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Teacher Development Chair's report 2019

As my second year as teacher Development Chair reaches an end, it's time to look back on the last 12 months.

As you will probably be aware, the main remit of the Teacher Development Chair is to organise the annual Professional Development Day in September. Last year it was held at the International School of Bern in Gümliigen, and I am happy to say that the event was well-attended with around 150 teachers with several new members attending which was very encouraging. There was a good range of interesting workshops and two excellent plenaries, together with a comprehensive book exhibition. We were very happy with the venue, the staff looked after us incredibly well, in fact so well that we have decided to return there for this year's Professional Development Day which will be held on Saturday, September 12th.

Don't forget, we are always looking out for new talent so if any of you 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 at the beginning of February.

With regards to the SIGs, I would like to thank Rachael Harris for all the hard work she has contributed to the Young Learners SIG over the last few years, and wish her all the best for her busy future. This year we will be looking at the concept of the SIGs and deciding on the best way forward for this new decade. We will update you all as and when the changes have been agreed upon.

Last year I announced we were planning to organise webinars, specifically for ETAS members. Due to a family bereavement, I wasn't able to follow up on this, but I aim to do so in 2020! Webinars are such a versatile way of grabbing some professional development during our incredibly busy schedules. Watch out for more information in the monthly newsletters.

I am inspired by the current committee and the plans we have to take ETAS forward into this new decade. I wish you all a happy, healthy 2020 with much success in your teaching and look forward to seeing you in Zug in January and Bern in September.

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