

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

It seems that Spring is definitely on its way. The last few days have been warm and sunny, and more days like this are expected.

If you are a teacher of the youngest children in an elementary school, you might be thinking that your students have just started to understand English and their journey of English learning can now take off and progress at a good rate. However, if you are a teacher of the upper grades in a high school you will be thinking that the year of study is rapidly drawing to a close. Your students are completing their English learning journey under your direction. Hopefully, they will now be able to use English in its many forms and continue on this learning journey on their own.

But for you as English teachers here in Israel, the year is definitely not over. The ETAI board members have been busy organizing a whole year of conferences and events. We held two very successful mini-conferences in new venues – in Beit Hanina and in Netanya. At both of these places we were able to welcome many teachers who we had not yet met but who we now hope to see at future ETAI events. The month of February saw two more ETAI events – a mini-conference in Beersheva, and a day of study specifically for teacher trainers run jointly by ETAI and Moffet. And, of course, the Spring Conference at Levinsky College at the end of March.

This means that there are still two more conferences for you – the Summer conference in Jerusalem in July and the Back-to-School conference in Afula in August. So your year with ETAI might just be beginning!

All the information about these conferences is on the ETAI website which is well-worth looking at. It is beautifully laid out and very user-friendly, enabling you to keep up-to-date with all that is on offer.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at one, or more, ETAI conferences this year.

Susan Bedein
ETAI Chair

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

As the school year is slowly winding down, it is time to look towards the summer – although not just for relaxation, but for rejuvenation and teacher development. This issue includes many such gems to incorporate into our lesson plans, as well as some practical advice on dealing with parents and much needed comic relief. And let's keep developing through upcoming ETAI events such as the National Summer Conference on July 3-4, 2018 (taking place in Jerusalem this year) and Annual Back-to-School Conference on August 22, 2018 in Afula.

This issue also marks my last one as the Content Editor. I have enjoyed learning so much about teaching and the ETAI community, and truly appreciate being given this opportunity. I wish the ETAI Forum, and the staff involved, continued success!

Thank you to the ETAI Forum Board, and especially Sara Gabai and Jennifer Mayer for their ongoing support. As always, we are grateful to Eric Cohen Books for their assistance with the layout of the Forum.

Happy Summer!

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