

AULC Annual General Meeting – unapproved minutes

London School of Economics & Political Science, Friday, 10 January 2003

1. **Attendance.** The two days have been attended by a total of 119 individuals from 51 different institutions of which 47 are Universities.
2. **Future Meetings.** There were discussions about the shape and timing of future AULC meetings. It was generally thought that the January timing had been good. The idea of 'joining forces' with either BALEAP or ALL conferences met with a mixed response. Whilst it was thought a good idea to coordinate and cooperate other organisations when planning events it was felt conferences running parallel or in quick succession were not a good idea in terms of time commitment of members. The encouragement for SIG meetings to continue to meet on a regular basis was strongly voiced by many, and if any AULC events were to take place around other conferences it was these regional/national SIGS that were best places to do so.
3. **Hosting Events.** Manchester University was a possible venue for the next AULC conference. The general feeling was that a more 'central' location might be appreciated for a change.
4. **CERCLES.** It was thought that a standing and reciprocal invitation to CERCLES members to send representatives to meetings would be a good thing.
5. **Finances.** Cash reserves as of 10 January 2003 were £7700.00. Possibly this was too healthy. Colin Richardson asked for a volunteer to 'audit' this years accounts. Peter Glasgow agreed to do so, and Colin hoped this become a regular annual check by an institutional member. Ways of spending this accumulated reserve would be explored, and suggestions invited.
6. **Future of SIGS.** Facilitators gave a brief update of the past days events, and minutes would follow in due course. Funds were available to fund any valid research conducted by SIGS, especially any 'snapshot' survey of UK and Ireland Language Centres. An invitation went out for a new Facilitator for the TALK SIG.
7. **Elections.** In the Summer 2002 elections were held and Nick Byrne was confirmed as Chair. Carmen Mortara was confirmed as Secretary. Roger Frisby was co-opted by the Executive as Vice Chair and Pam McIntyre was also co-opted on to the Executive. Formal elections will follow.
8. **Newsletter.** The idea of an electronic newsletter was voiced, something low key to 'touch base' with members in between meetings.
9. **AOB:** Sandra Kremer (Surrey University) asked for help/advice from members on Group Oral work. She would also be interested to hear from members on income generating activities, languages for business.

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