

December Newsletter 2015

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ETAS News & Updates



ETAS 32nd Annual Conference and AGM 2016 – Zurich

23 Saturday – 24 Sunday January 2016

Spread the word and help make this a memorable event. Invite a friend or two!

Register today via this [link](#). Choose the workshops you'd like to attend and don't forget to select your lunch menu. It's going to be an eventful weekend with interesting presentations, networking opportunities, a book exhibition, prizes to win, and more. Don't miss out!

Conference hashtag: the **twitter hashtag** for the event is #ETAS16

Join in and share your experiences with others. Let's get those tweets rolling, commencing with the pre-event on Friday evening.

For newbies to twitter, the ETAS **twitter handle** is now: @ETAS_CH

Drop in and check out the [ETAS twitter channel](#) for yourself. It's a great place to exchange resources and to meet like-minded people.

Register for the pre-event: Ghost walk of Zurich, 22 Friday January 2016. Mail [Choreanne Frei](#) by 18 January to reserve your place, as numbers are limited. Check out the [online programme](#) for further details.

Call for papers: Professional Development Day 2016



Share your expertise with colleagues. Take part in the ETAS' professional development day 2016 by giving a talk or a workshop. The deadline for papers is 31 January. Only online submissions will be accepted. Please [click here](#) to access the submission form.

Current ETAS Vacancies



Permanent Part-Time Administrator (paid position): You'll be responsible for carrying out secretarial and administrative duties for ETAS. Please view this [link for full details](#). The

closing date for applications with cover letter, curriculum vitae and references is 4 January 2015.

Library Sub-Committee Member: Please contact [Urs Kalberer](#) for details about this position.

Regional Coordinators for Graubunden and St Gallen: [Annette Leimer](#) would love to hear from interested members.

Co-Regional Coordinator for Baden: Please contact [Caroline](#) with your expression of interest and for further details.

Editorial Board Members: Interested in learning about publishing? Then the Editorial Team is the right spot for you. Please mail [Ceres Pioquinto](#) and become part of a motivated and experienced team.

ETAS Journal Online Content Coordinator: Join the Editorial team and help coordinate our online material. [Ceres Pioquinto](#), Editor-in-Chief, can be contacted for further information. You'll be given full support and guided into this new role.

Facebook Co-administrator: This is a super opportunity to learn more about the world of social media. Get in touch with [JoAnn Salvisberg](#) and she'll show you the ropes. You'll be joining the ETAS' Social Media Team.

The positions above are also accessible [online](#). Please note that members of ETAS can only fill the volunteer positions unless otherwise stated. Keep checking the ETAS' website for updates.

Events



15 December Bern: ELT Springboard's meet. Come along and enjoy the festivities with ELT Springboard at the Christmas market in Munsterplatz in Bern! Chat with other teachers and see what develops! They'll be meeting at 8:00 pm at the Glüwein stand on Tuesday 15 December. Drop into their [blog](#) to find out who's behind this motivated group and check out what's been happening to date.

16 January 2016 Geneva: Story Telling with Young Learners and Teens. Heidi Philipp and Rachael Harris will provide you with tons of useful ideas to try out in class. As places are limited to thirty, we kindly ask that you register early with geneva@e-tas.ch.

External Links

St. Gallen: ELT Academic Reading Group

Commencing in January, Gemma Lunn will be organising monthly, ELT academic readings in St. Gallen. The aim of this group is to discuss a different academic article each month related to various aspects of English language teaching. Research and findings will be discussed in relation to how these can be applied in the classroom, as well as sharing any relevant experience and opinions on this aspect of ELT.

This group is open to all teachers from any background or type of institution. The group will be free and will be open to ETAS members and non-members.

If you're interested or would like more information then please email [Gemma Lunn](#) and she'll organise the first meeting in 2016, based on the best time and date for everyone.

In addition, remember to browse through this [list](#) regularly as it's constantly being updated with links to external events and ELT resources.

Journal News



Article Submission!

Creativity in the language classroom is the topic for the Summer Special Supplement 2016. If you're interested in contributing an article please get in touch with the [Geneva Regional Coordinators](#).

If this isn't your area of interest, how about contributing an article for one of our regular rubrics such as Voices of Experience or Readers' Café? The Editorial Team would love to publish your teaching reflections. Please contact [Ceres](#) if you'd like to submit an article. You'll find the guidelines in your Winter Journal and in every [online issue](#).

ART at ETAS: Cover Art

This initiative is for ETAS members only. What a fantastic way to have your art published. Showcasing your work in this manner means that you'll reach a large audience for free! Check out all the details in your Winter Journal. [Ceres](#) can be contacted with any queries. Make the most of this opportunity to share your creativity with others in print and digitally.

Book Reviews

What's new on the book review list?

'Keynote' by National Geographic Learning - a new series based on TED Talks and aimed at learners who want to develop their general English skills with a focus on the professional context. The series also includes a sub-syllabus focussing on authentic listening skills and presentation skills. (Levels B1-C1).

Or how about this?

'Teaching Children How to Learn': Gail Ellis and Nayr Ibrahim (Delta 2015).

Check out the [books and materials list](#) for other titles of interest. **Book review guidelines** are available in every ETAS Journal. Additionally, previously published reviews can be used to assist with your own evaluation. Please contact [Helena](#) if you're interested in reviewing. This is all about teachers helping teachers to choose suitable classroom resources and select relevant material for continuing professional development.

Don't forget that any material you review is yours for the keeping!

Practical Teacher Tips and ELT Links



Christmas is coming!

Christmas is just about here so we're including a few more Christmas resources to add to the collection we published in November. [This quiz](#) is for advanced students and it'll certainly get them thinking. The original song titles have been cleverly disguised. See how many of your students can work them out. You might like to test it on friends and family as well. A special thanks to JoAnn for the contribution!

[One Stop English](#) has a host of diverse Christmas resources. There are webquests, games, spooky guides, ideas for advent calendars and more. Drop in and check them out. And if you're looking for something humorous, take a look at the [Christmas videos](#) that Larry Ferlazzo has put together, Mr Bean and more.

Have fun!

What's hot on Twitter?

We'd like to share a few posts that have been popular on Twitter this month. You can follow ETAS (@ETAS_CH) to keep up-to-date with all the latest ETAS news and events as well as find useful teaching material and interesting articles and blogs.

This month's top five are:

1. Review of [ELT podcasts](#) via Russ Mayne @ebefl
2. [This page](#) has a wealth of resources for teaching formal and informal email writing including games, activities, lesson plans and worksheets, from Alex Case (Tefltastic).
3. Seven things I do to improve my [students' classroom experience](#) from @HadaLitim.
4. The importance of [teaching culture to EFL students](#) by @LjiljanaHavran.
5. The [most important lesson](#) by @MariaTheo1.

You'll find [links](#) to ETAS' **social media channels** on the bottom of the homepage.

Come and join us!

ETAS Office



Please note that the ETAS' Administration office will be **closed for holidays** from 21 December until 4 January 2016. Thank you.

Phone hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-11:30

[Pamela](#), ETAS Administrator, can also be contacted via mail.

Mail Addresses



For your convenience, mail addresses included in this eNewsletter are also listed below.

If you're experiencing any **problems accessing links** then please mail cafe@e-tas.ch and direct your enquiries to Patricia.

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Merry Christmas



We wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas

Thank you for your support

We look forward to bringing you more ETAS news in 2016

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