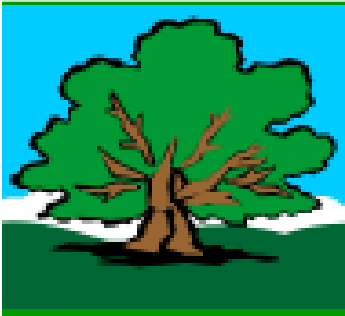


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Springing into 2010!

Well, we're back – and back with a vengeance!

With a brand new President, an equally brand new Vice President and several 'newbies' boosting the ranks of the Executive Committee (Elaine Henry, Eric Halvorsen, Shara Brennan and Tricia Sampson), TESOL France, *version 2010*, means serious business!

On a personal note, I'm delighted that the production of your *Teaching Times* quarterly is no longer a one-woman show; indeed Eric has already proved his

weight in gold by taking care of advertising for this issue and will be giving a hand sourcing potential contributors for the future.

We've gone for the practical, this issue, with no less than 5 pages dedicated to take-away activities for your classroom needs. TESOL France 'Swapshoppers' offer activities to develop learner autonomy and there's more from Burcu Akyol and her 'Blogoshere'.

If you're considering the next step in your ELT career, Laurence Whiteside

dispels some of the myths surrounding the *CAPES*, while Eric demystifies the world of the distance *MAs*-ters program(me).

The second of Barry Tomalin's articles on intercultural issues, comparing British and

French management styles, makes for very interesting reading. He provides essential insight that will serve you well both in the BE classroom and in your daily Franco-British exchanges.

And last, but not least Vice President, Debbie West, brings us up to date on the 2nd Global SpellEvent and the French heats taking place in Paris on 3rd April.

No less than 5 pages of ready-to-use activities for YOUR classroom

2nd Global SpellEvent
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Teaching Times
welcomes the brand new
2010 TESOL France ExCom

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- New President, Bethany, addresses her public from the 'top of a mountain'
- Meet two new members of your Ex-Com
- CAPES and MAs, preparing for your future
- Barry Tomalin on the 'How' and the 'Why' cultures in management
- Students from local collèges given chance to win \$10,000

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Postcard From The President

I feel like I've reached the top of a very large mountain. I'd be lying if I said I haven't wanted to be President of TESOL France for quite some time. I arrived at this association's doorstep in 2006 for the *Best of BESIG* organized by then President, Michael Ashworth. It was my very first teachers' conference. I knew right away I wanted to be a part of it: behind the scenes, watching it all come together, the top-notch speakers, the helpers darting back and forth, the technical know-how, the tiny details, the adrenaline rush in the wings, the feeling of accomplishment as the curtain came down at the end of the day. All of this was familiar to me with my years of theatre experience, and I wanted in. I jumped head first, and immediately started attending Executive Committee meetings as a helper. I was on the Events Team for the 2007 Colloquium and co-organized the 2008 and 2009 Colloquiums and Spring Days. I watched and worked as the association matured into what it is today thanks to

I feel like I've reached the top of a very large mountain!

Annie Gresle, Michael Ashworth and the toughest act to follow: Past President, Ros Wright. In fact, a quick look at the Past Executive Committee on our website shows that there are a significant number of tough acts to follow. TESOL France has been lucky to be cradled by such dedicated individuals who have sacrificed time and energy on a totally volunteer basis.

I'm honored to be at the helm this year. But I won't be alone. By my side, I'll have Debbie West as Vice-President, Gillian Evens as General Secretary, Laurence Whiteside, our responsible Treasurer, Marianne Raynaud running TESOL Grenoble, Silvia Seigne for conferences, newcomers Shara Brennan, Elaine Henry and Tricia Sampson for Events and Membership, Eric Halvorsen on Advertising and the always inspirational mentor, Ros Wright, as editor of the *Teaching Times*. We are very lucky to have such a strong team this year, and

who knows, maybe the future president of TESOL France is reading this article right now...



So, to our members, I promise to ensure TESOL France offers some of the best workshops and conferences available in Europe. I will see to it that our events continue to be compared to the likes of IATEFL and TESOL Inc. And I promise that TESOL France will be a place where teachers and experts can come together to share knowledge and best practices in a warm and professional environment.

I very much look forward to working with you in 2010.

~ *Bethany Cagnol*
President 2010

Dear Bethany ...

Dear TESOL France
I've lost my membership card and need my number to register for events. Can you send me my membership number?
Faithful Member

Dear Faithful Member,

Did you know that, as a TESOL France member, you can now log on to our members section of the website and check all your details are up to date?

Go to www-tesol-france.org
Click on *Login*.

If you're new to this part of the site, click on "*Click here if you have lost your Card Number or Pass-*

word." Type in the email address you gave us when you became a member and your membership number and password will be emailed to you.

Once logged on, you can change your password, update your mailing address, and see when your membership expires.

NB: Having the correct email address is important should you ever lose your membership number and password and need to have it emailed to you. Should you have any problems, feel free to email us at tesol@enst.fr

Meet the Pros ...

20 years as teacher educator in the Paris region, Jackie Garçon talks to Ros Wright about her experience and future projects.

Jacqueline (Jackie) Garçon has experience in teacher education for 20 years. She has also taught EFL/ESL and French at the University of California & Harvard University and in France for many years. She holds two Masters Degrees, French and in TESOL. She has published articles and given numerous workshops on teaching/ learning languages and using literature. Her fields of interest include listening & reading skills and content-based approaches. She is very interested in applied linguistics and second language acquisition to guide approaches used in the classroom.