

May e-Newsletter 2016

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ETAS e-Newsletter

The ETAS 2016 PD Day Registration is now OPEN FOR BUSINESS!!!

Come join us for this year's **ETAS Professional Development Day** on **17 September** at the **Kantonsschule Zug**. Check out this year's [programme](#) where you can learn more about the stellar plenary with Geneviève White and the fabulous array of workshops and talks being offered. The Book Exhibition also never fails to fascinate participants with the latest in ELT book titles and other resource materials. The event will end with a relaxing Apéro to reflect and refresh before heading back home.

To register, [log-in](#) as a member and then check out the programme and register. Details will be available [here](#). Booking **by 31st July** means you can **save** at the Early Bird rate, too! *{Be sure to renew your membership, then register. ☺}*

Have friends and colleagues who aren't **yet** ETAS members? Invite them to join our association and then they, too, can enjoy the benefit of registering early for a very significant savings! It's always nicer to attend a conference with someone, and we all agree: the more the merrier!

Membership Renewal

Earlier this month the ETAS 2016-17 Membership Renewals went out via e-Invoice. In case you missed it in your Inbox, please contact our Administrator, and [Annegret](#) will be happy to send it to you again. Renewal is very easy to do online now via our [website](#), including payment. However, you can let her know if you prefer a paper paying-in slip (and/or Invoice). Please ask should you need help with your member log-in.

Annual Conference: Call for papers

If you're interested in giving a talk or workshop at ETAS 33rd Annual Conference and AGM, 21–22 January 2017, in Zürich, then please complete this [form](#). [Sue Wood](#), ETAS National Events Chair, is the person to contact if you have any questions.

Membership Survey

A warm thanks to all of you who participated in the survey. The data analysis has already commenced. Stay tuned for details to be presented later. However ... {drum roll please}...

For those who took part in the survey and left their details, we're happy to announce the three lucky winners of the prize draw:

1st Draw: **Claudia Colette Rothlin** – 1-year ETAS Individual Membership

2nd Draw: **Anne-Lise Matter** – NILE Norwich or Manchester Course

3rd Draw: **Ingrid Christen Van Luling** – *Sewing the Shadows Together* by Alison Baillie

ETAS Website: the place to go for the latest news

Make the most of this site. Remember to drop in on a regular basis to check out what's happening in your area or within your [Special Interest Groups](#). Are you a new member? Then you'll find lots of helpful information in the [About pages](#). If you don't have time to read the monthly e-Newsletter, don't worry; it's archived under [Resources](#) along with the Job Board and much more. If you're looking for reviewed material or an online version of the Journal, then visit the [Journal pages](#).

Current ETAS Vacancies

Did you know that volunteering for ETAS is a great way to network and pump up your C.V.?

If one of these roles grabs your interest, then please contact the person responsible as indicated below.

National Events Sponsorship Coordinator and Library Sub-Committee Member: Have a word with [Urs Kalberer](#).

Regional Coordinator for Graubunden: Drop [Annette Leimer](#) a mail.

Co-Regional Coordinator for Baden: Get in touch with [Caroline Rickli](#).

Testing, Evaluation and Assessment SIG and the Young Learners SIG: Ask [Urs Kalberer](#) for further details.

Events



11 June Solothurn: Dictation ...a relic from a bygone era or a versatile activity?

Do your students dread dictation activities? Learn how to liven them up with Jayne Herzog. Mail [Sue Nikles](mailto:Sue.Nikles@olten.ch), Olten/Solothurn's Regional Coordinator today so you don't miss out on this interesting workshop. The **deadline for registration is 4 June**.

External Links

Call for papers

28–29 October in Aigle, Switzerland: IATEFL TEASIG CONFERENCE: "From Theory into Practice - Assessment literacy in the classroom".

The aim of this conference is to tackle current testing and assessment practices in the classroom and analyse how far the principles of assessment literacy have been incorporated by ELT professionals into their work. ETAS is working with IATEFL to organise the event, so we are therefore inviting proposals for talks and workshops on the above theme as well as allowing interested delegates to register early. The **deadline for proposals is 10 June**.

You can also **register online now** using this link:

https://secure.iatefl.org/events/step1.php?event_id=105

ETAS members who are not IATEFL members should register as a non-IATEFL member and then use the following promo code:

Before 19 September: TEAETAS2016

From 20 September to 7 October: TEAETAS2016A

You can find more information on the venue and the event, as well as the Call for Papers on the TEASIG website at <http://tea.iatefl.org/>.

Third Sunday of every month, St. Gallen: ELT Academic Reading Group. The venue has been **changed** to L'Ultimo Bacio, Postrasse 14, 9000, St.Gallen at 2:15 pm. Please contact [Gemma Lunn](mailto:Gemma.Lunn@etas.ch), ETAS Social Media Coordinator if you would like to know more.

Check out the ETAS [external events](#) list to discover what other interesting events are on offer.

Journal News



This is your chance to have a say in what we publish for you!

We're seeking Special Supplement topics for future publications. Please use this opportunity and mail your preferences to [Ceres](#).

Call for Submissions

[Dave Kaufher](#) and [Neil Bullock](#) are co-editing the Winter Journal Special Supplement, **Testing, Examination and Assessment – a tool for language learning**. If this is your area of interest, then please mail your submission and a brief abstract, as well as your short bio data by 31 July to Dave or Neil. Full details can be [accessed here](#).

Free books and resources

We all know how expensive teaching materials can be. Did you know that if you write a book review for ETAS Journal you can keep the reviewed material? Check out the new list for [Books and Materials for Review](#) and start writing now. Full guidelines are available on [this site](#) as well as a growing selection of **previously reviewed material**. The latter will give you several ideas for your own review. If you have any queries please get in touch with [Helena](#).

Video Interviews

Drop into [ETAS You Tube channel](#) and listen to the latest interviews with Alison Baillie and Diccon Bewes. There's more coming soon!

Are you receiving 3 Journals per year?

Members, if you're not receiving the Journal three times a year to your home address then please contact [ETAS Administrator, Annegret](#), to check if you're on the mailing list. This is part of your membership package.

Teacher Tips and ELT Links



It only takes 1 minute to catch up on Creative Commons and Copyright

If you're using online resources in your teaching context then Nicky Hockly's [1-minute guide to Creative Commons and fair use](#) should answer some of your questions about copyright. While you're there, check out her previously published 1-minute guides to plagiarism, MOOCs, the mobile classroom and more. Share them with your students as well.

Poetry with a twist

Do you have problems motivating your students to read poetry? Then [Moving Poems](#) might be what you're looking for. This wonderful site houses a large collection of videopoetry where sound, text and image add a whole new dimension to poetry. Browse through the extensive archive and experience it for yourself. It's worth it!

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