

June e-Newsletter 2016

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ETAS e-Newsletter

Membership Renewal

If you haven't already done so, remember to renew your ETAS annual membership for 2016/2017 before heading out on summer holidays! Renewal is very easy to do online now via our [website](#), including payment. Log-in then click on View Contact Dashboard. You can ask our Administrator, [Annegret](#), if you need any assistance or prefer a paper paying-in slip (and/or Invoice).

Registration is now OPEN FOR BUSINESS!!

Come join us for this year's **ETAS Professional Development Day** on **17th September** at the **Kantonsschule Zug**. Check out this year's programme [here](#).

To register, don't forget to [log-in](#) before following the details available [here](#). Booking by **31st July** means you can **save** at the Early Bird rate, too!

Invite your friends and colleagues who aren't **yet** ETAS members to come, too! If they join, then they can also enjoy the benefit of registering early for a very significant savings! The more the merrier!

IATEFL Scholarships

As mentioned in the Individual Membership Renewal sent mid-May and in the President's Message of the summer Journal, ETAS members can join IATEFL through ETAS at a fantastic discount fee of £21. Membership of IATEFL brings with it many benefits, such as being part of our international community of educators. Another is the opportunity to apply for a scholarship which will give you money to attend the annual IATEFL Conference! Have a look below at the many new scholarships available for the IATEFL Conference in Glasgow 2017. For information on how to apply, please click [here](#).

Some of the scholarships are only available to IATEFL members whilst other scholarships are open to applications from both members and non-members. In all cases don't assume that they're only available for first-time participants. Please see each scholarship's

guidelines for full details.

<http://www.iatefl.org/scholarships/current-list-of-scholarships>

Please note that the closing date for all applications is **21st July**. All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application by early September.

ETAS Youtube channel

Hopefully the latest ETAS Journal with its Special Feature 'Creativity in the Classroom' popped up in your letter box a few days ago, if not please let the office know at office@etas.ch. If you are inspired to think about writing and creating yourself, check out the latest video interviews with writers Diccon Bewes and Alison Baillie on the [ETAS Youtube page](#).

New in Switzerland?

Find out about [Teaching EFL in Switzerland](#) on the [ETAS Website](#). There are useful tips and information on qualification requirements, job market, health insurance and more. The [Job Board](#) may help you to find your future employer!

Current ETAS Vacancies

Join the ETAS Team and boost your professional network!

Why not use your creativity within ETAS? Do any of the following positions appeal to you?

National Events Sponsorship Coordinator and Library Sub-Committee Member: Write to [Urs Kalberer](#).

Regional Coordinator for Graubünden: Contact [Annette Leimer](#).

Co-Regional Coordinator for Baden: Have a word with [Caroline Rickli](#).

Testing, Evaluation and Assessment SIG and the Young Learners SIG: Get in touch with [Urs Kalberer](#) for further details.

Events



Zürich - 2nd July - Engaging Your Students

ETAS Zürich is pleased to invite all members and guests to its July event -- Engaging Your

Students: A collection of three independent, yet interlinking workshops to engage students and maximise output: 1) Warmers, Ice-Breakers and Fillers; 2) Theories and Principles of Language Teaching; 3) Agony Aunt's Corner. Complete details, including registration (deadline 23rd June) available [here](#).

External Links

Bern - 30th June - ELT Springboard

Hopefully things have settled down after exam season and you'll have some time for reflection in the evening. We'll start off by discussing a short article that is posted [on our blog](#) and then sharing our opinions and insights and finding practical applications for it. You can find directions and get in touch on the blog, hope to see you there!

Aigle - 28th–29th October - IATEFL TEASIG CONFERENCE:

“From Theory into Practice - Assessment literacy in the classroom”

The aim of this conference is to tackle current testing and assessment practices in the classroom and analyse how far the principles of assessment literacy have been incorporated by ELT professionals into their work. ETAS is working with IATEFL to organise the event.

You can **register online now** using this link: https://secure.iatefl.org/events/step1.php?event_id=105. ETAS members who are not IATEFL members should register as a non-IATEFL member and then use the following promo code:

Before 19 September: TEAETAS2016

From 20 September to 7 October: TEAETAS2016A

You can find more information on the venue and the event on the TEASIG website at <http://tea.iatefl.org/>.

Second Wednesday of every month in St. Gallen: ELT Academic Reading Group

The venue is L'Ultimo Bacio, Postrasse 14, 9000, St.Gallen at 2:15 pm. For more information just follow the [link](#).

Check out the ETAS [external events](#) list to discover what other interesting events are on offer.

Journal News



Testing, Examination and Assessment – a tool for language learning

This is the topic of the **Winter Journal Special Supplement**. If it is your area of interest, please mail your submission and a brief abstract, as well as your short bio data by 31st July to one of the co-editors [Dave Kaufher](#) or [Neil Bullock](#). Full details can be [accessed here](#).

How about reviewing one of these books from Macmillan?

Gateway 2nd edition B1+ level

ISBN 9780230473157

7 level course general English for Teenagers

Straight to First (brand new exam preparation course)

ISBN 9780230498136

Macmillan readers (various levels)

A Midsummer Night's Dream, *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Merchant of Venice*,
Much Ado About Nothing, *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *Macbeth*

Reviewing is a great way to explore resources in-depth and you can keep the material! If these titles aren't what you're looking for then visit the ETAS website and browse through the [Books and Materials for review](#) list. There's something for everyone.

Teacher Tips and ELT Links



Are you looking for a fun approach to help your students improve their pronunciation?

Then check out the [Say It app](#). Students can compare an audio recording of their own against an Oxford model and not only that, they can compare a visual representation. You'll find that students can get quite competitive and enjoy comparing their results. Check it out for yourself!

Do you know what's hot on twitter?

Not everybody is aware that Twitter is an excellent source for teachers. These are last month's most popular tweets: Take a look!

Something for both [introverts and extroverts](#) via @HanaTicha

[Upcoming webinars](#) for Educators – June to August via @adi_rajan

Take a look @kevchanwow and his interesting views on [standardised testing](#).

Hashtags for [writing practice](#) (other skills likely too) via @seburnt

[Winging It](#) – Not a skill to be sniffed at via @getgreatenglish

Interested in teaching strategies?

FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES, a nonprofit international organisation with headquarters in the US, has compiled a list of no less than 50 teaching strategies for students of all ages. You will find them on [this](#) website. They all take a student-centred approach and are meant to foster critical thinking. Worth a try!

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