



Federación Argentina de Asociaciones de Profesores de Inglés

Newsletter #1 - December 2015

Dear FAAPI members,

A few years ago - until April 2010 in fact - FAAPI used to publish newsletters on its website. Our last newsletter at the time was #20. We are glad to renew this habit and send out as well as publish the first issue of the new era!

The year is about to end and we would like to share the launching of our Newsletter, which will come out twice a year with news about FAAPI. Many things have happened since we last met in September and we wish to share them with you. Let this newsletter serve as a summary of all things done.



News

As you will read below, FAAPI has been working hard towards building international and national links. It has been a priority for this period to widen the scope of our activities since we feel that this will benefit all our member associations.

The enthusiasm of this EC for these achievements is the result of the hard and persevering work of members as well as of their generous collaboration since our President and Vice President have travelled to attend meetings and conferences at their own expense.



Annual General Meeting

The **Annual General Meeting** took place in Córdoba. After the confirmation of minutes of the previous AGM, FAAPI President Prof. Cristina Mayol presented the Annual Report, and Treasurer Prof. Marisel Girardi submitted her report and the audited Financial Statement. Both were approved by the members present.

API's representatives were given the opportunity to share news about their associations, and annual fees were established.

Former Secretary Emma Figueroa decided to take a rest from her duties at FAAPI. We thank Emma for her hard work and wish her all the best.

Executive Committee

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Webmaster and Hosting

We were obliged to change our **webmaster and hosting** and we are now hosted by **Webmind**. Our webmaster is now Mariana Coloccini.



FAAPI Conference

FAAPI's 40th Conference, "EFL Classrooms in the New Millennium: Local Developments and Global Concerns", organized by ACPI took place in Córdoba. A memorable event both academically and socially.

You can find a summary at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22h_pTEontM&feature=youtu.be

We were happy to assist ACPI with the organization of FAAPI 2015, another successful event.

Two meetings were held during those days, one among members of the EC and a second one with delegates from the APIs.



Daniel Fernández Scholarship

Unfortunately the Daniel Fernández scholarship was declared vacant. We would like to ask all associations to encourage first time speakers to apply for it next year.



Links with other associations

TESOL-SPAIN Convention

Our president, Cristina Mayol attended the **2015 TESOL-Spain Convention** held at **University of Salamanca, Spain** in March, representing FAAPI. She presented a paper related to EAP Programme Evaluation.

III Jornadas Internacionales Sobre Formación e Investigación en Lenguas y Traducción

In August, members of the EC: Cristina Mayol, Claudia Naom and María del Rosario Baigorria attended the **III Jornadas Internacionales Sobre Formación e Investigación en Lenguas y Traducción** at IES en LV JR Fernández, where we started talks with FAPF (*Federación Argentina Profesores de Portugués*), ADILLI (*Asociación Docentes Italiano y Literatura Italiana*), AAPP (*Asociación Argentina de Profesores de Portugués*), SAPFESU (*Sociedad Argentina de Profesores de Francés en el Nivel Superior*). This meeting was possible thanks to APIBA member Dr Claudia Ferradas, who invited all National Associations/Federations of Foreign Languages to share experiences in a panel.

In October FAAPI participated in a public panel in the **Annual Conference of the Asociación Argentina de Profesores de Portugués** (AAPP) carried out in Paraná. We were represented by a member of the EC, María del Rosario Baigorria, as well as by Claudia Piccirilli from ASPI (Santa Fé) and other reps from Universidad Autónoma de Entre Ríos (UADER).

A new meeting at **XV Jornadas y IV Congreso Internacional de Enseñanza de Lenguas Extranjeras en el Nivel Superior 2015** (JELENS) at Facultad de Lenguas (UNC) was arranged with a view to strengthening bonds with associations from other languages and creating a Confederation.

FAAPI was represented by our President and our Treasurer at the meeting held there on Nov 14th. They shared ideas with reps of the other National Associations of Teachers of other foreign languages. These conversations may

well be the seed of a **Confederación Argentina de Federaciones y Asociaciones de Profesores de Lenguas Extranjeras (CAFANPLE)**, with the participation of FAPF (*Federación Argentina Profesores de Portugués*), ADILLI (*Asociación Docentes Italiano y Literatura Italiana*), AAPP (*Asociación Argentina de Profesores de Portugués*), SAPFESU (*Sociedad Argentina de Profesores de Francés en el Nivel Superior*). Our colleagues from the National Association of German have promised to join us in the near future. In this meeting, it was agreed to hold a panel at every annual conference organized by the different national organizations involved in the teaching of foreign languages.

Also in November our Vice President Gabriela Tavella travelled to México, where she participated in the **"13th ANUPI Conference, 5th COPEI National Forum and the 2nd Latin American Congress of the Confederation of Teachers of English"** in Los Cabos, Baja California. This conference was preceded by a two-day meeting of discussion and exchange of ideas and finally, with the required quorum needed, the **LatAm project** came to life and the **Confederación Latinoamericana de Profesionales del Inglés (CLAPI)** was formed. Teachers from Uruguay, Perú, Ecuador, Colombia, Mexico and Argentina attended the meeting. Contacts have already been made to add other countries from Latin America and the Caribbean. During the meetings held, the mission and statutory rules were stated.

See some photos of the CLAPI founding – members.



New Developments

National Speakers Data Bank

As a result of ideas put forward by our members during the APIs meeting in Córdoba, we have created a data bank of national speakers to invite to our FAAPI Congress or to events organized by sister associations. This was done to bring attention to those in our country that do research, produce knowledge and thus enhance our profession.

The EC is concerned with the financial situation of our federation and we have taken steps to tackle the issue. As from 2016, the first meeting will take place immediately after the Annual General Meeting. The second meeting of the year, as from 2013, takes place the evening before the opening of our FAAPI Congress.

Teacher Education Programmes in Argentina

APIs contributed to make a list of Teacher Education Schools and Universities existing in their area of our country. It will be published in FAAPI's website. We would like to thank the APIs for sharing this invaluable information.



AJAL

AJAL (Argentinian Journal of Applied Linguistics) released a new and special issue and a new call for papers. This is an issue on the topic of **Intercultural Citizenship**.

Please see <http://www.faapi.org.ar/ajal/current.html>

The AJAL editor and all his team are constantly working hard at it and publishing as planned. We encourage all of you to contribute with articles.



Academic Writing Course

We have just launched an Academic Writing Course online designed by Raquel Lothringer and Susana Ibáñez. APIs have received an invitation to participate and we would appreciate your sharing the news with your members. More information will be available on our website.

Hornby Education Trust Award

FAAPI has been awarded the HORNBY EDUCATION TRUST SCHOLARSHIP, offered by IATEFL and the British Council. It consists of £ 1,500, which will be used to hire the platform needed for the Academic Writing Course as well as for other courses that may be offered in the near future. *We are considering sharing this platform with the associations so that there are more chances for e-learning courses around the country. More news coming soon!*

FAAPI looks into the future

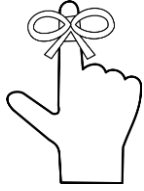
Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on April 16th, 2016. We invite all members to participate. Remember to check our website, Facebook page, APIs in FAAPI on Facebook and email messages.

About APIs

FAAPI EC is very happy to help the APIs advertise their events and those of the sister Associations. As a rule, we publish each event once in our Facebook page. Feel free to share the news with other associations via APIs in FAAPI.



We would like to congratulate APISE on their 15th Anniversary!



Reminder

we remind the Associations that dues were expected to be paid by November 30th. If you have not yet been able to comply, please pay heed to this reminder.



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Only one representative per API.

We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

