

Welcome to the ICC's updated Newsletter!

This is the first issue of the new ICC Members' Newsletter. We hope to send this out regularly to keep our members and professional colleagues informed about the activities and plans of the ICC - the international language association.

We are using a new electronic mailing list, and you are receiving this because you are a member, or have been to ICC conferences and meetings, or have been in touch with our Board members and colleagues. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter, there is an 'unsubscribe' link at the bottom of the page.

We hope to send the newsletter out approximately every two months - please get in touch (address below) to share news you would like included

The ICC Board

<http://icc-languages.eu/about-us/our-board>

ICC 2017 Conference will be in Coventry



The ICC Board would like to make an advance announcement about the ICC Conference in 2017.

We will be holding it at Linguae Mundi at the University of Coventry, dates to be announced shortly. Board member Tony Fitzpatrick with Linguae Mundi director Cedric Krummes to plan an excellent conference.



ICC 2017 Conference 2016

For the 2016 ICC Conference we were staying at the beautiful and historic Erbacher Hof in Mainz. Find out more about the beautiful historic venue from:

<http://www.ebh-mainz.de/>



Visit the Mainz Conference Report and Photo gallery

<http://www.icc-languages.eu/conferences/23rd-icc-annual-conference-mainz>

EUROLTA News

EUROLTA (European Certificate in Language Teaching to Adults) centres will now all become ICC members as part of the Accreditation process.

The ICC Board has decided to encourage more member involvement by making membership of the ICC association automatic for any institution that is accredited as a EUROLTA centre.

For further information about EUROLTA please visit the EUROLTA website: <http://www.euroлта.eu>

ICC Member News - University of Westminster

This academic year, the University of Westminster is launching a new BA in Global Communication to stand alongside the more established BA language programmes.

The course is a response to the growing understanding that languages sit within a wider context of communication in general and to acquire skills in interpersonal and intercultural communication are essential for successful global citizens. This goes beyond the understanding of one or two languages.

It extends to the ability to decode body language, the way a room is set out, the use of colour, the symbolic value of images, the way media narratives shape a language environment among – a whole host of inputs as well as being aware of our own preconceptions about the people we are talking to.

The course takes students on a journey from their own preferred style of communication and what shaped that to being able to employ a variety of strategies within the world of work. The course currently forms part of a joint honours course with languages taught at undergraduate level.

For more information, go to the University of Westminster website <http://www.westminster.ac.uk>

Twitter

We are planning to use Social Media much more, in order to promote the ICC better. Please follow us on Twitter, using the Twitter 'handle' @ICClanguages.

You can use Twitter to share information on interesting language projects and we can share it with others - to build awareness of the ICC association.

EU Project News

Comoviwo, the project looking at creating online intercultural training for the workplace reaches its piloting phase. The ICC is one of the consortium partners for this exiting project and has been closely involved with the quality control of the pilot materials. The materials, three large modules, each with sub units, take the learner from a general understanding of intercultural communication to applying this to workplace scenarios. There is a built in language component (the materials are in English and Spanish) but this is implicit to the materials rather than being the main focus. Clearly with world languages such as English and Spanish it is vital to have an understanding not only of the differences between cultural groupings but also how different communities might use each language to communicate. Comoviwo is a series of materials that addresses some of these issues and is designed both for self study and blended learning. For more information visit: <http://www.comowivo.eu>

Our new ICC Coordinator



Ozlem Yuges has agreed to provide the ICC with administrative assistance by acting as our ICC Coordinator, supporting the members and the Board in planning, communications and organisational work. The Board is very grateful to Ozlem for taking on this extra freelance task in addition to her own professional work.

If you have questions, suggestions and need information about ICC activities you can reach Ozlem on:

ozlem.yuges@icc-languages.eu

European Day of Languages

This month we again celebrate the diversity of European languages on September 26 - the European Day of Languages.

You can find out more about the celebration here:

http://ec.europa.eu/languages/information/languages-day_en.htm

Find your **local** events celebrating the European Day of Languages by visiting the website here:

<http://edl.ecml.at/Events/EventsDatabase/tabid/1772/Default.aspx>

The ICC Journal

ICC is inviting articles for its new academic journal to be published four times a year from January 2017. It will feature academic papers on all aspects of language learning and training, cultural awareness, the use of technology in language learning, and testing and assessment. All contributions will be peer reviewed by our editorial board and each issue will be free online to members, or in hard copy for a small fee.

If you would be interested in contributing articles or being part of the peer review board, please contact Managing Editor, Barry Tomalin at barrytomalin@aol.com. Barry is a board member of ICC.

Photo Gallery

Here is a link to the photos taken at the ICC Conference in Mainz 2016, hosted on Flickr: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskG7uNSe>

You can also find our Graz conference photos there.

A note from the ICC Board

We hope you enjoyed the first new ICC Newsletter!

We aim to keep you informed and updated with ICC activities and events but we also want to include your news.

Please let us know if you have suggestions about what you would like to see in the ICC Newsletter, and send news about your institution to Ozlem to include in one of the next newsletters:
ozlem.yuges@icc-languages.eu

Best wishes,

The ICC Board

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