

Candidate Profile



Birgitta Meex (50)

Academic background:

- MA in Translation Studies, KU Leuven, 1991
- MA in Germanic Linguistics and Literature, KU Leuven, 1993
- PhD in German Linguistics, KU Leuven, 2001
- Certified trainer in Technical Communication, tekomeurope, 2012

Professional career:

- Professor of German and of Business and Technical Communication at KU Leuven, Belgium, 2001-present
- Research and teaching assistant at University of Antwerp, Belgium, 1994-2001
- Research assistant at Katholieke Vlaamse Hogeschool (now KU Leuven), Belgium, 1993-1994
- Different volunteer positions at tekomeurope and tekombelgium:
 - Founding member of tekombelgium and tekomeurope, 2013
 - Secretary of the executive board of tekomeurope, 2013-2017
 - Delegate and spokesperson of tekombelgium, 2014-2019
 - Member of the tekomeurope advisory board for professional development and education, 2017-2020

Professional experience in technical communication:

- Member of the Review Board of the European Academic Colloquium on Technical Communication, 2013-present
- Member of the tekomeurope advisory board for professional development and education, 2017-2020
- Coordinator of the technical communication course in the postgraduate program for specialized translation at KU Leuven, 2016-present (<https://www.arts.kuleuven.be/home/opleidingen/manamas/emt/emt12>)
- Member of the Advisory Board of the International Summer School in Translation Technology at KU Leuven, 2016-present (<https://www.arts.kuleuven.be/transtech-summer-school>)
- Member of the steering committee of the Centre for Language Technology Applications at KU Leuven, since 2019
- Member of the Advisory Board for the Usability Studies Research Center at Louisiana Tech University, since 2019

- Partner of the EU-funded project TecCOMFrame, 2015-2018 (www.teccom-frame.eu)
- Regular speaker at international technical communication conferences (both academic and professionally oriented) and a published author in the field
- Supervisor of students' bachelor's and master's theses on technical communication at KU Leuven
- Experienced organizer of events, conferences, panel sessions and workshops on technical communication

Goals:

- Connect and support technical communication professionals across Belgium and Europe and provide them with continuing education and networking opportunities
- Build bridges across borders and across disciplines
- Expand our network to reach more professionals in Wallonia and Brussels
- Enhance the visibility, the recognition and the development of both the professional and the academic discipline
- Share experiences and good practices with other country organizations
- Fill the gap in technical communication training and education in Belgium and Europe
- Use the facilities of the new website to communicate effectively with members and prospective members
- Continue and consolidate the work of our initiative committee