



Newsletter #2 - December 2017

Dear FAAPI members,

The end of the year has suddenly arrived finding us as busy as in the previous months. Read on and find out what has been going on at FAAPI since June last year.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

WEBINAR: "Disentangling L2 pronunciation: Are there achievable goals?" by GONZALO ESPINOSA

As planned, Gonzalo Espinosa presented a very interesting webinar on August 5th, where he discussed the following topic: "Disentangling L2 pronunciation: Are there achievable goals?". We are happy to mention that the number of participants is gradually increasing. In this case there were 22 (twenty-two) from Buenos Aires, Rosario, Córdoba, Salta, Tierra de Fuego, Mendoza, among other places. All the attendants successfully listened to Mr Espinosa's interesting and practical presentation and definitely appeared very satisfied according to the opinions received. We are grateful to him for putting in so much effort and for sharing his expertise with us.

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. On the left, there is a video feed of Gonzalo Espinosa, a man with glasses and a headset. Below the video feed is a chat window with two columns: 'Class Conversation' and 'Private Messages'. The chat shows several messages from participants, including 'Mariana says: sorry...when they know you're into Phonology', 'Dalme Green says: Hi, here I am', 'Ric-Palma says: Hello', 'Daniela says: Hello, Gonzalo', and 'Adrian Vazquez says: Hello'. On the right side of the interface, there is a presentation slide with a blue background. The slide title is 'Disentangling L2 pronunciation: Are there achievable goals?' and the presenter's name and affiliation are 'Gonzalo Eduardo Espinosa, Universidad Nacional del Comahue / CONICET'. The FAAPI logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the slide.



DANIEL FERNÁNDEZ SCHOLARSHIP

This year the DF Scholarship was won by **Paula Mercedes Tejeda** from Victorica, La Pampa, who presented a "What worked with my class" session about "Bringing Authentic Cultural Context to the EFL class". We congratulate Paula on her achievement!

We would like to remind all members of this opportunity that FAAPI is offering to First Time Presenters. Please check the Call for Papers that will be issued shortly by APISC to apply for next year DF Scholarship.



FAAPI at IES IV Jornadas Internacionales sobre formación e investigación en lenguas y traducción.

During September 29, 30 and October 1, 2017 the "***IV Jornadas Internacionales sobre formación e investigación en lenguas y traducción***" took place, organised by the *IES en Lenguas Vivas "Juan Ramón Fernández"*. Members of FAAPI Executive Committee were invited to participate in a panel together with members of other Professional Associations, namely: *Asociación Argentina de Profesores de Portugués (AAPP)*, *Asociación Argentina de Traductores e Intérpretes (AATI)*, *Asociación de Docentes e Investigadores de Lengua y Literatura Italianas (ADILLI)*, *Asociación de Profesores de Inglés de Buenos Aires (APIBA)*, and *Sociedad Argentina de Profesores de Francés de Enseñanza Superior y Universitaria (SAPFESU)*. During the same, the constitution of the *Asociaciones / Federaciones de Profesionales de las Lenguas Adicionales* was agreed. It has been thought of as a network which will work towards making public their concerns and recommendations regarding the linguistic policies in Argentina. A Declaration was written, published and supported by colleagues attending the Jornadas. It was also agreed to have a Facebook page, which can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/afeprole/>

We will also be grateful if you like this Facebook page and invite your friends to do so. Thank you!



2017 EDITION OF FAAPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The XLII FAAPI Conference was held on August 31, September 1 & 2 2017 at Parque del Conocimiento, Posadas, Misiones organised by APIM (*Asociación de Profesores de Inglés de Misiones*). In this edition the theme was: "Revitalising ELT through Authenticity: Practices, Contents & Materials". FAAPI Annual Conference is annually endorsed by the National Ministry of Education and Sports and APIBA. This edition, in like manner, was also acknowledged by different educational institutions based in Misiones.

Over 650 colleagues and students registered to attend the Conference and fifty six works were presented by colleagues through the Call for Papers: thirty-one papers, nineteen workshops and six sessions called "What worked with my Class" were presented by colleagues. The sponsored sessions were: nine plenaries, fifteen semi-plenaries and thirteen workshops. 2017 Edition of FAAPI Annual Conference main speakers were Dr Richard Pinner, Mg Gabriel Díaz Maggioli and Mg Graham Hall. Besides, there were other top-notch speakers and from Latin American countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, México and from overseas. Attendees spoke highly of the Conference academic level and organisation. Both the venue and the whole province contributed to the success of the event.



FAAPI IN IATEFL BLOG

FAAPI was invited to participate in IATEFL's blog. The posting, "FAAPI's CPD objectives fulfilled once again", appeared in the September issue (<https://blog.iatefl.org/category/associates/>). Should you want to read the posting, please follow this link: <https://blog.iatefl.org/2017/09/faapi/>

FAAPI extends the invitation to participate in the next issues to any teacher association that may wish to share their doings, ideas or experience.



FAAPI'S PARTICIPATION IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS OF THE PROFESSION

In July 2017, Resolution number 2307/17 was passed by the Ministry of Education in CABA. This resolution empowers GOLE (*Gerencia Operativa Lenguas en la Educación*), belonging to *Dirección General de Planeamiento Educativo de la Subsecretaría de Planeamiento e Innovación Educativa*, to take administrative decisions about positions of primary teachers and pedagogical issues about visions in the teaching of foreign languages.

As this document caused great anxiety among English teachers at primary level, FAAPI decided to listen to their claims and attended one of the meetings that took place in the city of Buenos Aires. For more info, visit:

<http://www.faapi.org.ar/comunicacion-de-faapi-ante-la-resolucion-administrativa-rs-2017-2307-megc-de-la-caba/>. According to authorities the statutory rights of teachers will remain intact even after this resolution.

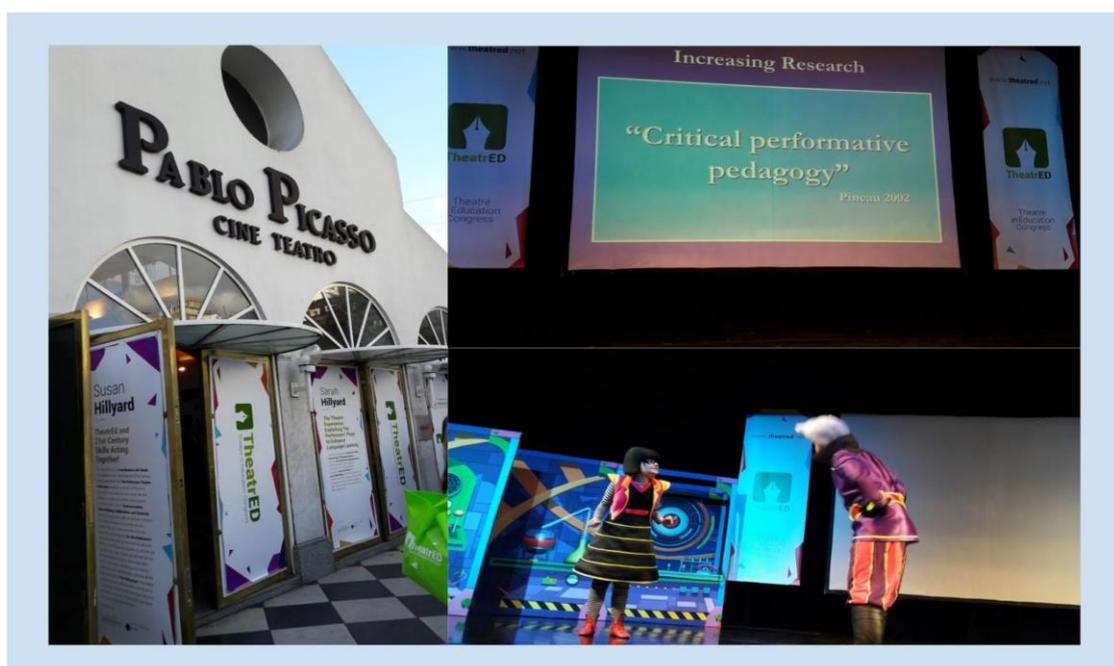
FAAPI also supported the twenty-one Teacher Education Colleges at tertiary level, IFD's in the city and the eight Schools of Art in CABA after the Ministry of Education decided unilaterally to create a University for Teachers (UniCABA) in the mistaken pretense that it will enhance teacher education. The move by FAAPI has the intention to support centenary institutions that have contributed to educate thousands of teachers who now work in the country and abroad. For more info, visit: <http://www.faapi.org.ar/>

We remind member Associations that it is a statutory determination of FAAPI to support professionals all over the country and for this reason we took a stance in these matters and will be willing to do so whenever teachers feel it is necessary for FAAPI to give support.



THEATRE IN EDUCATION CONGRESS by THE PERFORMERS

Nearing the end of the year, the Director of The Performers began with preparations for the Second Theatre in Education Congress, which will take place at Paseo de la Plaza in March (date to be confirmed). We would like all Associations to get the message across, as it is a great opportunity to consider theatre as a strategy for teaching languages, specifically English. Well-known national and international speakers have been called on to present at this Congress. Stay tuned as we would like our members to benefit from this free of charge opportunity.



FAAPI EC ACTIVITIES



FAAPI OF OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We regret to inform that during the second term we received two resignations of FAAPI Executive Committee members: Ms Aurelia García to the position of Vice President and the substitute Statutory Auditor, Ms Silvia Pérez de Mentz.

We are sorry to have lost two invaluable colleagues to our EC, but we acknowledge the fact that FAAPI requires hours of dedication which are in some way or other taken away from family and work. We give them a warm farewell and thank them for their commitment to FAAPI - in Silvia's case for many years.



AN AMENDMENT TO FAAPI STATUTES

In order to comply with Regulation 31/2016 passed by the Government of the Province of Cordoba, we should adapt our Statutes. Since its inception, charities and non-profit organisations do not have the figure of the Vice President. At the same time, we would like to make other little amendments, *Inspección de Personas Jurídicas* does not allow major changes. We will socialize the draft with all Associations, which will be an issue to be considered at an Annual Extraordinary, together with the Annual General Meeting next April, 21st.



ARGENTINIAN JOURNAL OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS (AJAL)

We are happy to announce that AJAL has incorporated international experts to the Editorial Review Board. It has been indexed in Scopus Emergent Journals*, which allows for more international visibility and recognition.

A number of other important invitations have been received and are in progress. In further issues of our newsletters you will hear more about AJAL's participation in national and international events as well as about special issues which are currently being decided upon.

On the other hand, FAAPI EC members agree with AJAL Editors, who are under the impression that some colleagues are unaware of the value of publishing their research findings or are apprehensive of submitting their work to referred journals. FAAPI comes in aid of these colleagues through the online academic writing courses which are offered yearly. What is more, we encourage colleagues to submit their production for publication in AJAL, our Journal.

*Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature: scientific journals, books and conference proceedings.
<https://www.elsevier.com/solutions/scopus>



AJAL 's FACEBOOK PAGE

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<https://www.facebook.com/Argentinian-Journal-of-Applied-Linguistics-479978179042614/>

We will also be grateful if you like this Facebook page and invite your friends to do so. Thank you!

COMING SOON: 2018 challenges



ACADEMIC WRITING COURSE

In April 2018 we intend to launch a new academic writing course. The tutors, **Maria Susana Ibáñez** and **Raquel Lothringer**, have proposed an online course for newly-graduated teachers: **Writing Book Reviews**, as a means to pave the way for writing longer and more ambitious papers for publication.

We will share more information soon, and we encourage Teacher Associations to spread the news among their members in view of stimulating colleagues to share their research both in journals, presentations and webinars.



FAAPI 2018 CONFERENCE

In the last FAAPI EC on-line meeting on December 16th, Patricia Rodriguez - APIM's president- shared very useful information and advice both with members of APISC present and with the EC. Also during the meeting APISC shared their progress in the organization of the next Conference, which will be held in Río Gallegos in October 2018. Although the EC of APISC is small in number, they have managed to engage many colleagues who will help to make this new Conference a success. The EC have contacted organizations related to education, tourism and transportation so as to offer a combined experience of academic and relaxation activities. More information to be shared soon. You can find news at their Facebook page too. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/APISC-Asociaci%C3%B3n-de-Profesores-de-Ingl%C3%A9s-de-Sta-Cruz-594664940648642/>



GALA AWARD (Good Attendance and Loyalty Award)

FAAPI EC put together the rules for the coming GALA Award, which will celebrate a colleague's loyalty to FAAPI Conferences by granting an Early Bird full registration fee and a printed award certificate. We will require the help of the Teacher Associations in the selection of candidates. The rules are as follows:

- The award is a one-time-only award and will be non-transferable.
- Among all candidates complying with the requirements, the winner will be decided via a lots-drawing software. If the winner is not able to receive the award, another draw will be carried out.

Please find important information regarding how to apply in FAAPI's website and do pass on the news to the members of your association. Visit: <http://www.faapi.org.ar/becas-y-premios/>



FAAPI STATUTES CODE OF CONDUCT

FAAPI EC members are working on a Code of Conduct to help us reinforce social cohesion among the members of the associations who integrate FAAPI. As soon as it is ready, it will be shared with the Teacher Associations for their consideration and eventual approval.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 2018 to be held soon.

Mark the date! April 21st, 8.30 am



FAAPI REP IN IATEFL CONFERENCE

This year IATEFL Conference will be held in Brighton from 10-13 April 2018. FAAPI is an Associate organization, so again we have been invited to the Associates' Day (prior to the beginning of the Conference) and also to the Associates' Dinner Party. In this opportunity, we will be represented by our FAAPI Member **Eugenia Carrión Cantón**, also the President of AFPI Río Grande (Tierra del Fuego). We would like to thank Eugenia for her disposition to attend the Conference on our behalf. When she comes back she will share important information for our Federation, which is one of the objectives of having a rep attending the Conference.



WORDS FROM FAAPI PRESIDENT

Another year is finishing, and as members of FAAPI Executive Committee, we look back and have a little feeling of accomplishment. We do not boast of being a good team, but at least we have worked hard to carry on actions on behalf of our members – the different Associations.

We consider that this is the mission of the Federation: to cater for academic development, lifelong learning and well-being of English teachers in Argentina. We have tried to keep up with the times. Definitely, the mission of our Federation continues being the same as that of those enlightened academics that as far back as in 1971 decided that a National Federation, comprising colleagues from the different local Associations, was a good idea. We are always faced with new challenges. Reality is changeful, and we have been making an effort to appear as a non-profit organisation that is concerned with the teaching profession.

We have witnessed the gradual creation or rebirth of Teachers Associations; but although some of them are not yet ready to join our Federation, we have been coaching them so that they may join us soon. Perhaps this increasing interest in "belonging" could appear as a gauge of what FAAPI means for both colleagues and our society. Summing up, we continue working for the profession.

Cristina Mayol, M.A.



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. At the Annual General Meeting this due was established in ARS 50 if paid by November 30th; later, and up to the next Annual General Meeting, in ARS 60. We would like to remind all sister Associations that together with the dues, they should send the most updated list of their members, as it will be shared with the Association in charge of the next FAAPI Conference in relation to member fees.



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APIs in FAAPI: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/apisinfaapi/>
Only one representative per TA.

We wish you a restful summer holiday and hope you come back renewed to undertake another successful school year.

