



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

According to statutory rules, the Annual General Meeting of our federation was held at Cristal Hotel in Cordoba, on April 25th, 2015. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Cristina Mayol, FAAPI President, and was attended by Prof. Marisel Girardi, Treasurer, Prof. Emma Figueroa, Secretary and the following members of the Executive Committee: Prof. Angélica Pereyra, Prof. Ricardo Palma, Prof. Ana Agüero de Renner, Prof. Maria del Rosario Baigorria, Prof. Claudia Naom (Accounts Reviewer) and Prof. Silvia Perez.

Prof. Gabriela Tavella, FAAPI Vice President, was not able to attend this meeting.

The following representatives of different member-associations were present: Gisela Laurent from APISC (Santa Cruz), Maria Celina Barbeito from ARPI (Río Cuarto, Córdoba), Julieta de Zavalía from APRI (Rosario, Santa Fe), Miriam Silvana Mazzella from APIBB (Bahía Blanca, Buenos Aires), Virginia López Grisolia from APIBA (Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires), Graciela Nóbile from ACPI (Córdoba), Emilse Mariana Soria from APIT (Tucumán), Alina Leiva from ASPI (Salta), Silvia Beatriz Arreguez from AsCaPI (Catamarca), Ivanna Paola Quintón Piegas from APIM (Misiones), Marisel Bollati and María Amalia Soliveres from ASJPI (San Juan), Ricardo Ramirez from APIER (Entre Ríos), Aurelia Garcia from APPI (La Pampa) and Dalila Escobar from APISE (Santiago del Estero).

First, the Minutes of 2014 meeting and the 2014 Statement of Account together with the Report by the Audit Commission were read and approved unanimously.

Second, the Treasurer informed that in 2014 the number of active members was 1272; in 2013 the number of active members was 1471.

Third, the member associations gave a brief actions report of the previous year, followed by those planned for the year 2015. The associations are committed to going on organizing different activities for its members.

Finally, the annual fee was set at \$30 per member until November 30th, 2015 and \$32 after that date.

FAAPI Representative at IATEFL

It was informed that there were no FAAPI representatives to IATEFL Conference in Manchester. Some colleagues with scholarships were present there. Pre Conference activities are held on the same day than those activities proposed for the Associate members; therefore, as Argentine colleagues with scholarships have other activities on the same day, they cannot represent FAAPI at the IATEFL Meeting.

The member associations discussed the issue of those "so-called teachers " working at schools without the corresponding degree. One association informed that it had published a list of qualified teachers so as to inform the general public.

2014 FAAPI Conference organized by APISE

The First Latin American Conference for English Teachers and 39th Annual FAAPI Conference were held in the city of Santiago del Estero on September 18th, 19th and 20th, 2014. It was organized by APISE. The main topic was "EFL Teaching And Learning in the Post Methods Era ". Prestigious speakers from Argentina and abroad shared their expertise: Prof. Dave Allan, Dr. Darío Luis Banegas, Prof. Kent Beatty (via web conference), Prof. Raquel Brujis, Prof. Luciana Verónica Fernández, Dra. Claudia Ferradas, Prof. Graeme Harrison, Prof. Mario Herrera, Dr. Mario López Barrios, Prof. Gustavo González, Prof. Kennis Look, Dra. Melina Porto, Prof. Jennifer Verschoor and Prof. Jim Scrivener among others.

The Academic Committee was coordinated by Mario López Barrios, PhD and Darío Banegas, PhD.

The Conference was sponsored by different local and national organizations; among them, we can mention the Ministry of National Education, the Ministry of National Tourism, INPROTUR (*Instituto Nacional de Promoción Turística*), the Government of the Province of Santiago del Estero and the Ministry of Education of Santiago del Estero.

The members present thanked APISE for all the work done.

Report on the 2015 FAAPI Conference organized by ACPI

Professor Sandra Gastaldi, ACPI President, reported about the progress on three issues:

- a) Organizational areas;
- b) Sponsors and speakers;
- c) Institutional and academic support.

As regards support, it was being negotiated with the corresponding authorities at the time of the meeting.

The Assembly expressed their approval for all the actions carried out by ACPI and encouraged them to continue working.

After that, the rest of the agenda items were considered.

Partial Renewal of the Executive Committee

In 2015, the use of a form, which was sent to all the Associations that wanted to nominate members for the Executive Committee, was implemented once again. All the nominations were communicated to all the Associations, without prejudice to the interests of each Association which wanted to nominate other candidates during the Assembly itself.

The posts to be renewed were the following: Vice-president, Secretary, First Regular Member, First Substitute Member and Substitute Auditor.

The participants were reminded that, as always, only one vote per Association was allowed.

After the election, the Executive Committee was composed as follows:

POST	NAME AND SURNAME	PERIOD	ASSOCIATION
President	CRISTINA EMILIA MAYOL	2014-2016	APIM
Vice-President	GABRIELA NELLY TAVELLA	2015-2017	APIZALS
Secretary	GRACIELA CASTELLI	2015--2017	APrIR
Treasurer	MARISEL GIRARDI	2014-2016	ACPI
First Regular Member	SILVIA ARREGUEZ	2015-2017	AsCaPI
Second Regular Member	ANA ISABEL AGÜERO	2014-2016	APISE

First Substitute Member	MARÍA DEL ROSARIO BAIGORRIA	2015-2017	APISN
Second Substitute Member	RICARDO JAVIER PALMA	2014-2016	APIT
Regular Auditor	CLAUDIA NAOM	2014-2016	APIBA
Substitute Auditor	SILVIA DEL CARMEN PÉREZ	2015-2017	APIT

Candidates' Proposals as Future FAAPI Conference Venues

Professor Marisel Bollati from ASJPI, San Juan officially announced that ASJPI was the association in charge of organizing the FAAPI 2016 Annual Conference. This announcement was greeted with enthusiasm by all members of the meeting. Prof. Bollati also informed that ASJPI members were already working on the organization of this major event, looking for suitable premises, etc.

Thereupon, Professor Quinton Piegas, a member of APIM, proposed Misiones as venue for the FAAPI 2017 conference. The assembly readily accepted the proposal submitted.

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Moving on, Professor Mayol read the suggestions put forward by our journal editors, Dr. Darío Banegas and Prof. Raquel Lothringer. They recommended:

- to contact staff from Teachers Training Colleges (from institutes or universities) and encourage trainers and trainees to co-author works and presentations at our conferences;
- to offer a 50% discount on fees for the next FAAPI Conference to authors of papers from Argentina whose works, presented between July 2015 and June 2016 had been or could be selected to be edited;
- to provide an online professional development course on Academic Writing from a FAAPI website.

Last November, AJAL launched a special issue on Intercultural Citizenship and a new call for papers. The invitation to submit works is open to all colleagues, not only from Argentina, but also from other countries.

Webmaster and hosting

It was informed that the web-hosting is now under the charge of "Webmind", and that Mariana Coloccini is the new webmaster.

FAAPI 2015 Conference in Cordoba

This Conference was held at *Pabellón Argentina de la Ciudad Universitaria*, at the *Facultad de Lenguas de UNC* and the *Claustrorum*. Staff of the Storyworks Group guided attendees through the premises on the first day of the event and did likewise on Saturday at midday on the English bus tour.

There was an ACPI-FAAPI stand at the lobby, was fully equipped with technological gadgets and visited by many people, as it was a meet-up point to share time with friends and colleagues and to inform delegates about the sessions, etc.

Approximately 850 people enrolled for the 3-day-event, and over 100 more attended, including special guests and helpers.

Thirty leading specialists participated as speakers in the conference. One hundred and seventy papers were presented, which included plenaries, semi plenaries and concurrent sessions: workshops and papers. Some commercial presentations from book publishers proved to be a success.

The conference, in its 40th year was able to provide a celebratory atmosphere throughout the 3-day-event.

The 40th Conference party was a success. Assistants and sponsors were able to share and feel the exciting and enthusiastic spirit and atmosphere which are customary features of our conferences.

The event reached a high level of emotion when colleagues from Córdoba, very dear to FAAPI and ACPI, were openly recognized for their lifelong work in the field of English language teaching and learning. It is worth mentioning that FAAPI was founded in this city.

The sound academic level of speakers and lecturers, the comfortable premises and the good catering service contributed to the overall success of the conference.

To view a summary of the conference, please visit:

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

Daniel Fernández Scholarship

The entry requirements for the Daniel Fernandez scholarship, aimed at first-time speakers at FAAPI conference, were stated by the EC and widely disseminated. This scholarship is a tribute to a dear departed colleague, an outstanding person in our field and our former President at the time of his death, Dr. Daniel Fernandez. Unfortunately no applications for this scholarship were received. The associations were asked to encourage their members to take part and apply.

RELATIONSHIP WITH FOREIGN ASSOCIATIONS

After signing the memorandum of agreement with Tesol-Spain, this association invited the president of FAAPI to the 2015 Tesol Convention that took place at the University of Salamanca from the 7th to the 9th of March of the current year. The president presented a paper.

III Jornadas Internacionales Sobre Formación e Investigación en Lenguas y Traducción as a starting point

Having been invited to these *Jornadas Internacionales Sobre Formación e Investigación en Lenguas y Traducción* by the *Instituto en Lenguas Vivas JR Fernández*, some members of the EC took part in *Panel de Asociaciones Profesionales Nacionales*, among them FAPF (*Federación Argentina Profesores de Portugués*), AAPP (*Asociación Argentina de Profesores de Portugués*), SAPFESU (*Sociedad Argentina de Profesores de Francés en el Nivel Superior*), since a member of APIBA and Principal of the organizing institution had invited all language associations. This event turned into being the seed of a relationship which seems to be promising.

As a result of the above mentioned gathering, these national associations participated in a panel during the annual conference of the AAPP (*Asociación Argentina de Profesores de Portugués*) that was held up on 10th October in Paraná City, Entre Ríos. One member of FAAPI EC, a member of ASPI, Santa Fe and some lecturers from UADER - *Universidad Autónoma de Entre Ríos*, where the Conference was housed, represented FAAPI in this conference. It was agreed that a panel was going to be held during the annual conference of each association.

This relationship continued during the JELENS - XV Jornadas y IV *Congreso Internacional de Enseñanza de Lenguas Extranjeras en el Nivel Superior 2015* which were carried out at UNC (*Universidad Nacional de Córdoba*), *Facultad de Lenguas*. On Saturday 14th November the meeting took place, this time with the presence of ADILLI (*Asociación Docentes de Italiano y Literatura Italiana*) and an invitation to the German Association, which has not taken part yet. It was established that the president of each association or federation would submit to an Assembly the creation of CAFANPLE (*Confederación Argentina de Federaciones y Asociaciones Nacionales de Profesores de Lenguas Extranjeras*). This body had a previous intent in the 2000/2002 when a group of teachers tried to establish this confederation and even an *Estatuto* was written; this should be discussed again in the near future. The most important aim of this federation is to submit petitions related to the topics which all the FL have in common, before educational authorities at different systems and subsystems of education in the country. If the petitions are submitted together, a positive answer appears as more possible.

In November our vice president attended 13th ANUPI Conference, 5th COPEI National Forum y el 2nd Latin American Conference of the Confederation of Teachers of English in Los Cabos, Baja California, México. During the first two days before the conference, some meetings were carried out. Teachers, translators and interpreters from Uruguay, Perú, Ecuador, Colombia, México y Argentina, founded CLAPI, *Confederación Latinoamericana de Profesionales del Inglés*. Some other contacts have been carried out so that other countries from Latin America and the Caribbean area, join this organization. Another set of rules was written. This constitutes another aim of FAAPI's that has come true. CAPLI and CAFANPLE will be discussed during an Annual Extraordinary Meeting

NEW ISSUES

Argentinian Speakers Data Base

Some members of FAAPI have asked for the creation of this data base so that local speakers may be invited to the FAAPI Annual Conference or other associations' events. Thus, some colleagues that do research and study and are ready to share their knowledge with other teachers become well known all over the country.

FAAPI EC Meetings

Taking into account that FAAPI must look after the associations' funds , it was decided that one EC meeting will be held the night before the annual Conference , another immediately after the annual meeting and a third one is under consideration - with the use of technology.

Teacher Training Programmes in Argentina

In order to have a wide-ranging picture about the different Teacher Training Tertiary Schools (TTTS), FAAPI made a list of these institutions. The member Associations contributed to this list, considered to be comprehensive; this cooperation is duly appreciated.

Academic Writing Course

FAAPI will soon be launching an online course on Academic Writing. It was designed and will be conducted by Raquel Lothringer and Susana Ibañez within E-ducative platform. Registration is now open and the starting date is set for March 2016. More information on this course can be found in FAAPI's website: www.faapi.org.ar

Hornby Educational Trust Award

In a joint effort between the British Council and IATEFL, FAAPI was awarded the Hornby Education Trust Award. The application for this award had the objective of funding a virtual platform for the Academic Writing Course (described above) and other future courses. This platform will also be available for the member Associations to offer courses in the e-learning modality. FAAPI received £ 1,500 through the aforementioned scholarship. It is noteworthy that some members of FAAPI's Executive Board and the Course tutors did a hard and efficient job by hastily applying for the grant in a timely manner and by fulfilling the requirements that were part of the award.

Digest compilation

This work is still in preparation, as other tasks were prioritized by FAAPI's Executive Committee.

Meeting of Associations during the 2015 FAAPI Conference

This meeting was held as part of the 2015 FAAPI Conference in Argentina and it took place in the Pavilion Hall of the National University of Córdoba, *Ciudad Universitaria*. It took place on Friday, September 25, 2015, and included some snacks for the participating members. All members of FAAPI's Executive Committee were present, together with representatives of the following member associations:

APIZALS Darío Banegas; ASJPI Marisel Bollatti y Gisela Suligoy; APPI Aurelia García; ASPI (Santa Fe) María Alicia Maldonado; ASPI (Salta) María Angélica Yáñez; APPrIR Ma. del Carmen Fernández Beitía; APIM Patricia Rodriguez; APISN María del Rosario Baigorria; APIT Fabián Rodríguez; AFPI Viviana Pereyra; APISE Emma Figueroa; APIER Ricardo Ramírez; AJPI Angélica Flores; APIBA Virginia López Grisolí; ACPI Graciela Nóbile; ARPI Ana Herrera y ASCAPI Guadalupe López

Profs. Marisel Bollatti and Gisela Suligoy, belonging to ASJPI reported on the advances in the organization of the 2016 FAAPI Conference. They suggested a date change for the 2016 FAAPI Conference to September 15-17, when the places to be used as venue for the conference will be available. The Conference theme will be "ELT as a Multidisciplinary Endeavour: Growing Through Collaboration". Dr. Darío Banegas, in charge of the Academic Committee mentioned that they were defining the sub-themes. Owing to a date overlap with the Phonetics and Phonology Conference the organizers wished to coordinate actions with the organizers of that conference.

IATEFL WMS

IATEFL'S WMS has a new registration form. However, the members already registered during 2015 will still be part of the agreement between IATEFL and FAAPI. An interest poll about IATEFL's membership was carried out among the members, and the WMS was eventually discarded, given the high costs at the end of 2015 and the changes in situation of Argentina's national economy. FAAPI must renew the bidding in 2016 to continue with this agreement.

FAAPI's Executive Committee reported on new ways to strengthen our bonds with other colleagues: on one hand, with the national foreign languages' associations, and on the other, with Latin American countries, since a seed was planted for a Latin American Confederation, during our 2014 FAAPI Conference. Both initiatives have progressed significantly at the time of writing. They will be discussed further at the 2016 General Assembly.

Unfortunately, the Daniel Fernandez scholarship had to be declared vacant. This generated concern in the Executive Committee, which was transmitted to the APIs' representatives. It is felt that it is important to collaborate in the preparation of future conference speakers, so the member associations were asked to publicize the Daniel Fernandez scholarship.

The members present considered the benefits of FAAPI working together with the Academic Committee of each FAAPI Conference. Some attendants proposed that the requirements be revised and changed if necessary. Representatives from two Associations added that similar scholarships had been offered but had to be declared vacant. Different ideas were put forward on how to motivate teachers to make their first presentations, and some associations shared ideas about some activities that could help encourage young professionals to present their work. It was suggested the scholarship should be included in the Call for Papers of the next FAAPI conference to encourage participation.

A discussion then took place about the fact that there should be a balance between foreign and local presenters, and a proposal was made that a "national presenters network" be created in order to have a list of guest speakers who could be invited by the associations to present at their local events and at the FAAPI conferences.

Those presenters who do not hold a teaching degree or equivalent must, as it had already been established, only give commercial presentations.

Executive Committee Meetings

The EC met three times during 2015: after the Annual General Meeting, during the FAAPI conference 2015, and via webconference on 19/12, following the austerity policy established in 2013. When it was necessary, online meetings were held on certain occasions. Postal mailing was restricted to situations when members of the EC had to sign the Book of Proceedings for legal or formal matters. Discussion of any other topics was carried out via email, which is both efficient and Inexpensive. However, members of the EC need to check their emails regularly as sometimes there are important situations that require immediate attention. FAAPI EC believes that 2015 was again a productive year due to the many activities that were carried out, which responded to the ever changing reality of the profession and of our country, both of which have an impact on the activities of the Associations and FAAPI.

A new member of the EC commented on how pleased she was to see how FAAPI works.

FAAPI's EC's growth as a human group was highlighted. "There have been no flood, earthquake or personal mishappenings that have impeded FAAPI's work as an organization to continue throughout this year."

Newsletter

FAAPI's EC decided to undertake the edition of a new Newsletter, which had ceased to exist in 2010. An ad hoc committee was appointed and an only issue for the year 2015 was launched in December. It was agreed that two issues per year should be published, beginning in 2016. This is one way to share the EC's activities, as a way to reflect on our own practices and share them with the member Associations.

CLOSING WORDS

The current FAAPI's EC maintains its commitment to working for the professional development of all members and take care of all those matters related to the existence of FAAPI, regulated by its Statute. FAAPI has existed for 45 years and must put every effort into maintaining the founding principles unabated while at the same time working according to the new times, the changes and challenges, making use of the new technologies that are part of our lives. It is from here that we would like to invite our colleagues, foreign language teachers, to make of our profession a tool for collective construction. To conclude, we would like to quote Beatriz Perosio, first president of the Argentinean Federation of Psychologists and of the Association of Psychologists of Buenos Aires, illegally arrested in 1978. The quote is old, but current: "There is no other way we can achieve our freedom of work and the recognition of our profession than through an organization that supports and endorses us. Nowadays, both individual as well as small groups' projects are impractical."

Prof. Graciela Irma Castelli, M.A.

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