

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 tekombelgium (2012)

Professional career:

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

Professional experience in technical communication:

- Certified Trainer Technical Communication tekombelgium (2012)
- Two technical writing courses at KU Leuven, on bachelor (since 2015) and postgraduate level (since 2016)
- Instructor in the Continuing Education Program in Technical Writing at KU Leuven Continue (since 2023)
- Research on several aspects of professional and technical communication including (multimodal) writing and reading processes, future technical writing competencies, technical communication pedagogy, and discourse-analytical aspects of technical communication
- Partner in the EU-funded project TecCOMFrame (2015-2018; <https://www.teccom-frame.eu/>)
- Founding Member and Delegate of tekombelgium (since 2013)
- Founding Member and Secretary of tekomeurope (2014-2017)
- Member of the tekomeurope Advisory Board Professional Development and Education (since 2017), the IUNTC (International University Network in Technical Communication; since 2020) and the Fachausschuss Hochschulen (since 2023)
- Internship at DocWriter (November-December 2019)
- Regular speaker at international conferences including the tekombelgium Jahrestagung and the tcworld conference
- Organization and coordination of numerous events, workshops, and webinars during the past 12 years

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 tekomeurope'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 tekombelgium 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 tekombelgium Initiative Committee members to work on these goals together