

# September e-Newsletter 2017

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## ETAS e-Newsletter

### Important: Membership Renewal

Are you sure you have renewed your ETAS membership yet? Don't forget! Otherwise you will lose your status as a member and won't get any more e-Newsletters or ÉTAS Journals. Go to the [ETAS website](#), log in and renew your membership within five minutes! See you at the next event ...



### ETAS PD Day 2017 in Biel/Bienne: Register now!

Yet another opportunity to meet and learn: A fabulous **book exhibition**, an excellent **plenary by John de Jong** that keeps you up-to-date on the latest research on language testing, and 35 dynamic **workshops** packed with ready-to-use tips, valuable information and lively discussions are awaiting you at the **Seeland-Gymnasium in Biel/Bienne on 23rd September**.



**Don't wait, register now!** For more information including a detailed programme and a link to the registration see [here](#).

## Don't miss out on the ETAS Quiz Night with Jon Wright!



On the evening before the PD Day, **Friday 22nd September at 18.00**, ETAS will be hosting a [Quiz Night](#) presented by **Jon Wright**. Come to the **Mercure Plaza Hotel** (40 Neumarktstrasse in 2502 Biel/Bienne) and enjoy the fun! There will be two rounds and an Apéro sponsored by [Cornelsen](#) during the break. After the quiz you're welcome to stay and have dinner with other participants (to be paid individually). Don't miss this great opportunity to mix and socialise with presenters, publishers and fellow ETAS members! Register at [tede@e-tas.ch](mailto:tede@e-tas.ch) by **11th September**.

### ETAS on Facebook - sharing and keeping informed

If you haven't discovered us on Facebook yet, please surf on over next time you're online and check out what's happening in ETAS' social network. Both our [Page](#) and [Group](#) have attracted the interest of thousands of teachers in Switzerland and around the world with more than 1200 followers and almost 1400 members, respectively. For more information please see below under [ETAS in the Social Media](#).

### Would you like to become Book Reviews Editor for ETAS Journal?

The current Editor, Helena, would be willing to give you thorough training and support, although this is a position you can make your own. You would be part of the lively and supportive Publications Team but you have a great deal of autonomy. It's a wonderful way to increase your network and contribute to ETAS, at the same time as helping your own professional development. For more details, contact [Helena](#) via email or ask her at the PD Day in Biel/Bienne.

### Joint ETAS and NILE Webinar on Drama and Literacy

On **Wednesday, 4th October** ETAS and NILE invite you to:

***Drama as a Bridge to Literacy: how drama acts as the connection between reading, writing, listening, speaking and drama***

This webinar is presented by **Susan Hillyard**. Tune in at **19.00 Swiss time** (18.00 British time)! More details about the content and how to register soon on our website [www.e-tas.ch/](http://www.e-tas.ch/).

### Teacher-to-Teacher Project in Myanmar

As finding a sponsor is slow business, we have started crowdfunding to cover our first T2T trip to Myanmar. Please spread [this link!](#)

## Upcoming ETAS Events

### Widen your professional Horizon with ETAS!



## **Geneva, Saturday, 16th September**

### **Don't have time to differentiate? Try Inclusion instead!**

In this joint ETAS / IATEFL IP&SEN SIG workshop, Rachael Harris will explain the difference between differentiation and inclusive practices and give practical examples of how to develop inclusive practices in the young learners and teen language class without making students feel uncomfortable or teachers needing to produce three different versions of every handout you give your students. The tips and practices mentioned here will please teachers, but also students and their parents. More details are to be found [here](#).

## **Basel, Wednesday, 20th September and Baden, Thursday, 21st September**

### **Keeping it real: Authentic video at every level**

How can teachers make full use of the benefits of video? And how can we bridge the gap between low- or intermediate-level learners and the higher-level video material they all want to watch? Using TED talks, this workshop will show how unedited, ungraded video can be fully used in the classroom to encourage learner engagement and promote language development at all levels. ETAS Basel and Baden are excited to host, in conjunction with Cengage National Geographic, award-winning ELT writer and presenter Lewis Lansford. For more information on the event and to find out how to register see [here](#).

## **Lausanne, Saturday, 11th November**

### **Using Literature to teach English**

In the first half of the seminar Graham Workman will provide four different ways of exploiting poems so they can be used for vocabulary development, creative writing and practice with the rhythm and sounds of English. The second half will present and practise three ways of getting learners to discuss short stories. Participants will be provided with copies of these stories to read before the seminar as well as numerous further resources on the day. Click [here](#) to find out more.

## **ETAS Journal News**



### **Call for Papers: ETAS Summer Journal 2018**

ETAS Journal invites submissions for its Special Supplement on **'Beyond Swiss Borders: ELT around the world'**, Summer Edition 2018. Please submit your contribution by **15th October 2017**. For detailed information please see [here](#).

### **Interested in writing a Book Review?**

Review materials for ETAS and seize the chance to work with brand new materials free! Don't be shy - writing reviews is not so difficult and the Book Reviews Editor is there to help! Materials reviews are not peer-reviewed; we don't expect purple prose but informative and helpful opinions. Choose from a wide selection of books ETAS has to offer for a review. Here's one of the latest entries:

CLASSROOM COMMUNITY BUILDERS  
Activities for the First Day & Beyond  
WALTON BURNS



*Classroom Community Builders: Activities for the First Day & Beyond* by Walton Burns, Alphabet Publishing.

This book is both for novice and experienced teachers for learners of all ages. The approach is different - Don't Break the Ice. Build Community.

If you're interested or have any queries, this is the address to write to: [bookreview@etas.ch](mailto:bookreview@etas.ch).

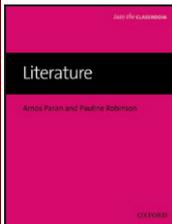
### Entries on the Website

Your next enlightening read on ELT is just a click away: The Journal section of the ETAS website contains a growing number of excellent articles. They currently include 23 [Editor's Choice articles](#), nearly 50 [book reviews](#), and 21 interviews under [Conversations](#). Check them out!

## ETAS Library Book of the Month

**Discover the Treasures of the largest private ELT-Resource in Switzerland!**

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 September:



***Literature*, Amos Paran and Pauline Robinson, 144 pages, 2016 (Oxford University Press)**

*Literature* provides teachers with accessible pedagogy and practical advice for using literature in the classroom in learner-centered ways. Through practical ideas and activities, teachers are guided through implementing literature into their lessons.

**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.

## ETAS in the Social Media



### Social Networking on Facebook

The ETAS [Page](#) on Facebook publishes purely ETAS information predominantly for our members, though – being very *inclusive* by nature – ETAS always welcomes guests! If you're on Facebook anyway, why not take a look? Or follow and get updates in your news feed on future and past events, Calls for Papers, photos from events, accolades for exemplary work among ETAS' many volunteers, and so much more.

Slightly different, though, is the content posted in the ETAS [Group](#), where any member can post a question or an interesting article, share a tip or information about ETAS and non-ETAS events, or

recommend a site or material they found to be particularly helpful in their teaching. Whether you have a burning question about teaching methodology or you're looking for tips about topic-based resource books or materials, members can post and comment on other users' posts. Our only stipulation is that it not be for personal and/or monetary gain. Step right up and join today! All teachers and colleagues in the education field are very welcome!

If you have any questions, please contact [JoAnn Salvisberg](#) or [Corinne Coco Frei](#).

### Follow ETAS on Twitter

ETAS is also present on 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.

### Last Month's most popular Tweets were:

[Summer Thoughts 2 – On storms, hope and moving on](#) via [@MariaTheo1](#),

[W is for Women in ELT](#) via [@thornburyscott](#),

[Interview on international communication](#) via [@TEFLology](#),

[Engagement with Research as Professional Development](#) via [@jdsilagowski](#), and

[Creating high quality materials for early years and primary learners](#) via [@eahird](#) on the [@iatefl\\_yltsig](#) blog.

## External Events

### What's going on in Switzerland and Europe?

#### 3rd English for Healthcare Conference in Bern, 28th-29th October

The 3rd edition of this international conference brings together **teachers of healthcare and medical English, medical translators and interpreters and training providers** from across Europe and beyond. With international speakers, specialist ESP publishers and a great variety of sessions, the event provides a platform for the presentation of **new ideas, approaches and materials** for this increasingly important branch of English for Specific Purposes. Keynote speakers are: Jennifer Jenkins (University of Southampton, UK), John Skelton (University of Birmingham, UK), and Susan Bosher (St Catherine University, Minnesota, USA). To register and for more information see [here](#).

#### ELT Academic Reading Group in St. Gallen

Every month there is an ELT Academic Reading group held in St. Gallen. The group is free and it's open to ETAS members and non-ETAS members. The meetings are always on the second or third Friday of every month at **9.30 in Ultimo Bacio Café, Poststrasse 14**. For more information and a link to the website please see [here](#).

#### ELT Springboard in Bern

ELT Springboard has monthly meetings that take place at **The Fitting Room in Welle 7** (next to Bern train station). More details and a link to the ELT Springboard blog are to be found [here](#).

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

## Certificate and Diploma Courses

Enhance your Career prospects!

### **NILE MA in Central Switzerland now!**

The **NILE MA in Professional Development in Language Education** has just reached another milestone: **Pädagogische Hochschule Schwyz** has been added as an accredited centre where you can take an intensive face-to-face MA module. All NILE centres are required to meet the high academic standards set by the **University of Chichester** and the programmes are taught by NILE trainers. Are you interested? See [here](#) for more information.

Check out [this section](#) of the ETAS website regularly for interesting Certificate and Diploma courses.

## EFL Webinars

**Your Opportunity to embark on Professional Development at home!**

As summer holidays are coming to a close, new opportunities for continuing education are opening up! In addition to the PD Day conference and other upcoming local events, check out the EFL Webinar section on our website! ETAS members can explore new topics and interact with teachers around the globe, all from the comforts of home! Be sure to check back [here](#).

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