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# NEWSLETTER

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# 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual HUPE Conference

Solaris Beach Resort, Šibenik

24-26 April 2015

Dear colleagues, partners and all HUPE friends,

we are happy to announce that our 23rd Annual HUPE Conference will take place at Solaris Beach Resort near Šibenik, 24 - 26 April 2015. As always, we plan to offer you many opportunities for both professional and personal development. We are preparing a rich programme consisting of plenary sessions and numerous workshops for you to choose from. Finally, let's not forget about our social events - a fun way to round off a day.

Plenary speakers are: Evelina Miščin, Deborah Healey, Philip Warwick and Gwendydd Caudwell.

The registration form is available at [www.hupe.hr](http://www.hupe.hr) BUT for all the English teachers in Croatia it is necessary to submit your registration at [www.ettaedu.eu](http://www.ettaedu.eu) as the HUPE Conference 2015 is listed in the Agency's Catalogue of professional development.

All the other necessary information is available at [www.hupe.hr](http://www.hupe.hr) so keep yourselves updated!  
Hope to see you in Šibenik!

Your HUPE Executive Committee



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# Organised transport to the 23rd Annual HUPE Conference

Dear colleagues and conference participants,

HUPE is offering you organised transport to the conference venue in Šibenik. If you would like to reserve a place on the coach please contact your branch president. The number of places on the coach is limited so do not hesitate to do so as soon as possible.

COACH 1: OSIJEK ŠIBENIK (via Đakovo, Slavonski Brod, Nova Gradiška, BIH)

contact: hupe.osijek@gmail.com

COACH 2: ZAGREB ŠIBENIK

COACH 3: ZAGREB KARLOVAC- ŠIBENIK

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COACH 4: RIJEKA ZADAR ŠIBENIK

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For all members from Osijek, Đakovo, Slavonski Brod, Nova Gradiška, Zagreb, Karlovac and Rijeka the ticket price will be 150,00 HRK. For members embarking in Split and Zadar the price will be 60,00 HRK. The detailed itinerary will follow soon.

Please deposit the appropriate amount into our bank account as follows:

- purpose of the payment (svrha doznake): uplata prijevoza na konferenciju
- payment to (primatelj): HUPE, Palmotićeve 60, 10 000 Zagreb
- bank account number (IBAN): HR36 25000091101033220
- reference (poziv na broj): 18

In order to ensure the place on the coach please send the confirmation of payment to your branch president.

Best regards,  
HUPE Executive Committee



# **International Teacher Identity Card (ITIC) for HUPE members**

HUPE has signed an agreement with STA Putovanja which ensures all active HUPE members are eligible for the International Teacher Identity Card free of charge. The International Teacher Identity Card gives you thousands of travel, online and lifestyle discounts. It is accepted in Croatia and worldwide. You will save a lot by using your ITIC with more than 18,000 businesses.

More information is available at [www.hupe.hr](http://www.hupe.hr)

# Membership benefits

How can you get involved? How can HUPE membership benefit you?

- You can read and hear about the latest developments in ELT.
- You can get a free subscription to HUPE Newsletter.
- You can get IATEFL Issues from your local branch representative.
- You can attend HUPE annual conferences at the reduced membership rate.
- You can make contacts with teachers world-wide on a 1-1 basis and get advice and ideas on how to teach students from a different perspective.
- Teachers who are accepted as speakers at international conferences can apply for the Speakers Scholarship.
- You can stand for elections to one of the SIG committees or the HUPE Executive Committee.
- You can participate at HUPE Branch or SIG meetings and workshops.
- You can get teaching ideas for tomorrow's lesson.

HUPE has become IATEFL (International Association of Teachers of English) branch and is affiliated to TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages).

HUPE maintains contacts with The British Council and the United States Information Service and other international associations, and it will take advantage of any assistance it can provide in organising an event, making speakers available, etc. Through its Newsletter, web page, HUPE Yahoogroup, we let our members know what, when and where something is happening. We try to bring services and benefits to distant members as well as those who have easier access to participate in the activities.



# 8th International ELTAM-IATEFL-TESOL Conference

**Skopje, October 31 November 2, 2014**

Marina Hadžiomerović, IATEFL Representative

When I got a phonecall from the HUPE president asking me to replace Mrs Lidija Branilović at the ELTAM conference due to her sprained leg, I was shocked and heartbroken, knowing how excited she had been about the whole trip, conference and workshop she was supposed to give in Skopje. Despite my initial anxiety, we were able to organise everything in such a short notice, so I gradually started looking forward to the forthcoming intellectual challenges. I had already met Mrs Aleksandra Popovski Golubovikj, the ELTAM representative at our last HUPE conference, back in 2012 at the IATEFL conference in Glasgow, and we have been in contact ever since.

My university colleague and friend Jasna Nedelkovska, who lives in Skopje, offered to pick me up at the airport and take me to the hotel. With John Denver's *Leaving on a Jet Plane* sounding in my ears, I got to Skopje in no time. Jasna was already there and I had a guided tour already on the way to her flat. Catching up on our life stories over lunch and then meeting with Aleksandra and the other partners for dinner at a local restaurant was a promising start, so sorry Lidija, but I started having fun. My roommate was Mrs Daniela Valikova, our well-known Czech colleague. Their two teachers' associations have merged into one, ATECR. I met the first president of the new ELTA Albania association Mr Ymer Leksi and the two representatives of ELTA Serbia, Ivana Banković and Gorica Kostić, so we shared our experiences of everyday teaching and collaboration among our associations.

The president of ELTA Macedonia, Mrs Elizabeta Hristovska-Iceva, opened the conference entitled ***Managing teaching and learning making the most of both worlds, Enhancing teachers' and students' life and organisation skills***. The venue was in a building that houses three prominent institutions: the Cinematheque of Macedonia, the University of Audiovisual Arts and the library Drugarche.

The first plenary speaker Suzanne Mordue from the British Council in Istanbul, Turkey gave a talk on the continuous professional development pathways. Lifelong learning is a must, and we were upgraded to the latest version of 'Teacher' now.



There was a nicely decorated stand with homemade delicacies sold by elderly ladies with the money going to charity. Instant coffee was just what we needed before Gorica's workshop began. She was kind enough to offer to assist me with my workshop later on. Her workshop entitled ***All the world is a stage why not a classroom*** was full of new ideas how to incorporate Shakespeare's plays into our teaching.

Mrs Anzhela Nikolovska from the Faculty of Philology spoke about EFL pre-service teachers' perspectives on performance assessments. Teachers' feedback is a valuable tool for motivating students for improvement, but we have to show them how and what to assess and give them clear assessment criteria.

My friend Jasna came to listen to my workshop. She took some photos, uploading them to Facebook at once, so that everybody could see the Croatian flag and the HUPE logo on the board. My workshop entitled ***Feel Good Songs*** dealt with raising motivation and self confidence boost through pop songs. The room was full and I got great feedback mostly from younger colleagues. A quick sandwich for lunch and then Jasna took me out for coffee and a delicious fruit salad.



Mrs Kate Mulvey from the University and American Corner in Pristina, Kosovo gave a plenary talk on ***Alternative Assessment: The Case for Not Testing***. This was the main theme of the whole conference, and different aspects of assessment were elaborated with examples from teaching practice.

Mr Georgo Santha gave a talk ***What's in it for me? A Complete Guide to RELO for Teachers***. This is the Budapest-based Regional English Language Office for Central and Southeastern Europe, through which the US Embassy Vilnius offers a range of programs and resources for both teachers and learners of American English and culture. We were introduced to teacher exchange programs, teacher training programs and grant opportunities as well as various free materials available for educators and students.



Ellie Boyadzhieva and Simona Balie, university professors from Bulgaria, talked about ***Myths and beliefs in modern ELT***. They argued that the concept of 'learner autonomy' as set in modern theory of ELT is a wishful idea inapplicable to the practices of the language classroom. Cultural differences were touched upon and a discussion followed where the concept of the teacher as a facilitator was compared to the traditional role of the teacher in the foreign language learning process.

The last workshop of the first day entitled ***Coming to our senses: sensory experience in ELT*** was delivered by Mrs Daniela Valikova. It showed ways to include different senses into our teaching, giving students a moment of introspection and catering for different intelligences.





The conference dinner and Halloween party was organised at the nearby cafe. There were some lovely Halloween costumes, nice music in the background and a fun quiz with awkward facts connected to Halloween. When the raffle began, I was sure I wouldn't get anything. After my name had been drawn by Mr Georgo Santha and I got a CD and the book *Teaching Jazz Chants to Young Learners*, I was speechless. I couldn't have got a better present. Later on Jasna took me to a Latin Dance programme with her dance club members.

The second day plenary speaker Mr George Kokolas from Greece talked about Brain Rules. I've already seen that talk delivered by Mr Steve Leaver in Zagreb, so I tried to recall how much I remember.

Mrs Aleksandra Popovski Golubovikj's workshop **Visualizing reading** was such fun. She read the first chapter of her new story and we had to draw the scene and describe it in detail. I had a great time in a group with the young colleagues who had attended my workshop earlier.

Final photos and farewell from our Macedonian colleagues, with Aleksandra's promise to come to the HUPE conference in Šibenik. I was really sorry to miss the final plenary by Mr Rakesh Bhanot from SOL, but Jasna promised to take me on a sightseeing tour of Skopje and I could not resist that temptation. I was there 30 years ago and so much has changed. Skopje has become a real European metropolis, with monumental new buildings, huge statues and lots of tourists. My favourite part was still the old town with narrow streets, open markets and lively shops.

So much in common and so many differences, but embracing all these changes is the only way to welcome the future. We teachers do it all the time!



# Branch reports

## HUPE Slavonski Brod Branch 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Report

The third HUPE Slavonski Brod Branch meeting in this school year was held on **January 30, 2015** at 5 p.m. The venue was Secondary School of Economics in Slavonski Brod.

Probably due to bad weather, only seven teachers attended the meeting this time.

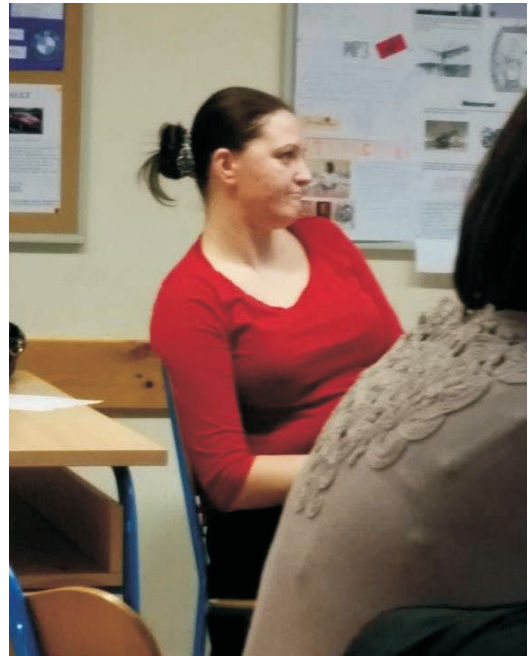
**Ana Radočaj**, our first speaker, ran the first workshop, ***Fun with Phrasal Verbs***. We liked retelling stories using various phrasal verbs, as well as analysing the drawings and guessing the literal and metaphoric meaning of phrasal verbs. The activities presented in the workshop can easily be used in the classroom, or adapted to various levels of students' knowledge.

The second part of the meeting was reserved for Erasmus + project dissemination. I was one of 10 teachers who teach English or vocational subjects in the field of economy, who took part in mobility of teachers to Dublin, Ireland. We discussed Irish system of education and its peculiarities, the role of training centres, their type of vocational education, various sights and cultural phenomena.

In the final part of the meeting we talked about the forthcoming HUPE conference. We discussed the registration procedure, fees and transport.

The following meeting will be held on March 14, 2015.

Mirta Kos Kolobarić  
HUPE Slavonski Brod  
Branch President



## Osijek Branch

The third Osijek Branch HUPE meeting in 2014/2015 took place on 31st January 2015 at The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Osijek. 25 teachers attended the meeting. This time the workshops were run by our colleagues from HUPE Slavonski Brod Branch, Ana Radočaj and Mirta Kos Kolobarić, their branch president.

Our first speaker Ana Radočaj prepared six learning stations where we had the opportunity to broaden our knowledge about Irish culture (St. Patrick's Day parades, important historical events, myths, leprechauns, beer industry...). This was followed by a student-designed quiz about Ireland and St. Patrick's Day, which enabled us to check what we had learned. In the final part of the workshop we listened to a popular Irish song 'Dirty Old Town' and got some ideas of how it can be nicely included in the lesson when teaching Irish culture.

In the second part of the meeting our colleague Mirta Kos Kolobarić informed us briefly about her visit to Dublin which was part of the Erasmus+ project. Then she started with her workshop in which she presented how she uses animated films in teaching English. Since most people like animated films, students also find it motivating to work with them. They are willing to get more involved and discuss relationships among various characters, as well as to work on grammar (passive, comparison of adjectives, conjunctions, relative clauses, etc.).

We're looking forward to seeing you again in March.

Best regards,  
Sara Salatić  
Osijek Branch President





## HUPE Varaždin Branch Report 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015

Our third meeting in the school year 2014/2015 took place on 31st January 2015 at Škola stranih jezika Žiger, Varaždin.

31 teachers attended the meeting. They were informed with the latest HUPE Conference news, the registration procedure, fees and transport.

The first speaker was Maja Jukić. Her lecture "Practical Ideas for Using Videos in Your Classroom" showed us different ways of teaching vocabulary, revising grammar and improving language skills with the help of using videos. It offered a number of practical ideas that can be used for all levels of students.

Marina Hadžiomerović ran a workshop Hearts and Shamrocks. We sang the songs that are connected with Valentine's Day and St Patrick's Day. The songs were followed by different tasks and discussion points.

I would like to thank all the colleagues who attended the meeting and made such a great atmosphere.



Vida Novak,  
HUPE Varaždin Branch President

