Confédération Européenne des Centres de Langues dans l'Enseignement Supérieur

European Confederation of Language Centres in Higher Education

Europäischer Verband der Hochschulsprachenzentren
CercleS in brief

- founded in Strasbourg in 1991
- confederation of independent associations from 24 countries in Europe
- brings together some 300 Language Centres, Departments, Institutes, Faculties or Schools in Higher Education whose main responsibility is the teaching of language
- represented by
  - 11 full members (national associations) and
  - 15 associate members
CercleS in brief

- Its members have several thousand academic, administrative and technical staff, and some 250,000 students who learn all the world's main languages. CercleS is committed to the highest possible standards in language education and research.
CercleS’ Aims and Activities

Aims

• To support language centres in European establishments of higher education, for the provision of language training backed up by appropriate technological and pedagogical resources.

• To promote research in foreign language learning at international level.

• To encourage international and interdisciplinary cooperation between language centres in order to enable them to co-ordinate the pursuit of their objectives.
CercleS’ Aims and Activities

Activities

In order to achieve its aims CercleS organises conferences, distributes a regular printed Bulletin to all its members, runs electronic bulletin boards and publishes its conference proceedings.

CercleS also facilitates:

• staff training
• staff exchanges between centres
• research into language teaching and learning
• observatories on technological developments
• scholarly publication
CercleS Conferences

Past CercleS Conferences

- 2008  Seville, Spain
- 2006  Frankfurt (Oder), Germany
- 2004  Bratislava, Slovak Republic
- 2002  Paris, France
- 2000  Antwerp, Belgium
- 1998  Bergamo, Italy
- 1996  Dresden, Germany
- 1994  Hull, UK
- 1992  Bordeaux, France
- 1991  Strasbourg, France
CercleS Conferences

Next CercleS Conference

11\textsuperscript{th} CercleS Conference:

2010, Helsinki, Finland
CercleS Seminars

Past CercleS Seminars

- CercleS/CASALC International Symposium
  5-6 June 2008, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

- CercleS/AICLU Seminar
  5-7 November 2007, Padua, Italy

- CercleS/CASALC International Workshop
  6-7 September 2007, Brno, Czech Republic

- CercleS ELP Seminar
  7-9 June 2007, Dublin, Ireland
CercleS Seminars

Forthcoming CercleS Seminars and Workshops

- Workshop: A Meeting of Directors of Language Centres at Universities
  Language Learning in Higher Education in Europe: A View from the Inside
  22-25 January 2009, Frankfurt (Oder), Germany
CercleS Publications

• **CercleS Bulletin**
  CercleS publishes the biannual *Bulletin*, a magazine devoted to issues surrounding university language centres in Europe.

• **CercleS Proceedings**
  The *Proceedings* are published as a follow-up to the biennial CercleS conferences and focus on certain topics in language teaching, language centre development and related areas.
Project Activities

• **CercleS projects:**
  The CercleS ELP

• **Involvement in projects:**
  • EXPLICS – Exploiting Internet Case Studies and Global Simulation Templates
  • ENLU – Creating A New European Network
  • PICTURE Project
  • Lingu@net Europa PLUS: Expanding the virtual languages resource centre
  • LATE Project
CercleS Boards

The organisation of CercleS is based on three pillars:

• the General Meeting,
• the Co-ordinating Committee and
• the Executive Committee
The General Meeting

• meets at least every second year
• determines the overall policy of the Association
• ratifies the election of the President
• approves standing orders and the reports of the President, Secretary General and the Treasurer
• determines the strategy by which CercleS shall develop its plans for action
The Co-ordinating Committee

- is responsible for general management of the affairs of CercleS
- directs the actions of the Executive Committee and supervises the latter’s administrative activities
- agrees the accounts and annual budget
- draws up proposals for standing orders, or amendments to the same, for submission to the General Meeting
The Executive Committee

- comprises its President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer and their respective deputies
- is elected every two years by the Co-ordinating Committee
- manages the day-to-day running of the organisation
- represents the organisation with respect to other associations
The Executive Committee 2008-2010

- President: Johann Fischer (AKS)
- Vice-President: Marta Genís (ACLES)
- Secretary General: Gillian Mansfield (AICLU)
- Deputy Secretary General: Helena Šajgalíková (CASALC)
- Treasurer: Anthony Stenton (RANACLES)
- Deputy Treasurer: Raija Elsinen (FINELC)
CercleS Membership

National Associations

**ACLES**
Asociación de Centros de Lenguas en la Enseñanza Superior, **Spain**

**AICLU**
Associazione Italiana Centri Linguistici Universitari, **Italy**

**AKS**
Arbeitskreis der Sprachenzentren, Sprachlehrinstitute und Fremdspracheninstitute, **Germany**

**AULC**
Association of University Language Centres, **UK and Ireland**

**CASALC**
Česko-Slovenská asociácia učiteľov cudzích jazykov na vysokých školách, **Czech and Slovak Republics**

**FHS-ELHE**
Fremdsprachenunterricht an Hochschulen in der Schweiz / Enseignement de Langues dans les Hautes Écoles en Suisse, **Switzerland**
CercleS Membership

National Associations

**FINELC**  Finnish Network of Language Centres, **Finland**

**NUT**  Dutch-Belgian Association of Language Teaching in Higher Education, **Netherlands and Belgium**

**RANACLES**  Rassemblement National des Centres de Langues de l'Enseignement Supérieur, **France**

**SERMO**  The Association of Academic Foreign Language Centres, **Poland**

**VUS**  Verband universitärer Sprachenzentren und -institutionen, **Austria**
CercleS Membership

Associate Members in

- Cyprus
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Latvia
- Luxembourg
- Romania
- Sweden
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To join CercleS either contact your National Association or get in touch with the General Secretariat at generalsecretariat@cercles.org.