

LARG: Language and Asylum Research Group

Membership Application Form

LARG is a group of experts who share an interest in LADO (Language Analysis for the Determination of Origins) as a topic of research, from a practitioner's point of view, or both. LARG's mission is to stimulate research, contribute to the further development of guidelines, and promote best-practice for practitioners working in this field, through exchange of informed views, in the spirit of and extending the scope of the 2004 *Guidelines for the Use of Language Analysis in Relation to Questions of National Origin in Refugee Cases*. Membership is open to people from diverse fields and disciplines who demonstrate a specific involvement with LADO issues that may lead to research or improved practice, and who endorse the primary mission of LARG. Applicants who do not fulfil the conditions may be added to mailing lists for announcements of new developments and activities, participate in public areas of the website, and attend public events organized by LARG.

1. Your details:

Full Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Professional postal address: _____

Email _____

2. Your interest in LADO: *please delete any categories which are NOT relevant:*

- a) I have experience in providing LADO reports.
- b) I have experience in other language-related areas of the asylum process, e.g. interpreting.
- c) I commission LADO reports for my clients.
- d) I deal with LADO reports in my decision making.
- e) I have published on LADO or a related topic.
- f) I intend to carry out research on LADO.
- g) I work in the area of the processing of asylum claims.
- h) other (please give details):

3. Your relevant training and/or affiliation: *please delete any categories which are NOT relevant, and provide details of those which are:*

i) university qualifications in linguistics or migration law : _____

ii) other university qualifications: _____

iii) other relevant training: _____

iv) relevant affiliation(s) : _____

4. Your membership fee:

Members are asked to pay an annual membership fee of either GBP £25 or US\$35 or Aus\$35 or Eur €30 per year. This fee is requested for the purpose of supporting the work of LARG, especially the maintenance and development of the website. Payment can be made via bank cheque, mailed to Prof. Peter Patrick (address below). Alternatively, payment made be made by direct bank transfer; please email Prof. Patrick (patrickp@essex.ac.uk) for full details on this method. Please indicate payment method and currency by deleting those not applicable from the list:

- I enclose a cheque of GBP £25 for membership.
- I enclose a cheque of US \$35 for membership.
- I enclose a cheque of Euros €30 for membership.
- I will contact P Patrick to make a bank transfer of £25 or Euros €30 for membership
- I will contact D Eades for details about bank transfer or cheque for payment of Australian \$35 for membership

All cheques to be made out to "The University of Essex"

If you are unwaged, or have other reasons to request a fee waiver (e.g. currency disadvantage), contact Convenors Peter Patrick (patrickp@essex.ac.uk) or Diana Eades (Diana.Eades@une.edu.au).

5. Any comments or questions?

Please email your completed membership application form to Peter Patrick (larg@essex.ac.uk).

Cheques and correspondence to:

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Upon admission to membership of LARG, you will be requested to supply a short biographic blurb (up to 150 words), which will be made available, together with your email address, on the members only section of LARG's website.

LARG website:

www.essex.ac.uk/larg/