UCFL Executive

Friday, 24th May 2024

Honorary Secretary report

This report covers activities since the Winter Plenary (12/01/2024).

1. Elections to UCFL Exec

We are calling for nominations for the following roles: Scotland Representative, French Studies Representative, Hispanic Studies Representative, Institution-Wide Language Teaching Representative, and Honorary Secretary. We will also be calling for nominations for the role of Translation and Interpreting representative.

We say goodbye and are grateful to Ed Welch, Nicola Bermingham, Emmanuelle Labeau, and Marina Rabadán Gómez.

2. UCFL Summer Plenary 2024

The Summer plenary will take place on 5th July at Senate House. This will be a hybrid event, but we are encouraging colleagues to attend in person. We are ever so grateful to Cathy Collins for supporting us with the preparations and to Charles Burdett for allowing us to use rooms at Senate House completely free of charge.

3. Small Grants

We are delighted to announce that the following applications were successful in the first round of the UCFL Small Grants Fund 2024. We received ten applications and made awards to four projects, amounting to £2000.

Matthew Hines (University of Cambridge) - Cambridge Undergraduate Conference in German Studies

Connor Doak (University of Bristol and Institute for Languages, Cultures, and Societies, University of London) - What does the war in Ukraine mean for us?

Joseph Ford (Institute for Languages, Cultures, and Societies, University of London) - Everyday climate poetics: translingual connectivity in a warming world

Giovanna Donzelli and Greg Hermann (Swansea University) - Global Languages Tapestry: International Poetry Competition

4. UCFL Representation

I attended the meeting of AMLUK on 16th February and the British Academy's Strategic Committee for Languages in Higher Education on 8th May.

5. Dates of future meetings

Summer Plenary: 5th July, 2024 (in person and online)
Exec comm meetings: 17/11/24, 16/05/2025 (online) Tbc.
Winter Plenary: 10/01/2025 (online) Tbc.
Summer Plenary: 4/07/2025 (in person and online) Tbc.

Marcela Cazzoli, 15th May 2024