ETAI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, JULY 4-6, 2016

For the first time ever, ETAI's International Conference was held outside Israel's capital, in the seaside city of Ashkelon, from July 4-6, 2016. The new location was a resounding success! Held at the state-of-the-art Ashkelon Academic College, the conference attracted over 500 participants who attended a wide variety of sessions – plenaries, keynotes and workshops – to **Engage**, **Enhance** and **Energize** themselves.

We were honored to have with us several internationally known speakers, among them Marjorie Rosenberg, IATEFL president; Andy Curtis, former TESOL president; Hugh Dellar, acclaimed author and ELT leader; and our own Penny Ur, OBE. We were also privileged to hear over 50 different talks by ETAI members and guests from abroad on a wide range of topics.

Of course, no conference is complete without a trivia quiz courtesy of UPP, an ice cream social sponsored by Macmillan, a rousing Pecha Kucha hosted by Jane Cohen, and a speed debate facilitated by Jennifer Spiegelman. An added bonus was a historical-archeological tour of Ashkelon guided by Benji Test.

Following on the success and positive feedback, ETAI will be holding the national summer conference at this excellent venue in Ashkelon on July 4-5, 2017 and we hope to see you all there!

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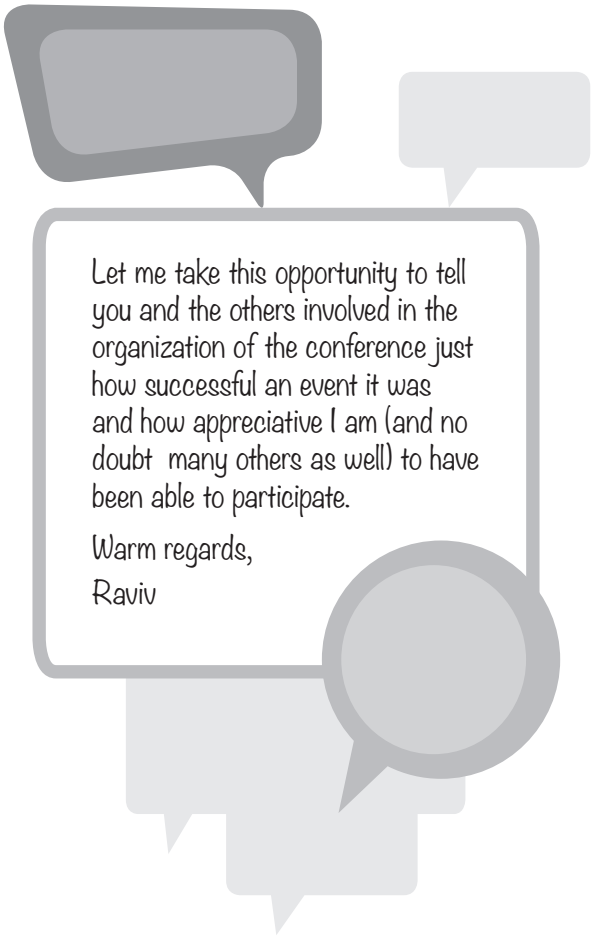
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