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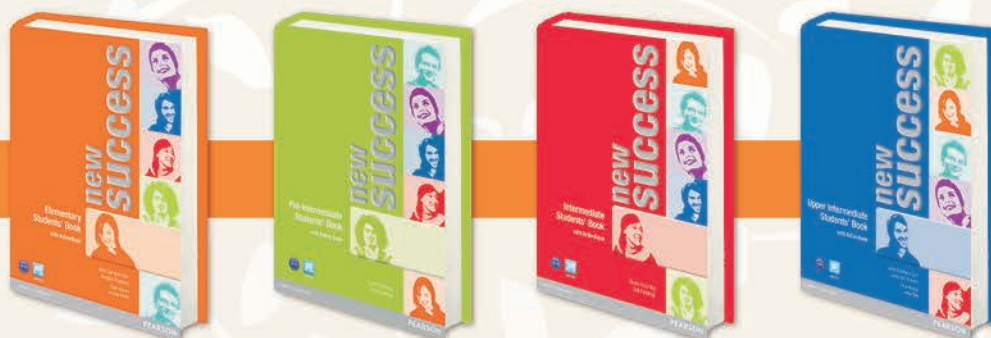
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EDITOR'S NOTE

I hope you all check our website www.hupe.hr regularly as well as our Facebook page and other forms of presenting HUPE in the media. Also, by the number of your emails and positive feedback I get day after day, I can see that this form of Newsletter has been the best idea ever! But, I hope you will not forget HUPE Magazine, whose title will be known very soon, as the chance for you to publish any ELT material which will be graded for your professional development. You can write and send it to us, along with the photographs, apart from the text.

I would like to invite English teacher trainees who wish to share their experience with other colleagues on their way to the state exam and full-time job, too. The deadline for submitting your materials is December 1, 2013 (for winter issue) and May 4, 2014 (for summer issue) and contact us at hupe.newsletter@gmail.com. I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours, Lidija

FROM HUPE

We are happy to announce that our 22nd annual HUPE Conference will take place at Grand Hotel Adriatic in beautiful Opatija, 25-27 April, 2014. These are plenary speakers: Mark Andrews, Olinka Breka, Jamie Keddle and Grant Kempton. Do not forget that the social part of the conference is always a reason more to attend so check www.hupe.hr and register on time.

FROM BRANCHES

Osijek Branch Report - Sara Salatić, president

Our first meeting in the new school year 2013/ 2014 took place on October 19, 2013 at Isusovačka klasična gimnazija in Osijek. 44 HUPE members gathered to learn about different ways to practise and assess discussions in an EFL classroom as well as to find out about the novelties in HUPE, such as on-line registration, our improved web page, HUPE newsletter and HUPE magazine. The new HUPE president Marinko Uremović and vice-president Ivana Kirin ran a workshop based on a two-month online course *Practical Applications in Listening and Speaking Skills* (PALSS) organised by the University of Oregon. In the workshop they presented a variety of interesting discussion-based activities and offered solutions to some of the problems we encounter while trying to get a discussion going. As a special treat at the end of the meeting, our president Marinko Uremović took us on a virtual but very adventurous journey to Ethiopia, where he had spent two unforgettable weeks which marked his life for good. The cherry on the cake were goody bags handed out by Školska knjiga.

We are looking forward to seeing you again in December!



Rijeka Branch Report - Dora Božanić, president

The first HUPE Rijeka Branch meeting was held on 12 October 2013 at Dom mladih Rijeka. 19 people attended in spite of the rain and the fact it was a Saturday morning and I'm happy to say that 19 people walked out of the meeting with smiles on their faces. The agenda of the meeting was the following:

1. Ivana Kirin: A new spin on an old favourite Creative language learning through images
2. Marinko Uremović: Teaching Culture Teaching Critical Thinking
3. Miscellaneous HUPE news

The presenters took us through a mix of ready-made ideas and activities to be used in the classroom covering a wide range of topics such as the use of IT, visual teaching aids, stereotypes, prejudice, cultural differences, ice-breakers and fillers, discussions and quizzes just to name a few. The attendees were also introduced to the workshop plan for this school year and changes which have happened and are happening in HUPE.

We're all looking forward to December and our second meeting!



Zadar Branch Report - Ivana Kovačević, president

This year's first HUPE Zadar branch meeting took place on **Wednesday, October 9, 2013 (7 p.m.)** at the Zadar City Library. Since the first meeting was open to HUPE and non-HUPE members, I am happy to report that there were a few newcomers interested in HUPE's activities. We discussed some new HUPE features, membership options, conference news and I presented HUPE's main activities. **Nikolina Krpina** ran a workshop/presentation entitled *How About a Quiz TV, the Underrated Media*. The target group were primary school teachers. Considering the fact that TV game shows are something everyone enjoys to watch, Nikolina decided to use some famous game shows and adapt them to the classroom. She presented four game shows, starting off with a TPR activity called *English Ninja Warriors*. Other activities included game shows such as - *No one thought of that, 1 against 100*, and the *Weakest link*. These activities were designed to make learning fun and interactive. The analysis of the workshop feedback form confirmed that the teachers enjoyed the interactive games, had fun and learned something new as well.

Split Branch Report Alenka Miljević, president

The first HUPE Split Branch meeting was held on 25 October 2013 in primary school don Lovre Katić in Solin. The meeting was attended by 22 teachers.

The new Plan and Program for the 2013/2014 school year was presented by HUPE Branch president Alenka Miljević as well as the HUPE news such as the Newsletter, the Magazine and the possibility to participate in the competition by creating the name for the magazine, the option of the institutional membership and the benefits of being a HUPE member, new HUPE website and 2014 HUPE conference.

Magda Pašalić and Irena Sinovčić Trumbić ran a workshop "Cool Tools for Teaching and Learning EFL". The workshop introduced today's technologies which are changing how we learn and teach. It showed how continual advancements in technology equip the teacher with abundant resources for the creation of student-centered learning environments. We explored some of the free web based tools ranging from the basic vocabulary acquisition to joining a visual story telling community and embarking on a creative writing adventure for all ages.

INVITATIONS

The third Osijek Branch HUPE meeting in 2013/2014

The third Osijek Branch HUPE meeting in 2013/ 2014 will take place on 7th December 2013 at 10 a.m. at Isusovačka klasična gimnazija s pravom javnosti u Osijeku (Trg V. Lisinskog 1, Osijek).

The first workshop "Dyslexia/ dysgraphia and learning English how to help children with such difficulties" will be run by Martina Felinger, a special education teacher, who will provide practical examples of how to adapt English lessons for children with difficulties.

The second workshop "Writing to learn" will be moderated by Dr. Moira Baker, professor of English from Radford University, Virginia. She will first explain what writing-to-learn is and how it is used in Writing-Across-the-Curriculum programs in the U. S, and then she will give some examples of different kinds of writing-to-learn activities and strategies.

If you'd like to attend the meeting, please register at hupe.osijek@gmail.com.
We're looking forward to meeting you.

The second Zadar Branch HUPE meeting in 2013/2014 will take place at Zadar City Library on December 4, 2013 (Wednesday) at 7 p.m.

One of the workshops will be 'Using video in the classroom'

The aim of this session is to explore the benefits of using video in the classroom. We will look at how activities with short clips or a longer piece of storyline can nurture the creativity of both students and teachers.

The speaker is Maja Jukić, ELT consultant at Oxford University Press.

We're looking forward to meeting you.

The second meeting of HUPE Rijeka Branch will be held on the **5 December 2013 at 18.00 at the Elementary school Brajda (Ivana Rendića 6)**. The meeting is thematic as we will focus on assessment with the help of two speakers from Prva riječka hrvatska gimnazija: Jasminka Batagelj who will provide us with insights on how to assess speaking and Anita Jokić who will do the same with writing. This time, apart from the cookies, food for thought is guaranteed.
If you would like to attend please register at hupe.rijeka@gmail.com by 4 December 2013.

FROM OUR PARTNERS

"From Trends to Plans Navigating the changing landscapes of language education"

The 23rd Annual IATEFL Hungary Conference

Sara Salatić - HUPE Osijek Branch President

As HUPE Osijek branch president I had the opportunity and honour to take part in the 23rd IATEFL Hungary Conference, which took place at the International Business School (IBS) in Budapest from 4th to 6th October 2013. The conference theme was "From Trends to Plans Navigating the changing landscapes of language education."

I can hardly think of a better way to celebrate World Teachers' Day (5th October) than at a conference with hundreds of English teachers from all around the world. The organisers prepared such a great programme that it was often hard to decide which session to attend and what sessions to give up in order to attend the chosen one. What I finally decided to do was to attend sessions dedicated to different kinds of teaching areas in order to get the whole picture and I believe I made the right decision.

The opening plenary talk was given by the amazing Bethany Cagnol who took us on an "ELT journey: from the charted to the uncharted". It was a warm and emotional talk which helped us define our current position in teaching and decide in which direction we would like to go in the future. Immediately afterwards I took part in a really useful workshop by a group of Romanian teachers who enabled us to step into our students' shoes for 90 minutes and who provided us with many practical ideas and teaching materials.

Although I already listened to Gary Anderson's talk on professional development at the HUPE Conference, I went to hear it again and had a great time once more singing along with the rest of the teachers as one of Gary Anderson's background vocals. As part of the social programme, in the evening we had a treat from Vienna, Austria – members of English Drama Club performed for us a hilarious play "Charlie's Aunt" written by Brandon Thomas. In my opinion those students couldn't have done it better, even if they were professionals. I really enjoyed it that much.

The Saturday programme began with Zoltan Dörnyei's plenary talk "Motivation and the vision of knowing a second language". He taught us what a vision actually is and how to use it to help our students get motivated for learning English but it can of course be applied to anything else. The next workshop I attended was run by Lenka Kroupova who dealt with the topic "The floor is yours! Using presentation format to trigger interest and language production" and presented some examples of how she does it with her students making use of modern technology. My next destination was Sophia Mavridi's workshop "Digital Plagiarism vs Digital Citizenship: A war of words". It was a streamed session so maybe some of you were able to take part in it from the comfort of your home. If you did, I'm sure you didn't regret it. I know I definitely didn't. In the following session I wanted to deal with cultural issues so I joined David A. Hill's workshop "Hey, Attila, what's a stamp? Taking account of (inter)cultural changes". It was wonderful and he made us aware of the fact that there have also been certain changes in culture which we shouldn't ignore but rather include in our teaching in order to prepare our students for real life. The afternoon programme continued with Henry Widdowson and Barbara Seidlhofer's plenary talk "On the subject of English: ELF meets ELT" which was followed by another set of talks and workshops. Since I teach high school teenagers, I thought it would be useful to hear the talk "Language Skills for the Global Workplace" given by professors teaching at International Business School (IBS) in Budapest. The talk was very informative and definitely met my expectations. For my last stop before George Pickering's plenary talk I chose Lóránt Kácsor's "Green English: Environment and Sustainability in ELT National and International Trends" as I wanted to learn about this phenomenon which most of us know nothing or very little about. Finally, George Pickering confronted us with the question about "the future of ELT: mission impossible or voyage of discovery?" and we enjoyed the process of looking for an answer with him as he did it in a very amusing way. Another entertaining event was the International evening where we had the opportunity to listen to international music played by Sarah Atkinson and her band as well as to learn some folk dances.

On the next day, although it was Sunday, I hurried to IBS in order not to miss Lea Sobočan's workshop on the topic "Home-work? More like Home-fun!". Well, yes, I do think homework should not be avoided and can be fun and I am glad Lea proved it successfully. She really did a great job and I am sure she does it with her students as well. Inspired by this workshop I joined "Information and Communication Technologies SIG Programme". It's not exaggeration when I say I was amazed by Tibor Prievara's revolutionary teaching and I believe you would agree with me if you saw what he did. Another practical thing I learned there is that if you'd like to have teaching support 24/7, then PLNs (personal learning network) are exactly what you need. The last session I attended was "Reaching out to the regions: Building and sustaining IATEFL-Hungary outside Budapest" moderated by Mark Andrews and Frank Prescott, where I was asked to say a few things about the way HUPE and its branches work. Seeing that HUPE is considered to be one of the role models in terms of development of regional branches made me feel especially honoured to represent it at this Conference and I think that all of us can be proud to be HUPE members.

All in all, taking part in the The 23rd Annual IATEFL Hungary Conference was a memorable and enjoyable experience so if you get the opportunity to attend an IATEFL Hungary Conference, don't miss it.

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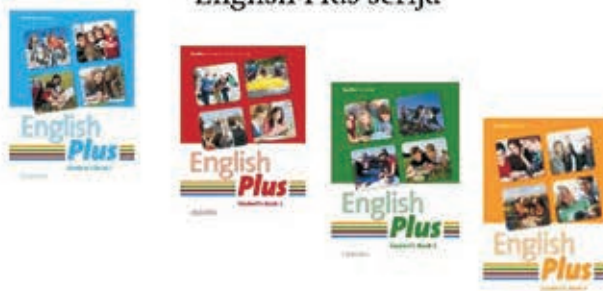
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His publications include the Primary iBox IWB software, six Primary Box titles in the Cambridge Copy Collection and the six level Primary courseKid's Box (2008), all co-authored with Caroline Nixon.

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