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27th Annual International HUPE Conference

12 - 14 April, 2019

Valamar, Poreč, Croatia

Editor's note

Dear HUPeteers,

It is the most wonderful time of the year. The upcoming 27th Annual International HUPE Conference is just round the corner and we invite all of you to join us in Poreč. The Conference is once more being held under the patronage of the President of the Republic of Croatia and in partnership with AZOO, MZO, RELO and British Council.

In this issue, you will find some news about the conference but have a look at our website for more information.

We have also prepared the reports from our branches which have been very busy, as always. In this issue's **HUPE Branches** read the reports from Istra, Osijek, Slavonski Brod, Rijeka, Varaždin, Zagreb, Zadar and Zagorje.

In the **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES** part, we share with you the report from IATEFL Slovenia Conference by Lidija Branilović and Gordana Bujanić Tretinjak.

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 1st.

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

See you all in Poreč.

Yours,
Dajana

PLENARY SPEAKERS



Stela Letica Krevelj,
Faculty of Humanities
and Social Sciences,
University of Zagreb

Where have all the methods gone?

In this talk I will focus on the shift from the 'methods era' to a seemingly widespread 'textbook-as-a-method' trend in current English language teaching.

I will address some of the voiced concerns of Croatian EFL teachers regarding the lack of inventory of 'best practices' that bring about success in language learning, and critically examine some of (potentially) problematic practices observed in EFL classrooms. In doing so, I will draw on a few widely-accepted principles of language learning that stem from research on second language development, taking into consideration the social reality of EFL classrooms in Croatia.

In the final part of the talk, I hope to offer well-justified and constructive recommendations that teachers may adopt, adapt, and translate into effective practices in navigating their own classrooms.

Bio: Stela Letica Krevelj is a Postdoctoral researcher in the SLA /TEFL Section of the Department of English at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb. She has been working in the language education field for almost 20 years as a teacher, teacher educator and researcher. She has taught English and Italian as a FL to Croatian learners, teacher education courses to pre-service teachers of English, and she has been involved in national and transnational projects on early language learning and teaching. Her main expertise lies in the area of second language acquisition and multilingualism and she is most interested in psycholinguistic processes, dynamism and complexity of multiple language development.



Deborah Healey,
TESOL USA

Telling our Stories

Stories are part of our lives. Teachers often use stories in teaching reading and ask learners to create stories – with pencil, pen, or digitally – when teaching writing.

The networked world has made sharing stories by learners and teachers easier, contributing to a global awareness of language variety and of teaching contexts. Sharing creative work motivates and empowers learners; sharing stories about what we do motivates and empowers us as teachers.

Bio: Dr. Deborah Healey is the 2019-2020 President of the Board of Directors of TESOL International Association. She has taught online teacher training courses for the American English Institute at the University of Oregon, primarily focusing on technology in education. She has been an instructor and advisor in the University of Oregon's Master's in Language Teaching. She has also taught both ESL and EFL at community colleges and language institutes. She is a contributor to two TESOL Technology Standards publications, as well as the TESOL Encyclopedia of English Language Teaching, the Routledge Handbook of Language Learning and Technology, CALL Environments and A Handbook for Language Program Administrators. She has written and presented extensively in the US and internationally, most recently in Uruguay, Tunisia, England, Indonesia, Georgia, Croatia, Serbia, the West Bank, Colombia, Chile, Argentina, and Thailand. Her recent areas of research include gamification, language and identity in the Middle East, massive open online courses, and online teaching approaches. Her doctorate is in Computers in Education.



Jen MacArthur,
RELO Belgrade

How to Eat a Poem

In all honesty, I hated poetry in school. Especially in high school. I have, however, learned to love it as a teacher. If we move away from an old-fashioned approach (steering students towards "the right" interpretation), poetry has amazing power in the foreign language classroom. Poetry is just the right length to sneak in authentic content beyond the textbook, allowing us to explore culture and language in new ways. Poetry also has great potential for exploring content (integrating a CLIL approach) and getting our students to think deeply and critically, regardless of their age or proficiency level. (Title borrowed from American poet Eve Merriam (1916-1992).)

Bio: Jen MacArthur is the Regional English Language Officer (RELO) based at the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade, covering Central Europe, the Balkans, and the Baltics. Prior to joining the U.S. Department of State in 2012, Jen taught English as a Second Language and Social Studies in the United States; pre-service and in-service foreign language teacher education courses at the University of Bucharest, Romania and through the Romanian Ministry of Education; English for Specific Purposes and Communication courses at the University of Vaasa, Finland; and served as the Language Program Coordinator for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians (Maine). Jen studied European History and German at Bates College and holds an M.Ed. in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages and an M.Sc. in Public Policy and Planning in Developing Countries. Born in Scotland, Jen calls Maine home.

FIRST TIME COMERS WELCOMING PARTY

Is this your first time at the HUPE Conference?

The HUPE Board kindly invites all first-time participants to the Welcoming Drinks Party on Friday, at 16.30 in the Lavrika Hall.

Meet other fellow teachers like yourself and start some new friendships.

Registration Opening Hours

The registration desk will be open at the following times:

Friday, 12th April 2019 - 13:00 – 17:00

Saturday, 13th April 2019 - 8:00 – 12:00 & 14:30 – 16:30

Sunday, 14th April 2019 - 8:30 – 11:00

During the 27th Annual International HUPE Conference, there will be many opportunities for everyone to win some great prizes.

SOL is giving away two prizes, as usual: a 12-day training course in Devon and an 8-day SO(u)L Camp in Sremski Karlovci.

Pilgrims will send someone to the 45th Pilgrims Conference in Bratislava, Slovakia for two days.

The Bridge offers a re-boot camp in Zaježova Edu-centre in Slovakia for a week.

Languages United will send your top student to Bath.

Regipio Language Games has some interesting and fun games which will be yours if you do your best.

So, there are a lot of reasons to join us in Poreč this year.

Student helpers – HUPE volunteers

In alphabetical order:

Bakić, Antonela

Barbir, Ana

Matas, Marko

Miščin, Martin

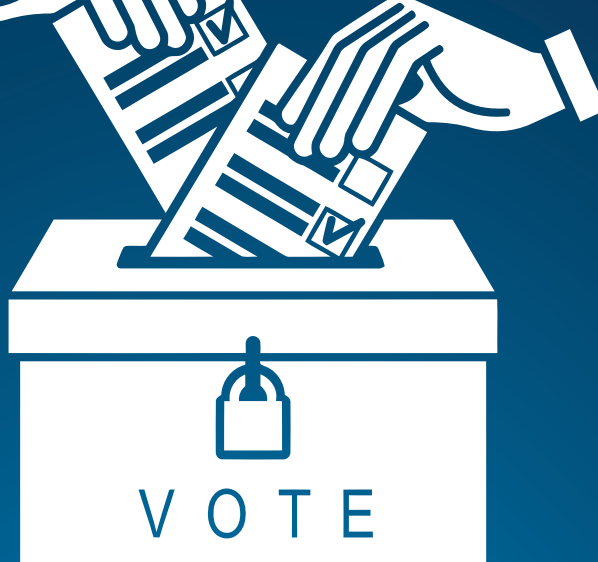
Obrovac, Viktorija

Palada, Franka

Pilipović, Ivana

Vukša, Sara

CONGRATULATIONS!



HUPE Elections 2019

There are nine candidates for the HUPE Executive Committee - you should choose and vote for seven of them:

Petra Blajić
Sanja Božinović
Željka Jakušić Čejka
Anita Jokić
Tihana Svoren Kolarec
Dubravka Lapčić
Ivana Rodiger
Nino Sertić
Anita Žepina

There are three candidates for the HUPE Supervisory Committee:

Dubravka Blažić
Lidija Branilović
Dajana Vukadin

You can read and hear more about them and then vote on our website <http://hupe.hr/index.php/members-area> logging in with your HUPE data until 10th April.

We will introduce the new HUPE Executive and Supervisory Committee members during the Annual General Meeting on 13th April 2019 in Poreč.

Good luck to everyone!

HUPE Supervisory Board



Godišnja skupština HUPE-a

Godišnja skupština Udruženja će se održati u
subotu, 13. travnja 2019. u 16.30 sati
Pozivaju se svi članovi Udruženja!

Dnevni red:

1. Usvajanje zapisnika s Godišnje skupštine HUPE-a održane 21. travnja 2018. godine
2. Izvještaj članova Upravnog odbora
3. Izvještaj Nadzornog odbora
4. Usvajanje Plana rada Udruženja i Financijskog plana za 2019. godinu
5. Izbori u HUPE-u: imenovanje članova Upravnog i Nadzornog odbora za 2019.-2021.
6. Ostala pitanja

Sve materijale možete pronaći na poveznici: <http://hupe.hr/index.php/members-area>



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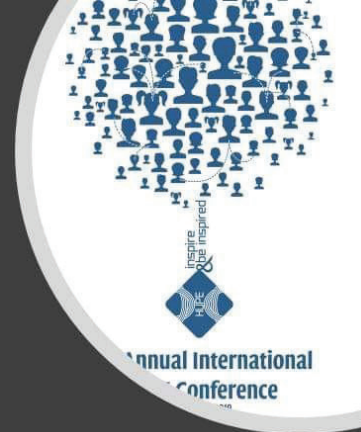
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- ✓ Enjoy your - Annual International HUPE Conference



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Friday, 12th April 2019

Hotel Rubin

Let's dance with
Školska knjiga



Saturday, 13th April 2019

Hotel Rubin, Valamar, Poreč



ITIC - International Teacher Identity Card je jedina međunarodno priznata identifikacijska profesorska iskaznica. Namijenjena je profesorima, nastavnicima, učiteljima, trenerima te asistentima koji imaju dokaz da rade u obrazovnom sustavu - fakultetima, učilištima, srednjim i osnovnim školama ...

Često putujete?

ITIC iskaznica je preuvjet za kupovinu avionskih karata po posebnim cijenama u **STA putovanja** koje za profesore znaju biti nize od redovnih. Vašem džepu sada su dostupnije **ulaznice u muzeje** i druge kulturne institucije te **zabavne i nacionalne parkove**. Možete dobiti popuste i u **trgovinama** i **hostelima**.

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- fotografija 3 x 3,5 cm,
- osobna iskaznica ili putovnica.

CIJENA?

Cijena iskaznice samo za **HUPE** članove iznosi **80,00** kuna (redovna cijena je 110,00kn).



Volite umjetnost?

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HUPE Branches

ISTRA BRANCH MEETINGS REPORT

The First Istra Branch meeting

The First Istra Branch meeting was held at Osnovna škola Poreč on October 17th, 2018. Twenty members attended the meeting.

The agenda was:

1. Let's play in English – Good old games for the English classroom, Dunja Klarić, prof.
2. Critical Thinking in the English Language Classroom, Ivan Štefanić, prof.

The first workshop was held by Dunja Klarić, a teacher at Osnovna škola Poreč. She gave us a presentation of several easy, effective and ready-to-use classroom activities. Those activities can be very useful for checking the spelling of certain vocabulary, to revise tenses, to motivate children to explore certain vocabulary, or just used when you have those five or ten extra minutes available during a lesson...and all that while having fun. No special preparation is required, but yet, they are very effective.

The second talk was held by Ivan Štefanić, a teacher from Osnovna škola Vladimira Nazora Pazin. The presentation was about how to develop and implement critical thinking in the English Language Classroom. He talked about critical thinking in general and then showed several texts and examples of how to implement certain methods for developing critical thinking.

The Second Istra Branch meeting

The Second Istra Branch meeting took place at Osnovna škola Vladimira Nazora Pazin on February 20th, 2019. Fourteen members attended the meeting.

The agenda was:

1. Digital tools for creating an e-book, Alenka Banić-Juričić, prof.
2. Job shadowing" (Erasmus+), Suzana Poljak, prof.
3. Poticaji za sastavke, Ivan Štefanić, prof.

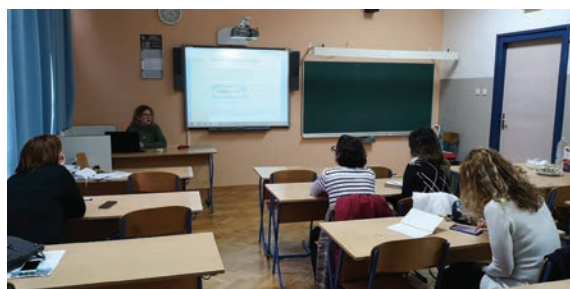
The First talk was held by Alenka Banić-Juričić from Osnovna škola Marije and Line Umag. Her topic was using digital tools for creating e-books. It was a very practical talk, showing us her work and teaching us how to create our own e-books. The tools shown are very practical and easy to use. Students would certainly love creating their own books.

The second talk was by Suzana Poljak from Osnovna škola Jurja Dobrile Rovinj. She talked about her personal experiences of being included in the Erasmus+ project Job Shadowing. She talked about her trip to Italy, their educational system with the stress on teaching English. She also talked about how to apply for such a programme. Many benefits stem from being involved in Erasmus+ programmes and experiencing how our job is carried out in different parts of the world.

The third talk was by Ivan Štefanić from Osnovna škola Vladimira Nazora Pazin. He presented several methods that can trigger students' creativity and using it for writing stories.

In the end, a presentation about forthcoming HUPE elections was held.

Ivan Štefanić
HUPE Istra



OSIJEK BRANCH REPORT

The second HUPE Osijek Branch meeting in 2018/ 2019 took place on 22nd February 2018 in the American Corner.

Our first speaker was Adrijana Roždijevac. Her topic was: *Việt Nam ơi: Teaching EFL in Vietnam*. In a very interesting way, she introduced us to what is like to be a teacher in Vietnam. We learned a lot about their educational system, how they view teachers and what parents are like. She gave us an insight into their culture, cuisine, holidays and finances. Even though she gave us a lot of information, the topic itself was so exotic that we still had questions after her presentation.

The second speaker was Ksenija Rumora. She spoke about KA1 Mobility for school education staff: *INTERACTIVE ICT-BASED AND WEB TOOLS FOR AN EFFECTIVE BLENDED; FLIPPED AND COOPERATIVE LEARNING* - Helsinki, Finland September 10 – 14, 2018. This was not a usual Erasmus dissemination. As the presenter said this was more advice on how not to choose mobility. Anyone who participated in Erasmus+ knows how difficult it is to choose the right course. Sharing good and bad experiences is always helpful for those who are about to enter the Erasmus adventure but also for those who are already experts. Along with her advice, she also shared some tools and apps which can be used in our classrooms.

At the end of the meeting, participants were informed about the news in HUPE and about the upcoming 27th HUPE Conference which will be in Poreč in April 2019.

Tihana Svoren Kolarec
Osijek Branch President



RIJEKA BRANCH MEETING REPORT

The second HUPE Rijeka Branch meeting was held at Gradska knjižnica Rijeka, ogranak Trsat – American Corner in Rijeka on January 26th, 2019. Twenty-four members attended the meeting.

The agenda included:

1. Gracijela Orobabić: Learning English Through Video Picture Books
2. Tamara Pleše: International English projects
3. Deni Kirinčić: Using songs in the EFL classroom

The first workshop was held by Gracijela Orobabić, a teacher from Gornja Vežica Elementary School. She talked about video picture books as additional teaching material. She finds them just the right kind of teaching tool that ticks all the boxes. You can use pre-existing tasks or create your own, especially digital ones, to keep young learners active, focused and eager to use and develop all their language skills. In addition, we should use real-life experience and work on developing their thinking and problem-solving skills. In her workshop, Gracijela



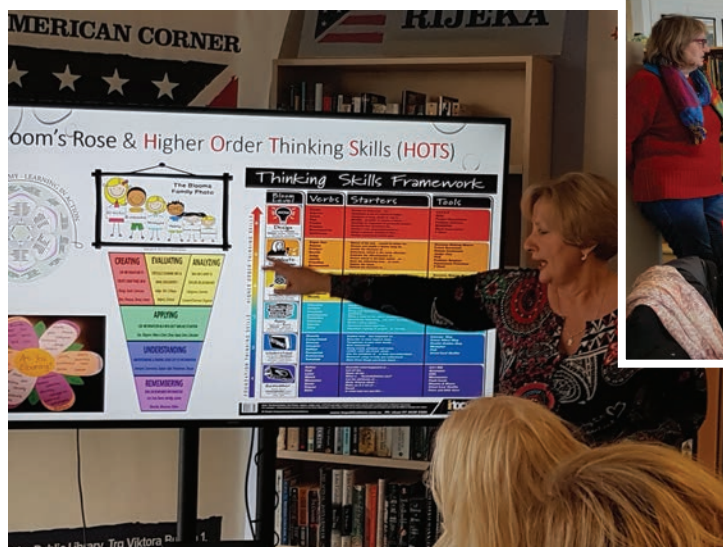
presented two-week projects she did with her 6th graders.

Tamara Pleše, a teacher from Delnice Elementary School, presented the project she did with her students in collaboration with Polish students and their teacher from Gdansk in the previous two school years. They were exploring English through different cultures, presenting their hometown and region they live in, and finally, some of them hosted Polish students in their homes and even visited Poland. Students showed enthusiasm and were very pleased to meet students from another country and collaborate with them.

Deni Kirinčić, a teacher and pedagogue from Gornja Vežica Elementary School, talked about using songs in ELT. Music should be one of the most important tools an English teacher uses in their classroom. It offers a chance for students to get a glimpse of authentic language. Songs are easily obtained and they can be selected according to students' needs. This makes them perfect for the introduction of new vocabulary, grammar and even various cultural aspects. In class, teachers can opt for different teaching strategies and exercises, some of which are gap-filling exercises, spotting mistakes, translation, correct verse order, making comics, debates, etc. The choice of songs should be based on students' preferences, bearing in mind the appropriateness and suitability, as it will surely increase their motivation levels.

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

Nataša Žarkov
HUPE Rijeka



SLAVONSKI BROD HUPE BRANCH MEETING REPORT

The first Slavonski Brod HUPE Branch meeting this school year was held on 15th October 2018. The venue was Osnovna škola Bogoslav Šulek, Slavonski Brod.

Six teachers attended the meeting and enjoyed the presented activities (presenters included). They had a chance to learn about Edukacija mentora i savjetnika, diseminacija Erasmus+ projekta held by Ana Radočaj and Mirta Kos-Kolobarić and Razvijanje poduzetničkog načina razmišljanja u obrazovanju, by Ivana Opačak, and how to use it in the classroom. They also listened to Zvonka Ivković presentation about Izazovi planiranja.

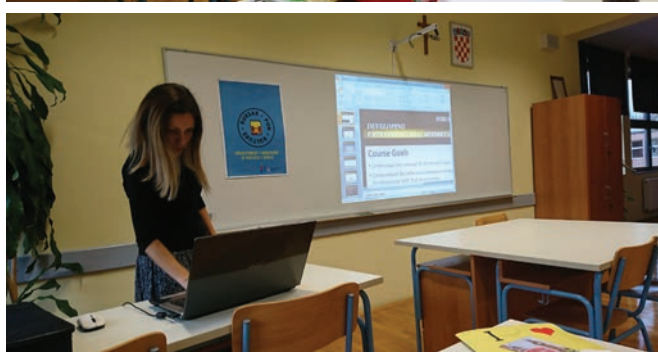
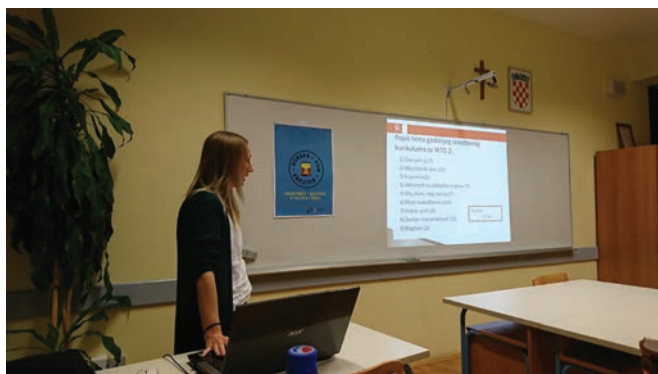
In our first topic, we heard about providing more professional support for teachers who had been promoted to mentors and counsellors in order for them to do their jobs better. Speakers covering that topic were Mirta Kos-Kolobarić and Ana Radočaj.

Empowering Entrepreneurship Capacities and Initiatives to Adopt Teaching Methods for Entrepreneurial Thinking was the second topic held by Ivana Opačak.

The new curriculum presents a new challenge for teachers in annual, thematic and everyday planning. The aim of the workshop was to show examples of good planning practice within the new subject curriculum for English, and that was the topic shared by Zvonka Ivković.

Our next meeting will take place in March. Hope you can join us!

Slavonski Brod HUPE Branch President, Nikolina Pranjić



SLAVONSKI BROD HUPE BRANCH MEETING REPORT

The second Slavonski Brod HUPE Branch meeting this school year was held on 25th February 2019. The venue was Osnovna škola Bogoslav Šulek, Slavonski Brod.

21 teachers attended the meeting and enjoyed the presented activities (presenters included). They had a chance to listen to **Virtualna učionica, vaš partner za novi kurikulum** held by Damira Mršić from Oxford University Press. We heard how our virtual classroom can help with the challenges of a new curriculum and save you time and paper. Through an interactive and practical workshop, we had the opportunity to try out the Oxford Online Practice virtual classroom with multimedia content and assignments and prepare for the digital requirements of



the new curriculum. There we learned how to: develop digital competencies with our students, customize and individualize content in virtual classes, group learners with abilities (SENs), facilitate the evaluation and self-evaluation of students, make a digital portfolio and also how parents can have an insight into student work.

The other topic was ***The Weather Report*** held by Lana Duka Zupanc. It was a workshop with activities that make students move a lot, but it also included activities that make them calm down. They are students' favourites and a great new way of keeping the energy flowing in the classroom.

Our next meeting will take place in April or May. Hope you can join us!

Slavonski Brod HUPE Branch President, Nikolina Pranjic



HUPE Varaždin Branch Meeting

The first meeting of HUPE Varaždin Branch in the school year 2018/2019 was held at Polytechnic of Međimurje on Saturday, 23 February 2019 at 10 am.

Our dear colleagues from Zagreb, Marina Hadžiomerović and Ana Galac held interesting workshops for the attendees.

Marina Hadžiomerović is an experienced primary school teacher, EFL counsellor, teacher trainer, materials designer (Školska knjiga) and presenter. For this occasion, she prepared a workshop called "Overture Undersongs".

The presentation was filled with great songs which never reached the top of the charts and various activities we will later use in our own classrooms. Music doesn't only create a positive atmosphere but can be used as an integral part of the language learning process.

Ana Galac works as an ESL teacher and Head of Education department in Pučko otvoreno učilište Velika Gorica and is also a member of the HUPE Supervisory board and HUPE volunteer.

Her workshop, "Something Old and Something New" gives some simple activities that keep students motivated to do boring everyday tasks by using balloons, toilet paper, photographs, and multicoloured hats. 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.

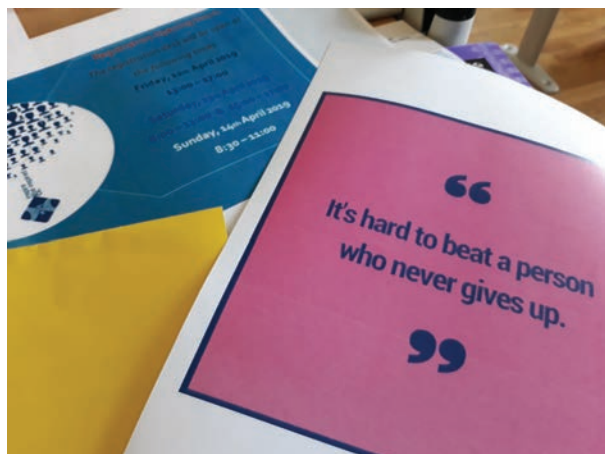
As you can see, we had a lot of fun! :)

The meeting ended at 12.20 pm.

Dear fellow English teachers, if you'd like to join us, don't hesitate to contact me on hupe.varazdin@gmail.com.

We're looking forward to our next meeting in cooperation with Oxford University Press. We'll keep you posted.

Ivana Rodiger
HUPE Varaždin Branch President



HUPE Zadar Branch meeting

The second HUPE Zadar Branch meeting was held on 8th February at Zadar Public Library. Ninety participants from all around the county attended the meeting. By joining forces with County Teachers Council (ŽSV), HUPE provided not only an implementational insight into the experimental programme in schools, but also a number of workshops with all the participants involved. They were taken through all the steps of OneNote from application to everyday use and included in a discussion about formative assessment as being one of the greatest challenges of the new approach. All the participants had the opportunity to hear and exchange experimental schools experiences as well as actively participate in the above-mentioned workshops, in order to enhance their teaching within a new curricular classroom.

Anita Žepina
HUPE Zadar



ZAGORJE BRANCH MEETING REPORT

The first HUPE Zagorje meeting in 2019 was held at Bedekovčina Secondary School on February 1st, 2019. Thirteen members attended the meeting.

There were two workshops. The first one was a workshop held by our dear member Sanja Ždralović entitled ***Do Students Really Need Constant Progress in English?*** Sanja gave a presentation with many ideas on how to motivate students to keep learning when they have already reached the intermediate level of English. The teachers tried many activities in pairs and discussed them afterwards.

The second workshop, held by Conrad Kellet, on behalf of PEARSON, was called ***School for Life Goals: Classroom to Real Life***. The participants had a lot of fun trying different creative activities which could be used in the classroom according to the new English language curriculum.

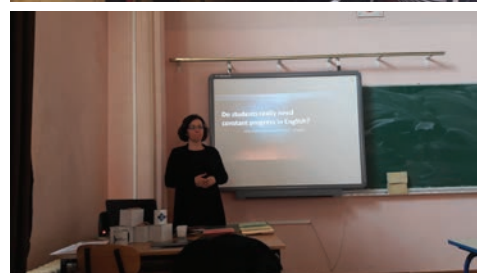
After the workshop, HUPE PR, Gordana Bujanić Tretinjak had a short presentation about the forthcoming HUPE elections.

HUPE Zagorje is thankful to both the speakers for presenting such creative and useful ideas and members for joining and making the meeting lively and productive!

I hope to see you all in March at our second meeting in 2019!

If you wish to join HUPE Zagorje, contact me at hupe.zagorje@gmail.com

Petra Končić
HUPE Zagorje Branch President



HUPE ZAGREB BRANCH MEETING

The third HUPE Zagreb Branch meeting was held on 25th January at Svijet jezika in Vodnikova Street.

There were two workshops on the agenda. The first one was *Maths Is Fun* by our colleague Nataša Bebić Bačan who works in Župa dubrovačka. This workshop was very entertaining and challenging at the same time. Teachers had to solve some problem tasks that pupils do at Večer matematike.

The second workshop was *Shakespeare For Teens* by our colleague Davorka Bronzić. Numerous ideas were shared on how to use Great Will with our teen students. Some role play was produced, wigs were exchanged and lots of good energy was created.

Our colleagues came from Župa dubrovačka and it was a real pleasure hosting them in Zagreb.

If you wish to join us, let me know at hupe.zagreb@gmail.com.

Lana Duka Zupanc
HUPE Zagreb



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

EmpowerED IATEFL Slovenia's report

Lidija Branilović, HUPE Secretary

Gordana Bujanić Tretnjak, HUPE Public Relations

Being a HUPE board member for ten years has had its challenges as well as benefits. It's all volunteer work where you simply have to give up (most of) your free time especially when you're organising a conference or travelling to one.

Every year, a HUPE board member can visit one (sometimes two or three) partners' conferences and report afterwards. This year, we've visited IATEFL, Slovenia's Conference. Again. (Lidija for the fourth time, and Gordana for the first.) And we enjoyed every minute of it. It was their 26th conference with the powerful name EmpowerED (ED standing for Education) and five excellent plenary speakers – all women. Powerful!



The Silent Lesson

Workshops, as always, covered a great range of different topics – from kindergarten to grown-ups. My colleague Gordana and I gave a workshop on **How to Get Empowered to Work With SEN Students in Primary and Secondary Schools**. Our workshop was the first one on Thursday, so we could easily relax afterwards and enjoy seeing what we liked most about the programme.

We attended some great workshops that we in Croatia will be able to see at our HUPE Conference or may have seen last year. **The Silent Lesson** by Daniel Starski from IATEFL Poland was one of them. Silence. No talking, just typing/writing. Different, not our cup of tea, but everyone was amazed. Daniel showed us all how a 45-minute lesson can work out just fine without any words coming out of our / their mouths. We suppose you can not do it very often in the classroom, but once in a while, we should all try it.

Anita Jokić from Rijeka gave a workshop entitled **The Power of Women**. All the participants (all females by the way) were really into it, reading, doing the exercises and writing down everything so they could use it later on in their own classrooms. There were different ideas and different tasks which you can combine in your own lessons or just in part of it.

Ana Galac from Velika Gorica talked about **Classroom Management**. We loved her talk – You are the boss in your classroom! We received some great tips on how to get students interested in topics as well as how to get their parents on board, which is sometimes more difficult, especially when dealing with teenagers.



Six powerful women presenting Croatia on the International evening

Sandra Horvatić from IATEFL Slovenia had an interesting and very interactive workshop, **“ICT in ELT”**, showing us some web tools that we can use on a daily basis. It was great how she explained a tool, showed us how to get it, how to prepare it for the lesson and finally, how to use it. We knew about most of them but it’s not the same to use it with your students or to use it by yourself as a student. Second place in a Kahoot! Quiz, not bad at all.

One of the best workshops we have ever attended was *Sophia Mavridi’s* **Film-making in the Classroom**. Not being a fan of digital devices and using them in the classroom, we found this one a great surprise because it was different. Using Video Shop from Google Play, we shot scenes and made our own video in just 5 to 10 minutes... That was impressive. And we got to bring them home, as they were on our own devices. The 45-minute workshop lasted for almost 60 minutes but only because people refused to leave as it was interesting, fun and educational.

The IATEFL Slovenia Conference is best known for its social evening events – the **International Get-To-Know-Each-Other Event** on Thursday showed what different people, nations in Europe and the world are like. We all had to present our country in the best possible way and, as we couldn’t bring the Adriatic Sea, we thought of bringing some food, drinks, cosmetics and teacher supplies – that always works. Later on, the **Swimming Pool Session** was open until midnight only for the participants of the conference – time to relax.

On Friday, there was a **Yoga Session** at the gym with Nicola Epps, shortly after lunch – an excellent way to recharge, and after dinner, **The Super 80’s Disco Party** took place, which teachers simply adored.

On Saturday, since it was Gordana’s first visit to the conference in Topolšica and Lidija’s fourth visit, we thought we’d finally go on a **Guided Walk Around the Village** - beautiful weather, fresh air and a lot to see.

There were several raffle draws during the four-day event, and a lot of gifts to be taken away...

All in all, we recommend IATEFL Slovenia’s Conference, if you’re thinking about going to one and presenting.

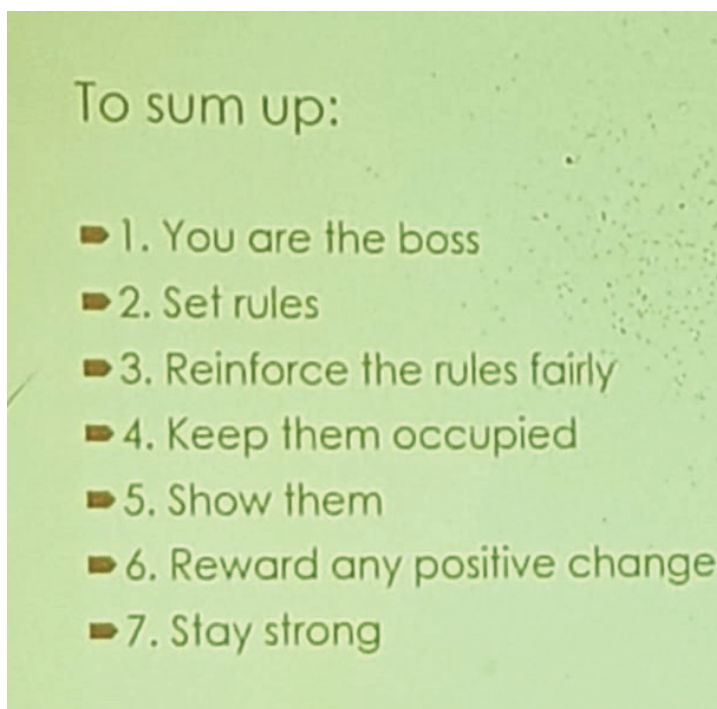
We left totally empowerED.



HUPE representatives at the 26th IATEFL Slovenia Conference



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Upcoming events

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/>

17th ELTA Serbia Conference

10-11 May 2019, Teacher Education Faculty-Belgrade

The^{1st} International/ The 5th National Conference

ELTAM Days 2019

Empowering 21st century learners and educators: meeting challenges,exploring solutions

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