

Candidacy for the position of Treasurer

I hereby declare my intention to run as a candidate for the position of Treasurer in the elections for the new CercleS Executive Committee to be held during the next meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee in September 2024.

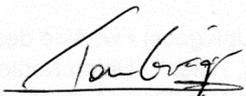
My aim, should I be elected, is to maintain my active contribution to the development of CercleS as a leading organisation in European Higher Education. I believe that, as members of the CercleS network, we are in a unique position to foster good practices in Language Centres in Higher Education.

Over the last twenty years I have been able to work within the RANACLES network in France, as a member of its Executive Committee and, since November 2022, President. I have been involved in the organisation of our annual didactics' seminars – which for the first time this year is a joint RANACLES – CercleS event. Within CercleS, before being elected Deputy Treasurer, I was a founder member of the Wulkow group, and I was a member of the CercleS Language Policy focus group which produced the CercleS Language Policy position statement in 2011.

I have always been driven by the belief that networking is the key to getting things done, and it is by meeting each other, be it face to face or online, and sharing our experience and knowledge that we can all grow professionally. My online activities for CercleS - the Teachers' Meetups for example - reflect this commitment.

I am currently Director of the Language Service of the Faculty of Sciences, Aix-Marseille University. In this university I have held a series of positions of responsibility in language centres and in international relations, whilst always being a teacher of English. Prior to qualifying as a teacher, I studied Economics. I hold a BSc in Economics and an MSc in International Trade and have worked in the textile industry.

I would very much like to be able to carry on putting my experience to the service of CercleS as an active member of the Executive Committee, representing all its members and striving to contribute to the development of the association and to meet future challenges.



Tom Grainger