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Guidelines to the IAL Listserv

The listserv for the International Alliance for Localization (IAL) is an online communication platform for IAL members only. This listserv provides a space to share and exchange experiences, resources, inspiring initiatives and campaigns, petitions and strategies that will help further a global-to-local shift and build a strong collective voice for localization.

To take part in the IAL listserv you need to sign up as a member here: Join the IAL

The IAL, launched in 2014 by Local Futures, provides a grassroots network to support place-based economies and local communities. The IAL has grown to more than 1700 members from all over the world. The IAL is open to all individuals and organizations that are interested in and/or already engaged in any action related to localization. More information about the IAL and its members can be found on the Local Futures website: International Alliance for Localization.

IAL Listserv Hosting

The listserv is hosted through https://groups.io, which is an independent communication software platform. All emails and messages sent through the IAL listserv are secure and can be viewed *only* by other IAL members, who have also signed up for the IAL Listserv.

All messages are checked for appropriateness of content by Local Futures moderators before being approved. The moderators may also ask you to shorten very long messages or create sub-groups for ongoing single-issue message threads. Posts that are abusive, spam or unrelated to the focus of the IAL may be denied or returned to the sender for revision.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

Setting up and Managing your Account

To manage your account, and view the message archive, member list, and shared documents:

1. → Go to https://groups.io/g/IAL/ and click on 'Log in' in top right corner of the screen.
2. → The first time you visit the listserv you will need to click "**Forgot your password, or don't have a password yet?**". An initial link to login will be emailed to you. Click that link to log in.
3. → You should be automatically directed to the page https://groups.io/account. On that page, you can set your own password for future logins.
4. → After setting your password, you will see a list of groups. Click the group called "**IAL**" from the list.
5. → You can change your password in the future by clicking on your name in the upper right corner, and then clicking on "**Account**".

Changing your Settings

To change your membership subscription settings for this listserv, click the "Your Subscription" link at the bottom of one of the emails you have received, or log in to https://groups.io/ and click on "Subscription" in the sidebar. There you may choose to receive emails from the listserv in 4 different formats:

1. **Individually** – you receive each email as they come in;
2. **Digest** – you receive the most recent 12 messages sent in one email (either plain text or HTML);

3. **Daily summary** – you will receive a daily summary, delivered in the morning, of the group's messages from the previous day;
4. **Special notices** – you only receive email notifications from Local Futures moderators, including an IAL weekly update with localization-related news and resources.

Click the "Save" button at the bottom of the screen to save your option.

Sending a Message to the IAL Listserv

You can initiate a topic for conversation by sending an email to IAL@groups.io. The topic should be related to localization. This could be announcing an online or live event, a localization initiative in your community, new films, books, articles, or other related to localization, etc.

Replying to a Message on the IAL Listserv

We encourage you to reply to emails to create a dialogue. When replying to a message you have two options:

1. **Reply to sender only** – scroll to the bottom of the received message and click "**Reply to Sender**". We encourage you to "reply to sender" if your reply is not relevant to the whole group;
2. **Reply to the whole group** – Click "**Reply**" and your message will go to all IAL listserv members. Please choose this option only if your message is relevant for the majority of members in the group.

Unsubscribe from the IAL Listserv

To unsubscribe from the IAL Listserv you click the 'Unsubscribe' link in one of the IAL listserv emails. In this screen you will have a few options for reducing the

number of emails you receive: you can switch to a 'Daily Summary' or to 'Special Notices Only' or you can leave the IAL Group.