

January e-Newsletter 2017

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ETAS e-Newsletter

**Register now! Online registration until 6th January:
ETAS 33rd Annual Conference and AGM 2017 in Zürich**



The New Year beckons us to shake off our dusty old habits and dare to be different. So, let's put our best foot forward and make plans to brush up our skills at our two-day conference this month! With four top plenaries, 35+ workshops, a pre-conference workshop (see below), a book exhibition that just won't quit, everyone is sure to sparkle anew with ideas galore! Pre-registration is open until the stroke of midnight on Three Kings Day! Check out full details [here](#). See you soon in Zürich!



Don't miss plenary speakers: Sarah Mercer, Jeremy Harmer, Carole Robinson and Herbert Puchta! 21-22 January 2017 in Zürich. Details to be found [here](#).

Note: There will be **two additional workshops** that are not mentioned in the programme: *Specialisation for the 21st Century Learner* by Patrick Painter and *Bridging the Gap between audio Input and spoken Output* by Galina Kaptug. For more details click [here](#).

Pre-ETAS Conference workshop:

Conversation Crisis! Fun solutions to problems with speaking activities in class

Teachers spend a lot of time trying to get students to speak in class. But do students always say the right things? Do they learn what you want? Does practice really make perfect? This practical workshop will introduce some fun solutions to common problems with speaking activities.

The event takes place near the conference venue on **20th January at 18.00**, and places are limited. To register for the event, please send an email to zuri-winti@e-tas.ch.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM in January.

Save the date: ETAS PD Day 2017 in September

The PD Day 2017 will be held in **Biel/Bienne on 23rd September**. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months.

More upcoming ETAS Events



Geneva, Thursday, 2nd February

“How did I do?”, Part 2 – Feedback on Writing

This is the second in a series of two workshops dealing with **feedback**. If you missed the first one, not to worry. Now's your chance to make amends!

This workshop looks at the following questions: What kind of feedback can we give students on their written work? What kind of feedback works best? How important is it to provide a formal

assessment of our students' work? How can we do so efficiently? Do we really need to correct their mistakes? What would happen if we didn't?

This workshop will be given by Paul Henderson, an ELT author and former Head of English at IFAGE. Paul currently works as a freelance test development consultant on a wide-range of subjects, including language tests, verbal reasoning, logical reasoning, numerical reasoning, social reasoning and professional technical tests. Paul worked as an item writer on Cambridge exams for 20 years and is thoroughly enjoying learning Spanish in his free time.

No fee will be charged, but places are limited! For more information see [here](#).

St. Gallen, Saturday, 4th February

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](#).

St. Gallen, Saturday, 11th March

Using Literature to teach English for all CEFR Levels

This seminar, which will be conducted by Graham Workman, will look at different ways of **exploiting poetry and short stories for teaching vocabulary, lexical phrases, and speaking and writing activities**. Numerous practical examples will be given, along with classroom materials teachers can use, and website tools and resources for application both inside and outside the classroom.

Graham is a teacher trainer for Primary, Secondary, Adult, Business and CLIL teachers of English. He runs teacher training courses in England, Switzerland, and other European countries. He has written 12 books of teaching materials, including Concept Questions and Time Lines, Primary English Lesson Materials, Popular Films for Language Use 1-3, Popular Films for Business English 1-2, and CLIL Maths and Science Materials.

For full details please have a look [here](#).

External Events

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](#).

ELT Springboard in Bern

The next ELT Springboard meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, 24th January at 8 p.m.** and will once again take place at **The Fitting Room in Welle 7**. RSVP if you can.

For a link to the ELT Springboard website please look [here](#).

St. Gallen: Academic Reading Group

The next meeting of the Academic Reading Group in St. Gallen will take place on **Monday, 13th February at 9.30**. The venue is **L'Ultimo Bacio, Postrasse 14**. The topic will be *Preparing Customised Lessons*.

13th Annual Cambridge English Spring Seminar in Horgen, 25th-26th March 2017

At this seminar, 'Getting the Message – developing and testing the receptive skills', you will be looking closely at reading and listening with special attention to how good receptive skills can lead to good productive skills. Complete details and links to register can be found [here](#).

51st IATEFL International Annual Conference & Exhibition in Glasgow in April

This year's IATEFL Conference will be held in Glasgow, UK from 4th to 7th April, with Pre-Conference Events on 3rd April. The Conference brings together ELT professionals from around the world to discuss, reflect on and develop their ideas. It offers many opportunities for professional contact and development and is a great networking event. It involves a four-day programme of over 500 sessions including forums, poster presentations, talks and workshops.

If you're interested, have a look [here](#). Don't forget: **ETAS members are eligible for a huge discount to join IATEFL** (Basic Membership), which qualifies for the **lower member rate to register at the Annual Conference**.

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

Project: English Teachers in Europe

Ania Paczka, an English teacher from Poland who is based in France, has contacted ETAS to present a very interesting blog she has created to **gather information from English teachers in various European countries** in order to contrast and compare our professional situations. The idea is to offer a **useful and practical source of first-hand information** for those who would like to teach English in Europe, but also for those who are interested in the different methods and textbooks used or in any other information related to the main topic. If you want to participate or just have a look at the blog, please go to [Ania's website](#).

Journal News



Call for Papers: ETAS Journal Summer 2018

Special Supplement on *Beyond Swiss Borders: ELT around the world*

ETAS Journal invites submissions for its Special Supplement on *Beyond Swiss Borders: ELT around the world*, Summer Edition 2018.

Topics should address one of the following issues, or other related issues that are relevant to the concept *Beyond Swiss Borders: ELT around the world*. Articles should be about teaching in countries other than Switzerland.

- Teaching monolingual classes
- Teaching multilingual classes
- Classroom management
- Teacher training
- Teaching young learners / teens / adults
- Using different methodologies in different cultures
- A comparison of teaching in two (or more) countries
- English as a Lingua Franca and its relevance in your teaching

Please note your article should have a specific focus, as listed above. **Please do not submit any general articles on what it is like to teach in a specific country.**

Please send submission, including a very brief abstract, a short biodata, and mailing address, as a Word document by email attachment by **15th October 2017**. Contributors will receive one complimentary copy of ETAS Journal.

For any queries, also about the **format**, please contact the Special Supplement Editors: [Gemma Lunn](#) and [Amy Jost](#).

Why not write a Book Review for the ETAS Journal?

ETAS has a wide selection of books you can choose from for a review. Here's just the latest entry:



Huwyler, P. (2016) *Teaching Hospitality English*. Bern: ReNovium. ISBN 978-3-906121-12-3.

In addition to this, Oxford University Press has just sent us a brand new list. All books for review can be found [here](#). If you are interested then please 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

Visit ETAS on Facebook and Twitter @ETAS_CH regularly to keep up-to-date with the latest developments and ideas in the world of ELT and find magnificent 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:

[Future Directions in ELT](#) via [@RichardSmithELT](#),

[Teaching social values in the primary language classroom](#) via [@eahird](#),

[Effective and efficient techniques for giving feedback on writing](#) via [@teflerinha](#),

[Integrating Extensive Reading with EAP Writing](#) on the new ELT Research Bites blog [@ResearchBites](#), and

[Why I feel a materials bank has more to offer than coursebooks](#) via [@slbcoop](#).

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