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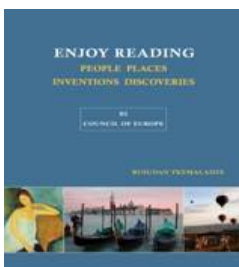


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ETAG welcomes its new and old members!

On 12 September ETAG started its 17th academic year! Join us and raise the standards of teaching and learning of English in Georgia. We believe in our members and in their continuous professional development.

A new B2 level textbook has come out!



Enjoy Reading - People, Places, Discoveries, Inventions is a new book written by Rusudan Tkemaladze especially for those who want to develop further their English language reading skills at B2 level or who are preparing to take the test of the corresponding level, such as FCE or IELTS at 5.5- 6.0- 6.5 levels. You can obtain the book in Tbilisi on Chavchavadze Ave. 22 at Parnasi bookshop, or on Chavchavadze Ave 19-21, in the 'Bukinists' bookshop opposite the 5th building of the University.

Meeting today's needs and demands for teachers' qualifications ETAG is initiating two new 16-hour training courses



1. CAE/C1 Exam Format Training, which is already available at ETAG, is a 16-hour training course which helps teachers to have a closer look at Cambridge Advanced English exam format, its content, skills and competences tested and the assessment criteria. The trainees will have the opportunity to draw parallels between CAE requirements and C1 level descriptors of the Common European Framework. After completion of the course teachers will feel more confident to continue to work independently on the CAE exam material and to get prepared for a real test.

2. FCE/B2 Exam Format Training is a 16-hour training course which helps teachers to have a closer look at the First Certificate English exam format, its content, skills and competences tested and the assessment criteria. The trainees will have the opportunity to draw the parallels between FCE requirements and B2 level descriptors of the Common European Framework. After completion of the course teachers will feel more confident to continue to work independently on the FCE exam material and assist their students to get prepared for a real test.

ETAG meets the US Ambassador and the USA Public Affairs Officer

On September 26, 2011 ETAG representatives met Mr. John R. Bass, the Ambassador of the United States of America at the reception held in honour of Mr. Michael Turner, the new Public Affairs Officer and his wife Teresa.



Meeting the British Council representatives



On 29 September, British Council newly appointed director Zaza Purtseladze and British Council ELT projects manager Tamuna Kvachadze visited ETAG. ETAG President, Prof. Manana Rusieshvili, ETAG manager Tsisana Tsiskaridze and ETAG trainings co-ordinator Lali Mdiniaradze talked about the British Council and ETAG relationships for the past 15 years, about the positive role BC projects have played in the enhancement of ELT in Georgia and the role ETAG has played in promoting the British Council products throughout the country. The participants of the meeting expressed sincere hope that this fruitful relationship will continue in future. New directions of partnership were also discussed.

We would like to welcome Zaza Purtseladze to this challenging post and wish him every success and a prosperous career in this new page of the British Council history in Georgia.

ETAG Heads and trainers discuss new developments

On 1 October, 2011 ETAG heads and trainers had a traditional annual meeting in Tbilisi. Such issues as keeping high management and training standards as well as developing new courses which meet today's requirements were discussed. This was also a good chance to congratulate our trainer Lela Abdushelishvili on her birthday and celebrate this happy occasion with a nice birthday cake!!



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