

**BAAL/LAGB Committee for Linguistics in Education**  
**Agenda: 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2003**

**Venue: Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1E 6HU (room to be announced)**

1. Welcomes, introductions and apologies for absence
2. Amendments to Minutes of Meeting 74 (If you have any amendments, please either send them by email to Nicki Butcher (email address: [nickib@soton.ac.uk](mailto:nickib@soton.ac.uk)) who handles correspondence for Jill Bourne, before the meeting, or bring them in writing to the meeting.)
3. Matters arising
  - #3.3. Offer of assistance by CLIE on the KS3 English strand: to Gerry Swain
  - #8. Speakers for 2003-4. - see #6 below
4. Terms of reference: To consider the attached copy of CLIE's terms of reference.
5. Membership: To consider possible cooptions.
6. Dates and topics of future meetings.

2004:	Feb 18 - speaker either Alan Howe or Paul Higgins	<i>KS3 strategy</i>
	June 9 - no speaker	
	Nov - ? Lynne Cameron	<i>to be invited</i>
2005	Feb	
	June - no speaker	
7. News - reports of new developments in language education

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  - MFL
    - The National Centre for Languages has been launched (*was CILT*)
    - In 2003 ALL has co-organised two meetings of the Language Alliance, an independent group of interested parties, the aim of which is to be a 'critical' friend of the National Languages Strategy, or a lobbying group. The Alliance plans to meet again next year.
    - ALL, CILT and UCML are working together on a project, Language Trends 2003. This aims to provide a snapshot of language trends in the 14-19 sector in the UK at the start of the academic year 2003-04. We are attempting to collect data (both qualitative and, where possible, quantitative) on the current situation in 14-19 age group in schools, colleges and universities. We intend producing a snapshot of trends at 14 (options), 16 (exams, numbers opting for AS and A level), 19 (numbers going through to HE, types of course etc.) and hope to tell both the good news and the bad news. The results of this survey will be announced at the Language Show in November.

- ALL has organised six events on various languages in various parts of the country, and its local branches have organised others. Six further events are planned for the coming months. The annual Language World conference will be 2-4 April. For further details see the ALL report.
- AHRB PhD bid successful: six PhD awards per year for three years ring-fenced for research on the linguistics of MFL.
- English
  - KS3: "Grammar for Reading" has now been published and is in use. It can be downloaded via [www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/lagb-las.htm](http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/lagb-las.htm)
  - A-level: two meetings about links to university-level study (LAGB and Subject Centre)
- EAL
- Community Languages
- Language awareness
- Other

## 8. AOB

### Open Meeting

9. From 4.00 - 5.00pm: **Presentation by Professor Ros Mitchell**, University of Southampton who will lead a discussion on

" **'Words' 'Sentences' and 'Text' in MFLs: evaluating the new KS3 teaching**".

Suggested prior reading for those interested is:

Department for Education and Skills (2003a) *Key Stage 3 National Strategy: Framework for teaching modern foreign languages, years 7, 8 and 9*. DfES Publications.