

## REPORT

# EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING SPECIALISTS IN ROMANIA - HOTEL VEGA CONSTANȚA, 30 MAY – 1 JUNE 2002

Report submitted by Dana Hurtová, AMATE member and Malcolm Griffith, the BC Project Manager

### GOOD NEWS FOR ALL AMATE MEMBERS!

Romanian TTs were quite impressed by AMATE. They would like to follow our initiative and decided to set up their Teacher Educators' Association using our model. I promised our support (know how).

Read the whole report, please, there are some useful contacts for possible co-operation in section 3.

### 1) AGM Objectives:

- Looking at existing strands of ELT professionals in the context of ELT past, present and future in Romania and in the region.
- Developing sustainable networks of ELT professionals.

### 2) Participants:

Romanian Teacher Educators

The Ministry of Education of Romania representatives

The British Council-Romania representatives (Marion Hughes, Director ELT; Karen Giblin, Deputy Director Romania and Romanian regional co-ordinators)

ELTeCS representative (Jeremy Jacobson, Manager ELT Network Services)

The BC representatives - Bulgaria, the CR, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland and the Ukraine

Publishers

### 3) Programme

This part is quite short and not too descriptive (**ideas for AMATE future meeting planning**)

Day 1

#### Opening Ceremony

- Presentation of guests;
- Aims of the meeting;
- Linking it to the last year theme of *Personal Development & Marketing own skills* by Marion Hughes, Director ELT; Karen Giblin, Deputy Director Romania

#### Plenaries:

1. **Good Fences Make Good Neighbours** - CONNECTING LANGUAGE, CONNECTING TEACHERS by Jeremy Jacobson, ELTeCS
2. **ELT Romania – Past, Present and Future** presented by the ELT professionals network of Romania (presentation of successful projects: e.g.
  - Resource Centres
  - Vocational ESP

- Distance TT
- Support for Newly Qualified Teachers
- OPTICAL
- Drama and Creative Writing
- ELT & Governance (course books writers)
- English for Legal Purposes ([cavallioti@allnet.ro](mailto:cavallioti@allnet.ro))  
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- ELT & Peacemaking

### **3) SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVES**

- Innovation scheme projects - examples of sustainability
- Network initiatives: Drama association, Teachers' associations, QUEST
- Newsletter initiatives: Romance; University English

#### **Group work: THE WAY FORWARD**

Groups to discuss:

- Networking needs for the future
- Different ways of meeting those networking needs

#### **Workshop Electives**

- Publishers' presentations
- ELTeCS Project Bid Proposal

#### **Own groups: Likes with likes**

I joined Mentors Group

Day 2

**Project and Networking Issues** - presented by the BC Offices in the region

We (Malcolm Griffith and Dana Hurtová) presented the transition period in the Czech Republic:

- Looking at the BC strategy and teacher trainers' needs
- Teacher trainers' call for a professional body
- TRANSKELT - how the BC trained us, the Czech TTs to be able to 'take over' teacher training in the CR
- Building AMATE – the teacher trainers - educators' professional body with the BC financial support and professional guidance
  - i. The process of building AMATE
  - ii. Aims
  - iii. Criteria for memberships
  - iv. Achievements
  - v. Worries ... and FUTURE

**Plenary: Building a Professional Association** - Serban Iosifescu, Institute for Educational Sciences

**Group work: Proposals for Projects**

**Round up Session**

### **3) Similarities-common interests:**

**What is necessary:** We need **new** ideas to get the money from different resources

**How:** new regional projects fulfilling the following criteria – measurable outcomes, ensuring sustainability, impact, and success

Fields of possible regional cooperation - **NETWORKING** with Romanian Teacher Educators:

**EDAR** – Drama SIG, contact person Doina IORDACHESCU [cecilia\\_pn@yahoo.com](mailto:cecilia_pn@yahoo.com)

**Evaluation** – great interest from Romania to co-operate; working on European Language Portfolio for adults and involved in project in GRAZ (system to ensure quality); contact person Dr Laura Muresan [lmuresan@prosper.ro](mailto:lmuresan@prosper.ro)

**Maturita** Testing / the Bacalaureate exam, contact person Codruta Gosa, senior lecturer, University of the West, Timisoara has been working with Dr Charles Alderson from Lancaster University; [cgosamail.dnttm.ro](mailto:cgosamail.dnttm.ro); or [michaela.Tilinca@mail.dnttm.ro](mailto:michaela.Tilinca@mail.dnttm.ro)

**Mentors** – they are a SIG (we could have our AMATE SIG too), contact person prof. Doina Fleanta, mentor trainer, [doina\\_fleanta@hotmail.com](mailto:doina_fleanta@hotmail.com)

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