aims

2.1 The Association will provide support to scholars in their academic life within the field of Languages and Intercultural Communication, and will promote Languages and Intercultural Communication as an academic field.

2.2 The Association will seek to bring together international scholars and practitioners from a broad range of disciplinary backgrounds, among which are anthropology, sociolinguistics, psychology, education, literary studies, management and organisation studies, as well as linguistics and applied linguistics. In so doing, it will seek to:

2.2.1 create the conditions for a body of intellectual enquiry which intersects consciously, critically and reflectively with other disciplines;

2.2.2 represent the living reality of experiences of increased mobility and intercultural communication, as well as addressing the professional concerns brought about by the diversity of the research and the teaching of living languages;

2.2.3 promote in theory and practice greater intercultural understanding and, thereby, address the causes and the consequences of culture, all types of intolerance, social injustice, exclusion, inequalities, etc..

3. Activities

3.1 The focus of the Association's activities will be an annual conference or symposium The Association is affiliated to the journal Language and Intercultural Communication which has its own advisory board.

3.2 The Association will explore opportunities to co-operate with other bodies where interests are mutually served.

3.3 These activities may be supported and promoted by activities and events organised at local and regional level, and approved by the Committee of the Association as appropriate.

4. Membership

4.1 Membership is open to any individual or institution with a research, a teaching and/or a professional interest in promoting the aims of the Association at any level.

4.2 The Association declares its intention to work towards a diverse and inclusive membership.

4.3 All members shall pay an annual subscription, normally due by January 31st. Membership will run from 1st January until 31st December.

- 5.5 The Officers and Committee members are elected by members at the Annual General Meeting, and serve for three years, renewable for a further one to three years. They must wait for two years before they can stand for re-election beyond this term.
- 5.6 The Committee will have the authority to co-opt up to two further members on an annual basis.
- 5.7 The Committee is authorised to spend the Association's funds to further the aims of the Association, and will present accounts at the Annual General Meeting. Items of expenditure must be approved by the Chair and the Treasurer.
- 5.8 It is the role of the Committee to support initiatives at the grassroots, and to encourage an active membership.
- 5.9 Sub-committees to address issues of conference management, academic politics, journal development, or aspects of teaching and learning (etc.) may be formed. They will report to the Committee of the Association.

6. Disbanding

In the event of the Association disbanding, any remaining funds in its possession will be donated to any organisation selected by the Committee which works to further aims compatible with those of the Association.