

## **Publications Chair Report 2018**

2018 was a year of change for the Publications Team. Several long-serving team members stepped down and several new members joined to bring their enthusiasm and talents to our broad-ranging tasks.

Ceres Pioquinto stepped down after serving 8 years as Editor-in-Chief of the ETAS Journal. ETAS benefitted from her experience and contacts in raising the standard of our publications to the highest level. Donald Paul, an experienced editor and writer, will take her place as Editor.

Other members of the team who will be pursuing new career paths, concentrating on other tasks or retiring are: Caroline Grünig, Susie Oswald, Phillip Oswald, James Taylor, Rachael Harris and Daniel Xerri. We are very grateful to their valuable contributions and loyalty over the past years. We also say goodbye to our proofreaders, Brenda Nelson and Candice Bressmer, who spent innumerable hours polishing texts for the Journal.

We are happy to welcome our new team members: Hannah McCulloch as Resources (Book and Materials Reviews) Editor and also Facebook co-Administrator, Dewi Williams, Trudy Krkoska, and Matthew Firth. We are lucky to have a wonderful team of dedicated ETAS members who all do a variety of jobs under the heading of Publications, some of whom also work as SIG Coordinators, as well.

A special thanks goes to Ron Sumners, who designs our publications with such competence and flexibility, at the same time as managing to cut costs but improve quality.

Alongside producing 3 bumper issues of the ETAS Journal, monthly e-Newsletters, helping run the ETAS Facebook page and a Twitter account, ETAS Publications Team members also found time to help raise money through a book drive and raffle at the AGM 2018 for the T2T charity in Myanmar, which was looked after by Pubs Team members Susie and Phillip Oswald. After successfully supporting this charity, they wound up the project in autumn 2018. The Publications team will be happy to help raise money for ETAS T2T projects in the future, but is handing over the coordination to Jayne Kyte.

A highlight of 2018 was the publication of the first ETAS e-book: 'Becoming Research Literate', compiled by Publications Team members Ceres Pioquinto and Daniel Xerri, which is available to download as an open resource, an opportunity which proved extremely popular with readers around the world.

As Publications Chair, I attended the IATEFL conference in April, in order to make new contacts and renew others, mainly to benefit ETAS Journal plans. I am very grateful to all my colleagues on the team for helping to spread the load, working independently and with such dedication and inspiration. I am also grateful for the support of my fellow Executive Committee members.

**Helena Lustenberger**