



ANNUAL REPORT 2025



**Integrating Content
and Language in
Higher Education**

Vienna, 9 September 2025

To all members of the Association

The board is pleased to present its ninth annual report to the members, covering the period of July 2024 to June 2025. Just like in the preceding years, our association has been very busy and involved in a range of activities and initiatives.

As our website contains the relevant information in quite some detail, we're keeping this report short. We first provide an overview of our ICLHE events, and then zoom in on a few crucial topics, all of which include a call for action, inviting all ICLHE members to share their ideas and get engaged!

Ute Smit, Association Chair



The ICLHE year (July 2024-June 2025) in fast motion

- **Symposium 2024:** “Bridging the gap: The ideal and the reality of teaching content through L2 in higher education” (10+11 October, Wiesbaden).
- **Newsletter Issue 4, Fall 2024**, including a report and video summarizing the highlights of our 2024 Symposium.
- **Webinar with Simone Sarmiento and Lucas Marengo:** “EMI in Brazil: A Study of Language Proficiency and Practice in Higher Education” (22 November)
- **Newsletter Issue 1, Winter 2025**, including a spotlight video on the Italy Regional Group, featuring their new leading team, **Stefania Cicillini, Francesca Costa and Olivia Mair**, and their plans for the Italy RG.
- **The East Asia RG Symposium 2025** (25 January, Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Japan)
- **Webinar with Magnus Gustafsson:** “Redefining Assessment for English-Medium Education: Integrating Content, Language and AI in Evolving Learning Environments” (4 February)
- **Newsletter Issue 2, Spring 2025**, featuring an account of the East Asia RG symposium and reporting on a new Spanish research network, funded by the Spanish Ministry, “Internationalisation and Multilingualism: Strategies for the Integration of Content and Languages in Higher Education” (IMICLES).
- **Webinar with Thana Kruawong and Pariwat Imsa-Ard:** “Rethinking Assessment for CLIL Success in STEM Education: The What, Why, and How” (16 May)
- **The Spain RG Symposium** (5-6 June at the University of Castilla-La Mancha).
- **Newsletter Issue 3, Summer 2025**, featuring an account of the Spain RG symposium and a spotlight video with the coordinating team of our new Content Educator SIG – **Amani Eltayb and Magdalena Walenta**.

The board members

The present board (elected at the Annual General Meeting on 11 October 2024 for a two-year period) consists of ten members. Here is a list of names and present tasks (for short bio-blurbs see <https://www.iclhe.org/about-the-board>):

Chair: **Ute Smit**

Secretary: **Emma Dafouz**

Treasurer: **Patrick Studer**

Website & Newsletter: **Jenny Valcke**

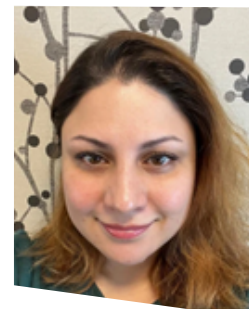
SIG & RG Officer: **Mahboubah (Maha) Rakhshandehroo**

Social Media: **Julie Walaszczyk**

Webinar: **T.J. Ó Ceallaigh**

Compliance Officers: **Anja Schüppert & Robert Wilkinson**

Co-opted member: **Ana Luiza Pires de Freitas**



ICLHE Board 2024-26:

Jenny, Julie, Bob, Anja (standing); TJ, Patrick, Ute, Emma (sitting); (photo taken in Vienna 2023), Maha (top right) and Ana (bottom right)

We had regular meetings during the year, one onsite at the 2024 Symposium in Wiesbaden and five online. Besides the many administrative issues that come with an association, our main concern is **to support the association and its members in further developing our ICLHE-related interests.**



CALL FOR ACTION

As any association can only be as good as its members, we invite all ICLHE members to become actively involved in the ICLHE topic/s that is/are closest to your heart.

Send your suggestions and ideas to info@iclhe.org!



Important administrative matters and compliance

As the Membership and Financial Report provides detailed accounts of these important topics, here are only **some key pointers**:

- The financial report for July 2024–June 2025 shows that ICLHE ended the year with **a small deficit**, following two previous years with positive balances. **Membership income has stabilized** but still **does not cover annual running costs**, while **website expenses have risen**, and no revenue was generated from events due to the postponement of the planned conference.

- The deficit was **smaller than expected** because some planned costs were delayed, reduced, or not used. In the medium term, ICLHE may need to **consider introducing a fee for event registrations or raising membership fees**, which have not been increased since its establishment.

Note (in support of Calls for Action):

While our finances are limited, our budget includes **some financial support for ICLHE activities**. More specifically, there are **small running cost grants for each RG and SIG**, which may help towards maintaining the group, organizing meetings or contributing to honoraria to invited speakers.

THE WEBSITE

The ICLHE website continues to serve as a dynamic hub for our community, requiring ongoing care and collective input to keep it vibrant and relevant. Its success relies not only on the dedication of the Board, but also on the active participation of all members. We encourage everyone to contribute - whether by sharing resources, updates, or insights - to help ensure the platform remains a valuable and evolving space for networking, inspiration, and professional growth. Explore the diverse range of resources and opportunities available, and join us in shaping our website!



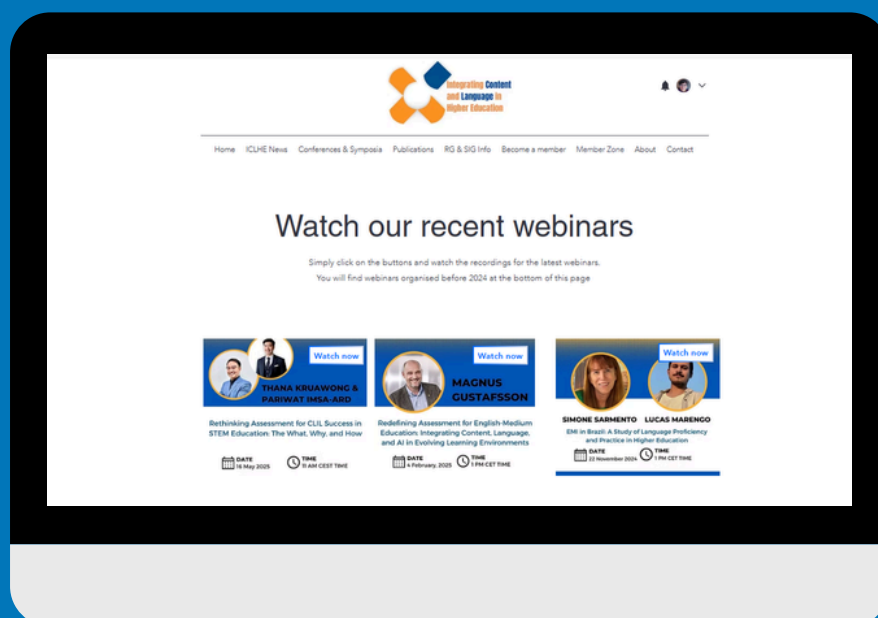
ICLHE website enhancements in 2025

Throughout 2025, the ICLHE website has undergone a series of updates, which we hope will make our digital presence even more informative, engaging and easy to use:

- To support our members, we introduced a **new automated reminder system for membership renewals**. This system now sends a series of helpful prompts, beginning 30 days before expiry, followed by a grace period email, and additional reminders at one and two weeks into the grace period. These communications are seamlessly integrated with the Treasurer's member lists, ensuring coherence and accuracy across our records and the website. Alongside this, we have implemented a streamlined invoice template to simplify renewals.

● Our technical capabilities have also expanded. We now offer **enhanced email communications**, allowing us to reach up to 500 members per month, and have set up automations to make these processes more efficient. For new and returning members, we've created **step-by-step video guides** on how to post and log in to the member zone, which are now featured in our newsletters.

● **Content and community engagement** remain at the heart of ICLHE. We added our **new Content Educator Special Interest Group (CESIG)** to the SIG/RG pages, complete with a discussion forum to foster collaboration and idea-sharing. Our **resources page** has seen **updates** as well - such as the 2023 Vienna and 2024 Wiesbaden symposia - readily accessible to our members. The **webinar process** has been **improved** through our Wix platform, making it easier for members to participate and stay informed. We have also updated the board minutes page, giving it a cleaner and more user-friendly layout.



ICLHE ACTIVITIES

ICLHE offers various platforms to share information and activities & events to get engaged:

● Our **newsletter** is **published quarterly**, offering concise updates alongside spotlight interviews that showcase the vibrant voices within our community. Both current and past editions are conveniently accessible exclusively to members through the member zone. Explore the full archive [here](#).

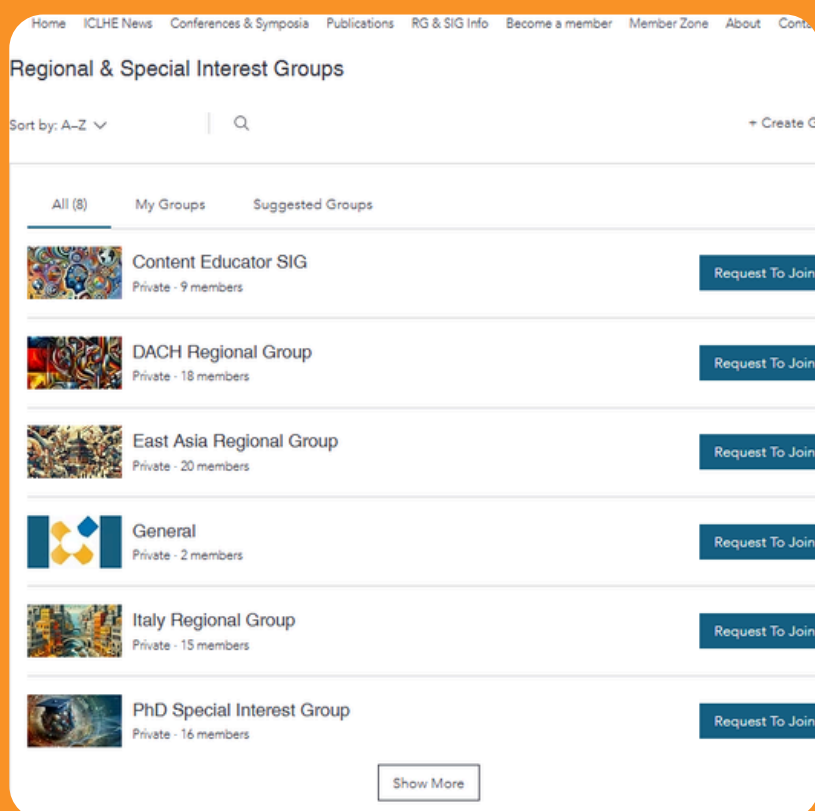
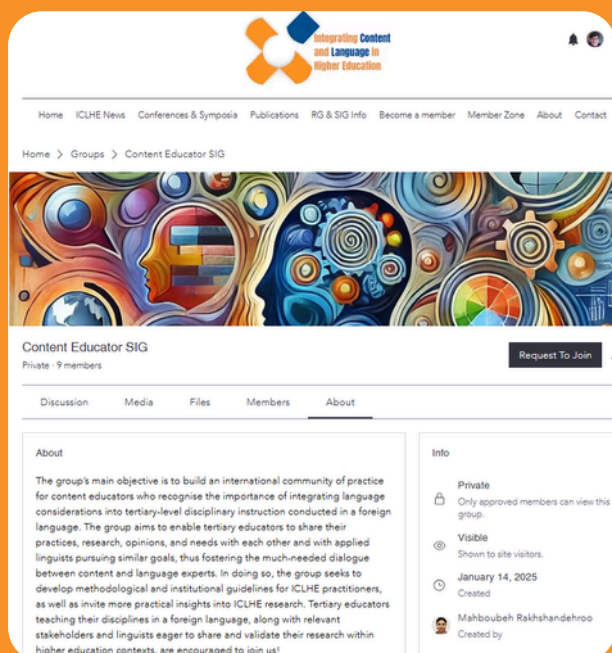
● As part of our **ongoing webinar series**, each session lasting 60 to 90 minutes, we explore current and emerging topics relevant to our community. With the consent of our speakers—and subject to technical reliability—webinars are **recorded** and **made available to members** who are unable to attend live. During the **2024–2025** period, three webinars were held:

- 20 Nov: *EMI in Brazil: A Study of Language Proficiency and Practice in Higher Education*; presented by **Simone Sarmento and Lucas Marengo** (Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil)
- 4 Feb.: *Assessment and Gen AI in ICLHE in Sweden*; presented by **Magnus Gustafsson** (Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden)

- 16 May: *Rethinking Assessment for CLIL Success in STEM Education: The What, Why, and How*; presented by **Thana Kruawong** (Kasetsart University, Thailand) and **Pariwat Imsaard** (Thammasat University, Thailand)

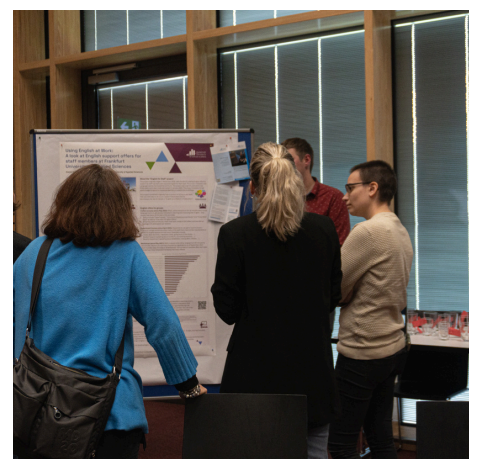
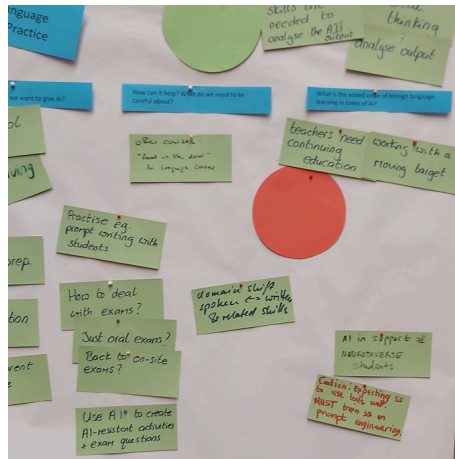
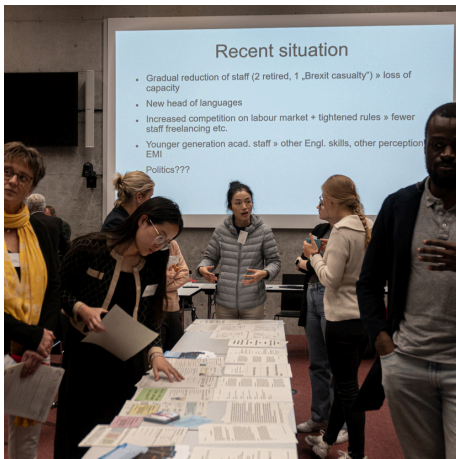
For further details and access to available webinar recordings, please visit our [dedicated website page](#).

● The format of SIGs & RGs allows for **smaller networks to develop**. Presently, there are the RGs (Regional Groups) for Spain, Italy, East Asia and DACH (German speaking regions), and two Special Interest Groups (SIGs). The PhD SIG and, most recently the Content Educators SIG.



● Once a year, there is a **larger ICLHE event**, either a **symposium** or a **conference**, which also features our AGM.

- The **2024 symposium** titled “Bridging the gap: The ideal and the reality of teaching content through L2 in higher education” took place on 10-11 October 2024 at the **Hochschule Rhein/Main in Wiesbaden** and brought together researchers and practitioners from 15 countries. In a sequence of different formats – presentations by established and early career researchers, workshops and bring & share sessions, and a roundtable discussion – the participants shared their research and practice work, explored innovative approaches, and identified challenges and opportunities for ICLHE (for more details the Newsletter Issue 4, Fall 2024). Our heartfelt thanks to **Charla Schutte, Louise Klein and Shirley Roth** for organizing this successful event!



- The **8th ICLHE Conference** will take place at the **UFCSPA** (Universidade Federal de Ciências da Saúde de Porto Alegre), **Brazil, from Sept. 24 to 27, 2025**. With a focus on “EMInclusion: Integrating Language and Content for Egalitarian Higher Education”, this **hybrid event** will bring together researchers from all around the globe in various onsite and online formats. More information on the [conference website](#).
 - Many thanks to **Ana Luiza de Freitas and Simone Sarmento** for organizing our first conference outside Europe!
 - The **ICLHE Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for **the third day** – all members are welcome to attend!
- The **2026 Symposium** will take place at the **Fachhochschule Winterthur, Switzerland, on 15-16 October 2026**.



**ICLHE Conference - Porto Alegre
24-27 September 2025**

CALL FOR ACTION

We warmly encourage all members to keep their webpage profiles up to date, allowing the **ICLHE community to better connect with your work and interests**. Adding a photo to your profile is especially important - it puts a human face on your contributions and helps fellow members recognise and relate to you more personally. For **guidance on how to access the Member Zone or update your profile**, please watch the **following tutorial videos**:

- How to log into the Member Zone [watch this video](#)
- How to update your profile [watch this video](#)

A small, rounded rectangular button with a light blue border and a white background. It contains a small blue icon of a document with a checkmark, followed by the text "Learn How" in a blue, sans-serif font.

All ICLHE members are whole-heartedly invited to **share your ideas!** Your active participation helps strengthen our community and enhances the value of our collective resources:

- Anything for the Newsletter, send to **news@iclhe.org**.
- When you want to suggest a **webinar**, either with yourself and/or somebody else, please contact TJ (**tjoceallaigh@ucc.ie**).
- Do get involved in all **SIGs and RGs** that are relevant to your work (see [website](#)). Should you wish to kick off **a new group**, let Maha know at **prakhshandehroo@gmail.com**.

The Board is very interested in hearing from members about **possible venues for an ICLHE event in 2027 and 2028**. Potential hosts may submit proposals to **info@iclhe.org** for either a symposium or a conference for either year.



**Our association and its activities and events
past, present and future are only possible
because of the enthusiasm, commitment and
hard work of so many people - a heartfelt
THANK YOU to all of you!**

**On behalf of the Board of the ICLHE
Association,**

Ute Smit

Chair