



## Supporting professional development

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## IATEFL 2016 conference report

### Conference questions and stimulates in equal measure

This year's 50th anniversary [IATEFL conference](#) lived up to its reputation and was a lively and engaging event, enabling almost 3,000 delegates to take part in a range of talks, workshops and social events. These forums provided fantastic opportunities for everyone to share their thoughts and stimulate discussion on the future of ELT and how best to support language learning in different contexts all over the world.



Of particular interest were the opening plenaries: [Sylvana Richardson's talk](#) - on why we still use the term 'non-native' to describe the professional identity of over 80% of the world's teachers of English - was a fantastic call to arms; and [Diane Larsen-Freeman](#) provided deep linguistic insight with her thoroughly stimulating talk which considered the need to move beyond an input-output model of language learning, to one which considers affordance theory in order to help restore agency to learners.

Another conference highlight was Shay Coyne's research-based talk on aligning parents, students and centre managers' goals for Young Learner courses. Read her latest journal [article on Young Learner Pedagogy](#) to get a flavour of her helpful, practice-based research.

All the IATEFL plenaries and a number of other talks (including one by [Trinity TESOL's Ben Beaumont on CPD](#)) can be found on the [IATEFL website](#) until early April 2017.

### IATEFL 2017 - scholarship application deadline

Special mention should also go to the 50 scholarship winners each of whom won IATEFL membership for a year plus conference expenses. Award winners were selected from a strong field of candidates demonstrating the best of innovation

and collaborative practice. These included two Trinity College winners: one for language examining and one for teacher education.

The deadline for next year's scholarship applications is 21st July 2016. Find out more about [how to apply for an IATEFL 2017 scholarship](#), including the two Trinity College London awards.

## Eaquals conference report

### Eaquals – 25 years and still going strong

The conference season continued with the 25th annual [Eaquals conference](#), sponsored by Trinity College. The Lisbon conference was opened by the Portuguese Foreign Minister, Professor Dr Augusto Santos Silva, who paid tribute to Eaquals' work in raising international standards. He gave an inspiring opening address highlighting the important role of language teaching and learning in promoting better understanding in the world today.

As well as talks on inspection frameworks and the [European Profiling Grid](#) for teachers, there were some tremendous sessions on helping teachers to develop learners' skills through raising assessment literacy and maximising teacher development through personal research and enquiry.

With a growing membership ensuring high standards in schools around the globe, the 26th Eaquals conference in Riga next year looks like it will be every bit as good!

## Sharing what we do

One of the ways that teachers can share their knowledge is to publish articles in trade papers and journals, which helps to raise awareness of some excellent ELT practice taking place around the world. Articles can range from thought pieces on recent ELT trends, to summary presentations of postgraduate research.

To help support such endeavours, Teacher Trainer Journal (TTJ) is offering a reduced price of £40 for TESOL newsletter readers together with free digital subscription between June and August 2016.

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