

TREC membership regulations

1. Relevant field(s) of research

For the purposes of these membership regulations, **TREC – Translation, Research, Empiricism, Cognition** – is interpreted (or ‘operationalised’) as follows:

Translation referring to all forms of inter/intralingual mediation, including but not limited to translation, interpreting, MT & post-editing, sight translation, subtitling, dubbing, localization, internationalization, transediting and transcreation;

Research/Empiricism meaning people pursuing empirical research (into ‘translation’ as described above);

Cognition encompassing all research approaches that study translation and interpreting phenomena and their acquisition from the perspective of the working of the mind and brain.

The TREC thematic network goals are (<http://pagines.uab.cat/trec/>):

- (a) To promote the quality and development of knowledge about empirical research in the cognitive processes related to translation and interpreting;
- (b) To foster the cooperation among researchers working on such kinds of research;
- (c) To optimize the use of methodological resources as well as technological tools to collect data for research in translation;
- (d) To work together towards the building of the foundations of future empirical research projects in translation;
- (e) To foster the training and advancement of early-stage researchers in these areas.

2. Activities of the network

The network functions as:

- (a) a **platform** for the exchange of information, research initiatives, plans and results;
- (b) a **forum** for developing research paradigms (ways to do research) and discussing the challenges and improvements (e.g., validation and standardisation of methods);
- (c) a **pool** of potential research partners for research projects and funding applications.

3. Membership categories

There are two categories of membership in the TREC network:

- (a) **Members** – researchers with a proven track record, who are entitled to vote on TREC matters;
- (b) **Associates** – PhD students and researchers who are invited to participate temporarily in network activities on a case-by-case basis but are not entitled to vote on TREC matters.

4. Membership criteria

All candidates must have a research profile that fits the network (as defined in point 1, above).

- (a) To be accepted as a Member, the candidate must have a doctorate in a relevant field or a proven track record in the relevant fields.
- (b) To be accepted as an Associate, the candidate must be proposed by a Member and the specific involvement in a TREC-relevant activity must be defined.

5. Application procedure

- (a) All candidates for membership need to submit an application. The initiative for application can be made by TREC Members or by the candidates themselves.
- (b) The application should be made by email to the management committee and needs to include the candidate's CV and a list of publications.
- (c) The management committee will review the applications and make recommendations to the TREC Members, who will decide about new membership applications by a majority vote.
- (d) Candidates are informed of the success of their application by the management committee within two weeks of the MC meeting which handles the applications.

6. Membership benefits

TREC Members and Associates benefit from the following:

- (a) A profile and list of publications on the TREC website;
- (b) Access to the resources on the TREC intranet for research and educational purposes;
- (c) Invitations to participate in network activities such as meetings, conferences, panels, grant proposals;
- (d) The right to refer to their membership with the TREC logo (e.g. in academic presentations and email signatures).

7. Membership responsibilities

TREC Members and Associates are responsible for the following:

- (a) Keep own TREC website profile up-to-date, including list of publications, and projects;
- (b) Contribute to the resources on the TREC intranet, including metadata;
- (c) Participate regularly in network meetings and other activities, such as election and ad-hoc committees;
- (d) Provide input to and feedback on TREC initiatives whenever possible.

8. Termination of membership

Associate membership expires at a pre-determined time, with the possibility of renewal or regular membership upon written request to the management committee.

The membership of any Member can be terminated:

- (a) if the Member informs the management committee, which ensures that the Member's name is removed from the list of active TREC Members (e.g. from mailing lists and website);
- (b) If a Member has been completely inactive for more than two years, the MC can change the Member's status to "inactive" on the website and after another year of inactivity, remove the former Member's name from the membership list and the website;
- (c) in case of serious professional misconduct. A decision of this nature can only be taken in a regular or extraordinary network meeting.

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