

April e-Newsletter 2016

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ETAS e-Newsletter

National Membership Survey

In case you haven't already, please do take a moment to participate in the membership survey by **27 April**. In the few minutes it takes to complete, you can let us know a bit about yourself, how you feel about ETAS' products and services, and what we can do to help meet your professional needs. If you're unable to access the survey, please mail [Patricia Daniels](#). Thanks.

Dear Members, please take a moment to complete the national survey if you haven't done it already. The **deadline for participation is 27 April** but why leave it until then? It only takes a few minutes. [Click here](#) to complete the survey and let us know how you feel about ETAS products and services and what we can do to meet your professional needs. Please let us know if you're unable to access the survey by sending a mail to [Patricia Daniels](#). Thanks.

Don't forget, you can **win one of these three fabulous prizes** if you participate.

Prizes:

1st Draw: One year free ETAS membership

2nd Draw: NILE Online Course

3rd Draw: Autographed copy of *Sewing the Shadows Together* by Alison Taylor

Good luck!

Annual Conference: Call for papers

Are you interested in giving a talk or workshop at ETAS 33rd Annual Conference and AGM, 21_22 January 2017, in Zürich? If you are, then please [complete this form](#). If you have any queries, [mail Sue Wood](#), ETAS National Events Chair, she'll be more than happy to assist you.

Current ETAS Vacancies

Get to know ETAS better by becoming a volunteer!

Check out [ETAS website](#) for more details.

Library Sub-Committee Member: A must for bookworms! Contact [Urs Kalberer](#) today.

Regional Coordinators for Graubunden and St Gallen: This is a great way to meet teachers in your area. Contact [Annette Leimer](#).

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

The **Testing, Evaluation and Assessment SIG** and the **Young Learners SIG** are currently looking for enthusiastic members to head these interesting groups. Please contact [Urs Kalberer](#).

Events



30 April Baden: Discursive essay writing. Carolyn Skelton will show you how to adapt and create tasks for B2+ level English language learners. A full description of the event is [available here](#). Send a mail to [Caroline Rickli](#), Baden's Regional Coordinator, to save your place for this interesting workshop.

30 April Lausanne: Dealing with Dyslexia in the EFL Classroom. Sally Farley and Marie Delaney will each be giving a workshop. Sally's will focus on primary school children and Marie's on secondary school children. Registration details and further information can be [accessed here](#).

30 April Solothurn: Magical history tour through Switzerland. Find out why Switzerland was once upside down with bestselling author Diccon Bewes. Enjoy an aperitif after the event whilst chatting with Diccon and fellow participants. The **deadline for registration is 27 April**. Everything you need to know is [here](#). Mail [Sue Nikles](#), Solothurn's Regional Coordinator to secure your place.

11 June Solothurn: Dictation ...a relic from a bygone era or a versatile activity? Jayne Herzog will show you how to have fun with dictation activities. The **deadline for registration is 4 June** so save the date. Mail [Sue Nikles](#), Solothurn's Regional Coordinator today so you don't miss out on this fantastic workshop.

External Links

The **KV Business School Zürich** is organising a book launch for [Financial Accounting-Where's the Money?](#) This bilingual text (English and German) has been developed specifically for Swiss Commercial schools. Join the authors, Nicole Widmer and Dr Christoph Hohl, on **23 June** for the launch and aperitif. The official venue will be announced shortly. Please mail [Dr Hohl](#) if you'd like to attend.

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](#), ETAS Social Media Coordinator if you would like to know more.

Take a moment to explore the diverse activities and resources on ETAS [external events](#) list. You're sure to find something of relevance.

Journal News



Welcome Phillip!

On behalf of the Publications team, we're pleased to announce **Phillip Oswald** as our **Online Content Coordinator**. Only briefly in this role, Phillip has already done an amazing job uploading, reorganizing and managing all of the Journal's content on the ETAS Website. Thank you Phillip and welcome!

You can now access a host of resources online such as, interviews with Herbert Puchta, Alan Maley and Matthew Hill, as well as Editors' Choice articles, book reviews, guidelines and more because of Phillip's hard work. Have a look for yourself. Click on [Journal](#) and explore the drop down menu. There's more to come.

Use this opportunity to suggest a Special Supplement topic!

Send your suggestion to [Ceres](#) and we'll do our best to collate articles related to your preferred topic. This is your chance to have a whole supplement devoted to your area of interest, don't let it pass you by.

Call for Submissions are now online

For your convenience, our calls for Special Supplement papers, general articles and Art at ETAS, have been moved online. You can access [guidelines and deadlines](#) for all of these Journal projects in just a couple of clicks.

The next deadline coming up is for the Special Supplement, **Testing, Examination and Assessment – a Tool for language learning**. [Dave Kaufher](#) and [Neil Bullock](#) would like to have all contributions in by 31 July.

Yes, you can keep any materials that you review!

There are new lists of [Books and Materials for Review](#). Dive in and see if there's something relevant to your teaching context. No need to log in, just click on the link above and then follow the Books for Review link.

As a suggestion, how about: the new Pearson course for Upper-Secondary, 'Focus' (5 levels)? Or Pearson's new 'Market Leader Extra' series to practise business skills?

And remember, if you'd like to write a review but can't find a title that interests you, get in touch with [Helena](#) and she'll do her best to locate it for you.

Teacher Tips and ELT Links



Have you seen the latest Future Learn MOOCs?

As busy language teachers it's difficult to keep up with continuing professional development. Time constraints and geographical issues are often a problem. If this sounds familiar to you then perhaps MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) might be the solution. Have a look at what Future Learn can offer you as a language teacher. Understanding IELTS and Professional Practices for English Language Teaching are just a couple of free short courses coming up shortly. And there are plenty of courses that might be of assistance to your students as well. [Check out the list](#) for yourself.

Breaking News English and Listen a Minute

If you haven't already stumbled across these two websites, watch [Russell Stannard's](#) brief review. You'll be amazed at the diversity of resources. There are lesson plans and a host of activities that you can either do in class with your students or let them explore the material autonomously.

What's hot on Twitter?

Did you know that twitter is a great place to find useful educational resources and to connect with other educators?

Come and join us at @ETAS_CH

Here's a sample of what's been popular in March.

- 1.How to use [storytelling in the classroom](#) via @fabenglishteacher
- 2.How can we develop [metacognitive awareness](#) of reading strategies in our learners? An #ELT chat summary via @rapple18 and @eltchat
- 3.On [Giving Feedback](#), or, You Have a Life, Too via @anthonyteacher
- 4.Examinator Column: Helping Learners with [Exam Writing](#) via @teflgeek and IH Journal <http://ihjournal.com/examinator-column-helping-learners-with-exam-writing-by-david-petrie>
- 5.Using [Cuisenaire Rods](#) in ELT: Colourful blocks of awesomeness via @textchatteacher

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