

March e-Newsletter 2016



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Save the Dates!

The organization and planning of our **two national conferences** this year are well under way. Please note these dates and details:

The [Professional Development Day](#) with the SIGs will be held on 17 September 2016 at the Kantonsschule Zug. You'll be able to choose four workshops out of an exceptional selection of almost forty top-class international presenters. Enjoy high quality professional development with the focus on Shakespeare and be inspired by Geneviève White, our plenary speaker. More to follow! Keep your eye on the ETAS website.

The **Annual Conference and AGM** will be held on 22 and 23 January 2017 at the same venue as this year, the Kantonsschule Nord in Zürich. We'll keep you posted.

News from Administration

As part of the ETAS initiative to streamline our activities and content in more effective and sustainable ways, the Executive Committee recently voted to completely shift some information from the Journal to the website such as, the Journal Call for Articles, the Call for Papers, Special Supplements and general articles, as well as the Call for Cover Art.

Library

Complete information and instructions about borrowing books and materials from the ETAS Library can be found on our [website](#). The Online Order Form for Priority Users (pay in advance) is available [here](#). Infrequent users, please download, print and complete the [form](#) and mail it to ETAS Administration with CHF 7.– in stamps: Im Hubel 3, 6210 Sursee.

Membership Administration

Moving or changed your phone number? Please be sure to let ETAS Administration know so you don't miss future editions of the Journal, or other ETAS information sent throughout the year. Simply log in to the [website](#) (upper right corner on our home page), click on **Edit Your Main Address** at the bottom of that page, and update. Be sure to 'Save' your changes!

If you have a new email address, please notify the Administrator by [email](#) and Annegret will make the change for you. If you prefer, you can also [download the form](#), print and complete it with your upcoming change of address, and mail to ETAS Administration: Im Hubel 3, 6210 Sursee. Please feel free to ask Annegret if you have a problem and she will help you sort it out.

ETAS makes IATEFL's Voices

IATEFL's bi-monthly newsletter, Voices, regularly shares news from its Associates around the world. The latest issue features a report from ETAS, and teaching associations in Croatia and Pakistan. The article, published in Issue 249 on pages 22-23, offers readers a few tidbits about our founding 32 years ago as well as highlights from our last PD Day conference. A copy can be borrowed from the ETAS Library.

Current ETAS Vacancies

Jump on board the ETAS Team!

Learn some new skills and broaden your professional network by taking on one of the current openings below.

Library Sub-Committee Member: Fancy helping our ETAS library grow and widen your ELT-knowledge at the same time? The contact [Urs Kalberer](#) today!

Regional Coordinators for Graubunden and St Gallen: Contact [Annette Leimer](#).

Co-Regional Coordinator for Baden: Contact [Caroline Rickli](#).

Help to complete the SIG coordinators' team:

This team is currently looking for coordinators for the **Testing, Evaluation and Assessment SIG** and the **Young Learners SIG**. Get involved in the ETAS framework by inquiring about these opportunities. Please take up contact with [Urs Kalberer](#).

If you're interested in a position then don't hesitate to act. This [link](#) will lead you to the vacancies online but you can also use the links above to express your interest. Join in and give something back to ETAS.

Events



30 April Lausanne: Dealing with Dyslexia in the EFL Classroom: Sally Farley and Marie Delaney, two of the UK's foremost experts on dyslexia in the language learning classroom, will be giving these workshops. What an opportunity! Sally will be focussing on primary school children and Marie on secondary school children. For further details and registration please follow this [link](#).

External Links

Third Sunday of every month, St. Gallen: ELT Academic Reading Group. The venue for this group is Seegar Café, Restaurant, Oberer Graben 2, 9000, St.Gallen at 2:15 pm. [Gemma Lunn](#) can be contacted for further information. A more detailed summary can be found [here](#).

23 April Sierre: Language Symposium. This symposium, which is open to all language teachers, is only held every two years so don't miss out. The University of Applied Sciences in Sierre is hosting this interesting event. [Drop in](#) and be inspired by the diversity of the workshops.

4 _ 6 November: 29th IATEFL BESIG Annual Conference. The Materials Writing SIG also has a strand running throughout the whole of the conference and is **seeking proposals** for diverse talks and workshops. Proposals are welcomed in the following category: '**How to...**' e.g. write listening tasks, survive as a materials writer, break into materials writing, publishing an e-book. These could be talks or workshops in which the speaker gives practical tips on how to professionally carry out one or more aspects of producing good teaching material. Optimally, talks will be of interest to people who work in Business English. The online proposal form can be accessed on the [BESIG website](#). Please remember to state in section 11 that you would like your workshop to be included in the MaWSIG thread. The **proposal deadline is 1 May**.

The above is only a small sample of the [external events](#) that we have listed. Browse the rest at your own leisure.

Journal News



Calling for Special Supplement topics!

Is there an area of interest that you'd like to see covered in a Special Supplement? Then send [Ceres](#) a mail and we'll start planning for 2018. We're enthusiastic about covering topics that interest you, so get those suggestions in the mail and we'll do the rest. If you happen to know of a specialist in the field that your proposing and that you'd like to hear from, then include that information and we'll do our best to enter into dialogue.

Special Supplements

The Creativity Special Supplement (Summer 2016)

Submissions are invited for the complementary section, **The English Teacher as Creative Writer**, of short literary pieces (e.g. poems, flash fiction, etc.), with the aim of highlighting the creative works written by ELT teachers and professionals. Please send submissions **no later than 30 March** to [Rachael Harris](#) or to the [ETAS Journal Editor](#).

Testing, Examination and Assessment – a Tool for language learning (Winter 2016)

[Dave Kaufher](#) and [Neil Bullock](#) are collaborating on this Special Supplement for the Winter Journal. Article submissions should address topics such as assessment literacy, good testing practice and assessment of young learners. Please note that the deadline for articles is 31 May. Full details will be published online shortly. In the meantime, the Editors are happy to assist with queries.

ETAS Journal Call for Articles 2016 _ 2017

The ETAS Journal invites the submission of articles on various aspects of language teaching and methodology, lesson ideas, surveys of teaching materials, and reports that address language issues in Switzerland or the surrounding countries. Book reviews and brief reports or summaries of work in progress, which address similar issues, are also welcome.

Submission Deadlines

Winter 2016: **5 September 2016**

Spring 2017: **5 December 2016**

Summer 2017: **6 February 2017**

Winter 2017: **4 August 2017**

Information regarding submission guidelines will be available online soon under, **Call for Articles** on the [ETAS Journal Homepage](#). Alternatively, you can [mail the Editor](#) for details.

ART at ETAS: ETAS Journal Cover Art Call for Submissions 2017

ETAS Journal invites the submission of quality images of original artwork in any visual medium, style, or material – fine art pieces such as paintings, sculptures, drawings, mixed media, glass art, illustration, photography, fabric art, crafts, and other forms of art – to be featured on the cover of the Journal in 2017.

To be considered for our 2017 editions, please send submissions on or before the deadline: **15 January 2017**

For details, please check the [ETAS Journal Homepage](#) or [mail the Editor](#) for more information.

Free books and ELT material in exchange for a review!

Here's a small sample of what we have on offer:

'Heads Up': Spoken English for Business Levels 1 (A2-B1) and 2 (B1-B2), Delta Publishing.

[The Round](#), an independent collective of creative individuals in English language teaching, are offering ETAS e-Newsletter readers these e-books for review:

'Brainstorming' by Hall Houston and Gerhard Erasmus (tips and activities)

'At Work' by Paul Walsh (Business English speaking activities)

'Moral Dilemmas' by Lindsay Clandfield (for small groups or 121)

'100 Activities for Fast Finishers' by Rachael Harris (tips for groups)

New lists are being posted on ETAS website so drop in and see if there's anything that you'd like to take a closer look at. **Remember to log in to access the lists!**

If something catches your eye, then please contact [Helena](#). If there's a book or resource that you'd like to review but it isn't on the list, then get in touch with Helena and she'll do everything possible to access it for you.

Teacher Tips and ELT Links



Open access publications

For those of you who are undertaking further education, check out these resources [CORE and DOAJ](#). They are repositories for open access research publications. And for those of you who need help with designing your research proposal, you'll find plenty of help on this site as well.

Get more out of your iPad

Professor Gráinne Conole has created a list of links that relate to [using the iPad](#) for teaching, learning and research. There are some great resources including links to numerous apps. Check them out!

What's hot on Twitter?

Letting you in on the five most shared tweets in February. Enjoy the read.

1. Beginners' Guide to Teaching Lexically via [@leoselivan](#) in [EFL Magazine](#)
2. Three posts on [Teaching Teens](#) on the [@itdipro](#) blog via [@getgreatenglish](#) [@HanaTicha](#) and [@indripravita](#)
3. Is the Flipped Classroom relevant to ELT? via [@russell1955](#) in [EFL Magazine](#)
4. 11 [Bad Teaching Habits](#) That Are Stifling Your Growth via [@TeachThought](#)
5. [Missapplied Linguistics](#) via [@leoselivan](#) on Evidence Based EFL Blog

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