

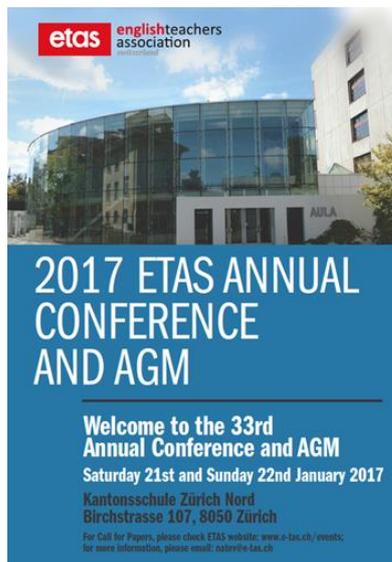
October e-Newsletter 2016

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ETAS e-Newsletter

ETAS 33rd Annual Conference and AGM



Members and guests are invited to attend our 33rd Annual Conference and AGM, which will take place **21st to 22nd January 2017** at the **Kantonsschule Zürich Nord**. Internationally renowned plenary speakers **Sarah Mercer, Jeremy Harmer, Herbert Puchta and Carole Robinson** will be giving fascinating insights into their respective fields and providing inspiration and practical ideas for you to take home and to your lessons.

The programme will be ready for download and review by the end of October and online registration will open shortly thereafter. You can find all details and links [here](#). Members -- be sure to **log in first, then register**.

Are your young learners looking for pen friends?



ETAS is setting up a national and possibly international pen friend scheme for young learners. If you're interested in joining, send an email with details of your class (number of students, age, level) to our Young Learners and Teens SIG coordinator [Rachael Harris](#) and we'll do our best to get you in touch with a suitable group.

Spice up your life and boost your job prospects with ETAS

As you know, ETAS is a **non-profit association**. We are always looking for members who are willing to **volunteer** their time and energy, with their own special skills and unique personality, to support our efforts to link, develop and support English Language Teaching professionals in Switzerland.

If you are interested in learning more about what a Regional Coordinator does, please get in touch with [Annette Leimer](#) and she'll fill you in.

All it takes to get started is a simple email. Check out the current open positions [here](#) and ask for more information!

ETAS Events



St Gallen, 5th November:

Lessons-in-Self - Activities and Tasks to Developing Self-Esteem

Lessons-in-Self is transformational education ELT programme with two objectives, **personal and language development, helping any learner reach their highest potential**. Having provided a taster of this unique programme at the ETAS PD Day, we invite you to come along to a 2.5-hour workshop where you will be guided through meaningful activities and tasks that aim to support and develop self-esteem and can be used by both teachers and learners alike. Linguistically, they are so simple they can be used with almost **any level and teaching context** including adults, teens and young learners. If you like to think outside the box and are open to new ideas, would like to ignite the creative potential within yourself and your learners whilst simultaneously developing their and your self-esteem, then this workshop is for you! Full details are to be found [here](#).

Geneva, 26th November: Pronunciation Workshop

In this hands-on session the speaker, Roslyn Young, will take participants through many of the **practical exercises** which help students **to master English pronunciation**. These can be taken right back into the classroom. You will learn about some little-known but fundamental aspects of pronunciation, and how to teach them. Full details can be found [here](#).

External Events

ELT Springboard in Bern

English teachers who live in or near Bern have an opportunity to join their colleagues at the upcoming meeting of the ELT Springboard on **Thursday, 27th October**. This month's topic is

Observation and Feedback. If you work as a teacher, you've probably had your boss, advisor or instructor observe one of your lessons. What did you take away from it? Have you ever sat in on a colleague's lesson? Was it a useful experience? Teachers are going to talk about what's effective in these encounters and how they can use them in their professional development. Don't miss out on it! For more information look [here](#).

Joint IATEFL TEASIG and ETAS Conference on Assessment



From Theory into Practice – Assessment Literacy in the Classroom is the theme of a conference IATEFL TEASIG and ETAS are organising together. Becoming assessment-literate educators is seen as increasingly important, not least to ensure that assessment provides a positive washback to the learning process. As educators, it is essential that we effectively utilise a variety of assessment methods to gather evidence and make useful inferences about our students' learning. Furthermore, providing effective feedback to our students on their performance increases their motivation to continue learning.

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 in Aigle, Switzerland**. Check out all the details [here](#). You can register at the event on both days (between 8.00 and 9.00 a.m.).

Murten trail in October

If you're not going to the IATEFL TEASIG and ETAS Conference in Aigle (see above), here's a wonderful alternative for the Saturday: Caroline Grünig will take interested teachers on a trail through the medieval town of Murten in the beautiful Swiss Lake District. The aim is to give you an idea of how you could do something similar in your village or town with your students, tailoring it for different levels or interests. You will end the trail in a café, so there will be time to exchange ideas that crop up while walking.

The event will take place on **Saturday, 29th October, 9.30–11.00 am**. Participants will meet just **outside the main eastern entrance to the old town of Murten, "Berntor"**. There's a large carpark just outside the entrance and underground parking on the west side of the town (signposted). **No fee** will be charged. Remember to bring a jacket or umbrella if it rains!

Are you interested in joining? [Caroline](#) is waiting for your registration.

IATEFL BESIG Annual Conference in Munich, Germany in November

The IATEFL BESIG 29th Annual Conference is being held this year in cooperation with IATEFL MaWSIG **from 4th to 6th November** in Munich, Germany. Booking online for the conference can be done on [this web page](#). Here you will also find further details and you can download the conference programme.

The Consultants-E: Teaching Live Online Classes – 14th-27th November (online)

Are you looking for an opportunity to develop your professionalism, increase your employability and update your teaching? Then take a look at this Teaching Live Online Classes course.

Growing numbers of students expect a choice in where and how they learn. This includes being able to learn fully online or in blended mode (part face-to-face and part online), whatever the subject matter. Today's teachers are increasingly expected to know **how to teach their students online effectively**. The course gives you the **skills and confidence to teach synchronously online** in a principled and effective manner, and the chance to **earn a certificate**. For full details see [here](#).

St. Gallen: Academic Reading Group

The next meeting of the Academic Reading Group in St. Gallen will be on **Friday, 18th November at 9.30**. The venue is **L'Ultimo Bacio, Postrasse 14**.

For other external events, be sure to check out [this section](#) on our website.

Journal News



Books looking for reviewers

Are you interested in writing a book review? ETAS has a long [list of books](#) you can choose from for a review. Here's the latest entry:

The Naked Swiss: A Nation Behind Ten Myths by Clare O'Dea, Bergli Books. Blurb: This book will change the way you think about Switzerland. Clare O'Dea is a cross-cultural journalist.

Send an email to [Helena](#). She's also the person to contact if you have you written and published ELT books and/or materials yourself and wish to promote them through ETAS.

New articles uploaded on the ETAS Website

Check out the [Book Reviews](#) and the selected articles from our Journal under [Editors' Choice](#) on our website as well as the section [ETAS Journal Conversations](#) — a source of valuable insights and inspiration for your teaching! New articles are uploaded regularly.

Teacher Tips and ELT Links



Follow ETAS on Facebook and on Twitter

Keep up-to-date with the latest developments and ideas in the world of ELT. ETAS is present on both [Facebook](#) and on Twitter under [@ETAS_CH](#). It's also a great way to find new lesson ideas. If you don't really know how to use Twitter or why it's such an amazing resource for teachers, [this blog post](#) has some handy tips.

If you'd like more information, please email our Social Media Coordinator [Gemma Lunn](#), who can give you some tips on how to get started either via email or a short Skype session.

What's hot on Twitter?

Last month's most popular ELT tweets were

[Yeah but...A first debate lesson](#) via [@muranava](#),

[Using Action Research for Personal Professional Development](#) via [@teflgeek](#),

[#TBLTChat 4: Problems and Strategies](#) via [@getgreatenglish](#) & [@TBLT_chat](#),

[Language Hacking: Breaking out of the Intermediate Plateau](#) via [@MarekKiczowski](#), and

[Language change & error correction](#) via [@chiasuan](#) on the Teaching English Blog.

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