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Teacher Training Online for English teachers of the Black Sea region



48 Georgian Teachers of English are participating in ETTO - an online teacher training course, which has been designed and initiated by the ELT experts in the British Council Turkey office. The course virtually connects teachers from the Black Sea region – Georgia, Turkey, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Ukraine.

Georgian teachers of English are given the opportunity to get involved in a completely innovative project and improve their practical teaching skills through online programmes and assignments. The start up meeting of the project was held in Tbilisi, Hotel Radisson on January 9. Participating teachers from Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Gori, Rustavi, Ozurgeti and Sachkhere were invited to get acquainted with the general layout and peculiarities of this online course.

Priority for participation in this project was given exclusively to ETAG members. The project finishes in April, 2010. Successful candidates will be certified.

Classroom Language Trainings



ETAG in cooperation with the British Council starts 15 hr training under the title Classroom Language. The course is designed by UK experts and is one of the British Council Global ELT Products.

Trainings will be conducted in every ETAG branch. Participants will be awarded British Council-ETAG certificate. Courses will start immediately after the groups have been formed.

For ETAG members the course is free of charge. Non-members have to pay 30 GEL as a membership fee.

For details and enrolment please call 25 08 56 or email: etag.courses@caucasus.net

2010 Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI)



The U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi is pleased to announce a competition for the *2010 Study of the United States Institutes*. This program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State.

Study of the United States Institutes are intensive six-week academic programs whose purpose is to provide participants with a deeper understanding of American life and institutions, past and present, in order to strengthen curricula and to improve the quality of teaching about the U.S. in secondary schools, colleges, and universities. Each program is designed for a multinational group of university faculty, researchers and secondary school educators and focuses on a particular American Studies discipline or theme, and is planned and conducted by a U.S.-based host institution (typically a college or university).

The *2010 Study of the United States Institutes* will take place during various six-week periods between early June and early August. Deadline for receiving personal resumes and applications at the email address: BzishviliS@state.gov is February 17, 2010

Talking Videos



15 teachers have attended a ten-hour teacher training course called Talking Videos. Young trainers Maka Mchedlishvili and Tamuna Nachkebia delivered the course in accordance with the video materials produced by the British Council experts in UK. Participants were able to watch sample speaking classes on DVD, listen to experts' feedback and then, reflect on what they heard and saw using their own experience in developing speaking skills of their own students. One more group started the training on February 6.

ETAG is 15 years old !



On December 26, 2009 ETAG celebrated its 15th Anniversary. Over 50 people, the oldest and most dedicated ETAG members, joined the celebration in the café of the Tbilisi State University. Rusiko Tkemaladze, ETAG first president and currently its advisor and the Board member, remembered the first days of ETAG and spoke about its achievements as well as ETAG contribution to the development of ELT field in Georgia.

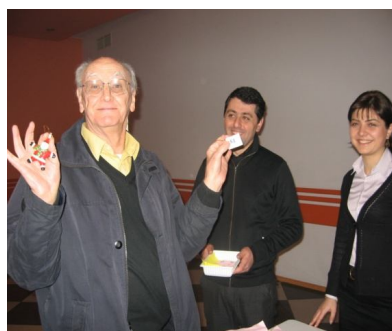
It was highlighted that since 1995 ETAG

- has had 2100 members.
- has trained 1800 teachers.
- has developed 9 training courses.
- has trained 63 trainers countrywide.
- has established 8 regional branches.
- has implemented 15 national and international projects.
- has held 10 national and 6 international conferences.
- has sent 40 of its members to various international conferences, among them 6 members - to TESOL, in USA and 2 members to IATEFL, in UK- affiliate of which ETAG is.
- for the period of the last 2.5 months has held 26 accredited training courses with 410 teachers participating.
- has helped hundreds of teachers to get acquainted with international standards in ELT, gain confidence, grow professionally and be successful!!!
- has contributed a lot to the development of ELT field in general.
- and most importantly, has created a national organization which unites hundreds of teachers from different educational institutions and different regions of Georgia helping them to get acquainted with international standards in ELT, gain confidence, acquire new skills, grow professionally and be successful in the profession!!!

ETAG has implemented its projects in close partnership with the US Embassy, British Council, Ministry of Education, Tbilisi State University and many other national and international organizations.

ETAG values every Head and manager for their outstanding service to the organization and has established the title of an Honorary Member. For their exceptional contribution to the development of ETAG the following people have been awarded the **Honorary Membership**: Rusudan Tkemaladze, Maia Kiasahvili, Rusudan Eukidze, Lily Goksadze, Janiko Siria, Barrie Watson, Tsisana Tsiskaridze. ETAG will continue to nominate Honorary members in the end of each year.

By the decision of the Board, for her commitment and outstanding contribution to ETAG development RusikoTkemaladze has been awarded the title of the **Honorary President of ETAG**.



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