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TEI Consortium Annual General Meeting

19 September 2025
Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

AGM Agenda

Reports:

- Board of Directors
- Technical Council
- Treasurer
- Membership
- Infrastructure Group
- jTEI
- SIGs
- TEI-C Community Calls

New Business:

- Election results
- Rahtz Prize for TEI Ingenuity
- Announcement of TEI2026
- TEI and Funding Bids
- Membership Drive
- Discussion

Board of Directors

chair@tei-c.org

Board Report: 2024-25 Accomplishments

- What does the Board do?
 - We try to support and encourage
 - We hope to keep the ‘skids greased’ and not get in the way of the main business of the Consortium – stewarding the Guidelines
- What did we do this year?
 - We listened to, considered, and supported a number of proposals (opening up Slack channel, community meet-ups, future TEI conferences)
 - We spent a lot of time thinking about TEI’s futures

Board Report: 2025-26 Goals and Objectives

- Work with community to consider, support pedagogy-focused initiatives (e.g., TEI by Example)
- Implement a responsible Membership Drive (to be discussed further under 'New Business')
- Arrange a host for TEI2027

Technical Council

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Technical Council Report Details

- Monthly teleconferences, 1 long weekend "virtual F2F", + F2F here in Kraków (~27 hours!)
- Since the Buenos Aires AGM in October 2024,
 - [162 tickets and pull requests](#) closed on the TEI Guidelines repo
 - [79 tickets and pull requests](#) closed on the TEI Stylesheets repo
- New releases
 - [4.8.1 patch release \(2024-11-02\)](#) (patch to the July '24 "Six Degrees" which introduced the CMC chapter)
 - [Release 4.9.0 \(2024-11-02\)](#) **"The Atocha Release"** (noteworthy: the new `<constraintDecl>` element for specifying your Schematron query language binding. And, `@ref` is now valid on `<bibl>`, `<biblfull>`, and `<biblStruct>`).
 - [Release 4.10.0 \(2024-08-15\)](#) **"The Olinguito Release"** (several content model updates: `model.stageLike` permitted in `<sp>`, `<ref>` element now allowed in `<person>`, `<place>`, `<org>`, and `<event>` elements, `<byline>` allowed in closer)
 - [4.10.1](#) and [4.10.2](#) patch releases (most recent: 2025-09-04)
- TEI Stylesheets Co-op group: monthly meetings to solve Stylesheets problems
- Active Task Forces:
 - Another TEI ODD Processor (ATOP): upgrading the processing of customization ODD
 - TEI Lite2 customization as precursor to TEI P6 has begun meeting

New TEI Technical Contributors / Program



New TEI Technical Program in the works, sharing specialized training in working with TEI's code repositories. Badging opportunity.

Watch for announcement on TEI-L and Slack as this takes shape.

Call for Revival of the Education SIG

- TEI by Example resource hosted at U. Edinburgh is seeking help in updating materials (last updated in 2020)
- Please take Elli Bleeker's survey about TEI by Example to review how we've used it, and how we'd like it to develop: <https://bit.ly/teiByExample>



Finance Report

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Balance Sheet (through Q2)

Total assets: \$121,931

This obviously misses the financial impact of the conference. We actually made a bit of money on TEI 2024, but it will be a loss this year.

Balance Sheet		Jun 30, 25
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Citizens Checking	11,669	
Citizens Money Market	107,786	
Paypal	1,551	
Total Checking/Savings	121,005	
Other Current Assets		
Prepaid Expenses	926	
Total Other Current Assets	926	
Total Current Assets	121,931	
TOTAL ASSETS	121,931	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable	1,616	
Total Accounts Payable	1,616	
Other Current Liabilities		
Refunds Payable	568	
Deferred Revenue	15,600	
Total Other Current Liabilities	16,168	
Total Current Liabilities	17,784	
Total Liabilities	17,784	
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity		
Opening Balance Equity	2,953	
Unrestricted Net Assets	93,882	
Net Income	7,313	
Total Equity	104,147	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	121,931	

CASH BASIS

	Jan - June 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Program Income			
Membership Dues	19,846	8,876	12,970
Grant Contributions	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	125	1,080	(935)
Interest Income	1,988	1,193	775
Total Program Income	21,939	9,129	12,810
Total Income	21,939	9,129	12,810
Gross Profit	21,939	9,129	12,810
Expense			
Project Expenses			
Logo Redesign	-	-	-
Total Project Expenses	-	-	-
Contract Services			
Accounting Fees	-	-	-
Finance and Accounting Services	9,375	9,450	(75)
Legal Fees	-	-	-
Total Contract Services	9,375	9,450	(75)
Operations			
Bank Charges & Credit Card Fees	1,054	973	82
Computer Expense	-	-	-
Copy Editor	4,025	2,720	1,306
Managing Editor	-	-	-
Communications Officer	-	-	-
TAPAS	-	-	-
Postage, Mailing Service	-	-	-
Supplies	80	5	75
Telephone, Telecommunications	70	68	3
Total Operations	5,230	3,764	1,465
Other Types of Expenses			
Insurance - Liability, D and O	1,852	-	1,852
Other Costs	-	1,055	(1,055)
Total Other Types of Expenses	1,852	1,055	797
Travel and Meetings			
Conference, Convention, Meeting	-	2,041	(2,041)
Travel (Board)	6,488	-	6,488
Travel (Council)	-	-	-
Total Travel and Meetings	6,488	2,041	4,445
Total Expense	22,943	16,310	6,633
Net Ordinary Income	(1,004)	(7,181)	6,177
Net Income	(1,004)	(7,181)	6,177

Actual vs. Budget (cash basis)

We are over budget this year, and it's for the usual reason: Institutional renewal invoices go out in December, but may be paid in January. In 2025 our larger payments came in this calendar year instead of at the end of 2024.

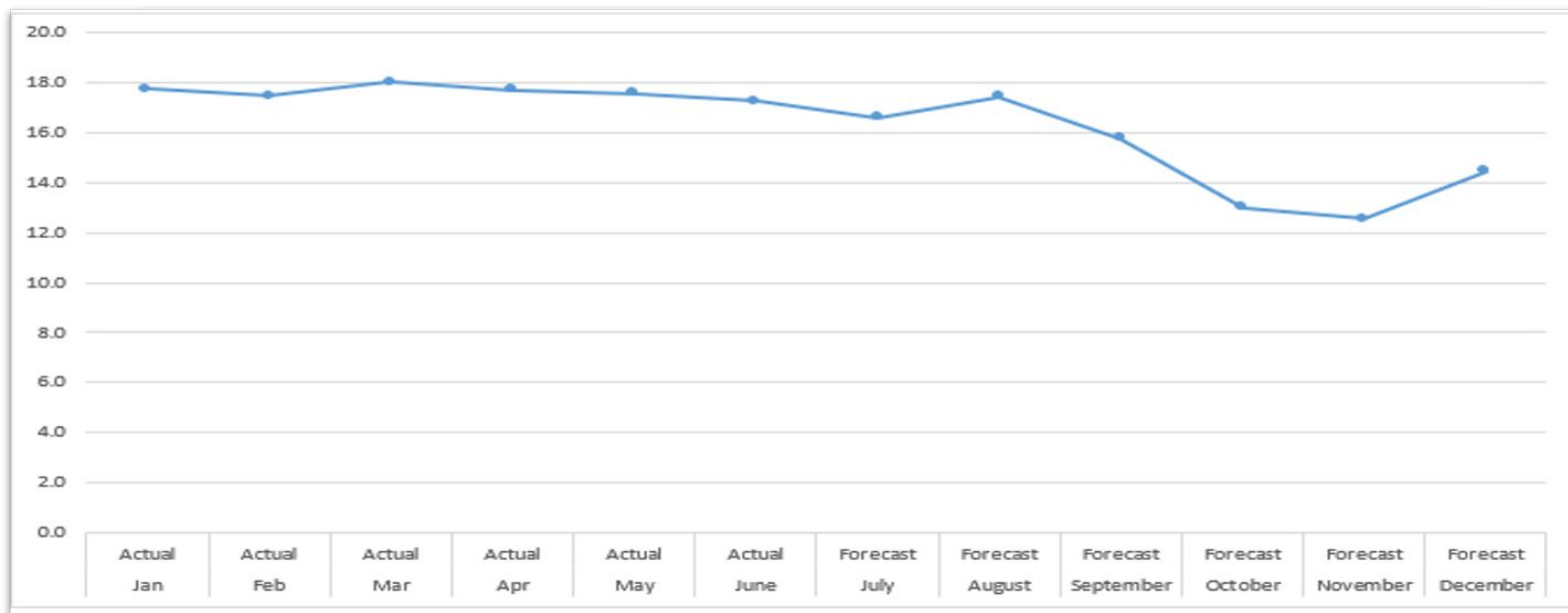
TEI

Year on Year Profit and Loss

	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Jan-June 2025
Income/Expense												
Income												
Membership Dues	72,997	62,672	56,278	72,804	52,926	47,352	47,745	46,229	32,458	44,225	19,710	19,846
Grant Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	4,554	1,996	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	-	-	-	50	93	14	36	-	570	16,622	125
Interest Income	-	-	-	-	468	383	79	20	36	2,592	2,252	1,968
Total Income	72,997	62,672	56,278	72,804	53,444	52,381	49,833	46,285	32,494	47,387	38,584	21,939
Gross Profit	72,997	62,672	56,278	72,804	53,444	52,381	49,833	46,285	32,494	47,387	38,584	21,939
Expense												
Total Grant Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,890	-	-	-	-	-
Total Project Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,136	-	-
Total Contract Services	5,106	-	1,802	11,137	20,915	17,595	20,560	19,060	19,100	19,400	19,400	9,375
Total Operations	39,429	18,194	33,326	4,901	54,739	6,896	5,268	14,478	10,374	8,918	8,447	5,230
Total Other Types of Expenses	1,000	1,848	2,878	1,492	1,001	2,000	1,439	2,703	3,803	3,765	3,249	1,852
Total Travel and Meetings	25,741	9,789	32,445	19,858	47,532	39,433	292	638	28,437	26,168	27,984	6,486
Total Expense	71,276	29,831	70,451	37,388	124,187	65,924	34,450	36,880	61,714	59,387	59,080	22,943
Net Income	1,721	32,841	(14,173)	35,416	(70,744)	(13,543)	15,383	9,405	(29,220)	(12,000)	(20,496)	(1,004)

The conference last year helped make up for the shortfall in revenue. We are making on average \$37,000.

Financial Year 2025 Cash Reserves



- TEI continues to be in a strong cash position in FY25
- The dip in reserves in Q3 and Q4 largely from Council Travel Expenses
- TEI is still forecast to end the year around 14.5 months of reserves given current estimates
- The typical industry benchmark for a healthy organization is 6 months of cash reserves

Membership Report

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Membership (Active Members)

Sustaining Partner (\$5,000)	2 (will be 1)
Patron (\$2,500)	2
Friend (\$1,500)	5
Contributor (\$500)	12
Supporter (\$250)	26
Individual (\$50)	153
Totals (includes bundle members)	254

Membership / Financial Outlook

We lost a sustaining partner this year.

We've had a small uptick in individual memberships.

Our biggest expense is the Technical Council, which is as it should be, but we should be funding the Technical Council to meet in person twice a year. That's probably a \$40,000 price tag. We need at least \$20,000 more per year to sustain that. We are in a good cash position, but that's a cushion which is getting thinner year by year.

Infrastructure Group

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jTEI

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Editors

- Joel Kalvesmaki, Catholic University of America (2019-27) (incoming chair)
- Pietro Liuzzo, Bibliotheca Hertziana (2019-28) (outgoing chair)
- Tanja Wissik, Austrian Academy of Sciences (2019-29)
- Ana Salgado, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Porto (2024-26)

Technical Editor

- Ron Van den Branden, Belgium

Advisory Board

- Elli Mylonas, Brown University (2022-26)
- Federico Boschetti, CNR, Italy (2022-26)
- Constance Crompton, University of Ottawa (2021-25)
- Stefan Dumont, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (2021-27)
- Jonathan Prag, University of Oxford (2021-27)
- Gimena del Rio Riande, IIBICRIT-CONICET, Argentina (2022-26)

Issue 15

- No guest editor (from the 2021 online conference)
- Published

Issue 17

- Newcastle 2022
- Guest editors James Cummings, Martina Scholger, Tiago Sousa Garcia
- Six of seven articles published

Issue 18

- Paderborn 2023
- Guest editors Peter Stadler, Raffaele Viglianti, Johannes Kepler
- Nine published, nine in progress

Issue 19

- Buenos Aires 2024
- Guest editors Gimena del Rio Riande, María Teresa Ravelo Sánchez, Gustavo Fernandez Riva
- 14 Submissions in progress

Rolling issue

- Nine submissions in progress

Noteworthy

- New editor
- New website style

Always worth remembering

- jTEI Editors are appointed by the Board for terms of 4 years, renewable.
- Chair of the editors rotates each year
- One editor works with the guest volume editor on a particular issue
- Editors meet monthly
- Editors regularly update and revise author guidelines, workflow, and policy
- Indexed by DOAJ, EBSCO

Get involved

- Please send your submissions (whether a conference paper or not):
 - research papers,
 - data sets, and
 - project / tool notes;
- You may submit papers in English, German, Spanish, and Italian
- Please register as a reviewer:
<https://journal.tei-c.org/index.php/journal/user/register>
- **Current reviewers:** please check your account and update email and keywords if necessary.

SIGs

LingSIG (“TEI for linguists”) (1)

In the past yearly cycle, the LingSIG has had 7 Zoom meetings and hosted 3 talks. We intend to maintain this pattern and we issue a standing invitation to colleagues who would like to present their research in a friendly informal setting.

At TEI-2025, the LingSIG met in hybrid mode with 14 people in attendance.

We discussed features and mechanisms that the participants have found to be absent from, or inadequately defined in, the TEI Guidelines, especially where it comes to describing languages that may be seen as ‘exotic’ from the traditional European perspective, mostly requiring the recognition of tone-related features or processes, or ‘special’ approaches to segmentation.

LingSIG (“TEI for linguists”) (2)

We also managed to discuss certain housekeeping issues, as well as an emerging internal functionality that may in time benefit the TEI community as a whole: a more articulate way to describe and maintain information about TEI-oriented projects -- in our case, projects focusing on language technology and/or linguistics.

We have resolved to work together on several feature requests (briefly outlined in [issue #2815](#)), some of them relatively straightforward, and some requiring us to first gather more examples and use cases.

We have also decided to push on with the move from the dysfunctional TEI Wiki to GitHub-based wiki in the LingSIG repository.

LingSIG (“TEI for linguists”) (3)

Our primary foci were:

- a need of a theory-agnostic segmentation unit that can be furnished with attributes for grammatical description of various kinds (including tone-related features),
- a general need to model tonal and similar suprasegmental phenomena,
- a way and a place to provide/store (preferably machine-processable) descriptions of object languages of the given resource,
- a need to recognise prose pronunciation instructions in dictionary entries,
- a need to adequately handle free text passages in retrodigitised dictionaries (a matter that we would like to bring to the attention of the TEI Lex0 initiative).

SIG East Asian/ Japanese: <https://tei.dhii.jp/>

- Steering Committee: Kiyonori Nagasaki, Kazuhiro Okada, Natsuko Nakagawa, and Satoru Nakamura
- Holding a weekly online study group, where we work on translations of the Guidelines and Spec files, engage in collaborative markup exercises, and consult with each other on encoding issues.
- Introductory TEI seminars for East Asian texts have been organized in Japan and abroad, including at Keio University, Osaka University, Kyushu University, Korea University, Goethe University Frankfurt, and Heidelberg University.
- On September 13, we organized [a symposium at Keio University in Tokyo](#), inviting Dr. James Cummings and featuring 26 poster presentations.
- As a result of these various activities, the number of research projects making use of TEI has increased.
- The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT) has launched a three-year project to develop text encoding guidelines. This project has been entrusted, through the National Institutes for the Humanities, to Keio University, where Nagasaki and Okada are based, and is being carried forward there.

SIG Indic Texts

- No SIG-wide activities since last meeting
- But relevant ongoing efforts by individual research groups:
 - DHARMA The Domestication of “Hindu” Asceticism and the Religious Making of South and Southeast Asia (ERC 809994) has produced two substantial guides:
 - DHARMA Encoding Guide for Critical Editions: <hal-04085137>
 - DHARMA Encoding Guide for Diplomatic Editions: <halshs-02888186>
 - See <https://erc-dharma.github.io/> and <https://dharma.hypotheses.org/guides>
 - VEGEST — Vienna Encoding Guidelines for Editing Sanskrit Texts, in development at the [Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia of the Austrian Academy of Sciences](#)
 - General description: <https://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/digital/digital-projects/vegest>
 - Repository: <https://gitlab.oeaw.ac.at/vegest/vegest-schema>

SIG Newspapers and Periodicals

- Currently dormant and nothing to report.
- But, if you are interested in reviving the SIG, feel free to contact the convener
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or
Kevin Kuck Kevin.Kuck@tu-darmstadt.de



SIG Correspondence

Conveners: Stefan Dumont and Sabine Seifert

- Virtual SIG Meeting in December 2024
 - GitHub tickets / correspSearch / CMIF v.1.1 and v2
 - Manual “Encoding Correspondence” <https://encoding-correspondence.bbaw.de/v1/>
- General aims
 - turn more articles of Manual into GitHub tickets
 - update articles according to resolving of tickets/actual implementation in TEI Guidelines
 - enhance Manual with articles dealing with topics not covered yet
- correspSearch <https://correspsearch.net>
 - new function: search for mentioned persons
 - > 360.000 correspondence items online (32.000 available in full text) → **Thanks to the TEI Community!**
- Virtual SIG Meeting November 5, 2025, 2pm CET

SIG Website: <https://tei-c.org/activities/sig/correspondence/>

SIG Mailing List: tei-corresp-sig@listserv.brown.edu

SIG Computer-mediated communication

Mission 2013-2022: Develop and discuss customisations for the TEI encoding of CMC data in corpora

Milestones:

- **Dec. 2019:** Feature request addressed to the TEI Council
- **2021-2023:** Ad-hoc working group with Syd Bauman and Peter Stadler: fine-tuning of the requested models/features to the requirements of the TEI framework
- **July 2024:** Release of the new chapter 9 *computer-mediated communication* in TEI-P5 (release 4.8.0)

Mission as of 2025: discuss experiences with TEI-P5 CMC schema + further customisations building on recent projects ; exchange of data, tools + knowledge (→ virtual SIG Meeting Sept. 19)

SIG Computable Text and Media

Media and intrinsic processability:

- formalized communication (forms, templates)
- artificial language (computer code)
- user interfaces (digital literature, playable media)

Main aspects so far:

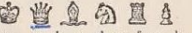
- media layers
 - template / filled-out template
 - physical format / computable format
 - computer code / rendered result
- points of interaction
 - form elements
- metadata description
 - rulesets for processing
 - environments
 - dependencies

SIG Website: <https://tei-c.org/activities/sig/computable/>
 SIG Mailing List: tei-computable-sig@lists.psu.edu

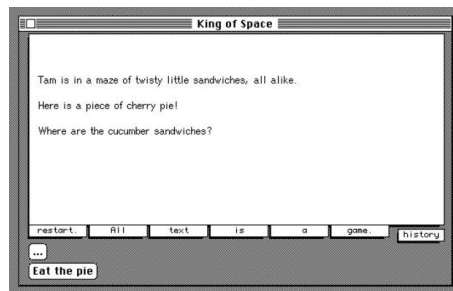
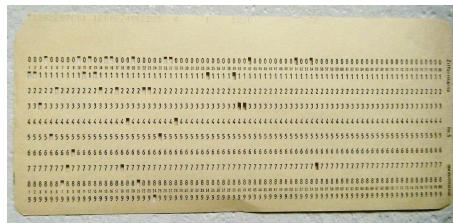
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Fernpartie Nr. 1

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Falls Ihr..... Zug,	dann mein..... Zug

	
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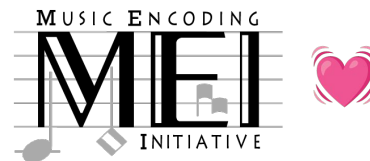
Music SIG

- Yes, it's alive!
- TEI/MEI ODD harmonization process is ongoing
- new example site for parallel TEI/MEI rendition:
github.com/TEI-Music-SIG/examples
- Think about encoding methods for of text+music
(in case there is more around than MEI)

SIG Website: <https://tei-c.org/activities/sig/music/>

SIG Mailing List: tei-music-sig@listserv.brown.edu

SIG TEI Slack: <https://tei-c.slack.com/archives/C09GB436589>



Minimal Example: CETELcean and Verovio

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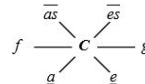
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standalone (centered):

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Vector graphic



SIG - Ontologies

- Yes, it's alive too! (even if co-conveners, Connie Crompton and Kathryn Tomasec can't make it to the AGM)
- 2025 meeting recap:
 - 17 participants (4 online, 13 in person)
 - 7 project demos
 - The group would be glad of best practices for using TEI and linked data together and for creating linked data from TEI.
 - There's an appetite for a linked data/ontologies/vocabularies chapter in the TEI, but won't get a head of ourselves. In the near term there was a suggestion that we might strike a working group, which, with permission of the Board and Council, might check existing examples in the TEI for linked data-ready use of URIs

SIG Manuscripts

Conveners: Yasmin Faghihi and Torsten Schaßan

- Virtual SIG Meeting in 08/09/2025
 - propose a new element <objectType> for semantic or functional type of the object
- SIG Meeting 19/09/2025:
 - Take-up on Hugh's ideas on re-consideration of the critical apparatus chapter
 - Develop further object definition (objectContents) / FRBR-isation of the TEI (MEI-analogy)
 - Discussion about enhancing tei:seal → propose enhanced usage of <object>
- General aims:
 - Contribute to resolving of tickets/actual implementation in TEI Guidelines
- Schedule virtual SIG Meetings

SIG Website: <https://tei-c.org/activities/sig/manuscript/>

SIG Mailing List: tei-ms-sig@lists.psu.edu

Slack Channel set up

TEI COMMUNITY CALLS



TEI

- Launched Nov. 2024 (following TEI2024, Buenos Aires)
 - 7 Community Calls in total
 - Open discussion of encoding practices, tickets, and encoding questions
 - All are invited to propose topics
 - New label on GitHub (Community Call)
 - See: <https://tei-c.org/activities/community/>
-
- Thank you to all who have participated so far!!

Community Calls, 2025

All @ 08:00 (PST) | 11:00 (EST) | 15:00 (UTC) | 18:00 (CEST)

- Tuesday, September 23 (Next week!)
 - Tuesday, October 21
 - Tuesday, November 18
 - Tuesday, December 16
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- Register: <https://members.tei-c.org/Events>

New Business

New Business Details

- Election
- Announcement of Rahtz Prize Winner
- Announcement of TEI 2026
- TEI and Funding Bids
- Membership Drive
- Questions / Discussion

Election Results

Board of Directors

1 candidate – 1 position

Congratulations **Dimitra Grigoriou** (Institute for Habsburg and Balkan Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences)!

Thank you to all those who nominated someone (and all those who stood for election)!

Election Results

Technical Council

11 candidates – 3 positions

Results:

- **Helena Bermúdez Sabel**
- **Elli Bleeker**
- **Patricia O'Connor**

Those nominated:

- Helena Bermúdez Sabel
- Elli Bleeker
- Maria Fronczak
- Joanna Hańczkiewicz
- Dario Kampkaspar
- Naoki Kokaze
- Stephan Kurz
- Patricia O'Connor
- Ariane Pinche
- Klaus Rettinghaus
- Yifan Wang

**Thank you to all those who nominated someone
and all those who stood for election!**

Big thanks to those whose terms will end in December 2025



Board

- Connie Crompton

Rahtz Prize for TEI Ingenuity

Winner: LEAF-Writer

- Susan Brown (University of Guelph) Project Director
- James Cummings (Newcastle University) Scoping and Direction
- Luciano Frizzera (University of Waterloo) Lead Developer
- Mihaela Ilovan (University of Alberta) Project Manager
- Diane Jakacki (Bucknell University) Scoping and Direction



Community Prize: The Endings Project

- Claire Carlin; Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins; Janelle Jenstad; Elizabeth Grove-White; Corey Davis; John Durno; Lisa Goddard; J. Matthew Huculak; Martin Holmes; Stewart Arneil; Greg Newton; Joey Takeda



Committee: Elisa Beshero-Bondar, Kiyonori Nagasaki, Raffaele Viglianti

<https://endings.uvic.ca/>

An aerial photograph of the University of British Columbia campus. In the foreground, a large circular fountain with multiple water jets is surrounded by a paved walkway where many people are walking. To the right, a green lawn is bordered by a path with more pedestrians. The background features a dense urban area with several high-rise apartment buildings and a range of blue mountains under a clear sky. A semi-transparent white box on the left side of the image contains text.

TEI 2026

Vancouver, BC, Canada

The traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the
xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) First Nation

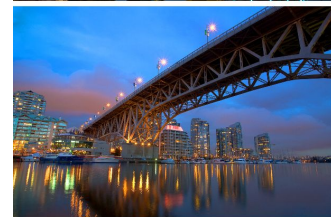
August 10–15, 2026

Co-sponsored by the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University Library



TEI 2026 in Vancouver

- Pop: 2.6 million people (3rd largest in Canada)
- Airport hub (with 100+ direct flights internationally)
- Vibrant city with world-renowned restaurants, amenities, and research institutions
- Main conference location: University of British Columbia with events at Simon Fraser University's Harbour Centre campus



See you in Vancouver, August 12-15, 2026!

Local Organizers:

- Mary Chapman (UBC)
- Sydney Lines (UBC)
- Katherine Bowers (UBC)
- Joey Takeda (SFU)
- Rebecca Dowson (SFU)

Sponsors:

- University of British Columbia & UBC Libraries
- UBC Digital Scholarship in the Arts (DiSA)
- The Adaptive TEI Network
- UBC Public Humanities Hub
- Simon Fraser University Library
- UVic Humanities Computing and Media Centre

TEI-C and Academic Funding Bids

TEI-C provides suggested boilerplate text for you to use as starting point to talk about:

- Using the TEI in your academic project
- Adding TEI Consortium Membership to your funding bid

TEI-C is also happy to partner on funding bids in a variety of ways.

<https://tei-c.org/support/bids/>

Funding Bids and the TEI Consortium

Mentioning the TEI Consortium in your funding bids

The TEI Consortium provides one of the most flexible, widely-used internationally-recognised standards in digital text encoding, and mentioning that you are planning to follow the TEI Guidelines can reassure your application reviewers of your funding body that the data you produce will follow best practices and be reusable in the future. A template explanatory paragraph you may wish to modify for your funding bid could read like this:

The Text Encoding Initiative (TEI) is a community-based consortium which collectively develops and maintains a mature and well-regarded international standard for the representation of texts in digital form that is recognised by digital libraries and archives throughout the world. Volunteers working on behalf of the TEI Consortium maintain this standard as a set of recommended encoding methods for digital texts that are used by projects such as this one. Using the TEI P5 Guidelines for our digital textual data delivers value for money in the creation of richly-encoded XML texts that are in a format ready for long-term preservation.

Where you are asked to provide a Data Management Plan the aspects of using the TEI Guidelines you may wish to highlight include:

- The TEI P5 XML format is a plain text, XML-structured format, that is internationally recognised by funding bodies, digital libraries, and archives as suitable for long-term preservation
- The ability to customise the general TEI framework for your specific project vocabulary is beneficial in reducing human error, ensuring documents are valid, and documenting the project's use of the TEI for the future
- Use of the TEI provides significant value for money not only in potential for reuse but also in following a standard format that is easily transformable to other formats as needed

Adding TEI Consortium Membership to your funding bid

The TEI Consortium is a nonprofit membership organisation which is composed of volunteers from academic institutions, research projects, and standards bodies from all around the world. While all TEI Consortium outputs are open access, available freely under open licenses, it is important to contribute financially to the TEI Consortium so that it has funds to maintain and develop these further. Individual membership is \$50 (USD) per year. In project funding applications you have the ability to put in a membership for the project or institution. These memberships enable you to bundle together a set of memberships together and come in the level of Supporter (\$250, up to 5 members), Contributor (\$500, up to 10 members), Friend (\$1500, up to 30 members), Patron (\$2500, up to 50 members), and Sustaining Partner (\$5000, up to 100 members). However, it is common for institutions to take out a higher level of membership than the number of members they represent. A template explanatory paragraph you may wish to modify for your funding bid could read like this:

*The TEI Consortium is a nonprofit membership organisation composed of volunteers from academic institutions, research projects, and individual scholars from around the world. By having a yearly membership of **\$AMOUNT**, our project will help to sustain this important and developing standard for the future. Benefits of membership include being eligible to vote in elections for both the TEI Consortium's Technical Council and the Board of Directors, as well members receive a 50% discount on registration costs for the annual TEI Conference, and discounts on some software and training events.*

Partnering with the TEI Consortium in a funding bid

The TEI Consortium occasionally partners with academic projects submitting funding proposals where the outputs of the project provide sufficient benefit to the Consortium or its community. The kinds of things that the TEI Consortium can offer range from writing letters of support or endorsement of proposed projects to active involvement of Board / Technical Council members in a project (where feasible and appropriate). It is beneficial for both research projects and the TEI Consortium to have projects that are contributing to the work of the TEI or supporting its community. Any such potential partnerships and their details must be discussed in advance – please contact chair@tei-c.org with sufficient time before any deadlines (the Board of Directors meets monthly).

Membership Drive

Ensure that the TEI Consortium's Mission will be viable to future researchers and scholarly communities

- ★ Develop the TEI Guidelines
- ★ Disseminate the TEI Guidelines
- ★ Train and reach out to new editors and projects
- ★ Cultivate a *vibrant* TEI research community

What do we need to do this?

- ★ Support for the Technical Council to sustain, develop, and enhance the Guidelines to respond to practitioners' needs
- ★ Maintain technical infrastructure
- ★ Build community, train, share, and collaborate (e.g., conferences, jTEI, workshops, community meet-ups ...)

✨ **We Are the TEI** ✨

New Membership Fee Structure

Individual

- Regular membership: \$100 / year
- Student/emerging scholar membership \$50 / year

Group

(a group is defined as any institution, company, organization, or project.)

- Project membership (up to 5 members) \$500 / year
- Institutional membership (up to 25 members) \$2,500 / year
- Sustaining Partner (up to 50 members) \$5,000 / year

*** We recognize that individual rates may not align with personal circumstances; others might like to give more to become members: remember that you can make a donation to the TEI in any amount*

Questions for Discussion

- How can we more effectively reach out to institutions and funding agencies (e.g., universities, libraries, projects, initiatives, philanthropically-inclined billionaires)?
- What are the value propositions of membership? What should the Consortium do to encourage potential new members to join?
- Remembering that we *all* are volunteering our time for the Consortium, what should the Board and Council commit to in terms of incremental support, consultation, training?
- What should we *stop* doing in order to continue sustaining our core mission?

Many Thanks!

Other Topics for Discussion?