

International Federation of Language Teacher Associations Fédération Internationale des Professeurs de Langues Vivantes

## **Associate Membership of FIPLV**

FIPLV (Fédération Internationale des Professeurs de Langues Vivantes) is the only international multilingual federation of teachers of languages. To improve our world-wide operations and networking opportunities in the promotion of languages across the globe, FIPLV has introduced a new category of Associate Member in response to requests by organisations to collaborate formally with FIPLV. We strongly believe that these changes can be of mutual benefit to both of our organisations and our members.

FIPLV, founded in Paris in 1931, is a Non-governmental Organisation (NGO) with official partnership status with UNESCO as well as having representation as an NGO with the Council of Europe. In addition, we are part of a strong network of sixteen international NGOs, the Professional Network Forum, which meets at least annually at the offices of the European Centre for Modern Languages of the Council of Europe (ECML) and which collaborates on events, research, projects and mutual promotion. Our official address is the address of ECML in Graz, Austria.

## Members of FIPLV may be:

- international unilingual associations or federations of language teachers
- national multilingual associations
- national unilingual associations
- associate members (a new category)

In the first category, there are currently IDV for German, LATEUM for English, MAPRYAL for Russian, and ILEI for Esperanto. We also have over 20 national multilingual member associations from the following countries: Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Lithuania, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the USA. Our national unilingual member associations can be found in Bulgaria, Colombia, Ireland and Somalia. As a result, FIPLV has several hundred thousand individual members.

We currently also have three FIPLV regions: Nordic-Baltic, Central/Eastern Europe and Western Europe. These organise regional events (most recently in Reykjavik, Iceland in 2023), with their conferences tending to attract participants from across the globe.

The supreme authority of FIPLV is the **World Assembly**, which brings together the representatives of member associations every year. We have moved to virtual meetings to enable everyone to participate in the meetings. The **Executive Committee** of the Federation, composed of five officers elected for three years, meets regularly online and annually in person.

Every three years, the FIPLV World Congress takes place, with members bidding to host the event in partnership with FIPLV. The next World Congress will take place in Auckland, New Zealand in July 2024, hosted by NZALT (our New Zealand member) with the support of AFMLTA (Australia).

To have a better understanding of our operations and work, you could consult our website at: https://fiplv.com/

Organisations and institutions can become an Associate Member of FIPLV for the annual fee of EUR 170.00 (as specified in Regulation 5 of the FIPLV Statutes). The benefits to your organisation would be:

- receipt of FIPLV online newsletters, which contain short articles by (associate) member associations as well as publicity for their events
- FIPLV acknowledgement on our website of your status as an associate member
- the establishment of a hyperlink between the FIPLV website and yours
- opportunities to promote your events and activities via our newsletters, our website and our social media (Facebook, X, etc)
- opportunities to collaborate on projects
- attendance at the FIPLV World Congress and regional conferences at the members' rates
- attendance at any online events and activities
- opportunities to build international links through our FIPLV networks

In order to become an associate member, you will need to be a legally registered organisation and to share FIPLV's commitment to the promotion of language learning and multilingualism.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future and hope that we can explore further opportunities for closer cooperation and collaboration.

With warm wishes.

Terry Lamb, FIPLV President (on behalf of the FIPLV Executive Committee)