

Where teachers meet and learn

ETAS September/October e-Newsletter



Dear *|FNAME|*,

On Saturday, 15th September ETAS was warmly welcomed to Liestal near Basel for the **2018 PD Day**. 150 members, exhibitors and speakers enjoyed a varied programme, which began with a thought-provoking plenary given by Jon Hird (sponsored by OUP). With more than 20 workshops presented over three sessions, participants were assured of picking up something for every teaching situation, from young learners to silver learners.



ETAS PD Day September 2018

The afternoon programme was rounded off with an entertaining plenary from Hugh Dellar (sponsored by National Geographic), full of useful ideas to take back into the classroom. Participants were also able to visit the extensive book exhibition with a wide range of teaching materials on offer.

In 2018 ETAS is celebrating its **35th Anniversary**, which was celebrated in style during the afternoon break!

Our heartfelt thanks go to Jayne Kyte, who was in charge of the organisation, all the helpers, the participants, the exhibitors and last but not least, the presenters. Without all of you, there would not be a PD Day!



ETAS PD Day September 2018

ETAS are looking for **a new Teacher to Teacher Project**. With the end of the Myanmar project this autumn, thoughts are turning to our next project, which we

hope to launch at the AGM in January. If you are directly involved in a project or would like to suggest an existing organisation for ETAS to support, please send some background information to our Secretary, **Kelly Sovilla** by **3rd November** (vpres@e-tas.ch).

The **35th Annual Conference and AGM 2019** is taking place **in Zofingen on 19th and 20th January**. Would you like to share your knowledge and expertise with the ETAS community? This is an excellent opportunity! ETAS Conference-goers are a friendly bunch of highly interested and motivated people who will love to hear what you have to say. All you have to do is **hand in your paper on this website**. The deadline for submissions is **14th October**.

The first freely downloadable **ETAS Journal e-book**, an **event report** about the presentation on *Teaching Grammar Lexically* Hugh Dellar gave in Basel, and a repository for teachers with **Creative Commons licensed images** are some of the topics in this issue of the e-Newsletter. As always, you'll find a **book for review** as well as information about **ELT events** and **last month's most popular ELT Tweets**.

Kind regards,
Your ETAS Team

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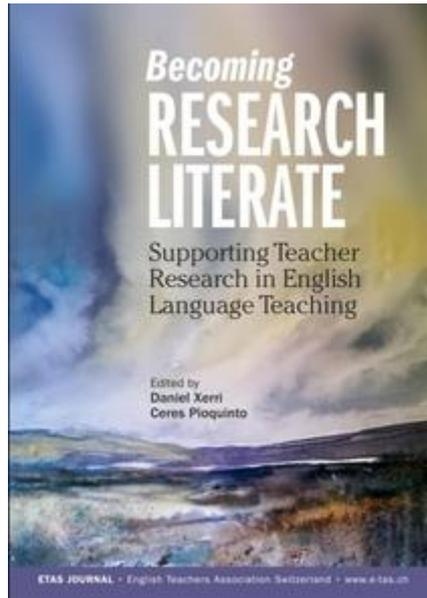




ETAS Journal News

ETAS Journal e-Book on Becoming Research Literate

ETAS Journal is delighted to announce the publication of its first e-book, *Becoming Research Literate*, which is open access and can be downloaded [here](#).

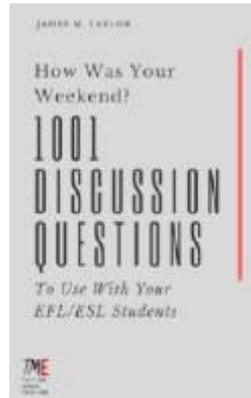


This book introduces readers to the concept of research literacy, which involves the ability to judiciously use, apply, and develop research concepts and tools as a fundamental part of one's teaching. Specifically, the book aims to develop English language teachers to become informed and critical users of research tools and by-products. Edited by two experienced teacher-researchers, Dr. Daniel Xerri and Dr. Ceres Pioquinto, Editor-in-Chief of the ETAS Journal, this book compiles a broad range of perspectives to demonstrate the potential uses of a research-informed pedagogical framework, not just in English language teaching but in the teaching of other languages as well.

Congratulations to Ceres, Daniel and all who were involved in the production of this important contribution to ELT.

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News from the Regions

Basel, Regional Event Report: Teaching Grammar Lexically, Hugh Dellar

As part of a mini-tour through Switzerland before PD Day, Hugh Dellar spoke to a group of 20 enthusiastic and interested teachers in Basel on 11th September. During his lively presentation, he outlined the advantages of using a lexical approach to teaching grammar. In particular, he focused on ways of providing learners with meaningful chunks and phrases that are theoretically above their current level, but very useful in everyday life. Hugh's talk was enlivened and

illustrated by many anecdotes from his 25 years' experience in the classroom and gave all participants many ideas to take into their own classroom practice.



Hugh Dellar

Upcoming ETAS Events

Basel, 24th October: SPARK Basel



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SPARK Basel is a new group focusing on boosting teachers that gathers once a month to:

- **Socialise**
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- **P**articipate
- **A**ctivate
- **R**echarge
- **K**atalyse

Launched by ETAS members Antoinette Breutel and Guadalupe Salazar, SPARK Basel reaches out to ETAS members and non-members, as well as teachers of other languages to build a community of engaged teachers. The meetings are free, however, everyone is paying for their own drinks and nibbles. Come visit our blog, make a comment, and follow us at:

sparkbasel.wordpress.com.

SPARK Basel's first meeting will take place in a charming wine & coffee bar serendipitously named *spark* in Güterstrasse 166, 4053 Basel (right by SBB Basel, Tram 16; stop Solothurnerstrasse, map: <https://bit.ly/2NAU9my>) on **24th October from 7pm to 9pm**. Come join us!

If you have any questions, please contact us at sparkbasel@gmail.com.

St. Gallen, 26th October: 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, 26th October**.

Other ELT Events in October

Bern, 6th October:

British Council - Teaching Techniques for a High Score Band in IELTS

This British Council IELTS training day is taking place in **Bern, Hildanusstrasse 3 on 6th October**. It has four workshops, each of which focuses on teaching techniques for one of the four main skills in the academic version of IELTS to help students achieve high score bands. The workshops will be practical and concentrate specifically on skills acquisition, rather than a description of exam content, and will give participants tools for integrating exam preparation elements in their English lessons.

The trainer **Sam McCarter** has written numerous publications. His interactive app *IELTS Skills* won the *English Speaking Union President's Award 2013 for innovation and good practice in English language teaching and learning* and was shortlisted for the *ELTons Award 2014 for Digital Innovation*.



For more information and to sign up for the event, please get in touch with [**ielts@britishcouncil.ch**](mailto:ielts@britishcouncil.ch).

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



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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.

Our [Group](#) has attracted the interest of thousands of teachers in Switzerland and around the world with almost 1400 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.

Last Month's Most Popular Tweets Were:

- [How trainers encourage and support trainees on a personal level](#) via @tesolmatthew
- [Weekly Reflections on Teaching EFL: How many words should we teach?](#) via @HughDellar
- [Relate or Learn](#) via @theteacherjames

Teacher Tips

Bilderpool: a pool of images waiting for you

Are you looking for images that you can remix for use in class, a presentation, or a poster?



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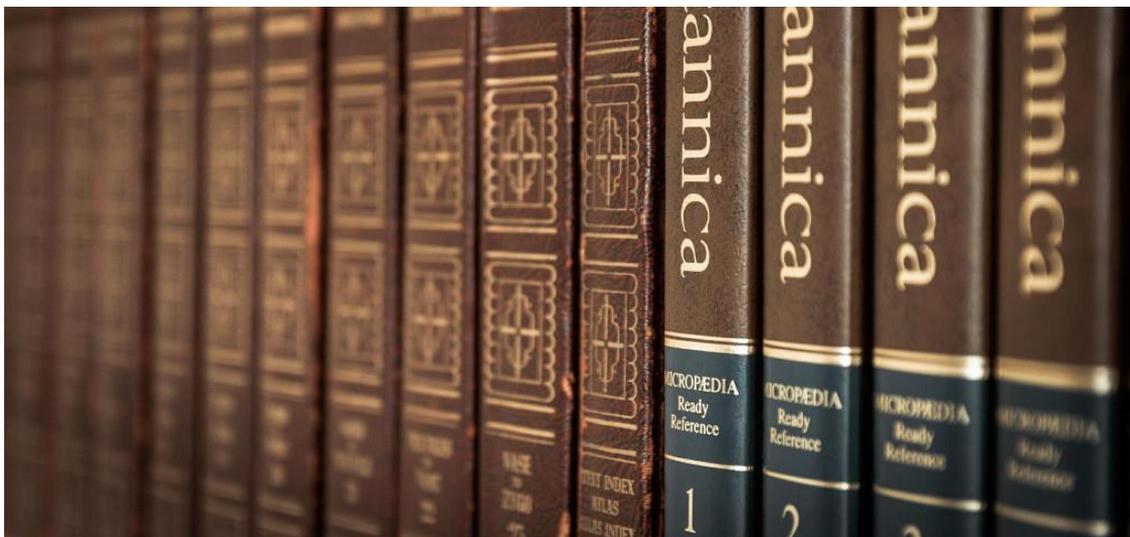


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ETAS Library

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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! Be sure to check [here](#).

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