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Dear Members

It's hard to believe that I have just completed my first year back on the ETAS Committee after a 10-year hiatus. It has been a challenging but enormously rewarding year and I am looking forward to seeing what challenges my second year will bring. As you will know, the main remit of the Teacher Development Chair is to organise the annual Professional Development Day in September. This year it was held in Liestal, Baselland, and I am happy to say that the event was well-attended and we had several new members attending which was very encouraging. There was a wealth of workshops and two excellent plenaries, together with a comprehensive book exhibition. All in all the feedback was very positive, such an excellent way to celebrate the 35th Birthday of ETAS!

Plans are now under way for the PD Day 2019, and although we haven't secured a venue yet, we are planning for Saturday, 7th September in Bern. If any of our members would like to give a workshop, I would be delighted to hear from you, I would love to see more workshops given by the talented teachers we have in our membership, so please do think about participating. The Call for Papers will be online within the next few weeks.

With regards to the SIGs, we currently have 12 SIGs and there are plans afoot to start a new SIG for teachers of 'Silver 'learners, which I am looking into. This year several SIG Heads stepped down and I thank them for the hard work they have put in over the years. We are currently looking for somebody to take over the Materials Writers SIG and I would like to thank Eva Göksel for agreeing to take over the Swiss Cantonal and Teacher Educator SIG, which she will run along side the Drama SIG.

Should anybody have any suggestions regarding SIGs or if you would like more information on joining a SIG please don't hesitate to contact me.

As well as events we are also planning to run a series of webinars, there will be more information in the early spring, but I am very excited by this new project, and I hope you will be too! Webinars are such a versatile way of grabbing some professional development during our incredibly busy schedules.

In the meantime I wish you all a happy, healthy 2019 with much success in your teaching and look forward to seeing you in Bern in September.

Best wishes,

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