

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Putting together an issue of the ETAI Forum is a labor of love. Every time an issue is printed, it's like a birth. It goes out to members and we each read and interact with it, gaining knowledge and intellectual stimulation. Everyone who writes for the Forum invests a great deal of time, thought and effort into the articles. And then the articles are edited, laid out and the issue is sent for printing. Publication of the ETAI Forum, like all ETAI events, is a truly collaborative endeavor carried out by a team of dedicated volunteers. Everyone works in ELT yet, in addition, dedicates time and effort to ensure that ETAI thrives as the only internationally affiliated organization for professional subject-area educators in Israel. Consider writing an article, organizing a mini-conference or other event, or implementing any idea you may have that may contribute to ETAI's success. We need you!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue – the authors of the articles, the editors Renee and Geraldine, and Karen in the office.

Michele Ben
ETAI Chair

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of the ETAI Forum contains what we hope has a wide variety of articles that will appeal to the wide range of interests of our readers. It contains material that relates to elementary through secondary level grades, theoretical and practical aspects of teaching, sharing of experiences and materials and even 'soul food' for teachers.

You will meet some of our best-known and faithful contributors such as Raphael Gefen, David Young, Miri Yohana and Rachel Segev-Miller as well as some fresh 'faces' – people whom you may actually teach with such as Naomi Geffen and Eduardo Lina. We even have an article from Adrianna Millikovsky, who teaches abroad. We urge all of you to follow their examples and send in your articles to let us know about something you have tried, a special experience that you'd like to share, or materials you have prepared. Your articles can be short or long. We are happy to help with editing, so you need not worry if your English is not perfect.

On another subject, I would like to invite all of you to refresh yourselves professionally with a day off to attend the ETAI Spring Conference. This just the boost we all need as we begin to feel the last stretch of this year's work and the much needed Passover break. I was gratified to see many new and younger faces at the Mini Conference in Gan Raveh. I'm sure that our new teachers who have attended any of the conferences have enjoyed them so much that they will continue to attend future conferences. The trick is to get teachers to attend their first conference, so I urge each of us who have new teachers on their staff, or who know any teachers who have not attended an ETAI conference, to do everything we can to encourage these teachers to join us at the Spring Conference.

Wishing you all a bright and energetic Spring,

Renee Wahl
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