

April e-Newsletter 2017

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ETAS e-Newsletter



Save the Date: ETAS PD Day 2017 and Annual Conference and AGM 2018

The ETAS Professional Development Day 2017 will take place in Biel/Bienne at Gymnasium Biel-Seeland on 23th September. ETAS is busy setting up the programme which will soon be uploaded [here](#).

The first big event in 2018 is already in sight: ETAS Members and guests are kindly invited to save the date for our 34th Annual Conference and AGM, which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 20th and 21st January 2018 at the Bildungszentrum Zofingen. The venue for this event is situated in the heart of Switzerland, within five minutes train ride to Olten, in the picturesque city of Zofingen. Please check [here](#) soon for the official Call for Papers to submit your proposal for a workshop or talk at this very popular annual event.

Welcome to Helena Lustenberger, our new Publications Chair!

Helena Lustenberger took over the Publications Chair from Julie Mangold-Kecskemeti in March. Our many thanks go to Julie, who held the post for two years and devoted her time and efforts to the success of ETAS and the Publications Team. She was very sad to have to step down for personal reasons. Helena will continue in the position until elections take place at the Annual General Meeting in January.

New Uploads on the ETAS Video Channel

Have a look at the [ETAS Video Channel](#) and you will find two new uploads: Sarah Mercer's opening plenary at the Annual Conference last January on "Why we should be looking at relationships in the classroom" (sponsored by Oxford University Press) and Carole Richardson's closing plenary about

“The English all around us: The good, the bad and the ugly” (sponsored by NILE). Stay tuned for more to come!

EFL Webinars: New Section of the ETAS Website

[In this new section](#) of our website ETAS members and guests find – at a quick glance – a few details on upcoming free EFL webinars which are being offered by our associates around the world, and links to the respective websites. Browse, click for more information, and sign-up to attend anything that strikes your fancy.

Call for Papers:

ETAS Journal Spring 2018 Special Supplement on Drama and Theatre 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 a challenge experienced in class, or an action research report.

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

Share your story by **31st May 2017**. More information is to be found [here](#).

Call for Papers:

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

Have you already 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.

The deadline for submissions is **1st July 2017**.

ETAS Members at IATEFL Conference 2017



Congrats to those ETAS members who presented at the IATEFL Annual Conference in Glasgow in April! On the left you can see the famous ETAS Curry evening.

IATEFL Scholarships offer the possibility of financing your participation in the IATEFL Brighton 2018 Conference. Details will soon be published on the [IATEFL website](#).

Upcoming ETAS Events



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** - 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 and is ETAS' Young Learner and Teens SIG coordinator.

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.

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](#).

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](#).

ELT Springboard in Bern

The next ELT Springboard meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, 30th May 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](#).

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

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) in Oberursel.

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](#).

Drama in Education Days 2017 in Konstanz, Germany

Registration is now open for the "Drama in Education Days 2017". The bilingual (English/German) conference is aimed at second/foreign language teachers wanting to learn (more) about incorporating drama into their language teaching.

The 2-day event takes place in **Konstanz, Germany, 30th June and 1st July**.

Early bird registration is open until 15th May . For more information please go to:

www.dramapaedagogik.de.

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!

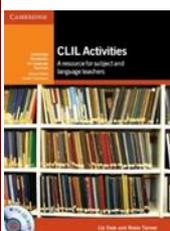
The ETAS Journal Editorial Board is always looking for curious and interested minds who are willing to volunteer their time and talent. All you need to be is yourself. It's a wonderful way of networking and creating connections and a great opportunity to work in a fantastic team. Contact the [ETAS Journal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

Write a Book Review for ETAS!

Have a look at the [list of books for review](#) and you will see that there's a wide selection you can choose from. The following works on CLIL are only three of them:



Uncovering CLIL by Peeter Mehisto, David Marsh and Maria Jesus Frigols, Macmillan



CLIL Activities by Liz Dale and Rosie Tanner, CUP



CLIL's *Little Helpers* by Oswald Inglis, HEP

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.

ETAS Library Book of the Month

ETAS has a **well-stocked library** members can borrow books from. Each month ETAS suggests and presents one of the many books on offer. Our pick of the month of April:



Five-Minute Activities: A Resource Book of Short Activities, Penny Ur & Andrew Wright, 117 pages, 1992 (Cambridge University Press)

Five-Minute Activities is an invaluable source of ideas for language teachers. It contains resources of over 130 short activities for the language classroom: some are well-tried favourites clearly restated, others are new ideas or variations.

The activities are designed to combine learning value with interest and enjoyment. Most of them can be adapted to suit classes of different levels of ability, and in many cases there are additional suggestions for variations or extensions of the basic activity. Almost all the activities can be student-led.

Order it today - together with two other books from our catalogue!

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 such an amazing resource for teachers, [this blog post](#) has some handy tips.

The top 5 ELT Tweets of last Month

[26 Inspirational Talks at IATEFL 2017](#),

[Go wide and then narrow! Reflections on life, career and the future](#) via [@adi_rajan](#),

[Strategies for helping Students Motivate Themselves](#),

[10 steps for organising in TEFL schools](#) via [@teflquid](#), and

[Blended Learning, how to make it work in your classroom](#).

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