

2016 Elections to the CEL/ELC Board Declaration of candidature

I hereby declare my candidature for the elections to the Board which will be held at the 18th General Assembly (Milan, 01 December 2016).

First name: Estelle

Second name: Meima

CEL/ELC Member institution / organization: University of Groningen

I should like to make the following contribution(s) to the future development of the CEL/ELC:

I would like to contribute to the future development of the CEL/ELC by supporting higher education institutions in developing/ revising and implementing their language and culture policies, building on previous CEL/ELC work. As various projects come to a close, the relevant results should be linked or integrated into the support documents that have already been created, such as HELP. Many Dutch universities are in the process of developing or revising an existing policy and have already requested assistance with this. By referring them to our helpful documents and project websites, we will also raise awareness for the ELC and what it stands for, while simultaneously attracting new members.

I would also like to contribute by actively raising awareness of the CEL/ELC at various levels. As one of the chairs for the academic skills working group for the NUT (Association of Dutch and Flemish language centres), I can draw their attention to relevant aspects of ELC. I can also highlight the ELC at the CERCLES conferences which I regularly attend and present at. I am keen to cooperate with both ELC and non-ELC members on creating new initiatives and building on existing ones.

I have CEL/ELC-relevant expertise and experience in the following fields:

My most recent activities related to ELC issues are the creation and implementation of the new Language and Culture Policy at the University of Groningen. Among other activities, we are currently in the process of devising a transparent system that demonstrates which language and intercultural competences are essential for the various positions of academic and non-academic staff members in the university. We are also developing a method through which these can be accurately and appropriately assessed. Furthermore, as an English language teacher, I provide support to a variety of stakeholders across the university, so I am aware of the various needs and desires within this diverse group with respect to language learning. Finally, I was a member of the [MAGICC project](#) and was responsible for developing supplementary transparency tools for a shared transnational understanding.

My fields of interest are:

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1. testing and assessment of language proficiency for all stakeholders at the university
2. computer assisted language learning (CALL)
3. integrating intercultural competence within language learning
4. creation and implementation of language and culture policies

Place: Groningen, The Netherlands

Date: 25 November 2016

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. M. van der...' with a stylized flourish at the end.