

March e-Newsletter 2017

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ETAS e-Newsletter



ETAS Members presenting at IATEFL Conference in Glasgow

The IATEFL International Annual Conference & Exhibition will take place in Glasgow from 4th to 7th April this year (see below under **External Events**). Several ETAS members will be presenting: Barbara Althaus, Dina Blanco-Iouannou, Rachael Harris, Urs Kalberer, Emilia Siravo, Ann Humphry-Baker as well as Neil Bullock and Evelyn Reichel, who are both on IATEFL Special Interest Group Committees.

Some other IATEFL presenters are not members but well known to ETAS event-goers as they also presented at the ETAS Annual Conference & AGM 2017: Sarah Mercer, who will be a Plenary Speaker in Glasgow, Herbert Puchta, Jeremy Harmer, Michael Carrier, Geoff Tranter and Steve Oakes.

Congratulations and good luck to all – and our apologies to anyone we've missed!

New ETAS Special Interest Group for Materials Writers

ETAS has a brand new SIG: Materials Writers (MaW SIG), which will be led by Patrick J. Huwyler. He's a writer himself, with two past articles in the **ETAS Journal**, and three recent publications: *Teaching Hospitality English* (Kindle, borrow from ETAS Library), *EAP Sketchnote Series: APA Style Hanging Indents* (free eBook, Smashwords), and *EAP Sketchnote Series: APA Style: The Reference Checklist* (free eBook, Smashwords).

If you're interested in joining the group or have any queries, ask [Patrick!](#)

Online Database Update

NEW! As promised at the Annual General Meeting, ETAS has recently updated the online database to give each member more autonomy over their personal data. In addition to updating the private address and phone number, found under **Log-in>My Account** on the [ETAS website](#), members can now also click on the link **Edit Interests and Preferences** to update which SIG(s) they want to be a member of (*this is free, of course!*), and indicate if they allow ETAS to pass along their information to publishers.

Upcoming ETAS Events

What's going on in Switzerland and Europe?



Baden, Saturday, 13th May

Creative Writing Workshop for all Levels

In this creative writing workshop, writer and trainer, Carolyn Skelton, will take you through **several creative writing exercises that you can use with your students** - and which will also enhance your own skills in this area. You will look at **activities for all language levels**, ranging from warmers and fillers to exercises that can be developed into complete lessons.

The emphasis will be on giving you **ideas to encourage your students to express themselves as individuals**, thus allowing them to have **creative control over English from the outset**. In addition, the workshop should also help you to tap into your own creative wellspring.

Carolyn Skelton is a qualified EFL teacher with a master's degree in Applied Linguistics. She teaches at the University of St Gallen, where she runs varied writing workshops. Carolyn also has a master's degree in Creative Writing and has had several short stories published.

For more information see [here](#).

Lausanne, Saturday, 13th May

Behaviour Management in the Teen Classroom

Behaviour Management is probably the number one issue in the teens classroom, an issue that must be dealt with effectively before any learning can take place. While there are no instant solutions this workshop will provide **suggestions to help behaviour management in the teen classroom** and **offer ideas that can help teachers** who have a class full of students with different characters, motivations and learning needs.

Rachael Harris is a primary and secondary teacher in Geneva with over twenty years' teaching experience. She holds an MA TESOL.

Full details including venue, cost and how to register are to be found [here](#).

Baden, Saturday, 27th May

Vocabulary Activities for Young Learners

This seminar presented by Graham Workman will be a cornucopia of **ideas and materials for teaching vocabulary**, including **ideas for teaching CLIL for specific school subjects** (Content and Language Integrated Learning). Graham will demonstrate a wide variety of activities including

picture dictations, communicative crosswords, language and content games, specially designed board games, Total Physical Response, as well as websites for Primary teachers.

Graham Workman is a freelance teacher trainer, teacher and materials writer. He runs teacher courses for Primary, Secondary, Business English and Bilingual/CLIL teachers in England and Switzerland.

Click [here](#) to find out more.

Events online

Why not try professional Development at home?

The Consultants-E: Teaching Live Online Classes – 13th-27nd April 2017

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](#).

External Events

What's going on in Switzerland and Europe?

ASSET: Assessing English Texts

Research Project by the School of Education Basel

We invite you to participate in an international study of assessing English learner essays!

Assessing argumentative learner texts is one of the most important as well as difficult tasks for English teaching professionals at secondary level.

ASSET examines different **factors influencing teacher judgments** and measures “**teacher judgment accuracy**” vis-à-vis benchmark scores. Participants are asked to assess authentic learner texts on various dimensions and note down their observations.

The test takes about 2 hours and the ASSET team will fix dates with participants individually. They receive **regular updates on the study** as well as **CHF 100.- in cash**.

Are you interested? Have a look [here](#).

Oxford Business English Conference in Zürich, 1st April 2017

A full-day (10:00-15:00) conference exclusively **for Business English teachers in Switzerland**. Sessions will be presented by Business Result author John Hughes and Managing Editor and former teacher and teacher trainer, Keith Layfield. For more information and to register, please see [here](#).

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

As mentioned earlier 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**.

St. Gallen: Academic Reading Group

The next meeting of the Academic Reading Group in St. Gallen will take place on **Friday, 21st April at 9.30**. The venue is **L'Ultimo Bacio, Postrasse 14**. To keep updated click [here](#).

ELT Springboard in Bern

The next ELT Springboard meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, 27th April 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](#).

Pearson Professional Day in Zürich, 6th May and 20th May

Shouldn't language curricula project realistic goals for advancement through the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages? Discover the latest research on this topic, deconstruct a commercial course book and share your opinions and experiences. The speakers will be **John de Jong**, Professor of Language Testing (VU University Amsterdam), and **Dina Blanco-loannou**, presently teacher educator and trainer at the PH Institute for Secondary Education at the Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz.

If you're interested in attending, please get in touch with [Mary Patricia Schnueriger](#) or [Leena Mähönen-Baldi](#).

English Language Teachers' Association Frankfurt/Rhine-Main-Neckar (ELTAF) Conference 2017 in Frankfurt

Our Teens & Young Learner SIG coordinator Rachael Harris will be one of many presenters at the 12th ELTAF Conference 2017, which will take place on Saturday, 24th June at Frankfurt International School (FIS).

The plenary speaker will be Andreas Grundtvig from Hamburg, who will be talking about the growing family of Englishes. Marjorie Rosenberg and Evan Frenco among others will also be presenting.

Register now to take advantage of **early bird registration (ends 30th April)** and to see your favourite speakers. For all details including the conference schedule and workshop descriptions see [here](#).

Call for Papers: Drama in Education Days 2017

ETAS Drama & Literature SIG coordinator Eva Göksel is a co-organiser of the third annual **Drama in Education Days**, which will be held at Konstanz University of Applied Sciences on 30th June and 1st July. The conference focuses on best practice and research in the field of Drama and Theater in Education (DiE/TiE) **specifically in second and foreign language teaching**.

The organisers welcome contributions from teachers, scholars, and performers working with drama and theater in language education at all levels (primary through to tertiary). They are open to a variety of presentational forms reflecting on best practice or on the dissemination of research findings, including 20-minute paper presentations, 60-minute workshops, as well as the presentation and discussion of performance pieces. **Submission deadline is March 31st 2017.**

Read more [here](#).

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

ETAS Journal News



Discover the author in you!

Have you ever thought of **writing for the ETAS Journal**? Here's your opportunity! ETAS Journal is looking for **practical articles** with **ideas and activities** for the classroom, **anecdotes** you think are worth telling, or perhaps a description of something you tried out in your lessons with an interesting result. Let us know what works with your students and what doesn't. If you're a seasoned teacher, share your valuable experience with your younger colleagues! Are you a newbie in the business? Bring along some fresh thinking! No need to write an epic, short contributions are welcome.

Are you interested? Do you have any questions? Get in touch with the [ETAS Journal Publications Team](#) and we'll be happy to help you.

Join the ETAS Journal Team and boost your professional Development!

The ETAS Journal Editorial Board is always looking for curious and interested minds who are willing to volunteer their time and talent. All you need to be is yourself. It's a wonderful way of networking and creating connections and a great opportunity to work in a fantastic team. Contact the [ETAS Journal Publications team](#)!

New Entries on the Website

Don't forget to check out the ETAS Journal website. Four new [book reviews](#) and two [Editor's Choice reviews](#) have been uploaded recently.

Why not write a Book Review for ETAS?

Have you had a look at the [list of books for review](#) recently? Choose from a wide selection of books for a review ETAS has to offer. Here's one of the latest entries:



Practical English Usage 4th edition (OUP). The bible for novice and experienced teachers alike!

If you are interested or have any queries 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.

Call for Papers:

ETAS Journal Spring 2018 Special Supplement on Drama and Theater in Education

Do you work with drama and/or theatre in your English language lessons? Researchers and teacher practitioners are invited to share examples of "best practice", such as (success) stories, a favourite lesson or drama in education method, an aha-moment or challenge experienced in class, or, for example, an action research report.

The ETAS Journal Spring 2018 edition Special Supplement will explore the use and place of drama and theater in a wide variety of classrooms, from kindergarten to university: We are excited to get a glimpse of how teachers and researchers integrate drama and/or theater into their practice.

Share your story by **31st May 2017**. ETAS Journal invites submissions for its Special Supplement on Drama and Theater in Education Spring Edition 2018. More information is to be found [here](#).

Call for Papers:

ETAS Journal Winter 2017 Special Supplement on Research conducted by ETAS Members

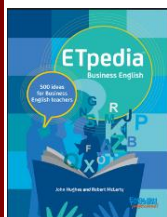
Are you an ETAS member and have conducted research pertaining to your job or as part of a post graduate degree? Have you discovered new insights that you would like to share with the ETAS community? ETAS Journal invites submissions for its Special Supplement on ETAS does Research Winter Edition 2017.

Please send submission, including a very brief abstract, a short biodata, and mailing address, as a Word document by email attachment to the Special Supplement Editors [Susanne Oswald](#) and [Lynn Williams](#), who can also be contacted for any queries.

Note: The deadline for submissions has been brought forward to 1st July 2017!

ETAS Library Book of the Month

ETAS has a **well-stocked library** members can borrow books from. Starting with this issue, we have a new section in the e-Newsletter titled "Book of the Month". Each month ETAS suggests and presents a book from its Library. Our pick of the month of March:



ETpedia business English: 500 ideas for Business English Teachers, John Hughes and Robert McLarty, 174 pages, 2016 (Pavilion Publishing)

ETpedia Business English will help save busy Business English teachers time with all resources clearly and easily referenced in one book. ETpedia Business English is for teachers at different stages of their Business English career to support preparation, planning and professional development.

The simple layout of 50 units makes it easy to find what you are looking for and to use the resource according to your need, interest or level of experience.

ETpedia Business English is the winner of the 2016 David Riley Award for Innovation in Business English and ESP, an award that recognises creativity and excellence in ELT.

Information on terms of use and payment as well as ordering can be found in [this section](#) of the ETAS website.

Teacher Tips and ELT Links



ETAS on Facebook and on Twitter

ETAS is present on Facebook and Twitter @ETAS_CH. 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.

The top 5 ELT Tweets of last Month

[Motivating Unmotivated?](#) via [@ZhenyaDnipro](#),

[Speaking Intermezzos](#) via [@HanaTicha](#),

[Planning one-to-one lessons](#) via [@wanderingELT](#),

[Some lesson plans on gender equality](#) via [@teflerinha](#), and

[Five simple games for teaching vocabulary](#) via [@TeachingGamesUK](#).

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