



Since its foundation in 1981, the Belgian Association of Anglicists in Higher Education has brought together anglicists working in the fields of literature and cultural studies, linguistics and translation studies, and ELT. **Why join BAAHE as a new member, or renew your membership?**

### **A unique network of anglicists**

Via our mailing list, [website](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#) pages we share news, calls for papers, job offers and any other information relevant to Belgian anglicists working in higher education. As a member, you can ask the BAAHE secretary to circulate messages via our different communication channels.

### **BAAHE conferences and events**

Our events allow you to expand your network, get to know colleagues across institutions and disciplines, and discover shared interests and professional opportunities. We organise an annual conference towards the end of the calendar year (the next such event is a [conference](#) on 'language and literature across the lifespan' in Namur), and organise online events at other times (a recent such event was devoted to discussing [student trips and excursions](#)). A (face to face) event for doctoral students and postdocs is taking place in late September. Suggestions for events BAAHE might (help) organise are always welcome!

### **BAAHE thesis award**

BAAHE offers an annual prize of 250 EUR for outstanding undergraduate dissertations written in English, alternating between literature and cultural studies in one year and linguistics and translation studies in the next. The winner is encouraged to submit an article based on their thesis to the journal *English Text Construction*.

### **English Text Construction**

BAAHE has published a journal since 1986. In 2008, the journal was relaunched with the publisher John Benjamins (Amsterdam & Philadelphia) as [English Text Construction](#), a well-regarded international, peer-reviewed journal now in its 18<sup>th</sup> volume (2025), edited by a team of Belgian colleagues. Electronic access to the journal is included in BAAHE membership.

### **ESSE – The European Society for the Study of English**

Each BAAHE member is also a member of the [European Society for the Study of English](#) (ESSE), which is a federation of more than 30 national associations. As a member, you can apply for ESSE's research trip bursaries, book grants and book awards, receive a substantial discount on the registration fee for the biennial ESSE conferences, and submit proposals for sub-plenary lectures and seminars for these conferences. The next conferences will be held in [Santiago de Compostela \(2026\)](#) and Manchester (2028). Doctoral students can also take part in the ESSE Doctoral Symposium, held once a year, for which bursaries are likewise available. Read more about ESSE's funding opportunities [online](#)!

### **A special welcome to (prospective) PhD students**

BAAHE's annual conference has always prided itself on being a friendly space for doctoral students – and indeed MA students taking part in the Thesis Award – to present their work. Our first-of-its-kind event for PhD students and postdocs in September 2025 will explore further opportunities for mutual support. At the level of ESSE, the Doctoral Symposium, organised annually since 2012, allows students from across Europe to discuss their work and receive feedback from convenors and fellow participants.

**Ready to join or renew?** Membership costs\* €30 for non-tenured positions (including students) and €40 for **tenured positions**, and can be paid into BAAHE's bank account BE68001521361134. Please notify the treasurer when payment has been made ([lobke.ghesquiere@umons.ac.be](mailto:lobke.ghesquiere@umons.ac.be)). New members should also notify the secretary ([marilize.pretorius@uantwerpen.be](mailto:marilize.pretorius@uantwerpen.be)).

\*Check if your department or project budget can reimburse this, as a professional expense!