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*2015 is a jubilee year for us as we are celebrating 20th year of ETAG establishment.*

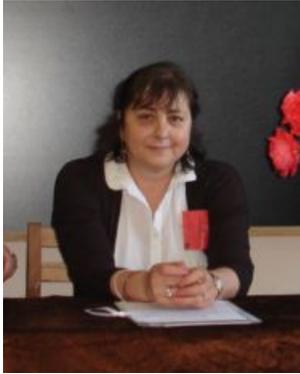
*Share the memories and impressions with us!!*

*Happy birthday,  
ETAG!!*



**David Rowson, one of the initiators of ETAG establishment.**

It's amazing that it's 20 years since ETAG started, and fantastic that it's not only still with us but, I'm sure, going from strength to strength. Actually I thought I remembered us having meetings to set it up more than 20 years ago, but maybe I'm getting confused as I get older. I do remember how cold it was in the 5th building of the university when the teachers gathered to elect the first president, Rusiko. I was surprised then by how quickly it took off, all thanks to the enthusiasm and energy of the Georgian teachers. It's always been a really friendly organisation, too. Congratulations to everyone involved! I wish I could be with you for the celebrations - I'll be in Georgia in the summer, so perhaps we can relive the party then! Very best wishes to all of you from London. All the best. Love. David



### **Rusiko Tkemaladze, one of the founders and the first president**

I wholeheartedly congratulate 2395 present and past members on the 20th year anniversary of ETAG!!!

These have been the years of remarkable achievements and success, also - big challenges which we always faced with dignity. Now ETAG is a big, trustworthy, professional organisation aiming at very high standards and I am proud I belong to it! I hope you feel the same. I wish you and ETAG the years in future which are full of personal happiness and professional success!

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## *What does ETAG mean to me?*

### **Mzia Khubulava. Zugdidi**



ETAG is exactly the place which teaches you how to improve your skills and achieve your goals. It is said that a great place to work is one in which you trust the people you work for, have pride in what you do and enjoy the people you work with. These are three main principles for ETAG members. ETAG helped me a lot to boost my self-confidence in the beginning and I began to believe that I could do more....

### **Nick Parjanadze. Tbilisi**



ETAG means professionalism, progress and career development. To me personally, it means seeing new horizons in English language teaching, personal growth and a chance to help others grow. It means making new friends, meeting valuable professionals and becoming a valuable professional yourself.

### **Eka Tkavashvili. Tbilisi**



I am proud of ETAG. In the gloomy 1990s when I was at the beginning of my career, I found an oasis in the midst of darkness. ETAG adopted me and put me on the right path... ETAG is a democratic organization where

members play a key role. It is an exemplary and powerful organization inspiring and motivating hundreds of teachers to become better. And last but not least, ETAG represents English teachers' community which encourages humane and friendly relationships where we all feel at home and respected.



### **Katuna Gelashvili. Tbilisi**

ETAG was (and is) the centre of English teachers, who would like to grow professionally and they have really have grown so, they have benefited and succeeded immensely... ETAG has played a tremendous role in increasing the standard of teaching and learning English in Georgia.



### **Marine Chalauri. Gori**

Since 1999, every other Saturday has been a special day for me, first as a regular member of ETAG, now as the head of Gori branch. Can we deny the great support from the head office in Tbilisi and the great job it does for us? It is impossible to really measure the benefits we get from this wonderful organization. Active ETAG members know this! I wish all the English teachers could realize the importance of being a member and the importance of having such an opportunity for a better career.



### **Galina Dughashvili. Rustavi**

I am very thankful to ETAG as it shaped me professionally. It taught me that there are no shortcuts in teaching and you have to try hard to succeed. I remember the first day I have joined ETAG. It was the conference in the first building of Tbilisi State University many years ago. Since then I've been the member of this great family. Indeed it is our FAMILY. The family of devoted English teachers from different parts of Georgia. It's the family where you get best of the experience.





**Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for the Coming Year!**

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