



Federación Argentina de Asociaciones de Profesores de Inglés

Newsletter #1 – July 2016

Dear FAAPI members,

This is the first newsletter for 2016, the second of the "new era"- as we called it in our last issue. So far, we have been working hard and have accomplished several dreams that had been in our minds for some time.



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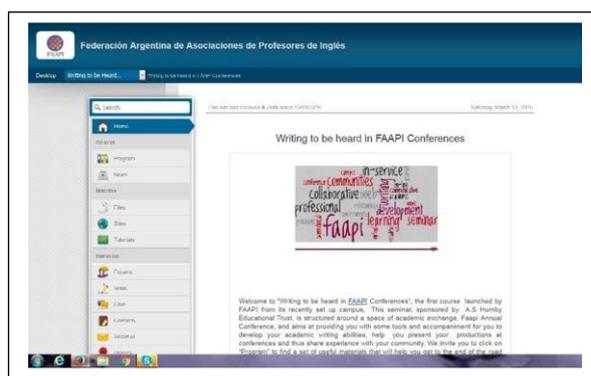
Let us share some of the achievements we are proud to have fulfilled and others which are not yet fully completed but are underway.



ACADEMIC WRITING COURSE

One of FAAPI's statutory aims is professional development. Having this in mind, we applied for the Hornby Scholarship and we were awarded it. Isn't that great news? So we decided to launch FAAPI's platform and carry out one of our most precious projects, an online seminar called **"Writing to be heard in FAAPI Conferences"** and led by our experts in the field **Raquel Lothringer** and **María**

Susana Ibáñez, with the support of Graciela Castelli and Claudia Naom. This had been a cherished project of the late president of FAAPI Daniel Fernández, who had planned it together with Raquel. But it wasn't until this year and the fact that the award provided the means that it could be launched. We used E-ducativa as a platform for the course and for this purpose some of us received training regarding technological aspects.



Eleven participants of a heterogeneous background started the course; six of them fulfilled various of the activities allotted and four of them finished the course. The tutors pointed out that most of the participants' contributions, both in the forums as well as in the building of their portfolios, were of very good quality, though some of the attendees seemed to be affected by teaching workload.

We'd like to thank Raquel and Susana for their professional expertise, their open mind, their technological aptitude to design this very well planned on-line course. Last but not least, we are grateful to our dear colleague, FAAPI past President **Cristina Thomson**, who offered vignettes designed by her late husband, the dear strip cartoonist **Alfredo Grondona White**, which were used to illustrate and generate activities in the academic writing course.



FAAPI's LMS (Learning Management System)

We would like to inform all TAs that FAAPI's platform is at their disposal. We invite all associations to use this learning environment for any type of professional development they may want to offer. However, using the webconference tool (Adobe Connect) would incur in an extra cost with E-ducativa due to their outsourcing from Adobe. Please consult us and we will let you know how to proceed.



Daniel Fernández Scholarship

Another fulfilled Project was the **Daniel Fernández Scholarship**. This time, all three candidates submitted valuable academic work. Finally, our internal academic committee chose the winner, whose paper you will surely enjoy at our 42nd FAAPI Conference in San Juan. We are very pleased to announce that this Scholarship was awarded to **Pablo Carpintero**, member of ARPI (Río Cuarto). Congratulations, dear colleague! We hope in coming years more colleagues apply for this scholarship. It consists of the registration fee and three nights at a three-star hotel. Not bad!



ABOUT TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS

We are also very happy to announce the rebirth of a sister association that has adopted a new name: **NAMPI, Nueva Asociación Mendocina de Profesores de Inglés**. They have been working hard across their whole province and we expect them to be present at our next Annual Meeting already with their legal status. We encourage them to continue their quest and expect to see them in San Juan.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting was held in Córdoba on April 16th, 2016. The usual procedures were carried out, after which the representatives from the TAs shared their news and the new fees were approved.

We also held an Extraordinary Meeting to tackle the advances up to that date of **CAFANPLE** (Confederación Argentina de Federaciones y Asociaciones Nacionales de Profesores de Lenguas Extranjeras: Portugués, Italiano, Francés, Alemán e Inglés) and **CLAPI** (Confederación Latino-Americana de Profesionales del Inglés). After our Meeting, we have not had news from these associations yet. We will be on the watch to see if the initiative can carry on. (Please see further information on page 5).

During the Annual General Meeting, the sister Associations voted for members to cover different posts in the Executive Committee. Below is the new constitution of the Executive Committee; members elected appear in bold:

Executive Committee

President: Cristina Mayol APIM
 Vice President: Gabriela Tavella APIZALS
 Secretary: Graciela Castelli APrIR
Treasurer : **Marisel Girardi ACPI**
Members: Silvia Arreguez ASCAPI
Ricardo Javier Palma APIT
Shadow members: María del Rosario Baigorria APISN
Claudia Naom APIBA



Auditor: Ana Agüero de Renner APISE

Shadow auditor: Silvia Pérez de Mentz APIT



REP AT IATEFL

This year IATEFL's 50th anniversary was celebrated during their annual conference in Birmingham.



FAAPI, as an associate organization, is invited every year to the Associates' Day (prior to the beginning of the Conference) and also to the Associates' Dinner Party. In this opportunity, we were very honored to be represented by **Dr Mario López Barrios**, a scholar of international prestige. **We would like to thank Mario for his permanent support to FAAPI's initiatives.**



AJAL

AJAL released a new issue and a new call for papers. Argentinian Journal of Applied Linguistics, Vol 4(1) May 2016, which can be accessed at

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

Darío Banegas, its editor, and all his team are constantly working hard at it and publishing as planned. We encourage all of you to contribute with articles.



NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

We congratulate our former president **Cristina Grondona White** for the publication of her book "Sobre Líneas, el libro álbum en el aula", which will be launched at Biblioteca Argentina Dr. Juan Álvarez (Pte. Julio Argentino Roca 731) in her hometown, Rosario, on July 29th. The book contains illustrations by her late husband Alfredo Grondona White.



On June 3rd, 2016 the **Asociación Ex Alumnos del Profesorado en Lenguas Vivas Juan Ramón Fernández** celebrated its Centennial. We congratulate our colleagues on their 100 years of outstanding and fruitful work and wish them great success in the coming years.



FAAPI LOOKS INTO THE FUTURE

As for our future projects, we'd like to share with you our wish to update FAAPI's statutes. This is both a hard and costly task in which we will encourage the active participation of all TAs. It does need revamping considering the changes in technology as well as our statutory needs. We do not think we need to change the regulation for conferences yet, although after each FAAPI conference takes place, we feel there are things to be improved. All in good time, of course.



FAAPI CONFERENCE

We are looking ahead for our 43rd Annual Conference. This is a big event that will take place in San Juan from September 15th to September 17th. Important speakers will be present and we are proud to announce that our colleague **Silvana Richardson**, who was an acclaimed speaker at IATEFL 50th conference, will be delivering the opening plenary. ASJPI is working very hard to organize an outstanding event. Online booking continues and we sincerely hope you can attend as it is an academic meeting not to be missed.



For more info check ASJPI 's web page at: <http://asjpi.org/>



LINKS WITH OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Further information about new confederations:

CLAPI: Confederación Latino-Americana de Profesionales del Inglés

We are working to get the legal aspects solved. A new meeting will be held so as to see how to get the necessary funds to obtain legal status.

CAFANPLE: Confederación Argentina de Asociaciones y Federaciones de Lenguas Extranjeras: Portugués Italiano, Francés, Alemán e Inglés

It looks as if national associations of the other foreign languages are a bit lethargic. At least, they have not as yet responded to our three attempts to go on discussing issues of mutual interest. Neither have the TAs responded to our request of an opinion during the AGM. We hope to receive their answers on our next meeting.

Concluding words from our President

And thus we have come to the end of this Newsletter. We feel we have grown as persons, as professionals and as a group, we have learned lessons and we have worked hard. As we know, there is always room for improvement but we hope to be living up to your expectations.

Being a member of FAAPI EC has meant a great responsibility for us. Paraphrasing the last version of IATEFL Developing a TA Handbook - Third edition (IATEFL) 2006, members of the Executive Committee need to be people of energy, drive or influence, as suggested by Dick Allwright. But above all, commitment to our profession; commitment to wanting to make a difference and change things are a must. These are motivating factors, because it is true that we need to derive fulfillment and satisfaction from the work we do, and we can say that without any doubt, we do enjoy our work. We consider ourselves honored to have been elected to carry out our job and we feel we have to give the most in view of your support.

We´d also like to inspire new colleagues to take over the post. Institutions live and survive through the laborious work and initiatives of all its members. Meet you in our next 2016 Newsletter.



Reminder

We remind the Associations that dues are 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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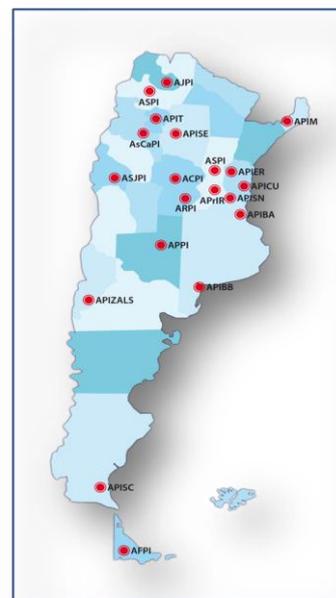
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Each API is represented by one member.



Map of Teacher Associations in FAAPI