To celebrate 10 years of the Subject Centre we look back at the key moments of the last decade...

Facts and figures:
We've held 239 events
Given away 2,000 promotional pens and pencils
Distributed 63,000 magazines and newsletters
Sent 96 e-bulletins
Awarded £130,000 in project funding

Celebrating 10 years
2000 -2010

The Higher Education Academy
LLAS Languages Linguistics Area Studies

2000
A litre of petrol costs 75p

2000
Nuffield Languages Enquiry publishes its long-awaited report on the future of UK language education

Languages, Linguistics and Area Studies Subject Centre

2000
The Subject Centre is created: all five original staff are still involved with the Centre today

2000
Our first workshop:
Ethnography for Language Learners

2000
George W. Bush elected US president

2001
Wikiped

2001
Road shows: to promote awareness of the Subject Centre's activities throughout the UK, we go on the road to Belfast, Stirling and Swansea

JOIN THE CLUB!
- YOUR COMMUNITY LANGUAGE CLUB

2001
Join the Club: a Lingua 1 project establishes a network of community-based language learning clubs

THE LANGUAGES BOX

2002
The Languages Box: our first foray into producing promotional materials for languages. Inside the box is a range of materials produced with a number of embassies and cultural institutes to promote language study in HE

2002
Languages in HE conference 2002: Setting the agenda: Languages, Linguistics and Area Studies in HE: our first conference takes place in Manchester

2002
Good Practice Guides: a key part of the LLAS website containing a collection of articles by recognised authorities launches

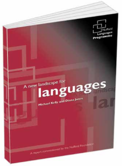
2002
Materials Bank: teaching materials in a wide variety of formats goes live

2002
Our first ebulletin: is sent to 1300 people

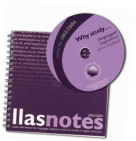
2002
Area Studies Network: aims to bring together colleagues with an interest and expertise in the teaching of area-related subjects

OdLL
www.opendoor2languages.eu

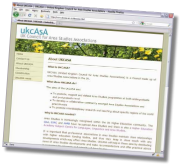
2002
Opening the Door to Language Learning: a three-year project funded by the European Community Socrates Programme, which seeks to develop and test strategies for increasing access to language learning. We work with partners in Belgium, Hungary, Ireland, Lithuania, Spain and Sweden.



2003
A new landscape for languages: commissioned by the Nuffield Foundation, this report investigates the health of modern languages in schools and universities and offers possibilities for how the language landscape might look in 2007



2003
LLAS notes: contains statistics on higher education in our subject areas and a comprehensive directory of subject associations and related organisations



2003
UKCASA (United Kingdom Council of Area Studies Associations): creation of a new umbrella organisation for the Area Studies community

ia launches

2001
Apple iPod launches

2001
September 11th attacks in the US

2002
Euro notes and coins introduced

2002
DfES outline the National Languages Strategy

2002
Queen Elizabeth II celebrates Golden Jubilee

2002
GB Women's curling team win gold at Winter Olympics

2003
England win the Rugby Union World Cup

2003
The government publishes the White Paper "The Future of Higher Education", which sets out its plans for radical reform and investment in universities and HE colleges

2003
The Iraq war begins

2003
The last three Concorde airliners to carry fare-paying passengers land within a space of five minutes at Heathrow

2004
Madrid train bombings

2004
Dame Kelly Holmes wins two athletics gold medals at the Athens Olympics

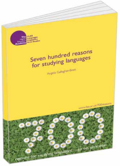
2004
Languages in HE conference 2004: navigating the new landscape for languages - our second biennial conference

2004
CILT launches Languages Work*

Languages Work *

The Higher Education Academy

2004
The Higher Education Academy: is created and our logo changes



2004
700 reasons for studying languages: research that identifies more than 700 reasons for studying languages. This is particularly useful for educators encouraging students to continue with languages

2005
HEFCE funds 74 Centres for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETLs)

Languages of the Wider World
CETL SOAS-UCL Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Centre for Excellence in Multimedia Language Learning

2005
The National Languages Strategy in Higher Education, conducted by Hilary Footitt, is published

STUDENT AWARD COMPETITION

2005
Our first essay competition for students: What makes the best learning experience for students of Languages, Linguistics or Area Studies?

2005
Higher Education and the National Languages Strategy event: uses the findings of Hilary Footitt's research report on the National Languages Strategy to share ideas on promoting Modern Languages departments in HEIs.

2005
Prince Charles marries Camilla

2005
1st e-learning symposium: our first e-learning conference focuses on the learner and how the latest technologies impact on the learning experience

2005
Dr Who returns to television

2005
First video uploaded to YouTube

YouTube

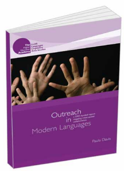
routes into LANGUAGES

2006
Routes into Languages: the start of this on-going programme to increase the take-up of languages from school to university. Funded by HEFCE and the DSCF.

Hard going but worth it

2006
Hard going but worth it: a snapshot of attitudes to reading among languages undergraduates: this survey sets out to elicit information on students' pre-university experience of reading foreign languages

2006
Facebook opens to the public



2006
Outreach in Modern Languages: this report presents the findings of a DfES-funded mapping project into cross-sector collaboration between universities and schools in England

2006
Languages in HE conference 2006: Crossing frontiers. Our third biennial conference takes place in Cardiff

2006
Language Café: European Commission-funded project uses the concept of café culture to provide informal, social settings for people to get together, practise languages and share cultural interests. We work with partners in Austria, Belgium, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden and Turkey

2006
Graeme Dott wins the World Snooker Championship

2006
Twitter launches

twitter

2006
LLAS newsblog: we start blogging news from around the languages community

r u fit? ...for languages
What kind of language learner are you? Take the test and find out
brain dead or egg head?
Can you make educated guesses about languages you don't know by using your skills?
Welcome to Professor Babble's Language Lab
Have a go at these four fun games to find out about languages. You'll be surprised by what you discover...
Journey to the stars and find out some strange and wonderful things about languages
FACTEroids
Why study languages when you don't have to? Listen to some pupils who have chosen languages and see if they can persuade you
talking heads

2006
Why study languages?: a multimedia website to help promote language learning at all levels. This follows on from the 'Languages Box' and '700 reasons for studying languages'. The site is currently being rewritten and will re-launch in Autumn 2010

2006
A wider perspective and more options: investigating the longer term employability of humanities graduates: Understanding what graduates do after leaving university has mainly depended upon statistics collected six months after graduation. These findings are based on in-depth interviews with humanities graduates from the 1970s onwards and captures the diversity of career paths followed by graduates in non-vocational disciplines

2007
2nd e-learning symposium: our second e-learning conference focuses on virtual learning environments

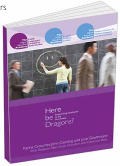
2007
Lord Dearing Review into Languages published

2007
Language Network for Quality Assurance (LanQua): a three-year project under the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Erasmus Network programme. The LanQua project is developing a Language Network for Quality Assurance and involves 60 partners across Europe

2007
Area Studies and the globalised world conference: jointly organised by Eccles Centre for American Studies (British Library), Canadian High Commission and UK Council for Area Studies Associations

2007
Apple iPhone launches

2007
Tony Blair resigns as Prime Minister


Here be Dragons?
Enterprising Graduates in the Humanities
Karina Croucher, John Canning and Jane Gawthrope

2007
Here be dragons?: enterprising graduates in the Humanities: this report presents the findings of a small-scale study determining the motivations leading enterprising humanities graduates to embark on their careers

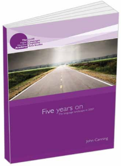
Discover
AMERICAN STUDIES

2008
Discover American Studies: interactive CD-rom and website produced with funding from the US Embassy. 20,000 copies go to schools in the UK

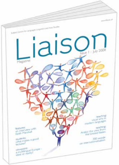
2008
3rd e-learning symposium: our third e-learning conference concentrates on web 2.0 technology – we start to Twitter! This event is our first live broadcast over the web

2008
Languages in HE conference 2008: transitions and connections. Our fourth conference takes place in York

2008
Cyclist Chris Hoy wins three gold medals at Beijing Olympics



2008
Five years on: The language landscape in 2007: using the most recent statistics, Five years on... revisits the New Landscape for Languages report and compares the actual health of modern languages with what was thought possible in 2003



2008
Liaison: launch of our magazine. It is published twice a year and is distributed free to subscribers in the UK. Liaison aims to keep you up-to-date not only with news from the Subject Centre, but also with broader issues affecting the disciplines of languages, linguistics and area studies

2008
Wales win the Six Nations Rugby Grand Slam

2008
Learning Object Creator (LOC): tool created and first workshops given

2008
Obama elected US President

2008
Supporting our international future workshop: cross-sector partnerships to promote languages in Scotland

2009
4th e-learning symposium: our fourth e-learning event concentrates on everything beginning with an "e"... e-Assessment, e-Environment, e-Pedagogy, e-Marking to name a few

2009
UCML Scotland: launches

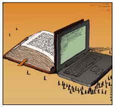
2009
HumBox: the start of a project, funded by the JISC, which aimed to encourage HE teachers to publish excellent teaching and learning resources openly on the web. HumBox focused on the Humanities and is a collaboration between four Subject Centres (LLAS, English, History and Philosophical and Religious Studies) and at least 10 different institutions across the country

2009
UCGAL: launch of the University Council of General and Applied Linguistics

2009
HEFCE Review of Modern Languages in Higher Education, led by Prof Michael Worton

2009
Links into Languages: launch of a new government initiative to provide high quality professional development to school teachers

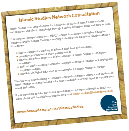
2009
Thriving in difficult times: a workshop for heads of department and subject leaders



2010
5th e-learning symposium: bigger and better than ever our fifth e-learning event concentrates on sharing and collaboration using technology

2010
First artificial life form created

2010
Islamic Studies network: created to bring together those working in Islamic Studies to discuss and share experiences to benefit students and develop good practices across the higher education sector.



Islamic Studies Network Consultation

Islamic Studies is an umbrella term for the academic study of Islam, Muslim cultures and societies, and Islamic knowledge through a variety of subject areas and perspectives.

Following recommendations from HEFCE, a team from across the Higher Education Academy and its Subject Centres is working to build a national Islamic Studies network in order to:

- support academics working in different disciplines or institutions;
- provide opportunities to share good practice;
- develop an enhanced picture of the provision of Islamic Studies in UK higher education;
- build on work carried out since the designation of Islamic Studies as a strategically important subject;
- establish UK higher education as an exemplar for Islamic Studies in Europe.

The Academy is undertaking a consultation to find out from academics and students of Islamic Studies what the demand is for such a network and what types of support they would find useful.

If you would like to take part in the consultation or for more information about our work please visit the Academy website or e-mail islamicstudies@heacademy.ac.uk

www.heacademy.ac.uk/islamicstudies

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2010
HumBox website: our online repository goes live with 1100+ humanities resources and an expanding community of users

2010
Supporting students' learning outside the classroom workshop: promoting independence and autonomy in LLAS disciplines

2010
Languages in HE conference 2010: raising the standard for languages. Our fifth conference celebrates the last 10 years

2010
Community Café project: a year-long project, funded by the JISC, working in collaboration with Southampton City Council and the COLT project at Manchester Metropolitan University to produce and publish online resources for community languages teaching

2010
Début: The Undergraduate Journal of Languages, Linguistics and Area Studies : first issue available online

Ready for your
grand début?
www.llas.ac.uk/debut

2010
A litre of petrol costs £1.22

2010
Chelsea win the FA Cup and Premier League double