

## Federación Argentina de Asociaciones de Profesores de Inglés

#### Newsletter #2 - December 2016

## Dear FAAPI members,

The year is about to end and we would like to share our third newsletter after we relaunched it last December.

This year FAAPI has been extremely active and this newsletter intends to be a brief summary of all things done.



#### **NEWS**



#### Webconference Platform

FAAPI EC has concluded that the funds obtained from the Hornby Trust must be applied to organising more professional development instances. Consequently, we have hired a webconference environment to carry out online courses and webinars. We expect to have more participants at our courses and webinars in the near future and a bigger turnout for the next edition of the academic writing course.

During the meeting with TAs last september, FAAPI President requested proposals from the TAs who had shared names of possible speakers in their geographical areas. We hope to receive many proposals in the very near future so as to start scheduling the series of 2017 webinars and courses.

#### First two of FAAPI's Webinars

In October we launched the first of a series of webinars to be led by some of our well known associate teachers. This time it was Mariel Amez's turn. She was brilliant in her presentation and people from all corners of Argentina took part. In "An Online Journey of Self-Awareness" she showed her audience how through

exploring the net with authentic material we have a myriad of possibilities to work with our students. It was an awesome journey indeed! She succeeded in showing that good classes can be rooted in reality.

The second webinar took place on December 10th. Alicia Artusi from APIBA talked about "Blended learning and technology integration". Alicia introduced the two concepts wonderfully in an interactive webinar and gave a great number of useful tips and links to carry out blended learning and to integrate technology in our lessons.

We are very grateful to the two renowned speakers for contributing their expertise and time so generously.







## **Academic Writing Course**

Following the success of the first online course, FAAPI will be launching a second issue in 2017. Stay posted for news about this coming course, which will be adapted to a wider audience. We really hope more people can take advantage of this opportunity.

We are already grateful to the tutors for relaunching it.



## Annual General Meeting

The previous **Annual General Meeting** took place in Córdoba last April.

The next one will be held on April 22nd. 2017. Some of the positions in the EC will need to be re-appointed. We suggest the TAs start thinking of possible candidates to fulfill the following posts:

Vicepresident; Secretary; I Member; I Deputy Member; Shadow Auditing Member.



## **FAAPI Conference 2016**

**FAAPI's 41st Conference, "EFL as a multidisciplinary endeavour: Growing through Collaboration",** organized by ASJPI took place in San Juan. The city of San Juan provided an outstanding environment both for professional development as well as for enriching social interaction and even inviting tourism.

The selected papers are ready to be downloaded and read <a href="http://www.faapi.org.ar/downloads/FAAPI2016SelectedPapers.pdf">http://www.faapi.org.ar/downloads/FAAPI2016SelectedPapers.pdf</a>



One of the highlights of FAAPI Conference 2016: Mario López Barrios

During the Conference a tribute was paid to **Professor Mario López Barrios** 

for his long career both in teaching and educational research as well as being a permanent FAAPI collaborator. This came to Mario as a total surprise, especially when a letter written by Alicia Pérez de Pereyra was read out and a number of photographs were viewed showing his many valuable traits as a teacher, colleague and friend.





## Creating Bonds

Three meetings were held during those days, one among members of the EC, a second one with delegates from the TAs. Finally, FAAPI EC and the president of ASJPI had a meeting with sponsors with a view to planning the next FAAPI Conference in Misiones.



## A Special Meeting

During the FAAPI Conference, the President and Vice president had a meeting with two Chilean teachers wanting to know about how FAAPI is organized. Professors Pamela Andrea Saavedra Jeldres and Mónica Campos Espinoza from Departamento de Lenguas, Universidad Católica de Temuco, Chile were really surprised at the "sustainable" and enduring work FAAPI has been doing for the professional development of teachers of English in our country. They expressed their intention of establishing a link with FAAPI in the future.



#### 2017 FAAPI Conference in Posadas

Next year our Annual Conference will be held in Posadas, Misiones, organized by APIM. It will take place on August 31st, September, 1st and 2nd. Save the date! Contact email: apim2017info@gmail.com

#### **Daniel Fernández Scholarship**

PABLO CARPINTERO (ARPI, Rio Cuarto) was the winner of the DANIEL FERNÁNDEZ SCHOLARSHIP.

It was not an easy endeavour to choose among three qualified colleagues. We also want to congratulate all the other teachers who applied for the scholarship; our only regret is that there can only be one winner! We expect more candidates for next FAAPI Conference!



## Links with other associations

#### **FAAPI AS AN IATEFL ASSOCIATE**

On October 1st. the President signed a renewal of IATEFL Associate Agreement for another three years (2017-2019). There are a lot of benefits stemming from belonging, as IATEFL states in the invitation for renewal. Visit: http://www.iatefl.org/associates/introduction for more info.

## WMS (Wider Membership Scheme)

We put a bid for thirty memberships and we were awarded that number of places. Thirty members of different TAs applied, which enabled us to complete all the places allotted.

### More Opportunities

IATEFL is strengthening bonds with TAs across the world. Now, FAAPI has been offered participation in a blog to voice recent and future actions.

FAAPI EC has reported our interest in participating with a post in this blog. We also offered to have one of our member Associations contribute with one. IATEFL suggested May 13th, 2017 for our first post.



#### **AJAL**

**Vol. 04, No. 02** of AJAL has been recently launched. Link 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 do encourage all of you to contribute with articles.



## Webmaster and Hosting

Our webmaster, Mariana Coloccini continues to be in charge of our website: www.faapi.org.ar

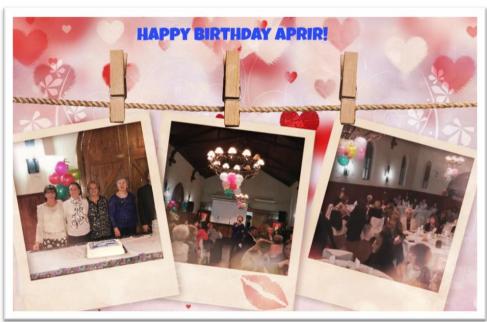
## **About TAs**

FAAPI EC is very happy to help the TAs 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 en FAAPI."



We would like to congratulate APIBA on their 45th Anniversary and APrIR on their 40th!





### A new TA is getting ready to join FAAPI!

We are very happy to announce that NAMPI (*Nueva Asociación de Profesores de Inglés de Mendoza*) which has been lethargic for some years, is now about to become a member of FAAPI again. In a few months they have covered all the province of Mendoza and already have a Committee of Founding Members. They have reached around 500 colleagues from the whole province and have 12 locations where teachers can join. They have already constituted a committee and are advancing fast! Congratulations! FAAPI welcomes a new member-to-be association.



#### 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. Send the list of your members together, please!

We would like to remind TAs that FAAPI Executive Committee is open to your suggestions, contributions, requests, etc. Just contact us! We will listen to you with great pleasure!



#### **Contact Details**

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Only one representative per TA.

## **OUR BEST WISHES**

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



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