

FIPLV Mission Statement

A global network of support for language professionals

FIPLV exists for the worldwide support, development and promotion of languages through professional associations. We are active in over 100 countries and cover several hundred thousand teachers of languages worldwide.

Our membership:

- international unilingual associations such as AEDA (Arabic), FIPF (French), IDV (German), ILEI (Esperanto), LATEUM (English), MAPRYAL (Russian) and SIPLE (Portuguese)
- national multilingual associations such as AFMLTA (Australia), ALL (UK), ANILS (Italy), APLV (France), ASEC (Bulgaria), FUPL (Uruguay), KMF (Czech Republic), LALT (Latvia), LMS (Norway), LMS (Sweden), LTAL (Lithuania), MANYE (Hungary), MLA (USA), MLAN (Nigeria), MLTASL (Sri Lanka), NZALT (New Zealand), PTN (Poland), RALMLT (Russia), SAALT (South Africa), STIL (Iceland), SUKOL (Finland), VLLT (Netherlands), WAMLA (West Africa)
- FIPLV Regions, bringing together local members of international unilingual and national multilingual associations

What we do:

- contribute to the professional development of language teachers
- collect and disseminate the latest international research to our member associations
- campaign on issues of concern – e.g., language policy, multilingualism, class sizes, less commonly taught languages
- enable professional associations of language teachers worldwide to learn from each other
- represent language teachers internationally through their national and international associations
- represent UNESCO, where requested, on Linguapax, language policy, language rights, multilingualism, endangered languages and related matters

What we believe:

- languages enhance both individual and national potential
- there is no single global recipe for good language teaching
- we can all learn from each other
- ideas are for sharing and information should be a 'free good'
- all languages and their speakers deserve equal respect
- language diversity is essential to the human heritage
- each and every language embodies the unique cultural wisdom of a people
- the loss of a language is a loss for all humanity

What we want in future is to:

- impact more significantly on individual teachers
- foster and increase links between associations of language teachers
- help our colleagues in countries where working conditions leave a great deal to be desired
- create links with international humanitarian, industrial and business communities

If your business involves languages, we have something to talk about.

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