

## UKLEF Report of Communications and Membership Secretary to AGM, September 2008

The principal responsibilities of the Communications Secretary are the maintenance of the UKLEF email list and website and the collation of membership information.

The ling-ethnog email list serves as the principal means of communication for UKLEF, used to circulate information about Forum activities and items of potential interest to members. It is hosted by jiscmail, the academic mailing list service. As of 21 August 2007, the list has 234 subscribers. Since the last report (August 2007) 32 new members have signed up (see Table 1). Most members are based in the UK (122) and US (59), but a wide range of other countries is also represented (see Table 2). In August 2007 members were based in 107 different institutions.

Year	Members	Increase
2003	129	
2004	146	17
2005	160	14
2006	173	13
2007	202	29
2008	234	32

Table 1: Members per year

* Country	Subscribers
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* Australia	6
* Belgium	7
* Canada	6
* Denmark	2
* Finland	2
* Germany	2
* Ireland	1
* Israel	1
* Italy	1
* Japan	3
* Netherlands	3
* New Zealand	2
* Norway	1
* Russia	1
* Spain	5
* Sweden	6
* Switzerland	1
* Taiwan	1
* Turkey	1

- \* United Arab Emirates        1
- \* United Kingdom            122
- \* United States                59
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- \* Total number of users subscribed to the list:    234
- \* Total number of countries represented:            22
- \* Total number of local host users on the list:    0

Table 2: UKLEF subscribers by country, 21 August 2008.

New members can subscribe by contacting the Communications Secretary or through the jiscmail website. Most new members hear about UKLEF through contacts with other members, although a few come from searching the jiscmail system or coming across the website independently. All new subscribers are asked to send the Communications Secretary details about their affiliation and research interests, and records of these make up the UKLEF membership database. The use of this data base, however, is limited, as members have no access to it. Possibilities for opening the data base up are worth exploring.

The number of postings on the jiscmail list is fluctuating somewhat. In 2004, 17 postings were made, in 2005, 32, in 2006, 55, in 2007, 38. So far 24 postings have been made in 2008. All postings appear relevant to its members. Table 2 contains some information on the kinds of postings between January 2007 and August 2007.

	2007	2008
Events, seminars, conferences, lectures and research training	23	15
Jobs and studentships	5	3
Surveys	2	
LEF matters	6	3
Other	2	1
Spam	-	2
Total	38	24

Table 2: Postings on jiscmail list in 2007 and Jan – August 2008.

The website [www.ling-ethnog.org.uk](http://www.ling-ethnog.org.uk) serves as the group’s principal form of publicity beyond the email list and also as its archives. It is regularly updated and backed up. All existing group documents, such as minutes of business meetings, officers’ reports, and accounts are posted on the website, along with reports of UKLEF meetings and papers of potential interest to members.

Jeff Bezemer, 21 August 2008.

## Appendix: Member affiliations, 31 August 2007

Abo Academi University, Finland	1
American University, Washington	1
Aston University	1
Birkbeck College	1
Birmingham University	3
Bristol University	1
Brunel University	2
California State University, Los Angeles	2
Cardiff University	5
Complutense University, Madrid	1
Coventry University	1
Dundee	1
Edge Hill College of Further Education	1
Edinburgh University	1
Furo-cho Chikusa-ku Japan	1
Ghent University	5
Goldsmith's College, University of London	2
Graduate School of Letters, Nagoya University	1
Hebrew University	1
Hedmark University College, Norway	1

Institute of Education	5
King's College	13
Konstanz - Germany	1
Lancaster University	6
Leeds Metropolitan University	3
Leicester University	1
Linköping University	2
Macquarie University, Sydney	1
Manchester University	1
Middlesex University	2
Musashi University, Japan	1
National Central University, Taiwan	1
Northumbria University	2
Nottingham Trent University	2
Open University	6
Peabody College of Education, Vanderbilt University	1
Rinkeby Institute of Multilingual Research, Stockholm	1
Roehampton Institute	1
Sheffield Hallam University	1
Sheffield University	1

SOAS, University of London	1
St Andrews	1
St Antony's College, University of Oxford	1
State University, Oaxaca, Mexico	1
Stockholm University, Sweden	1
Swansea University	1
The Pennsylvania State University	1
The Tavistock Clinic	1
UC Berkeley	1
UEA	1
UEA	1
UMIST	1
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid	6
Universidad Autónoma de Oaxaca, Mexico	1
Universidad del Quindío, Colombia	1
Universitat Autònoma of Barcelona	1
Université de Fribourg	1
University at Albany / SUNY	1
University College Cork	1
University College London	3
University of Aarhus, Denmark	1
University of Birmingham	2

University of Bologna	1
University of Bristol	5
University of Cambridge	1
University of Central England	1
University of Central Lancashire	1
University of Coimbra, Portugal	1
University of Copenhagen	1
University of East London	1
University of Edinburgh	3
University of Essex	1
University of Georgia	1
University of Ghent	2
University of Glamorgan, Wales	1
University of Hawai'i at Manoa	1
University of Helsinki	1
University of Illinois	1
University of Kent, Canterbury	2
University of Leeds	4
University of Leicester	2
University of Linköping	1
University of Liverpool	2
University of Manchester	1

University of Melbourne	2
University of Missouri, St. Louis	1
University of Northern Virginia	1
University of Nottingham	2
University of Otago	1
University of Pennsylvania	2
University of Reading	1
University of Sheffield	2
University of Southampton	6
University of St Andrews	1
University of Stirling	2
University of Toronto	4
University of Utrecht	1
University of Wales Aberystwyth	2
University of Wales, Bangor	1
University of Wales, Lampeter	1
University of Warwick	2
University of Waterloo, Canada	1
University of Westminster	1
University of Portsmouth	1
Warwick University	1
Waseda University, Japan	1

