

# SIETAR UK AGM

19 June 2023

## Agenda

- 18.00**      **Welcome and chat**
- 18.10**      **President's report and discussion**  
              – Adrian Pilbeam
- 18.40**      **AOB**
- 18.45**      **Update on Refugees and Asylum Seekers project (RAAS)**  
              - Katharina Lefringhausen, Director of Community Relations
- 19.00**      **Looking ahead** – services and activities we are planning and  
              others that we UK could or should be offering our members
- 19.15**      **Networking**
- 19.30**      **Close**



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Society for Intercultural Education  
Training and Research

**AGM 2023**

**President's report**

**Adrian Pilbeam**

# Who we are and what we do



- The UK's leading **Society for Intercultural Education, Training and Research**.
- **Purpose:** to build a strong network of intercultural practitioners, researchers, academics and business professionals in the UK.
- A not-for-profit organisation, run by a **Board of volunteers**.
- Monthly **professional development** events, face-to-face or online
- **Social events** - winter and summer parties, and meals with intercultural insights
- Part of the **SIETAR Europa group** with national groups in nine European countries. regular webinars and a biennial European congress.
- For more information see **[www.sietar.co.uk](http://www.sietar.co.uk)**



# Membership update as of June 2023

**Total membership subscriptions: 33 (55 in 2022)**

**Individual members: 30** (50 in April 2022)

**Academic members: 1** (3 in April 2022)

- London Centre for Business and Entrepreneurship Research, London South Bank University

**Corporate members: 0** (2 in April 2022)



# 2023 Board Members

<b>President</b>	Adrian Pilbeam
<b>Treasurer and Member Management Director</b>	<b>Vacant</b> (Guy Bondonneau has stepped down)
<b>Director of Community Relations</b>	Katharina Lefringhausen
<b>Director of Events</b>	Clytie Tian
<b>Director of Communication</b>	Julia Jaworska
<b>Director of Research &amp; Academic Relations</b>	May Tungtakanpoung
<b>Director of Professional Development</b>	<b>Vacant</b> (Gabriela Weglowska has stepped down)



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# Departing from the SIETAR UK Board

- **Gabriela Weglowska**, Director of Professional Development, and previously Director of Communication, after 6 years.
- **Guy Bondonneau**, Treasurer and Member Management Director, after four years

SIETAR UK would like to thank Gabriela and Guy for their many years of service.





# Events in the past 12 months

(all on Zoom except the summer party)

- May 2022: **Mindfulness practices for interculturalists**  
A workshop shared with SIETAR India
- May 2022: **Confucian China in a changing world cultural order**  
- Professor Roger T Ames (Open University Distinguished Speaker Series)
- July 2022: **Summer party and networking event in person at Truckles in London**
- October 2022: **Islamophobia: is it baked into Britain**  
- Neil Payne, Commisceo Global (member of SIETAR UK)
- October 2022: **Global Fitness in Practice: Reflections on how to develop and strengthen it** - Helen Spencer-Oatey (member of SIETAR UK)
- November 2022: **Implementing EDI in international contexts: challenges and opportunities in UAE** (Sarah Christensen) **and Russia** (Aidan McKearney)





# Events in the past 12 months

- November 2022: **Intercultural skills that university graduates and businesses in Europe need today.** Joint event LSBU Business School and SUK - Prof Karin Moser, Prof Rea Prouska, Dr May Tungtakanpoung (Academic member of SIETAR UK)
- April 2023: **Beyond national cultures: multiple identities in intercultural training** – Robert Gibson (member of SIETAR Germany)
- February 2023: **Inclusive intelligence: how to be a role model for diversity and inclusion in the workplace** – Furkan Karayel (SIETAR Europa)
- March 2023: **The key intercultural communication issues for language learning** – by Professor Zhu Hua, UCL London (part of the Open University Distinguished Speaker series).



# New member benefits introduced in 2022 and being rolled out in 2023

- Following the roll out of a **standard website platform** and a **common Member Management System (MMS)** across SIETAR Europa, we are now much more closely connected with SIETAR Europa and most of the other National SIETARS in Europe.
- One big advantage of this is a common **Member Directory** for SIETAR Europa Direct members, and members from SIETAR UK, France, Germany, Spain and The Netherlands (and soon to come – Poland, Austria and Ireland)
- National SIETAR events are also automatically posted on the **Global Events** section of the SIETAR Europa website, making access to online events across Europe much easier.



# Plans for autumn 2023



- **Leverage the benefits of our new website and Member Management System** for greater co-operation with SIETAR Europa and other national SIETARS
- **We will look to organise some in-person events again**, both professional events and social gatherings. Any suggestions for low cost suitable venues in London or elsewhere will be welcome.
- **Summer Party on 6 July** at Truckles in central London
- **Cooperation with UCL's department of language and intercultural communication**, headed by Prof Zhu Hua, formerly of Birkbeck College, both as a possible venue for London events and Prof Zhu Hua giving a talk for SIETAR UK in the autumn
- **Living Library event** planned for the autumn, organised by Cathy Wellings





# Challenges we face



- **Members not-renewing** – some due to retirement and changing interests, but others perhaps due to apathy, forgetfulness and possibly cost. We need to contact non-renewers to get a more accurate picture
- **Non-renewal by corporate and academic members** – possibly due to not noticing and/or lack of follow-up by SUK, or else because SUK and SIETAR in general no longer serve their interests or provide value for money
- **No new volunteers to join the board.** Minimum two positions vacant – Treasurer and Member Management director, and Professional Development director. We need to pro-actively look for or even 'invite' new board members to bring in extra perspectives to SIETAR UK.

