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ETAS February e-Newsletter



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Dear << Test First Name >>,

As you can tell from the photos, the **Annual Conference and AGM 2019** was another lively bustle packed with moments of sharing and inspiration. Participants had plenty of opportunities to foster their professional

development and engage in discussions. However, the Executive Committee decided at its January meeting that the **ETAS Conference and AGM 2020** will be a one-day event. This decision was reached due to falling numbers of participants on the Sunday. Details of the exact date and location will follow as soon as possible. Following the conference we will ask for opinions of the membership on whether to stay with the one-day conference or to return to the original two days.



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Here's a date for your diary: We are delighted to announce that the **Professional Development Day 2019 will take place on Saturday, 7th September at the International School of Bern in Gümligen**. The **Call for Papers** is now online and we look forward to receiving your submissions **by 4th March**. Further information will be available as soon as the programme and plenaries have been confirmed.

The next Executive Committee meeting is on 16th March. If there are any topics you would like the Committee to discuss, please contact our new Secretary, **Laura Kennedy** at secr@e-tas.ch.

Please note that the ETAS office will be closed from 1st-11th March 2019.

In this month's e-Newsletter you will find, among many other things, lots of **ETAS** and **external events** and a **call for proposals** issued by the European Centre for Modern Languages. Our **Book and Material Reviews Editor Hannah McCulloch** has new books available for review. The **Twitter recap** contains links to blog posts that are related to the ETAS Conference. And we're carrying out a quick **survey** we're inviting you to take part in.

Enjoy the read!

Kind regards,

Your ETAS Team

Advertising



The **15th Cambridge English Annual Spring Seminar in Horgen/ZH on 18th and 19th May 2019** will be focussing on **digital tools that you can use in your exam preparation classes**. During the seminar you will be working with tools that are practical, user-friendly and that will give you confidence to work with technology in your classroom. By using these tools in the classroom, you will be able to inspire your learners with technology for language learning. For more details and to register, please click [here](#).



The Consultants-E (TCE) offer several annual scholarships and applications are now open for a **fully funded online e-Moderation course**

in March. Please note that the **deadline for applications is 15th February.**
Click [here](#) to apply.

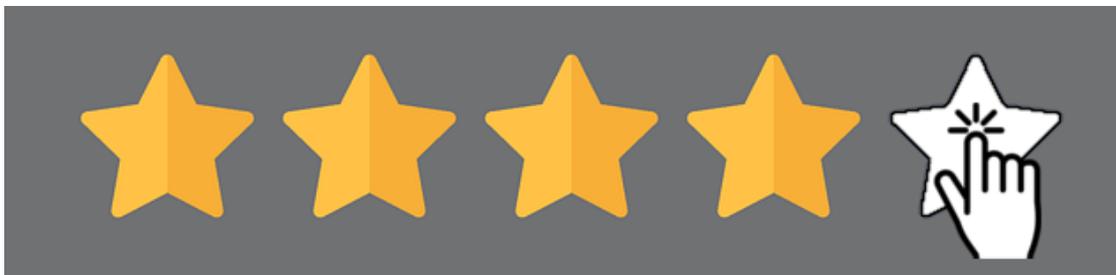
ETAS members are also eligible for a 10% discount on TCE courses.
See [here](#) for more information and use the following code when registering:

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ETAS Special Interest Groups: Looking for Coordinators

We are currently looking for Special Interest Group (SIG) Coordinators for **Research** and **Material Writers SIGs**. If you are interested in either of these roles and the chance to join the motivated team of SIG Coordinators, who are involved in planning the Professional Development Day and other events, please just get in touch with **Jayne Kyte** (tede@e-tas.ch). She is looking forward to hearing from you!

ETAS Outreach Survey



How are we doing? What would make ETAS better? We are conducting a survey this month to find out what everyone thinks about ETAS. This is not just for members, so please take the three-minute survey yourself and then

forward it to your colleagues! To participate please click [here](#) or on the image.

Request: Therapists for English Speaking Children in the Lausanne Area

ETAS member and English Coordinator of the Ecole Nouvelle de la Suisse Romande in Lausanne, Sally Murphy is compiling a list of **support therapists for English speaking children in the Lausanne area**.

Therapists would include:

Speech and language therapists

Occupational therapists

Paediatric psychiatrists

Educational psychologists

Physiotherapists

Therapists for alternative medicine

If anyone has experience with particular therapists who can work in English and whom they can recommend, please get in touch with newsletter@etas.ch. Your help would be much appreciated.



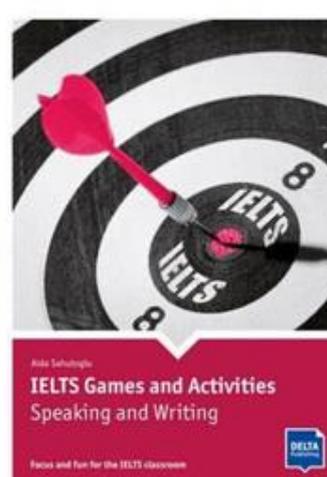
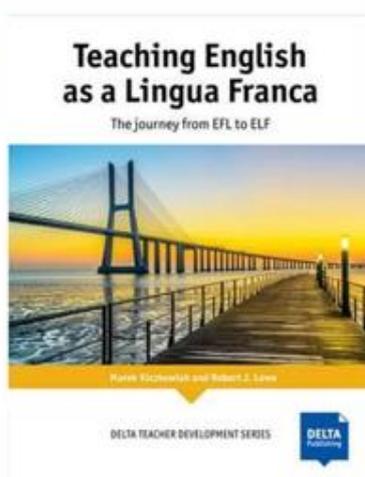
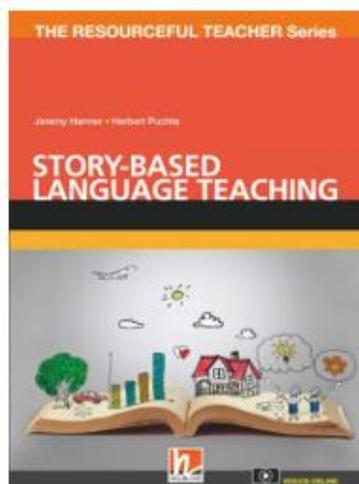
ETAS Journal News

Want Free Resources? Write a Review!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far.

This month, we have **Story-Based Language Teaching** from Helbling, plus some brand new titles on ELF and IELTS from Delta Publishing. We are also keen to hear from anyone who would like to review something for the **upcoming Special Supplements on SEND and Digital Literacy**.

Hannah McCulloch (bookreview@e-tas.ch) is looking forward to hearing from you.



Upcoming ETAS Events

Lausanne, 16th February:

Workshop on Intercultural Awareness with Sylvia Goetze Wake



Sylvia Goetze Wake

ETAS Vaud is organising a workshop on **Intercultural Awareness: Sylvia Goetze Wake** will be presenting at **Wall Street Institute (in the Lausanne station building)** on **Saturday, 16th February 2019 (9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.)**. Sylvia is a frequent presenter at ETAS Conferences, and has also given workshops at CERCLES and the Language Symposium in Sierre. The price for members is CHF 25, for non-members CHF 35 (to pay at the door). The workshop will be followed by a one-hour swap shop (choose either

Young Learners / Teens or Learning Technologies). To register please write to **Sharon Acton** at Sharon.Acton@unil.ch or to **Sonia Vanyan** at sona.spenlehauer@bluewin.ch.

As for the **ETAS Vaud "So-Pro" Mixers**, these will begin again in March. To stay tuned for more announcements click [here!](#)

Basel, 27th February: SPARK Meeting



The ETAS-inspired **SPARK Basel team** is resuming its monthly gatherings on **Wednesday, 27th February from 7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m. at Spark Coffee & Winebar**. This month's topic will be upcoming cultural events such as Fasnacht, Mardi Gras, Easter ..., and spring in general. Come and put a spring in your step and lessons by sharing and networking with your sparkling colleagues. To register, write to sparkbasel@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!

St. Gallen: Academic Reading Group



The ELT Academic Reading Group in St. Gallen 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**. For more information please write to **Gemma Lunn** (gemma_lunn@hotmail.com).

Bern: ELT Springboard

ELT SPRINGBOARD

ELT Springboard are a friendly discussion and networking group of ETAS members and non-members that meets after work on the **first Thursday of every month**. It's an opportunity to network, brainstorm, learn new ideas, reflect on your own teaching practice and build relationships with like-minded colleagues. Check the **regional events page** or follow the **ELT Springboard blog** for all of the latest information about discussion topics or to see what they've done in the past. There is no charge for the event (just buy a drink at the restaurant) and there are no prerequisites--teachers of all languages and at all experience levels are welcome to come!

External Events

Web Conference, 1st-2nd March:

English Language Teaching Online Conference



What if every teacher around the world could attend the same event? ELTOC (English Language Teaching Online Conference) brings together English teaching professionals from around the world for 2 days. On 1st and 2nd March 2019, you and your colleagues will be a click away from leading experts in Assessment, English Medium Instruction, Special Educational Needs, and Wellbeing ... for free.

Visit the [OUP website](#) for more information and to sign up for the event.

Bern, 23rd March:

CUP Cambridge Day



Cambridge University Press are holding their Cambridge Day on 23rd March. This year the focus is on **learner autonomy**. Workshops on Business Certificates as well as A2 Key and B1 Preliminary (exam updates) are among other topics that will be featured. This all-day free event will take

place at the **Universal Postal Union, Weltpoststrasse 4, 3015 Berne**. If you're interested, please click [here](#).

Liverpool, UK, 2nd-5th April:

53rd International IATEFL Conference & Exhibition



The **53rd International IATEFL Conference and Exhibition** will take place in **Liverpool, UK, 2nd-5th April 2019**. The various **Pre-Conference Events** are being held on **1st April**. The IATEFL International Annual Conference and Exhibition 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 forums as well as a vibrant social programme. This offers delegates a unique opportunity to meet leading trainers, theorists and writers, and exchange ideas with fellow professionals from all sectors of English language teaching and learning.

For detailed information and to register see [here](#).

Lucerne, 9th April:

CAS International Leadership - Leading Across Cultures

Lucerne University of
Applied Sciences and Arts

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Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Lucerne School of **Business** is offering an info session on **Tuesday, 9th April 2019** about their programme “**CAS International Leadership - Leading across cultures**” (commencement of studies: 27th June 2019). To register for the info sessions at no charge via the website check out [this link](#).

Cracow, Poland, 11th May:

New Ideas and Approaches in Business English



International Association of Teachers
of English as a Foreign Language in Poland

The **2nd IATEFL Poland Business English Event in Cooperation with IATEFL BESIG** will take place at the **Cracow University of Economics, Poland on 11th May 2019**. The event is aimed at business English professionals both in Poland and other European countries. Under the heading: “**New Ideas and Approaches in Business English**”, it aims to provide a platform for a comprehensive overview of important aspects of business English, covering methods, materials, media and assessment. All business English stakeholders in further and higher education, e.g. educational establishments, teachers, teacher trainers, publishers and test providers, are invited to participate. To register and to offer a presentation, workshop or talk click [here](#) (deadline **28th February 2019**).

Horgen/ZH, 18th-19th May:

15th Cambridge English Annual Spring Seminar

For more information on this event please see the [advertisement above](#) or go straight to the [Cambridge website](#).

Zug, 18th-20th July: Drama in Education Days



The fifth annual Drama in Education Days will take place in Zug, Switzerland from July 18th-20th 2019. The conference focuses on best practice and research in the field of Drama and Theatre in Education specifically in second and foreign language teaching. The conference is bilingual English/German. Keynotes will be given by Jonothan Neelands, University of Warwick, UK and Patrice Baldwin, Chair of National Drama UK

Abstracts for talks or workshops may be submitted until 15th March 2019 to: eva.goeksel@phzq and sgiebert@htwg-konstanz.de

For more information please go to the [Drama in Education website](#).

For more upcoming events please see [here](#).

Call for Proposals

ECML 2020-2023 programme:

**Inspiring Innovation in Language Education:
Changing Contexts, Evolving Competences**



The European Centre for Modern Languages of the Council of Europe (ECML) invites professionals in language education to take part in the Call for Proposals which is open until **22nd April 2019**. The Call for Proposals offers the opportunity to benefit from a unique European platform to negotiate, communicate and publish your innovative ideas. You can make a genuine contribution towards influencing language education in Europe.

Would you like to find out more about the possible topics and address one or more of these priorities in the context of an ECML project? Are you interested in developing user-friendly, practical resources, with the support of a renowned European institution, which can be easily adapted in different national contexts? Then consult **the dedicated website** for further details on applying.



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Last Month's Most Popular Tweets Were:

- **Back on track** via @swissirja - a reflection on the ETAS conference
 - **What day do most burglaries take place and other ideas to get students thinking** via @fabenglishteach
 - **Professional and Non-Professional Conversation Classes** via @mentalspl
 - **ELT Playbook 1- Exploring your Context** via @SpongeELT
 - **Starter Teachers: A methodology course for the classroom** via @TeachingEnglish
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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 comfort of home! Click on the image above to find out more.



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ETAS in the Social Media

 ETAS Facebook group

 @ETAS_CH

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. Our **Group** has attracted the interest of thousands of teachers in Switzerland and around the world with almost 1,400 members.

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 are not familiar with Twitter or don't know why it's such an amazing resource for teachers, [this blog post](#) has some handy tips.

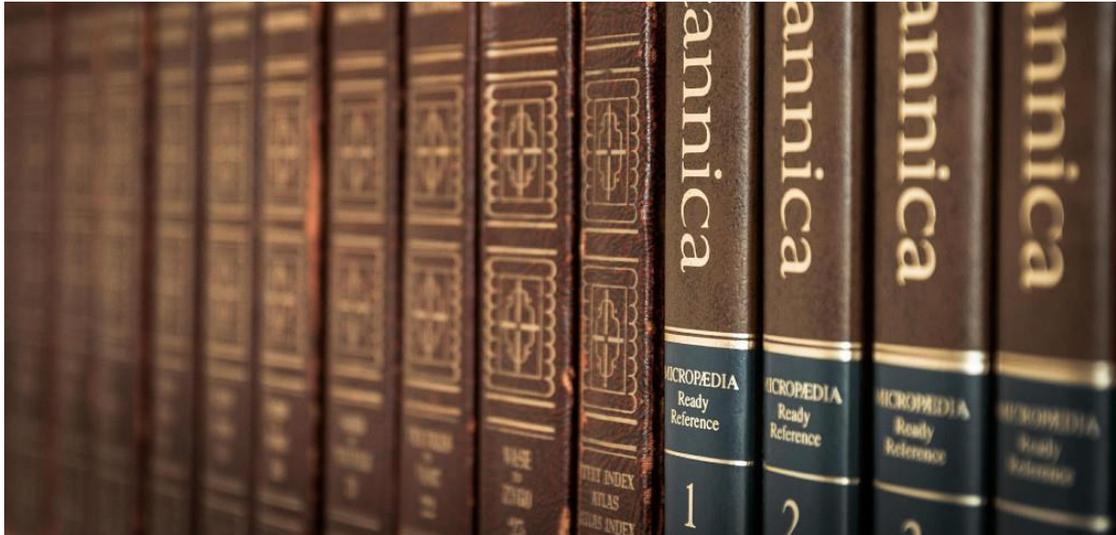


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ETAS Library

The ETAS Library has a wealth of useful and relevant ELT titles available for you to borrow. Don't forget to check out the [online Library catalogue](#). Click on the image to find out more about Library terms of use and payment.

ETAS Office

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