**BALEAP AGM 2017, 8th April, Bristol**

**Events Officer Report**

**Professional Interest Meetings (PIMs)**

Since the last AGM there have been three PIMs continuing the tradition of highly popular and successful one day events.

* 11 June 2016: University of Southampton (**EMI in Higher Education: The Challenges and the Opportunities**)
* 12 November 2016: University of Glasgow (**Learner Identity - Managing Transitions**)
* 18 March 2017: University of Edinburgh (**Evaluating the Effectiveness of EAP**)

The number of delegates attending has ranged from c.70 – 130.

PIMs are planned on the following dates:

10 June 2017: INTO University of Exeter (**The Specificity of Pedagogies)**

18 November 2017: Nottingham Trent University (**Intercultural Communication and EAP**)

March 2018: University of the Arts, London (theme: **Pre-sessionals**)

9 June 2018: INTO Newcastle University (theme: **Speaking**)

**Future PIMS (November 2018 – June 2020**)

There is continued interest from members who wish to host PIMs and a call went out on the BALEAP discussion list on Friday 31 March for proposals from member institutions who would like to host a PIM from November 2018 onwards.

**Dissemination from PIMs**

As in the past, PIM slides and handouts are made available on the BALEAP website as well as podcasts of interviews with presenters and twitter is used to provide a live feed. We are also working on an e-book of 10 papers given at the LSE PIM, with introductions to sections provided by the two PIM organisers, Alison Standring and Gemma Stansfield, and a general introduction written by Ursula Wingate. It is hoped that this will be published in June 2017 to coincide with the PIM at INTO University of Exeter on the **Specificity of Pedagogies**. This is a pilot project undertaken with the aim of providing both fuller documentation of papers given at an individual PIM and an opportunity for EAP presenters to publish their work.

**Webinars**

In the 2016 AGM report, it was noted that one challenge for BALEAP events was to reach a wider global audience of EAP professionals. This has been partially met by the introduction of BALEAP webinars, an initiative proposed by David Read (newly elected as Ordinary Member on the Executive Committee). The first webinar was on **EAP in Context** with six speakers talking about their different teaching contexts both in the UK and overseas. Over 100 people registered to attend, with 75 logging in on the day. It was well received with some positive feedback and the session is available on the website with a transcript of the chat.

The programme for the rest of the year is as follows:

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|  **Date** | **Time** | **Topic** |
| Wednesday 10 May 2017 | 14.00 | BALEAP TEAP Fellowship Scheme – building a portfolio |
| Wednesday 12 July 2017 | 14.00 | 10 practical ideas for teaching pronunciation in EAP contexts |
| Wednesday  20 September 2017 | 14.00 | Lower level EAP (two authors’ discussions, different contexts) |
| Wednesday 22 November 2017 | 14.00 | Post PIM webinar on intercultural communication |

Currently, the organising team are the Chair, Events Officer and David Read.

**ResTES series**

The BALEAP Research Training Event Series is being run again and has already held two successful events. The series is organised through a sub committee of BALEAP and the sessions are organised by Bee Bond and Alex Ding. For a fuller account of the ResTES series, see the **Research Officer and Publications Officer Report** for the AGM.

**Biennial Conference**

The 2017 biennial BALEAP conference in Bristol has proved to be a very popular event and all places were booked by the deadline for registrations. The venue for the next conference will be announced during the course of the Bristol conference and a Call for Proposals for 2021 will go out in early 2018. Information about what is required to host a conference is available on the website at <https://www.baleap.org/events/event-resources>

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