

## **BALEAP NEWSLETTER, No. 3 March 2003**

### **THE 2003 BALEAP CONFERENCE**

As most of you will already know, this year's conference is now only a month away – 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of April at the University of Southampton. The theme of the conference is "*Developing Academic Literacy*". There will be over 60 papers given at the conference, and the interpretation of the conference theme includes work with EFL as well as EAL/ ESL and native speaker students.

Further information and registration details can be found on the BALEAP website at [BALEAP.org.uk](http://BALEAP.org.uk). There's a discount if you register before March 20<sup>th</sup> so don't delay!

### **BALEAP PROFESSIONAL ISSUES MEETINGS**

There were three BALEAP Professional Issues Meetings last year, held at the University of Kent, Heriot Watt University and SOAS, University of London. All three meetings were very well attended and generated ideas and discussion, both during the meetings and afterwards on the BALEAP email discussion board.

The most recent PIM was on vocabulary at the University of Warwick on the 15<sup>th</sup> February.

Further 2003 PIMs will be on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the University of Newcastle, on Distance EAP courses and on November 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a PIM at the University of Reading on the uses of corpora in EAP. You don't have to be a BALEAP member to attend one of these one-day events, so if you have colleagues who may be interested, point them in the direction of the PIM section on our website. Details of future meetings and reports of past PIMs can also be found at [BALEAP.org.uk](http://BALEAP.org.uk)

### **MEMBERSHIP**

BALEAP would like to welcome three new institutional members; King Alfred's College Winchester, The English Language Centre at the University of Northumbria and the Language Unit at the University of Bradford. We would also like to welcome all our new individual members who have joined BALEAP in the last three months. The number of individual BALEAP members has almost doubled since this time last year!

### **THE JOURNAL OF EAP**

The Journal of EAP published by Elsevier Science has proved a huge success, and Volume 1 number 2 is currently being distributed. There are now two BALEAP members on the editorial board, Jo McDonough and Hilary Nesi. One of the benefits of BALEAP membership is free subscription to the journal. Abstracts and tables of contents of Elsevier journals are available via their Science Direct website [www.socscinet.com/linguistics/asw/index.html](http://www.socscinet.com/linguistics/asw/index.html)

### **PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH**

The conference proceedings from the last BALEAP conference will shortly be published by Peter Lang and will be available at the 2003 conference. There will be a discussion forum on research at the Southampton conference and BALEAP

institutional members are currently looking at several research proposals and sources of funding for future projects.

## **BALEAP ACCREDITATION SCHEME**

Margaret Khidhayir from the University of Sussex is the new BAS Committee Chair for the next year, taking over from Roger Smith. The BASC has been busy recently with accreditation visits for both the full and partial BAS scheme and the new BAS Handbook will be published within the next month. Further details of the BALEAP Accreditation Scheme can be found on the BALEAP website.

## **EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

At the last BALEAP business meeting in November, the following executive members were voted in: Roger Smith from the University of Bristol is our new Publicity Officer, Mary Anne Ansell from Oxford Brookes takes over from Jo McDonough as Publications Officer and Andy Gillett from the University of Hertfordshire is our new incoming Chair. You should have received via the mail base the new terms of office for the executive team – contact me via email if you wish me to send you a copy.

## **BALEAP EMAIL ADDRESSES**

The following generic email addresses are now operational for you to use, rather than the addresses of the individuals who hold these posts, which of course change over time.

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## **THE BALEAP STAND AT IATEFL**

This year, BALEAP will have its own stand at IATEFL. If you're going to IATEFL come and say hello. We may even be able to offer you a free cup of coffee!

## **BALEAP REPRESENTATION ON THE UK SUBJECT CENTRE ADVISORY BOARD**

BALEAP has been invited to become a member of the advisory board of the UK Subject Centre for Languages, Linguistics and Area Studies, based at the University of Southampton. This is an interesting and important development for BALEAP. The subject centres support teaching and learning and the sharing of good practice in higher education across the UK and are influential in government policy making. Each centre has a large resources base, publications, research projects, conferences, seminars and other events. Go to their website at [www.lang.ltsn.ac.uk](http://www.lang.ltsn.ac.uk) for further details. The centres are a tremendous resource for teachers and you can join online.

## **BALEAP EXECUTIVE AND BUSINESS MEETINGS**

The next executive and business meetings will be held at Southampton University on the morning of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April, before the start of the BALEAP conference. The executive meeting will be from 9.00 –11.00am and the business meeting will be from 12.00 –2.00pm (a light lunch will be provided). Details of the rooms for these meetings will be announced shortly.

Jeanne Godfrey, BALEAP Chair.