

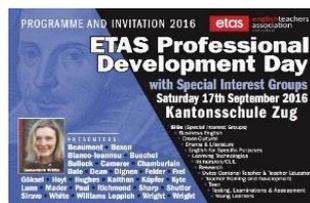
August e-Newsletter 2016

Dear «M_1st_NAME»



ETAS e-Newsletter

ETAS welcomes you to this year's Professional Development Day in Zug



ETAS 2016 Professional Development Day with the Special Interest Groups promises participants a unique opportunity to network, learn, share, relate, relax, and belong. Everyone's invited to come to Zug on 17th September. Join in and be part of the event!



An excellent plenary by Geneviève White, 35+ dynamic sessions covering twelve Special Interest Groups, a Friday evening event with Jon Wright, celebrations of 400 years Shakespeare, and (!) the launch of our new Teacher-to-Teacher Project are awaiting you in Zug. [Online registration](#) is open until the end of August! To register for the Friday evening event please write to [Urs Kalberer](#) by 31st August (subject: Friday evening event). For more information click [here](#).

Books need rehousing!



We've got some second-hand books in need of new homes.

Drop by the **Journal Stand at ETAS Professional Development Day, 17th September**, and browse through the gems that we've collected. You might just find a perfect fit for yourself or for your students. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Any donations to ETAS' new Teacher-to-Teacher project will be gratefully accepted. If you've got a resource or two that you don't need anymore then bring your treasures along and we'll help with their relocation.

Have you ever thought about volunteering for ETAS?

Volunteering for ETAS is enlightening, mind-opening and fun. Just give it a try - there is nothing to

lose and a lot to win! Open volunteer positions can be found [here](#).

Events



Save the Date: ETAS 33rd Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting in 2017



Next year's Annual Conference and AGM will be held in **Zürich on 21st and 22nd January**. The venue will be the same as this year, Kantonsschule Zürich Nord. Stay tuned and look [here](#) for more details coming soon!

Valais Regional Event: Two workshop sessions in Monthey, 24th September

Join ETAS Valais Regional Group for two exciting and informative workshop sessions! ***Dictation ... a relic from a bygone era or a versatile activity?*** is the title of the first workshop, in which Jane Kyte (Oxford University Press), will present a range of fun and communicative activities related to dictations. Are you having trouble visualising what these activities might look like? Then go and check it out!

Enjoy the second workshop on the topic as well, ***Running a reading group for adult English-language learners***, which will be delivered by Véronique Vouilloz. Véronique will share her experience and provide you with useful tips.

These workshops will take place at the Ecole de Commerce et de Culture Générale (ECCG) in Monthey. For more details and to register, click [here](#).

Joint IATEFL TEASIG and ETAS Conference on Assessment in October

From Theory into Practice – Assessment Literacy in the Classroom is the theme of a conference IATEFL TEASIG and ETAS are organising together. 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. Enjoy plenaries with top-notch speakers Barry O'Sullivan, Nick Saville, Carolyn Westbrook, and Ian Wood.

The conference will be held from 28th to 29th October 2016 in Aigle, Switzerland. Check out all the details including how to register [here](#).

Don't forget to take a glance at the ETAS [external events](#) list regularly. You're sure to find something useful.

Journal News



How about writing a Book Review?

A new title for review is being offered by OUP professional development:

ITC: Literature by Amos Paran and Pauline Robinson

It aims to provide teachers with 'accessible pedagogy and practical advice for using literature in the classroom in learner-centred ways'. The book is intended for the primary and secondary school market and has extra resources online. Are you curious? Email [Helena](#).

We'd also love to hear from ETAS members who have written and published ELT books and/or materials so we can promote them. [Helena](#) is the person to contact.

New sub-section on the ETAS website: *Perspectives*

Perspectives, a new sub-section on the ETAS website, has recently been launched under [ETAS Journal Conversations](#). It will cover a wide variety of topics and complement the already existing sub-section *Insights*.



The first article in this section contains an interview that Gemma Lunn conducted with Adrian Judele, Head of Examination Services for the British Council Switzerland, about the IELTS exam. IELTS has become increasingly popular in Switzerland in the past few years. Adrian explains what exactly IELTS is, how it works and why it might be interesting for you and your students. Certainly worth a read!

New articles under Editors' Choice and Book Reviews

Sit back, relax and let yourself be absorbed by the many new articles that have been uploaded on the ETAS website.

Go to [Editors' Choice](#) for selected articles from our Journal, each with an introduction by a member of the Editorial Board. Number 12 is online now:

Wake up your inner elephant! by Jane Revell, reviewed by Caroline Grünig

No less than four [Book Reviews](#) have been posted since our last e-Newsletter came out:

Going Mobile by Nicky Hockly and Gavin Dudeney (reviewed by Patricia Daniels),

International Negotiations by Mark Powell (reviewed by JoAnn Salvisberg),

52: A Year of Subversive Activities for the ELT Classroom by Lindsay Clandfield and Luke Meddings (reviewed by James Taylor) and

Business Benchmark Upper Intermediate (2nd Edition) by Guy Brook-Hart (reviewed by Sarah Giles).

Teacher Tips and ELT Links



Put the FUN back into brainstorming sessions!

Are you finding it difficult to coax useful feedback from your students, or are your brainstorming sessions undemocratic? Then try AnswerGarden. Post a question or a prompt and watch your word cloud grow as students or members of the audience contribute their responses. It's fun, interactive and collaborative. AnswerGarden gives everyone a chance to have a say. Check it out for yourself by clicking [here!](#)

What's hot on Twitter in August?

Have you heard of the "The Superhumans"? Are you thinking of doing the DELTA but are not sure? Take a look at the Twitter Top 5 for English Teachers in August.

[The Superhumans](#) – a video lesson via @kierandonaghy at Film English

[DELTA what is it about and is it worth it?](#) via @TheTeflShow

[7 Techniques for Mining Vocabulary](#) via @AnthonyTeacher

[Bridging the Gap: University Practice for Academic Success](#) via @The New School blog

[Tips for Getting Students to Play Games and Learn this Summer](#) via @ShellTerrell

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