



# ETAG e-Newsletter

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## Welcome to our e-newsletter

Hello! I am Naniko Gilauri, ETAG e-newsletter editor. E-newsletter has replaced our traditional paper based newsletter. It will come out once a month and will be distributed via email to ETAG members, so don't forget to tell us your email, so that we send it to each of you personally. I will try to make the newsletter as informative and useful for you as possible. Please send me your views, suggestions and comments to make our e-newsletter better at: [naniko\\_gila@yahoo.com](mailto:naniko_gila@yahoo.com)



## Our sweet Tamuna

ETAG newsletter will unfortunately have to continue its way without its charming editor Tamuna Mardaleishvili. Tamuna set high standards for ETAG and always attracted people with her charm, openness and professionalism. 70 high quality newsletters have been produced under her care. ETAG will always cherish a sweet memory of Tamuna.



## A New office for ETAG Tbilisi

ETAG Tbilisi new office and British library were officially opened on the first floor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> building of I. Javakhishvili State University on November 18. Mr. Giorgi Khubua, the Rector, Mr. Denis Keefe, British Ambassador and Mr. Paul Doubleday, British Council director were present. The cozy environment and renewed library consisting of over 2000 books, cassettes, videos, DVDs and other materials are waiting for you. ETAG office is now open from 11 am to 5 pm every day except weekends. Address: 3 Chavchavadze Ave.



## Changes in ETAG

Rusiko Tkemaladze has left her official post of ETAG director. She will remain in ETAG Board and will also be coordinating University Teachers' Special Interest Group to be formed from January 09. Anyone who wishes to be a member of ETAG University Teachers Special Interest Group, please contact Rusiko Tkemaladze at: [rusiko.tkemaladze@ge.britishcouncil.org](mailto:rusiko.tkemaladze@ge.britishcouncil.org)

## More Changes in ETAG



Manana Rusieshvili, an associate professor at the Tbilisi State University, British Council-ETAG trainer and ETAG member since 1997 has been elected to be a new Head of Tbilisi branch with the term is 2 years. ETAG wishes her a success.

## [www.teachingenglish.org.uk](http://www.teachingenglish.org.uk)



15 trainers have been trained and 400 teachers are being trained for using the site [www.teachingenglish.org.uk](http://www.teachingenglish.org.uk) - the most comprehensive website for teachers of English. The site brings together everything English language teachers need: reading materials, classroom activities, lesson plans and many more. This is one of the British Council ELT Global products produced by high quality British experts. So don't think twice! Start searching the site NOW!

## British Council Training Courses



10 trainers and 240 teachers are being trained in Classroom Language for Teachers and TKT Essentials - the courses prepared by the best ELT experts in London. The TKT Essentials course is based on the syllabus of the Cambridge ESOL Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT) - the test for English language teachers. For more information please contact your nearest ETAG office. The projects continue until February 2009. Both training materials represent British Council ELT Global Products. ETAG acts as a partner for implementing these projects.

## A new Project towards Common European Framework



Council of Europe

ETAG has won Hornby- IATEFL (UK based English Teachers' Association) funding and will be implementing the project: *ELT curriculum design for universities according to the standards of the Common European Framework of Reference*. University ELT specialists will gain the insights and better understanding of what, for instance B1, B2, C1 mean and imply. From May 2009 this will become a regular ETAG training course. The project is supported by the British Council and will be implemented together with it.

## Happy New Year

Happy Holidays



ETAG will be closed from December 23 to January 12. Saturday meetings will be renewed from February 7. A new Saturday meeting and training courses schedules will be emailed to you in the second half of January. We wish you *Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!!!*