



Society Updates

CHARITY STATUS APPLICATION TIMELINE

1. The Charity Commissioners' Model Constitution was adopted on the 22nd of August 2020 by the BCLTS Committee (2019-2020) at a Committee Meeting.
2. BCLTS successfully registered as a charity on the 1st of September 2020. All the information can be found on the Charity Commission website. The registration number is 1191084.
3. Seven physical signatures were collected and submitted to Charity Commission to complete the final application procedure.
4. Outgoing committee members are to be removed as trustees. (To be completed)
5. Adding present committee members as current trustees will involve filling forms and vetting. (To be completed)
6. Charity registered address to be changed. (To be completed)
7. Amendment of BCLTS charity constitution includes items such as membership, election method for officers and their term of service to be fully discussed and agreed at 2021 AGM before submission to the Charity Commission for approval.

ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS

Q: What do we need to do differently now that BCLTS is a registered charity?

A: It is business as usual for members. The Committee need to submit a formal report and annual financial accounts in August 2021.

Q: Did you still need to submit outgoing members' physical signatures after they had stepped down?

A: Yes. The CC accepted our application provisionally on the condition that these physical signatures would be provided in due course.

Q: Should outgoing committee members be removed from the website as trustees immediately after their retirement?

A: There is no urgency, but at the same time, newly elected members should be added as trustees.

Q: Can we amend the constitution now?

A: Compared to submitting frequent small changes to the CC, it is more beneficial to fully discuss all the issues under consideration for amendment and reach internal agreement before submission.

Research Publications

Based on information collected via BCLTS mailing list in October 2020, our members have published 16 peer-viewed journal articles, 2 books and 4 book chapters since 2019. The research themes include the study of interlanguage in Chinese language acquisition, Chinese character learning, new technology in language teaching, language policy, language assessment, medium of instruction, phenomenology of Chinese language, and culture studies. Many congratulations to these colleagues.

For further details, please visit our website <https://bclts.org.uk/research-publication-1.html>.

Teaching Excellence

Our colleagues' dedication to teaching is reflected in students' outstanding achievements in prestigious competitions.

Chinese Bridge 2020 UK Final, 19 September 2020

- Harris Rehman (SOAS) has won the Grand Prize. (Instructor and winner of the Best Tutor 2020: Zhaoxia Pang)
- Gabriel Marriage (University of Manchester) has won the Third Prize. (Instructors: Luxi Yang, Hongjun Ma, Minjie Xing, Haiyan Zeng)
- Sacha Christopher (De Montfort University) has won the Third Prize. (Instructor: Zhiping Wei)

The 1st UK Business Chinese Competition, 26 April 2020

- Mojinyinuluwa Adeyemo (University of Birmingham) has won the first prize. (Instructor: Xiaolong Tang)
- Charlie Bellow (SOAS) has won the Second Prize. (Instructor: Lianyi Song)
- Dina Du (University of Manchester) has won the Third Prize. (Instructor: Minjie Xing)

Upcoming Events

- The 5th International Symposium on Chinese Language Teaching and Learning: Adapting to the Change 28-29 November 2020 (Online), Confucius Institute at the University of Manchester
<https://www.confuciusinstitute.manchester.ac.uk/research/language-research/international-symposia/>
- The 2nd International Conference on Teaching Chinese for Academic Purposes (CAP 2) 12-13 December 2020 (Online), London School of Economics
<https://www.lse.ac.uk/cibl/news-and-events/upcoming-events>

Member Survey

To have your voice heard and to share ideas on future activities, please help complete a Member Survey 2020. The Committee will act accordingly to better support your career development and further strengthen our professional and research networks. The survey can be found online <https://forms.gle/WoD5c7LX4yQT5ix16> and contains only nine questions. We will publish the survey results in due course. Thank you for your time and support in advance!

New Members

Martin Ward, University of Leeds Hongbing Cai, London Business School Jiachen Pan, Southampton University CI

P. S.

We hope you enjoyed reading the first issue of BCLTS Newsletter which was compiled by Lijing Shi, Don Star, Xuan Wang, Shejiao Xu and Qiaochao Zhang. We intend to publish the second issue in spring/summer 2021. Please feel free to give us feedback by sending comments to coordinator@bclts.org.uk (subject line: newsletter).

Sincere thanks to all members for your patience, support, and timely response to our calls for information which have made this newsletter and our ongoing work possible.

Best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas break!

BCLTS Committee 2020-2021