Introduction

New year, new resolutions! January is the time of year when millions of

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How CIOL membership has beneǒted me

In addition, I´ve beneŎted from joining CIOL's divisions and local networks and attending talks, webinars and workshops. I would recommend following up on these by connecting on LinkedIn with speakers or attendees you think might be useful contacts. You are bound to come across translators working in other language pairs, with experience in different areas, or contacts in subject areas you want to explore, etc.

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Why I am a member of CIOL

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Being a member of CIOL for the past three years has provided me with invaluable support and guidance right from the beginning of my journey as a freelance translator. I am still enjoying the beneOts of membership, not only thanks to the recognition I get as a language professional by being a member of a well-known organisation and being able to use the designatory letters after my name, but also thanks to the high-quality events and training offered by CIOL. These enable me to keep up to date with latest developments and debates within the industry, and signiOcantly contribute to my ongoing professional development.

If I reUect on my decision in 2019 to join CIOL I can only conclude that it was a profoundly positive one! Initially, I joined as an afOliate member, whilst I was studying for the Diploma in Translation. I threw myself in to the Institute by volunteering to help and assist at a few seminars organised by the Translation Division. Through these, I had the opportunity to meet fellow translators and CIOL staff, and I was subsequently invited to join the Translation Division's Steering Group.

When I decided to change career, to obtain the Diploma in

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In addition, as a member you can share in an enormous collective set of experiences and industry knowledge, covering a wide range of related topics that can help develop and improve your skillset. There are numerous opportunities to connect with other linguists through its member networks, so you can reach out to fellow language professionals for advice and exchange of views within a safe platform.

To conclude, being a member of CIOL has had a very positive impact on my professional life, right from the moment I entered the world of freelance translation. It was a big stepping stone and a key enabler of my career change thanks to the support and conȭdence boosting it gave me. And, thanks also to the breadth of online and in-person events CIOL organises for its members, it continues to provide me with opportunities for further professional development and business growth.

> … by joining CIOL I was able to tap into a large pool of resources and a supportive community of like-minded linguists.

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Why CIOL? Why not?

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CIOL Membership gave me considerable exposure through the Find-a-Linguist directory on the CIOL website and added to my credentials as a translator/interpreter. Every week, for the last three years, I have been receiving numerous emails starting with the phrase: ǧI found your details on the CIOL website ŧ∃ I practically stopped chasing new clients, as new clients are chasing me!

CIOL even helped me to fulǒl my dream of becoming a literary translator. For several years I attended the London Book Fair, hoping to secure a literary translation contract, but with zero result. I even started to think that it was never meant to be. But recently, again through Find a Linguist, I was contacted by two different publishers. As a result, to date I have translated six children's books from English into Ukrainian and can proudly call myself a proper literary translator.

I would recommend becoming a CIOL Member to everybody ć the Institute has been supporting and representing linguists worldwide since 1910, becoming CIOL in 2005 when it was awarded a Royal Charter, and the beneǒts of different kinds of CIOL membership considerably outweigh the surprisingly affordable annual fee.

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Why I joined CIOL as a member

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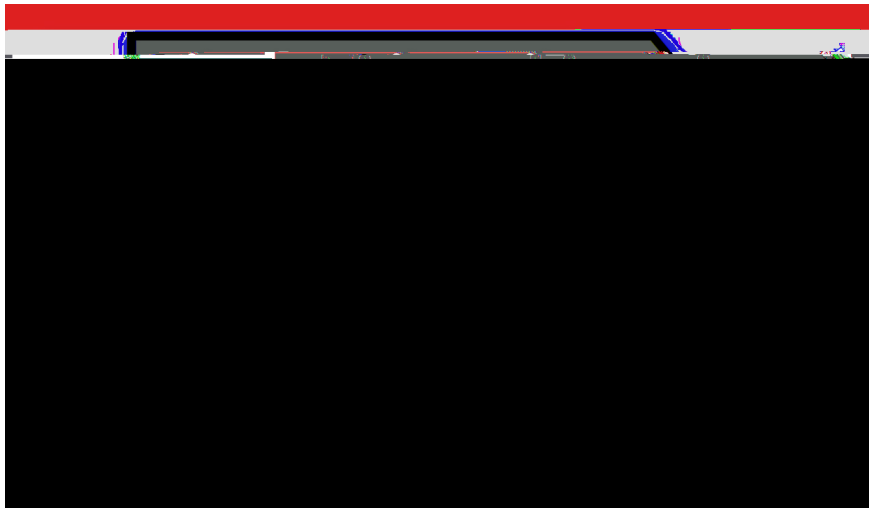
The beneǒts of being a CIOL member

me in challenging myself, gaining new skills, meeting key people in the profession, and has led me to even further opportunities of expanding my career.

A CIOL membership also gives access to a range of added beneŏts such as preferential rates for your Professional Indemnity Insurance or even access to a free legal helpline which has been incredibly useful to me when I once needed some urgent legal advice regarding a ŏnancial dispute with a supplier.

My business has now been established for 12 years and I can genuinely state that becoming a CIOL member, then a Chartered Linguist, has simply been life-changing for me, both professionally and personally with the incredible opportunities it has offered me since I joined 8 years ago. I would never have acquired the status I now enjoy, working both nationally and internationally, was it not for the tremendous boost that CIOL has given my business.

I would strongly urge any professional linguist taking their career seriously to join CIOL and see for themselves all the beneŏts it can bring to them.



> Becoming a CIOL member and having my profile on the CIOL directory brought me far more clients than I would have ever expected

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