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27th Annual International HUPE Conference

12 - 14 April, 2019

Valamar, Poreč, Croatia



TESOL Symposium taking place during the 27th Annual International HUPE Conference, on 13th April 2019, brings important and interesting names and topics on World Englishes.

Check out the programme and make sure to choose TESOL Symposium Saturday while registering if you are interested!

<https://www.tesol.org/events-landing-page/2019/04/14/default-calendar/tesol-symposium-on-world-englishes>



**HUPE is proud to announce our
this year's first plenary speaker:**

Stela Letica Krevelj
Where have all the methods gone?



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Editor's note

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the winter issue of your HUPE Newsletter. We hope it will inspire you with new ideas to make your teaching practice even more successful and enjoyable.

Preparations for the 27th Annual International HUPE Conference are well underway and we invite you all to join us in Poreč, in April. For all the information visit www.hupe.hr. The closing date for submitting speaker proposal forms is 15th December 2018. <http://hupe.hr/index.php/conference/speaker-proposals-form> Conference registration is at <http://hupe.hr/index.php/conference/conference-registration>.

The power of HUPE is in our branches. Find the closest one to you and become a member of the HUPE family. The branches have been very busy and in this issue, you can read more about the workshops they organised in autumn.

The **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES** part brings you the report from the **10th ELTAM International Conference**.

In the **A SNEAK PEEK INTO OUR CLASSROOMS** part, find ideas on how to use Skype in the classroom.

In the **Upcoming Events** part, you can find the dates of International conferences.

If you would like to contribute to the Newsletter on a more regular basis, please contact us. We would like to have you on board!

We are also pleased to announce that HUPE is issuing a call for article submissions for the next HUPEzine. The deadline is May 1.

We invite you to send your stories, comments, or reviews to hupe.newsletter@gmail.com.

Do not forget to write your name, surname, affiliation/institution and address at the beginning of the text. Photographs are also welcomed, but make sure you send them separately from the text.

Yours,
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HUPE Branches

HUPE branches have been active for many years. Ten regional branches which organize 3 to 5 meetings during the year give you a perfect opportunity to learn and exchange information, resources and experiences.

Numerous talks and workshops have been delivered since the beginning of HUPE and HUPE branch meetings are always a good place to meet colleagues and exchange ideas without the need to travel far. Our branches are a valuable network of colleagues and ideas that support us and our profession.

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MEET YOUR BRANCH PRESIDENT AND COLLEAGUES THAT WORK OR LIVE NEAR YOU!

Don't get the info about branch meetings? Write an email to your branch president!

Don't know which branch you belong to? Write to the HUPE secretary!

Live somewhere in-between two branches or want to attend the meeting of a branch you don't belong to? NO PROBLEM: you can freely attend all the branch meetings you want!

Want to tell us about an interesting project you participated in or deliver a talk or workshop on an interesting subject? Write to your branch president!

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Željka Jakušić Čejka
HUPE Vice President

HUPE Osijek – Branch meeting report

The first branch meeting took place in the American Corner in Osijek on October 13, 2018. The agenda included two workshops. The first one was held by Mirta Kos Kolobarić and Ana Radočaj. Their topic was the Erasmus+ project Teach(ing) for the Future – Train the Trainer. They dealt with questions like: why is the training process so complex, what makes a good teacher, novice teacher's needs and how to make teaching interesting. We had a lot of fun doing activities, which included energizers, ice-breakers, picture stories and doing questionnaires about learning styles (visual, auditory and kinesthetic). The second part of the workshop was about structuring the training process and important insights novice teachers need to know and use. Our colleagues shared experiences from their mobilities with us. They also shared the outcomes of the activities which they tried with their students.

The second workshop was held by Ivana Opačak: Cultivating Entrepreneurial Mindset in Education. Do we have what it takes to be an entrepreneur? How can we break the myths about entrepreneurs? How can we encourage our students to become entrepreneurs? One of the key competencies for lifelong learning is a sense of initiative and entrepreneurship. Ivana explained the outcomes of teaching entrepreneurship in the classroom. We learned about different types of entrepreneurs (eco-entrepreneurs, innovative entrepreneurship, social entrepreneur, digital and ICT entrepreneurship and inclusive





entrepreneurship). She presented 10 core innovative thinking tools. We had fun guessing famous entrepreneurs and breaking stereotypes about some of them. Ivana showed us many fun activities that we could do with our students to help them develop empathy, critical thinking, exploration, innovative thinking, creative thinking, collaboration and reflection.

I want to thank the presenters for these very useful and fun workshops.

If you want to learn and have fun with us at our next meeting join HUPE Osijek.

Contact me at hupe.osijek@gmail.com.

Tihana Svoren Kolarec
Hupe Osijek Branch President



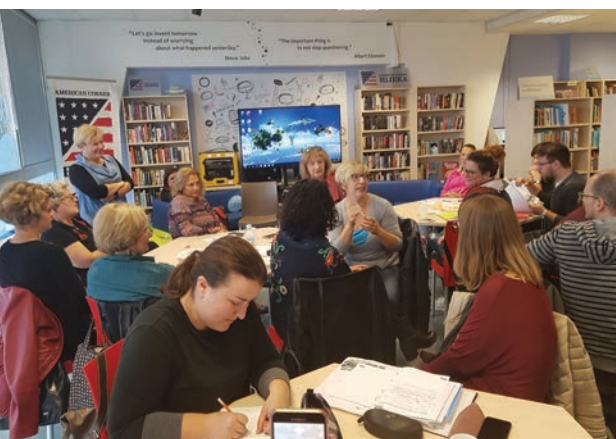
RIJEKA BRANCH MEETING REPORT

27 October 2018

The first HUPE Rijeka Branch meeting was held at the City Library in Rijeka, Ogranak Trsat – American Corner in Rijeka on October 27th, 2018. Thirty-three members attended the meeting.

The agenda included:

1. Ana Galac: Something Old and Something New
2. Sanja Rašković: The magic of storytelling
3. AOB



The first workshop was held by Ana Galac, a teacher from Pučko otvoreno učilište Velika Gorica. The workshop gave us some simple activities that keep students motivated to do boring everyday tasks by using balloons, toilet paper, photographs, and multicoloured hats. In the world of technology and QR codes, Youtube and other internet devices, students sometimes prefer something old, which in their world becomes something new. Through these activities, students feel more motivated to speak, revise vocabulary or grammar related topics, see things from a different point of view and develop critical thinking skills.

Sanja Rašković, a teacher at the Global Lingua School in Zaprešić, talked about storytelling as a method of EFL teaching. Stories create magic and boost imagination and therefore can be a very powerful and magical tool in teaching! We tell stories every day. When we talk about our day, or tell a joke, or simply speak about something that happened to us. And we all like listening to the stories. Why not use them in the classroom then and not just the ready-made stories. Why not create stories with our students with the grammar and vocabulary they already know. It's not difficult and it's not time-consuming but it can be really fun! In this workshop, Sanja demonstrated some exercises and showed how easily you can create stories with your students. It was a practical workshop with many ideas that can be immediately taken and used in the classroom.

If you wish to join HUPE Rijeka, contact me at hupe.rijeka@gmail.com.

Nataša Žarkov
HUPE Rijeka



SPLIT BRANCH MEETING REPORT

HUPE Split ran its first meeting in the school year 2018/2019 on November 9th, 2018 at Osnovna škola don Lovre Katića, Solin. Fourteen members attended the meeting.

The agenda included:

Lana Kralj: Practical Use of NEW Digital OUP Tool - Classroom Presentation Tool

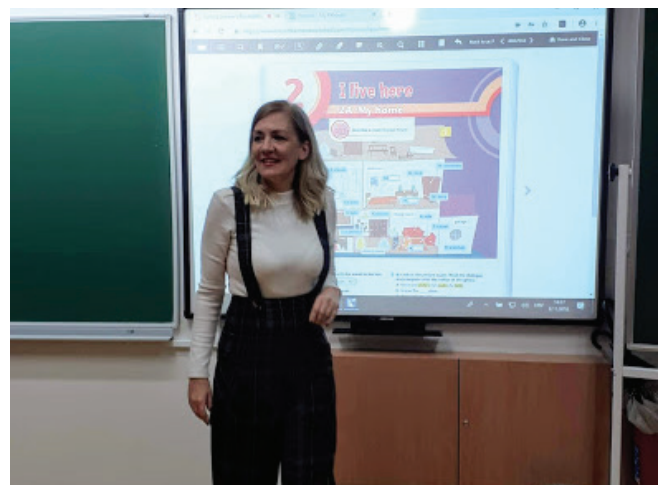
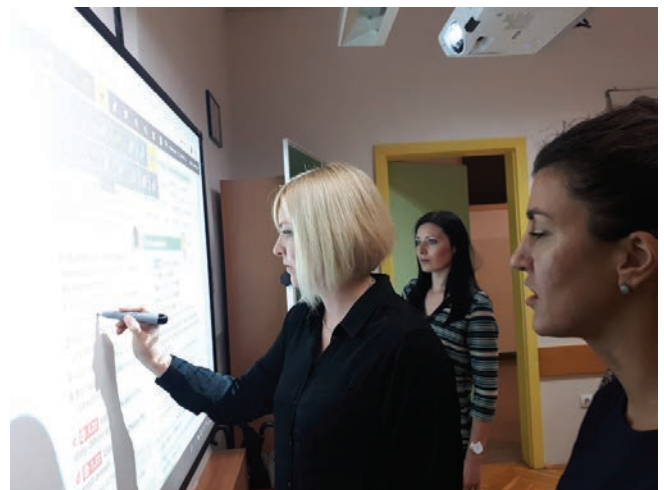
Lana demonstrated the use of the interactive whiteboard showing us the benefits of using IWBs in terms of engagement in the learning process on both sides: the teachers and the students. She showed how an effective use of the whiteboard can make it easier for the teacher to structure lessons, offering at the same time some creative approaches to using an interactive whiteboard as a helpful tool for capturing students' attention.

It was a practical workshop with many ideas and ready- to- use resources and exercises.

At the end, we used Kahoot to test our newly acquired knowledge. The three best-placed players won prizes.

If you wish to join HUPE Split, contact me at hupe.split@gmail.com

Vanja Fazinić
HUPE Split



The first HUPE Zagreb branch meeting report

The first HUPE Zagreb branch meeting was held at Čarobna Riječ in Hebrangova Street on 12 October 2018. Our guest speakers were Damira Mršić from Oxford University Press and Marina Hadžiomerović from Medvedgrad Primary School.

Damira spoke about triggering students curiosity by making ungoogleable questions, using films, making classroom activities in which students ask questions, investigate, create, discuss issues and reflect. Needless to say, all four 21st century skills are being catered for – critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity. Can you milk a spider was a question we searched the answer to and had lots of fun. Thank you Damira for making it a very mentally challenging and amusing evening.

Marina Hadžiomerović brought the joy of songs into our classroom again. It was fun and amazing as always. This time there were six brilliant songs on the menu. We sang Abba, Noel Gallagher, Neil Young, Sade Adu, Jim Croce and the Beatles. We also discussed collocations, decoding and writing a virus in a song, practised tenses, translation, love vocabulary, paraphrasing and many other activities.

There were 32 teachers for the first time at Čarobna Riječ and I am using this opportunity to thank Eva Bogdanović and Renata Keber for a very warm welcome.

Lana Duka Zupanc
HUPE Zagreb



The second HUPE Zagreb branch report

Our second meeting was held again at Čarobna Riječ in Hebrangova Street on 24 November and it was a Friday night well spent. There were more than thirty enthusiastic teachers and we had to squeeze a little, which we did, and got refreshed and energised again. I would like to thank all three of my guests for making it a great workshop.

Ana Galac had a workshop Something Old and Something New. Many activities were given to keep students motivated by using balloons, multicoloured hats, toilet paper and photographs. We explored them and felt more motivated to participate and motivated to speak, revise vocabulary or grammar related topics, just like students do. Seeing things from a different point of view helps create critical thinking, which is of immense importance.

Barbara Žuljević showed us and told us about the adventure of bringing students to Devon in summer. Barbara does it through SOL – Sharing One Language, which is an organization that brings teachers and students to North Devon. Barbara has been there with her students twice and she fully recommends it. We enjoyed her report, the improvement her students have made and the beautiful, breathtaking photos of landscapes they have visited.

Sanja Rašković informed us about HIPPO – the International English Language Competition for Children. She gave us all the details, and some teachers gladly took part in a discussion afterwards because their students also participated. They were happy to be a part of HIPPO because students in Croatia do not really get many opportunities to compete and challenge themselves in English.

After these three great workshops/ talks, I announced the third branch meeting would be at the end of January when we will host our colleagues from Dubrovnik – Davorka Bronzić and Nataša Bebić Bačan. I am looking forward to it very much.

Lana Duka Zupanc
HUPE Zagreb



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

The 10th ELTAM International Conference

The DRIM Hotel, Struga, Republic of Macedonia

The 10th Anniversary ELTAM conference was held at the Drim Hotel in Struga, Macedonia. As I had never been to Macedonia before, I really wanted to visit the country that once was a part of the country where I grew up. We shared our destiny (and history) for more than 40 years and I know we learnt about it at school. I wasn't a bad student at school but I didn't remember a lot about it: my memories were scarce and consisted of geographical terms, songs we sang at school and a few historical facts. However, there was one thing I knew for sure: all the people I had ever met from Macedonia (of FYROM) were friendly, helpful and warm-hearted and I had always felt nice in their company.

So, on the 18th October, my dear colleague Sanja Božinović and I boarded a plane for Skopje. We spent an evening in Skopje and were amazed by the number of statues erected in its centre. In the morning we got on the coach to Struga which is situated on Lake Ohridsko. Struga is a pleasant little town and the river Drim starts at the lake and divides Struga in two.

Even before we had arrived, we knew that the Croatian 'delegation' would be numerous: good news about the last ELTAM conference had spread and there were 8 of us from Croatia.

The conference is held biannually and this conference was their jubilee conference and ELTAM's 20th birthday. The conference's slogan was **Educate and Empower: From a More Creative and Enlightened Teacher to a More Forceful and Cultivated Student**. The conference lasted 2 days and consisted of 5 plenary sessions and 46 workshops! Our hosts organized a great birthday party on Saturday and, on Friday evening, we had the pleasure to join the guided tour of Ohrid. As all ELT events should be more than learning, the ELTAM board thought of the participants' good health and we all had a chance to spend our mornings dancing Zumba. During the opening ceremony, the ELTAM board members thanked the previous ELTAM presidents and all the colleagues that had helped ELTAM in the past two decades.

The plenaries covered many different topics. **Fiona Mauchline** gave an interesting talk **Not Rocket Science, but Brain Science: Designing Material for Teens and Adults** in which she discussed how human brain researches can help us when preparing materials for our students. **Jon Hird** presented **Dyslexia and Learning English: Literacy and Wider Issues** and gave us some ideas on how to adapt existing materials or produce our own. **George Kokolas** delivered a talk **Breaking the Sound of Silence** and gave us some ideas how to cope with students who are reluctant to speak





and **Daniel Xerri** talked about teacher creativity and teaching creatively in his talk ***It's a Many Splendored Thing: Reconceptualising Teacher Creativity***. **Jen MacArthur's** plenary talk ***13 Ways of Using Poetry in the EFL Classroom*** explored why poetry is especially powerful for teaching English to non-natives. We all went home with many ideas for reading and writing poetry with students of various ages and proficiency levels.

I attended many workshops and talks but I will mention 2 of them which I enjoyed the most. **Slavica Stojancevska** talked about ***Quiz Time-Memorable Learning Experience*** and inspired us all to explore the game concept of a quiz and **Ana Tripković** delivered a workshop called ***Inspire, Involve, Motivate***. We are trying to find ways to motivate our millennials and to adapt to new teaching environments. That means we have to introduce popular online tools for engaging students in creative activities.



I also had a chance to deliver my workshop ***Grammar Games for Young Learners*** and Sanja delivered a talk ***Rubrics for Assessment*** and we hope the participants went home with some useful ideas.

The organization of the conference was great and our hosts, the ELTAM board members, made us all feel more than welcome and we really enjoyed every minute of the conference. The Board, with its president Ms **Aleksandra Popovski Golubovikj**, did a great job and I believe that all the delegates absolutely loved everything about the conference: from the carefully planned Conference programme, warmth and hospitality of our hosts to the magnificent views of the Lake Ohrid.

If you want to experience the above-mentioned Macedonian hospitality, listen to excellent talks, meet colleagues and make new friends, the next ELTAM Conference will be held in **October 2020!**

Željka Jakušić Čejka
HUPE Vice President

A SNEAK PEEK INTO OUR CLASSROOMS

Skype-a-Thon

Last year we participated in Skype-a-Thon for the first time. Each call was unique and memorable. It was something very different from things we have done before.

For the first time, we had a guest speaker in our classroom. It was an explorer from the UK and he shared his experience with us. This Skype call was an opportunity for my 7th-grade students to revise vocabulary about adventures, injuries and natural phenomena.

Our second guest was a marine biologist from the Bahamas. She had a Skype lesson about sharks and we talked about the most interesting sea animals. My 6th-grade students revised vocabulary and comparison of adjective during the call.

Mystery Skype with a class from Ukraine was unforgettable too. After the first call, we often connect and communicate together. We exchanged Christmas cards and shared presentations about Christmas in our countries last year. Our collaboration continues and we became friends. My students say that there is a huge distance in miles but when we Skype together we are like one class.

This year we started our Skype-a-Thon by playing Mystery animal with the school in Ukraine. After guessing games and animal descriptions, we ended the call with a Kahoot quiz about animals. It was the first time my 4th grade students played this game and reactions were very positive. They practised asking and answering questions in a new way.





We had a lot of fun representing Croatia in a Kahoot World Cup where students from 30 countries showed their knowledge about pop culture. A teacher from Indianapolis, USA organized this global pop culture event to show how much students around the world have in common.

On the second day, we played Mystery Skype with schools from Spain and Macedonia. After asking and answering questions and guessing our locations, we sang our traditional songs and talked about our countries.

Skype-a-Thon is a global learning event organized by Skype in the Classroom community and Microsoft. This year it had a special goal. Every 400 virtual miles travelled during the event helped support access to quality education for a child in WE Villages around the world.

Hundreds of thousands of students, teachers and guest speakers came together over Skype to learn with each other. What made the experience even more important is that almost 24 million virtual miles travelled in 48 hours raised funds to support the educational resources for 35,000 children.

We travelled 45 000 virtual miles, had fun and we helped children in need.

I hope our virtual journeys will inspire you to join us next year.

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Skype In The Classroom

The Microsoft community gathers teachers from all over the world to collaborate and bring joy to their classrooms. Primary School Davorin Trstenjak in Hrvatska Kostajnica, joined it this year for the first time.

We played the Mystery Skype game with our 11 year old peers from Japan. First of all, they had to study the world map carefully. The students then had to ask YES/NO questions about the country, culture, food, and anything that could help them guess the country. Even those students who were shy and have difficulties with English were able to come up with at least one question to ask. All of the students had a chance to ask a question.

The Skype call was at 7 a.m. because of the time zone difference. I asked my students to arrive one hour earlier than usual which they did. Each of my students presented themselves individually in front of the camera and the Japanese students played the flute for us instead because it would have taken too long for all 42 of them to present themselves.

We learned geography in English (CLIL), we used English in real situations and we were introduced to a new culture. We all thought that it was fantastic, and we would love to do it again. Hundreds of thousands of students, teachers and guest speakers in 102 countries gathered over Skype and in 48 hours helped raise the funds needed to educate up to 35,000 children in need in WE Villages – supporting UN Sustainable Development Goal of Quality Education. I had also sent a request to a guest speaker from Egypt (a graduate Egyptologist), but unfortunately he didn't follow through with the agreement to be involved in the session. Of course, we won't give up as there are still hundreds of guest speakers to invite to sessions from all over the world.

Valentina Bertina



Upcoming events

40th TESOL Greece Annual International Convention, 2-3 March 2019

tesolgreece.org/?tribe_events=302

TESOL-SPAIN 42 nd Annual National Convention

8-10 March, 2019 Palacio de Exposiciones y Congresos Ciudad de Oviedo, Oviedo

www.tesol-spain.org/en/pages/1/convention-2019.html

26th International IATEFL Slovenia conference , Terme Topolšica

7 - 10 March 2019

iatefl2.splet.arnes.si/next-conference/

53rd International IATEFL Conference

Pre-Conference Events: 1 April 2019

Conference: 2 - 5 April 2019

Exhibition: 2 - 4 April 2019 (plus Exhibition Preview 1 April)

All at the ACC and Jurys Inn Hotel in Liverpool, United Kingdom

<https://conference.iatefl.org/>