

July e-Newsletter 2016

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ETAS e-Newsletter

ETAS Executive Committee 2017-2020

As announced in the *ETAS Summer Journal* (p. 10), nominations are invited for the following positions on the ETAS Executive Committee which are coming up in January 2017.

President (*Sue Wood, Nominated*)

National Events Chair

National Coordinator

ETAS Executive Committee members are elected for a term of office of three years. The nomination form, available as a Word document, can be downloaded from the website on our *Volunteer* page [here](#). The deadline for submission of completed nominations is **15 August 2016**. Send to: **ETAS Administration, Im Hubel 3, 6210 Sursee** or to office@e-tas.ch.

Welcome new National Council Members

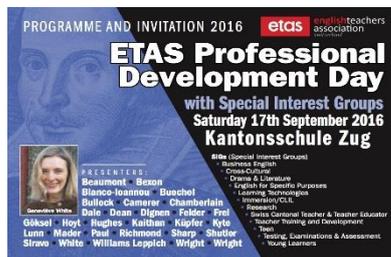
A special welcome to Markus Jürgen Dietz, who took over the position of ETAS e-Newsletter [Editor](#) last month. Already a member of the *ETAS Journal* Publications Team, he stepped in to relieve Trish Daniels who served for two years in this role. We extend many thanks to Trish for her groundbreaking efforts, and wish the best of success to Markus!

Additionally, we extend a hearty welcome back to Karen Kerley, who returns to the St Gallen Regional Coordinator post. She formerly served ETAS in this position prior to taking up the role of Public Relations Chair on the Executive Committee. We are glad to see you back, Karen!

The ETAS National Council is comprised of the Executive Committee, Regional Council, SIG Council, Publications Team, Library Sub-Committee, Web Team, and the National Events Team. Other open volunteer positions on the National Council are also listed on the ETAS Volunteer [page](#), with email links to write for further details. Feel free to ... "Jump in, the water's fine!"

Early-Bird Registration for PD Day still open

Early-bird registration is open until **31 July** for this year's Professional Development Day conference to be held in Zug on 17 September. Normal registration ends 31 August. The complete programme and details for how to register can be found [here](#).



This year's event offers another dimension beyond offering participants the opportunity to catch up with friends and receive excellent further development training in the workshops. We join the worldwide commemoration of **400 years** since the death of **Shakespeare** -- the finest playwright and poet ever to write in the English language! Make plans to attend and bring your colleagues for this unique celebration of Shakespeare's legacy.

ETAS Membership Renewal Time

The new ETAS fiscal year 2016/17 officially began 1 July. Members who have not yet renewed are invited to now log-in to the ETAS [website](#) and make payment directly online with a credit card. Those who prefer may, of course, pay by bank transfer into the ETAS Postal Account. Should you need assistance in this regard, please contact [Annegret Richmond](#), the ETAS Administrator.

Members may also take advantage of the special discount for IATEFL membership. Please see the President's Message in the *ETAS Summer Journal* for more details. Log-in to the website, and fill in the online form located [here](#).

Annual Conference: Final Call for Papers

What better way is there to learn about something in depth than by giving a talk or a workshop? Here's an opportunity:



ETAS 33rd Annual Conference and AGM in Zürich (21-22 January 2017). If you're interested, fill in this [form](#) until **31 July**. Please contact [Sue Wood](#) if you have any questions.

Looking for Literature? Borrow books from the ETAS Library!

Do you need literature for your class preparation, a professional development course or other purposes? You don't want to spend too much money on it? ETAS can help you! The **ETAS Library** acquires publications year-round. About 20 new books have recently been added to the stock. As

an ETAS member you just prepay the postage and the books you order are conveniently sent to your home or office. Detailed information can be found [here](#).

External Events



St. Gallen, 17 August: next ELT Academic Reading Group

The venue is L'Ultimo Bacio, Postrasse 14, 9000, St.Gallen. The meeting will start at 10 am. For more information just follow the [link](#).

Aigle, 28 – 29 October: IATEFL TESIG Conference

"From Theory into Practice – Assessment Literacy in the Classroom", that's the title of this year's IATEFL TESIG Conference, which takes place in Switzerland. 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. 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](#).

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

Journal News



New sub-section: Perspectives

A new sub-section of the ETAS Journal is currently under construction and will soon be started on the website under [ETAS Journal Conversations](#). *Perspectives*, as it will be called, will cover a variety of topics and complement the already existing sub-section *Insights*. So watch out for the first

interview with British Council's Adrian Judele on the topic of IELTS.

Book Reviews

You will find a selection of excellent Book Reviews from the Journal on the ETAS website. Here's the [link](#).

Are you interested in writing a Book Review yourself? The following books are on offer this month:

Accent: American. The Complete Guide to Speaking the Standard American Accent by Patrick Munot. It is available as paperback, ebook or PDF with MP3 sound files. Go to [this](#) website if you want to take a closer look.

Teaching Lexically by Hugh Dellar and Andrew Walkley, Delta Publishing. For more information on this book click [here](#).

If your curiosity has been awakened, please get in touch with [Helena Lustenberger](#).

Editors' Choice

Check out the Editors' Choice on the ETAS website. Hand-picked articles from our Journal can be read online [here](#). Each one is introduced by a member of the Editorial Board. The latest entries are

There's more to it than coloured pencils by Rob Dean and

Wake up your inner elephant by Jane Revell (soon to be online).

Teacher Tips and ELT Links



Do the Sentence Shuffle!

We all do it don't we? Sentence shuffle activities are a great way to check students' comprehension and to explore how texts are structured, arguments sequenced and so on. However, printing texts and manually cutting them into sentences time and time again can be tedious.

Here's a solution. Sentence Shuffle does the work for you in a few clicks. Add your chosen text and sit back and watch as it morphs into clearly separated paragraphs or sentences. Students can access your activities through a URL and drag and drop until they've recreated the original text. Check it out for yourself and take time to explore all the extra features! Here's the [link](#).

What's hot on Twitter?

Twitter has become a fantastic place for teachers. You will find useful resources, links and information and you can connect with others. These are last month's most popular tweets:

[Research Bites: Integrating Reading and Writing](#) via @AnthonyTeacher

[How it all hangs together](#) via [@annadelconte](#)

[Sensitive Issues and ELT](#) via [@wanderingelt](#)

[Celebrating Shakespeare and our Language](#) via [@Hartle](#)

[Why is doing tasks the best way to learn? \(some thoughts on TBLT\)](#) via [@Ijljanahavran](#)

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