

# ETAG e-Newsletter

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We are hurrying this edition to inform you of the great news-our renewal of TESOL Affiliate Status!!!

## Meeting with the US Embassy representatives



At a meeting with the US Embassy representatives, representatives of the United States Embassy and three English Language Fellows (ELFs) were treated to a tea-and-talk orientation session on October 26 at the Tbilisi ETAG centre. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarise the three ELFs with ETAG activities and facilities, as well as to cement the already warm and cooperative relationship between ETAG and the Embassy. Present from the Embassy were Cultural Attaché Lola Petrova, and Educational /Professional Programmes Coordinator Sophie Bzishvili. The three ELFs, working under the auspices of Georgetown University's fellowship program, were Tatiana Gabrielson, Walter Gaddis, and Emily Tichich. Welcoming them on behalf of ETAG were honorary President Rusudan Tkemaladze, ETAG President Manana Rusieshvili, Manager Tsisana Tsiskaridze and Trainings Coordinator Lali Mdinardze.

## Cascading Summer School Training to Teachers in Ajara



Ms. Ana Kvachadze, one of Batumi teachers, was successfully selected in a competition for participating in the British Council Trainer Development Summer School in Uludag, Turkey. She says that the summer school in Uludag turned out to be extremely useful and all-inclusive, all of the given resources were invaluable. On October 9, she made a power-point presentation in ETAG Batumi Branch where approximately 30 public, private and state university teachers attended the workshop.

## Eastern partnership seminar in Baku



ETAG manager Tsisana Tsiskaridze and trainings coordinator Lali Mdinardze together with the Ministry of Education and Science representatives participated in an Eastern Partnership seminar on Teacher education and Training in Baku, Azerbaijan on 13-14 October. The purpose of the seminar was to present the results of a recent study conducted by the European Commission on how primary and secondary school teachers were prepared for their profession in the six countries of the Eastern Partnership: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. There were opportunities for discussions, reflections and policy dialogue on that important topic.

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## 6 Successful Candidates from ETAG

From twelve candidates chosen from around the world, six trainers from ETAG have been chosen and accepted onto the E-moderator Essentials course. The successful applicants are: Manana Rusieshvili, Izabela Petriashvili, Lela Abdushelishvili, Nato Mgeladze, Nick Parjanadze and Nona Popiashvili. The rest of the participants are one from Russia and five of UK origin. This once again proves the quality of professionalism of Georgian ETAG trainers. The Teaching English E-Moderator course prepares experienced EFL teacher trainers to become moderators of the British Council's online courses: Teaching English –TKT Essentials, Teaching English– Learning Technologies in the Classroom and Teaching English–Primary Essentials.

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## Teaching English Radio: An Introduction to Teacher Development

The British Council with the support of ETAG launched a new project on the Radio, “Teaching English Radio”. This programme is for English Language Teachers. Teaching English Radio is a series of twelve 15-minute radio programmes aimed at teachers of English working in schools where large classes, a lack of resources and few training opportunities are a reality. These programmes are intended for teachers of English who may have low level qualifications and lack confidence in their knowledge of English. The series includes clips from teachers and classes in several different countries to give the programmes global appeal. The radio programme is implemented with sponsorship of PTG and special support of ETAG. With the help of English Teachers Association of Georgia, every week the listeners of the programme will be able to get tips from very experienced Georgian teachers of English on the theme of the programme. ETAG will also supply special supporting notes to teachers either by e-mail or on the website in advance of the broadcasts. This programme is broadcasted every Tuesday at 17:00 p.m. by Radio Station “Star FM” (93.9)

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May the good times and treasures of the present become the golden memories of tomorrow.

Wish you lots of love, joy and happiness.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

**ETAG will be closed from December 24 to January 9.**

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