





IATEFL Associates Online Conference, 28 October 2023

Leadership and management of teaching associations

Associates Online Conference Programme 2023

UK time 12.30 – 12.35	Opening	Welcome at all				
12.35 – 13.45	Plenary	<p>Beatrix Price</p> <p>From teacher motivation to leadership motivation</p> <p>Studies on leadership learning reveal that personal and professional growth are additional benefits of volunteering and collaborative work within and across ELTAs and other ELT organisations. These include inter- and intrapersonal skills, communication, management and leadership skills. What are those benefits that we gain while volunteering for our associations and what are the responsibilities that go hand in hand with the benefits?</p>				
13.45 – 14.00	15 min break					
14.00 – 15.15	Short talks by Associate Speakers	<p>Room 1</p> <p><i>Focus on:</i> Managing change and overcoming challenges</p> <p>For details of speakers see below</p>	<p>Room 2</p> <p><i>Focus on:</i> Innovation</p> <p>For details of speakers see below</p>	<p>Room 3</p> <p><i>Focus on:</i> Engaging teachers</p> <p>For details of speakers see below</p>	<p>Room 4</p> <p><i>Focus on:</i> Leadership models</p> <p>For details of speakers see below</p>	
		15 min break				
15.30 – 16.45	Plenary	<p>Gabriel Diaz Maggioli</p> <p>Imagining the future of our associations: Coming together for impact</p> <p>In this talk, we will explore three concepts of community building used in African societies and we will use them as lenses to imagine how we will impact our members and the field in these turbulent times.</p>				
16.45 – 16.50	END	Thanks and close (5 mins)				



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Detailed look at the short talks by Associate Speakers

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4
Focus:	Managing change and overcoming challenges	Innovation	Engaging teachers	Leadership models
Speaker 1	Managing change in the post-Covid times Natalia Kopytko BELNATE - Belarus	Exploring Innovative Approaches to Management of AINET Nadeem Khan AINET - India	Regional events for schoolchildren: how to raise teachers' interest Olga Yepova KOMELTA - Komi	Leadership Insights: 4 Lessons from my Presidency at IATEFL Poland Malgorzata Bukowska-Ulatowska IATEFL Poland
Speaker 2	Building Bridges Building Cooperation Gerard McLoughlin TESOL-Spain	Boosting our TA Mission by Building Strategies in Leadership and Management Miriam López Serrano ALC-GELI - Cuba	ATES Highlights, Innovations and Successes Edouard Cheikh Faye ATES - Senegal	Building and maintaining effective teams in Teacher Associations Sikhumbuzo Sibanda NAETSA - South Africa
Speaker 3	APC-ELI leadership has overcome the challenges Isora Justina Enriquez O'Farrill APC-ELI - Cuba	Unlocking Leadership and Management Potential: Leveraging ERASMUS Mobility for Language Educators' Growth Daniela Cuccurullo TESOL Italy	Leadership for a Healthy World Sinem Atamsoy Koşar TESOL Türkiye	The way that the leadership of ETAG has overcome challenges of ELT in Georgia Manana Rusieshvili ETAG - Georgia
Speaker 4	Building an Effective Team Yoseph Feleke EELPA - Ethiopia	Inspiring the Next Generation of Education: Multidisciplinary Multidimensional Conference Rana Khan TEFL Kuwait		Empowering rural teachers to take the lead Masum Billah ETAB – Bangladesh



Brief Synopsis of Associate talks

Speaker	Association	Brief synopsis of the presentation	Room
Daniela Cuccurullo	TESOL Italy	Unlocking Leadership and Management Potential: Leveraging ERASMUS Mobility for Language Educators' Growth. The presentation aims at exploring how ERASMUS mobility programs drive language teacher development, cascading into enhanced association leadership and impactful educational events. Hints will be highlighted to delve into strategies for promoting change and effective leadership within language teacher associations, fostering growth and learning.	2
Edouard Cheikh Faye	ATES - Senegal	ATES Highlights, Innovations and Successes. This presentation aims at shedding lights on ATES, showing the successes and innovations of our association. ATES which is a friendly platform based on good governance fostering the development of English Teachers in Senegal; a force of actions and proposals promoting the English language worldwide.	3
Gerard McLoughlin	TESOL-Spain	Building Bridges Building Cooperation. The pandemic affected all of us and a need to collaborate with other teaching associations around the world. TESOL-SPAIN has developed; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two online Conference of International Associations - Organising regional events and participation in our conventions - Taking part in a new Mediterranean conference of TAs 	1
Isora Justina Enriquez O'Farrill	APC-ELI - Cuba	APC-ELI leadership has overcome the challenges. Leadership starts with communication. Though Internet in Cuba is very flawed and costly, connectivity is unstable and platforms like Zoom are banned for Cuba, against all odds, APC-ELI leaders have not only voiced their work at international conferences actively, implemented on-line projects, but also developed leadership skills among its members	1
Malgorzata Bukowska-Ulatowska	IATEFL Poland	Leadership Insights: 4 Lessons from my Presidency at IATEFL Poland. Explore the four main lessons I learned during my tenure as the president of IATEFL Poland. Consider the similarities or differences in your context. Join me for a rewarding exchange of experiences and perspectives.	4
Manana Rusieshvili	ETAG - Georgia	The way that the leadership of ETAG has overcome challenges of ELT in Georgia. My presentation will describe the evolution of the model of leadership pursued by ETAG in Georgia from when this organisation was founded in 1995 to the present.	4
Masum Billah	ETAB - Bangladesh	Empowering rural teachers to take the lead. ETAB fosters brotherhood and fraternity among the teachers of all levels. Its decentralized leadership shows flexibility and it brings creative ideation. Its decision making is delegated by root level management because of this structure. Root level leadership consists of rural teachers who truly dominate the English teaching landscape of Bangladesh.	4
Miriam López Serrano	ALC-GELI - Cuba	Boosting our TA Mission by Building Strategies in Leadership and Management. Considering our mission of raising professional standards in ELT, the speaker will explain how new communication strategies, networking, webinars, projects, and leadership models have led to enhancing motivation, recruitment, and access to teachers nationwide, basically, young professionals who are nurturing our Association with innovative ideas and practices.	2



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Nadeem Khan	AINET - India	Exploring Innovative Approaches to Management of AINET. This talk will delve into successful strategies for fostering growth within AINET Association of English Teachers, including leveraging technology, equipping teachers as social media managers, promoting diverse committee involvement, and facilitating effective change management and staff development. This abstract suggests innovative pathways to enhance and sustain the TAs.	2
Natalia Kopytko	BELNATE - Belarus	Managing change in the post-Covid times. The presentation will focus on the modes and models of introducing and managing changes in the work of BELNATE in the post-Covid times. Special emphasis will be made on the hybrid formats of activities organized for the members of Belarusian National Association of the Teachers of English.	1
Olga Yepova	KOMELTA - Komi	Regional events for schoolchildren: how to raise teachers' interest. Five years ago KOMELTA organised a few regional events for schoolchildren. We were happy if 10 children participated in them and it meant we had no more than 10 motivated teachers to prepare their students. Eventually a great work has been done. Now our events gather hundreds of participants and many engaged teachers. The presentation tells of the way we have covered and the tricks we have used to raise interest of teachers.	3
Rana Khan	TEFL Kuwait	Inspiring the Next Generation of Education: Multidisciplinary Multidimensional Conference. TEFL Kuwait hosted the first ever hybrid Interdisciplinary, Multidisciplinary International Conference in Kuwait showcasing our new approach to support not only English language teachers but also content-teachers of English. One-of-a-kind conference, it addressed Language, Education, Business, and Technology. We created history when we provided an opportunity to our students to present their perspective on education.	2
Sikhumbuzo Sibanda	NAETSA - South Africa	Building and maintaining effective teams in Teacher Associations. For teacher associations to be effective they need effective teams. Teamwork cannot be overemphasized, and they therefore need to be nurtured. Building effective teams within teacher associations involves but is not limited to creating an environment that fosters collaboration, communication and a shared sense of purpose.	4
Sinem Atamsoy Koşar	TESOL Türkiye	Leadership for a Healthy World. As leaders, we also have responsibilities for the wellbeing of our colleagues all around the world. Keeping this in mind, TESOL Türkiye has started 'Teachers' Voices; we heal together, we grow together' series with her Affiliate Associations. These online get-together sessions take place once a month and each session is organized by a different association on a specific crises which might affect teachers and participants try to find solutions together.	3
Yoseph Feleke	EELPA - Ethiopia	Building an Effective Team. I have brought tremendous changes in building an effective team since I came to the position seven months ago. The first rule I employed in building an effective team was to establish my leadership with each team member through building relationships of trust and loyalty, rather than fear or the power of positions. All the way through my journey, the first and most important step I have taken was setting ground rules for the team which are considered to be the norms I and the team members establish to ensure efficiency and success.	1