Candidate Profile

Birgitta Meex

is running for the position of delegate.

Academic background:

MA in Translation Studies (1991)
MA in Germanic linguistics and literature (1993)
PhD on German linguistics from KU Leuven (2001)
Certified Trainer Technical Communication from tekom (2012)

Professional career:

• Research assistant at KVH, now KU Leuven (1993-1994)
• Research and teaching assistant at University of Antwerp (1994-2002)
• Professor at KU Leuven (2001-now)

Professional experience in technical communication:

• Certified Trainer Technical Communication tekom (2012)
• Research on writing and reading processes in technical communication, on technical communication pedagogy and on discourse-analytical aspects of technical communication
• Partner in the EU-funded project TecCOMFrame (2015-2018; https://www.teccom-frame.eu/)
• Coordinator and teacher of the technical writing course at KU Leuven (2016-now)
• Participation in the Erasmus Teacher Mobility exchange program with Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences (2017-now)
• Member of the tekom Board of Professional Development and • Education and of its international University Network (2018-now)
• Internship at DocWriter (November-December 2019)
• Founding member and the delegate of tekom Belgium (2013-now)
• Supervisor of bachelor's and master's thesis projects on topics in the domain of technical communication
• Regular speaker at international conferences including the tekom Jahrestagung and the tcworld conference

Goals for my role as delegate:

• Organize exciting events and webinars with relevant topics in the broad field of technical communication
• Offer networking opportunities and peer-to-peer exchanges to our members
• Actively engage in tekom Europe's international projects and working groups and grasp the opportunity to contribute to decisions that affect Belgian stakeholders
• Continue to cooperate with our fellow country organizations and with tekom Netherlands in particular to organize shared events and to exchange ideas
• Build and strengthen partnerships (industry-university cooperation, interuniversity cooperation, and cooperation with established institutions and associations) to raise students', graduates', and HR professionals' awareness of the profession. Such collaborations obviously respond to the need for education and training as well as for research in technical communication.
• Engage all tekom Belgium Initiative Committee members to work on these goals together