

# November e-Newsletter 2016

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## ETAS e-Newsletter

**ETAS 33rd Annual Conference and AGM 2017 in Zürich**  
**Online registration is now open!**



All ETAS Members and guests are invited to [register](#) to attend our 33rd Annual Conference and AGM, which will take place **21st to 22nd January 2017** at the **Kantonsschule Zürich Nord**. Come and be inspired and challenged by internationally renowned plenary speakers **Sarah Mercer, Jeremy Harmer, Herbert Puchta and Carole Robinson**, and **over 35 other workshop presenters**, as they share fascinating insights into their respective fields of ELT.

Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity to broaden your professional horizon, pick up useful ideas for your next lesson, learn about the latest ELT publications at our book exhibition, meet colleagues, expand your network, and simply chat and have some fun!

Complete details can be found in the [Programme](#), which is now ready to be downloaded and reviewed. For pre-conference information and a quick overview see the links [here](#). Members - register **until 5th December** and take advantage of the **Early Bird Package**. Be sure to **log in first, then register**. If you're not an ETAS Member yet, there's still time for you to join and benefit

from the reduced fee!

## Teacher-to-Teacher Project update

ETAS is honored and grateful to the many who have sponsored and supported the Teacher-To-Teacher (T2T) projects over the past years. As Cindy Hauert announced at the AGM in 2015, the final stage of the Matopo Project to enable 30 girls to get a high school education was fully funded as of June 2015. This year the first group of girls are graduating! Please check the website for the [most recent update](#).

At the PD Day in Zug this year ETAS announced the newest T2T project, Education-for-Youth (E4Y) in Myanmar, coordinated by ETAS members Susie and Phillip Oswald. Please read more about this on the [website](#) as well as in the upcoming Journal.

We will be celebrating the successful funding of Matopo and toasting the kick off of our T2T project in Myanmar during the Apéro Riche on Saturday evening of the 33rd Annual Conference and AGM in Zürich this January.

## IATEFL TEASIG 2016 Conference on assessment in Aigle in October An ETAS sponsored event

Over 80 colleagues from around the globe gathered in Aigle, Switzerland on 28th and 29th October for IATEFL TEASIG's conference entitled "*From Theory to Practice: Assessment Literacy in the Classroom*". The event was co-sponsored by ETAS and organised by ETAS Member and TEASIG Coordinator Neil Bullock.

The two-day event included four in-depth plenaries and over 30 breakout sessions. Presenters discussed how to assess classroom language skills, analysed the gap between teachers' assessment literacy and assessment theory, discussed current assessment research and provided insight into local and regional language testing. During the conference, participants reflected on their own assessment practices, analysed the gap between assessment research and classroom realities, and highlighted the importance of assessment literacy for teachers.

For more information on the programme, please go to [this website](#). If this inspires you to find out more about testing, examinations and assessment, have a look [here](#) or write to **our new ETAS TEASIG Coordinator** [Emilia Siravo](#).

## Pen friend scheme for young learners



A pen friend is a marvellous way to practice the language and learn about another country and culture! ETAS is setting up a 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.

## ETAS needs your skills and personality!

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

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

## ETAS Events



### Genève, Saturday, 26th November

#### Pronunciation Workshop

If you live in the Geneva area and do not have any plans yet for next Saturday, this is a terrific suggestion: 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. This will be a practical workshop including some little-known but fundamental aspects of pronunciation, and how to teach them.

The speaker, Roslyn Young, is a teacher, a teacher trainer and a researcher in pedagogy. She is the author of several books and many articles on learning in general and language learning in particular.

Full details can be found [here](#).

### St. Gallen, Saturday, 4th February 2017

#### Pathways to Success: Discovering your Creativity and Purpose in ELT

What professional goal do you want to accomplish? What's stopping you from discovering and achieving it? As teachers, often consumed by the routine of our profession, we sometimes allow opportunities for growth to pass us by. On this basis, this workshop offers teachers **effective tools and techniques** to support them in finding and fulfilling their **professional and/or personal goals**. It is a short but effective introduction to a unique Teachers' Personal and Professional Development programme. We warmly invite you to come along and see where this journey will take you.

The workshop will be led by Dina Blanco-Ioannou, who is a professional English Language Teacher and Teacher Educator with over 20 years experience. She presently works as a teacher educator & trainer at the PH Institute for Secondary Education (SEKI), FHNW. Dina is also the coordinator for the ETAS Swiss Cantonal Teacher & Teacher Educator (SCT&TE) SIG and founder of Lessons-in-Self, a unique transformational education programme.

For full details see [here](#).

## External Events

### ELT Springboard in Bern

The next ELT Springboard meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, 29th November at 8 p.m.** and will once again take place at **The Fitting Room in Welle 7**. RSVP if you can.

This month an article from Dr Gianfranco Conti, *Five mixed messages that have severely damaged modern language education*, will be discussed. For a link to the text and more information please look [here](#).

### St. Gallen: Academic Reading Group

The next meeting of the Academic Reading Group in St. Gallen will be on **Friday, 9th December**

at 9.30. The venue is L'Ultimo Bacio, Postrasse 14.

### The Consultants-E: Teaching Live Online Classes – 9th-22nd January 2017 (online)

Develop your professionalism, increase your employability and update your teaching with 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](#).

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

## Journal News



### November entries on the ETAS Website

The Journal section of the ETAS Website is a magnificent source of interesting and instructive reads. And it keeps growing. There are now 29 [Book Reviews](#) and 15 [Editors' Choice](#) articles as well as 14 Insights interviews and two Perspectives interviews under [ETAS Journal Conversations](#). Check them out and let us know what you think. Your feedback is highly appreciated!

### Write a book review!

ETAS has a long [list of books](#) you can choose from for a review. Here are some suggestions:

*Assessing EAP: Theory and practice in Assessment Literacy* by Dr. Anthony Manning, Garnet Education 2016, pp. 200, ISBN 978178260 2262.

*Jetstream*, a new course for adult learners from Helbling languages, 6 levels available. Features include: 'Personalisation' and 'Emphasis on Speaking'; 'Cross Culture'; 'Dialogue Karaoke videos', fully integrated digital components, CLIL projects.

If you're interested in reviewing these or another book, contact [Helena](#).

Have you written and published ELT books and/or materials yourself and wish to promote them through ETAS? [Helena](#) is also the person to get in touch with.

## Teacher Tips and ELT Links



## ETAS on Facebook and on Twitter

Follow ETAS on Facebook and Twitter @ETAS\_CH to keep up-to-date with the latest developments and ideas in the world of ELT. It's also a great way to find new lesson ideas. If you have no idea how to use Twitter or why it's 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.

## Hot on Twitter

Last month's most popular tweets:

[10 truths \(& a lie\) about English as a medium of instruction](#) via [@divyamadhavan](#),

[Taking Flight – a film lesson](#) via [@kierandonaghy](#),

[A collection of lesson plans](#) via [@teflerinha](#),

[Observing](#) via [@iTDipro](#) series, and

[Helping your students succeed](#) via [@HanaTicha](#).

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