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## ETAS Easter e-Newsletter



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Dear \*|FNAME|\*,

As the Easter break is approaching and the days are getting longer, the **ETAS Regional Groups** are picking up speed. In addition to workshops and talks, some groups have set up regular informal meetings or discussion circles. Scroll down for **upcoming events**.

**Applications** for the **position of Editor-in-Chief of the ETAS Journal** are invited. The position will become vacant later this year and a smooth transition

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period is envisaged. For more information, please contact ETAS President, Sue Wood, on [pres@e-tas.ch](mailto:pres@e-tas.ch).

Here's a date for your diary: The **2018 ETAS Professional Development Day** will be held at the Bildungszentrum KvBL, Obergestadeckplatz 21, in 4410 **Liestal near Basel** on **Saturday, 15th September**. This year's theme is **Inclusivity/Inclusive Practices**. To find out more and for the Call for Papers please see [below](#).

This issue of the ETAS e-Newsletter has more suggestions for [book reviews](#). Don't forget to check out this month's **ELT Twitter recap** and the **Teacher Tips!**

The ETAS team wishes you a Happy Easter!

Kind regards,  
Your ETAS Team

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## **ETAS Professional Development Day 2018: Call for Papers**

We warmly welcome proposals for practical workshops or presentations linked to the theme **Inclusivity/Inclusive Practices** as well as other, more general topics. **The deadline is 18th April 2018.**

We would like to encourage new presenters this year, so if you feel that you would like to begin with a 30-minute presentation/workshop please get in touch, and we will see what we can do.

If you would like to offer a presentation for this event, please read more [here](#) and complete [this form](#).

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## ETAS Journal News

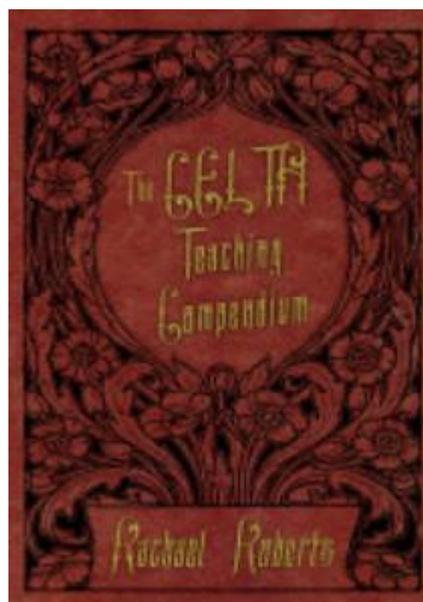
**Do you feel like writing? Why not a book review?**

**ETAS members love reading them!**

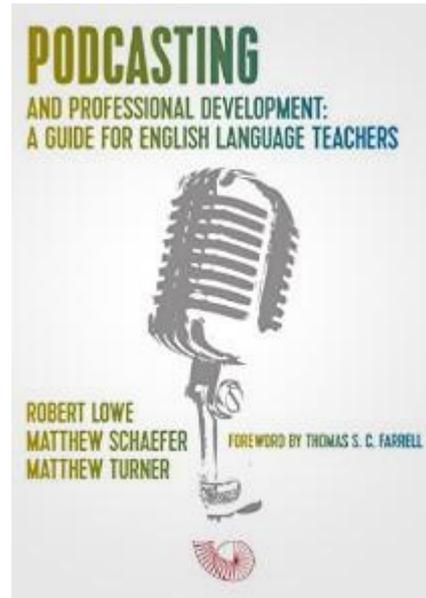
This month, the Book Reviews Editor can offer you two e-books for review:

***The CELTA Teaching Companion***

by Rachael Roberts (2017),  
experienced materials writer  
(Navigate etc) and teacher trainer

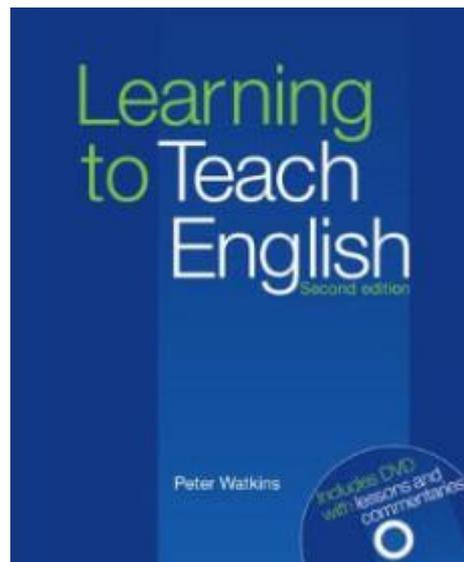


***Podcasting and Professional Development*** by Robert Lowe, Matthew Schaefer and Matthew Turner, foreword by Thomas FC Farrell (The Round 2017)



and a print book with DVD:

***Learning to Teach English*** by Peter Watkins (Delta, 2014)



If you're interested in reviewing either or both of these excellent resources, please contact [Helena](#). Please note that ETAS does not publish unsolicited book reviews.

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## Upcoming Events

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This week: Bern, 29th March

## ELT Springboard: The needs of a successful language teacher



What are the conditions which make successful teaching possible? This month at ELT Springboard, we're asking the question: What do you need in order to be a successful teacher...

- from your employer?
- from other teachers?
- from students?
- from yourself?

Come join us on **Thursday, March 29th, at 8pm** in [the Flow restaurant](#) (right next to the train station). Please visit the [ETAS Regional Events page](#) for more information!

**Brighton, 10th-13th April**

**52nd Annual International IATEFL Conference and Exhibition**



The IATEFL International Annual Conference & Exhibition held each spring is one of the main events in the English Language Teaching calendar. Attended by approximately 3,000 ELT professionals from more than 100 countries, it involves a 4-day programme of around 500 talks, workshops and symposiums as well as a vibrant social programme. This offers delegates a unique opportunity to meet leading theorists and writers, and exchange ideas with fellow professionals from all sectors of ELT.

In addition, a large resources exhibition involving around 50 ELT-related exhibitors is your one-stop shop to see the latest ELT publications and services. Plus, the IATEFL Jobs Fair continues to grow in popularity with more and more recruiters and candidates using the conference as an opportunity to discuss and fill some of the best vacancies in ELT.

**Lausanne, 11th April, 23rd May and 20th June**

**ETAS Regional Group in Vaud: Happy hour**

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Vaud Regional Coordinators Sonia Spenlehauer and Sharon Acton

The **ETAS Vaud region kicked off 2018** by following the recent trends in Bern and St. Gallen of organising **teacher happy hours**. The idea is to network and share with others in our profession via discussion around a central theme. The theme planned for our first event, which took place in Lausanne on Wednesday, 21st March, was *How to Build Group Dynamics*, and we were pleased to have a small group of enthusiastic teachers join us! The venue – Italian restaurant Vapiano, across from the Lausanne station – was a successful choice, and we all enjoyed tasty appetisers with our drinks.

Please join us from **7-9pm at Vapiano restaurant**, Place de la Gare 4, Lausanne, for our next **teacher happy hours and themes**:

**Wednesday, 11th April – Your favourite online teaching resources**

**Wednesday, 23rd May – Student motivation**

**Wednesday, 20th June – Mobile apps**

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As for workshops, we're currently setting up an event entitled ***Making Classes more socially interactive*** featuring **Tim Murphey** on **the first weekend in September**. Save the date and stay tuned for more details!

## **St. Gallen, 27th April**

### **ELT Academic Reading Group**



The ELT Academic Reading Group in St. Gallen, Switzerland has been meeting monthly since January 2016. The aim of the group is to discuss a different academic article each month related to various aspects of English Language Teaching. The group is open and free to all teachers from any background. All you need is a keen interest in all things related to English teaching. It's a great place to meet like-minded teachers and share ideas. The meetings are on the second / third Friday of every month (depending on everyone's availability) at **9:30 in the Migros Bahnhof Cafeteria. The next meeting is on Friday, 27th April**. Click [here](#) to find out more.

## **Sierre/Siders, 28th April**

### **Language Symposium 2018**

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The Language Symposium Sierre is a multilingual conference of language teachers and offers an exchange of ideas on teaching languages. More information on the workshop programme [here](#).

**Zürich, 29th-30th June**

**ZHAW + IATEFL ESPSIG Conference on Global ESP  
and technology**

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The ESP SIG and the Zurich University of Applied Sciences LSFM (Switzerland) are joining forces for an exciting, two-day event taking place at the Toni-Areal, Zurich.

**Theme:**  
Global ESP and technology – crossing the digital divide

Save the date! **June 29th – 30th 2018**

More details, including the call for papers, to be published soon, so keep an eye on our website (<https://espsig.iatefl.org>) and our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/lateflEspSig/>)

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The IATEFL ESPSIG and ZHAW (Zurich School of Life Sciences and Facility Management) are co-organising a two-day conference in **Zürich, 29th-30th June**. The theme of this year's event is: ***Global ESP and technology – crossing the digital divide***. By focusing on research concerning current and future directions in the crossover between ESP and technology, the conference will bring together a diverse range of researchers and practitioners in professional, vocational and academic English.

ETAS members get a discount on registration — simply use Code ZUR15 when registering! More details to be found **here**.

**Malta, 12th-13th October**  
**7th ELT Malta Conference**

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The **7th ELT Malta Conference** is taking place on **12th-13th October**, with a **pre-conference event on the 11th**. The PCE will focus on LGBTIQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Questioning) issues in language education. The conference will contain a stand organised in collaboration with the IATEFL Young Learners & Teenagers SIG. **The call for proposals is open until 30th April**. Submit a proposal by filling in [this form](#).

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# ETAS in the Social Media

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## Social networking on Facebook

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.

If you have any questions, please contact [Hannah McCulloch](#) or [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:

[Cracking the academic code - why accessing, reading and writing using the academic code is crucial for school success](#) via [@HuntingEnglish](#),

[When wo/men speak up: An evidenced based activity for International Women's Day designed](#)

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[around research on the impact of women speaking up](#) via [@adi\\_rajan](#),

[Card Games for Literacy](#) via [@TeachingEnglish](#).

[What's Going on Inside the Brain of a Bilingual Child](#) via [@MindShiftKQED](#), and

[Learning with Lego](#) via [@fabenglishteach](#)

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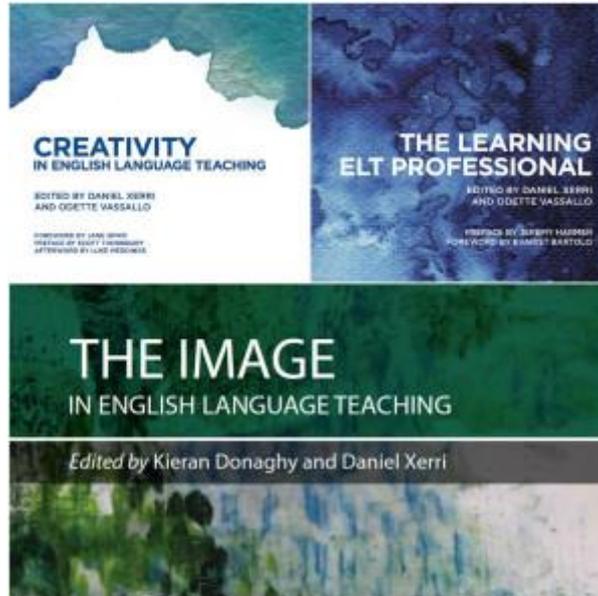
## ETAS Library

Please take a look at the [online Library catalogue](#). Click on the image to find out more about Library terms of use and payment.

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## Teacher Tips

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## Open access teacher resources

Are you interested in professional development, creativity, or the use of images in ELT? The ELT Council in Malta has published three open access books that include contributions by teachers, academics and teacher trainers from around the world. Each one of these volumes is co-edited by **Daniel Xerri**, who gave a plenary at the 34th Annual ETAS Conference and AGM. The books can be downloaded from [here](#):



## New book on presentation skills for non-native speakers of English

Not being a native speaker of English can feel like a disadvantage when it comes to presenting. Language service provider Matterhorn Languages has launched its first book entitled ***Presentation Skills for Non-Native Speakers***. It will help your students to improve their presentation skills fast. The book

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provides an overview of every aspect of presenting from preparing and structuring a presentation to cultural aspects and body language, focusing on selected aspects of the English language along the way. Click [here](#) to find out more and purchase the book or [here](#) to read more about the ***Impress in English Presentation Skills Pack***, or head over to [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) to start the conversation!

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## Certificate and Diploma Courses

Enhance your Career prospects! To learn more about the **NILE MA in Professional Development in Language Education in Switzerland** or other Certificate and Diploma Courses, check out [this section](#) of the ETAS website.

## EFL Webinars

Your opportunity to embark on professional development at home! 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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