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Let me introduce a new initiative from the ETAG Newsletter editorial board. Within each issue we would like to present success story of our individual members, people who have been making ETAG as it stands today professional, academic, caring and nurturing.

The third cycle of the English Language through Civic Education Programme has kicked off!



The project continues and covers two more towns: Ozurgeti and Rustavi. Raleigh Tomas Mallett has been working in Ozurgeti and Joshua Kurzweil – in Rustavi. The overall number of teachers participating in the ELCE project has grown up to about 310. All of them are motivated and full of positive energy. The ELCE trainers are looking forward to working with the new groups of teachers from each region. We hope they are going to have a wonderful and productive spring!

The project started in September 2011 in Batumi, Kutaisi, Zugdidi, Gori and Telavi. It is supported by the US department and PH International

TIE- a new International Language Test is starting in Georgia



TIE is an integrated four skills test which assesses learners' communicative and interactive skills in both predictable and spontaneous situations. It assesses learners of English for academic, professional, business and general purposes.

ETAG is eligible to administrate the TIE exam in Georgia. **The first TIE exam will be held on May 18, 2013.**

University MA students are already registering for this. For registration details and for more detailed information about the TIE exam, please call 2 250856 from 12:00 to 5:00 pm or contact the exams administrator at tiegeorgia@gmail.com

If you wish to know more about CiPELT- *Certificate in Primary English Language Teaching*



What do you think brought sixteen bright, enthusiastic, knowledgeable and experienced ELT teachers and trainers together on a warm late October morning at the ETAG office in Tbilisi? An opportunity to participate in the British Council/ ETAG-organised *Certificate in Primary English Language Teaching - Trainer Orientation Programme* of course! This five-day workshop is designed to prepare the group to deliver teacher training courses to colleagues in their regions with the intention of sharing best practice and passing on new skills and knowledge

about current ELT methodology for Grades 1 to 6.

The course is highly practical and involved lots of pair/group discussion, activity demonstrations, resource creation and evaluation of materials. Though for the most part already experienced trainers, the group nevertheless responded brilliantly to the topics in each session and their energy and commitment seemed unlimited! Topics ranged from classroom management issues to developing literacy to making learning memorable through songs and games. Their trainer - Julietta Schoenmann - was impressed with the many insights that they were willing to share with each other which all made for a productive, stimulating and memorable course.

Congratulation to our Batumi colleagues



Neli Kukhaleishvili, ETAG Batumi Head and teacher – trainer After publishing the article “[There is a Rapture in this Bustling Centre](#)” in the magazine “Humanizing Language Teaching” issued in association with Pilgrims encouraged her ETAG colleagues to send the articles to HLT. They were accepted and will be published in the lesson outline section. The editor has scheduled Nino Mikeladze and Natia Katamadze for the August 2013 issue of HLT and Neli Kukhaleishvili

and Nino Kvantaliani for the October 2013 issue of HLT

Success story

Teaching can really be exciting! Nikoloz Parjanadze, Associated professor, ETAG teacher trainer



I am, sending my love and respect from the Middle East to my friends and colleagues in Georgia!

If you ask me if I have ever thought of going to Kuwait to work as a teacher of English, my answer will be ‘No’. It is my profession that has brought me here. Here I am, a teacher of English with more than a decade of experience in teaching, teacher training, and being a member of English teachers’ community in Georgia.

Kutaisi Akaki Tsereteli State University was the place where

it all started. Being a new graduate I was offered a chance to teach English at university. The years which I spent there shaped my professional and personal traits, and I would like to express my deep gratitude to all who placed their trust in me.

ETAG is the organisation which showed me a teaching profession in a new light. Being an ETAG member and a teacher trainer I understood that no matter how well you do your job, there is always room for growth and improvement. This approach to life in general and teaching in particular encouraged me to seek more prospects in life, be it teacher training, certification, professional development, international education or experience, doing doctoral studies, or even getting several specializations in the field of education.

English makes us, teachers, a 'Child Harold' of the modern world, never staying still, looking for new sensations and experiences, yet more positive, supporting and nurturing ourselves and people around us.



Hurry Up and get a special Valentine's membership discount for ETAG members!

If your membership is about to expire soon or if you wish to become a new member, you should take advantage of a special Valentine's membership discount for ETAG members!

Instead of **30 GEL**, teachers will pay **15 GEL** for a full year membership!

Join us on 14th February and enjoy all the benefits ETAG membership offers: free monthly e-newsletter, seminars discounts, ETAG conference discounts, free workshops within the framework of the British Council products, have a pleasure of working in our library onsite or borrow updated books on different subjects and enjoy meeting of two sexy smile ladies!

Don't miss this opportunity!

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