**BALEAP AGM 2018, 24 March 2018, University of Reading**

**Events Officer Report**

There has been a range of BALEAP events over the year since the last AGM in Bristol, 8 April 2017. Although, disappointingly, two institutions were unable to host PIMs as planned, we have been able to continue our successful series of **webinars** which have attracted between 50 and 70 participants on each occasion. The webinars are an excellent platform for the sharing and discussion of good practice and provide an opportunity for EAP professionals overseas to join in on a BALEAP event when they may not be able to come to the UK for a PIM or conference. There have also been **Testing Roadshows** and a new series of the **Research Training Event Series (ResTES)** which have attracted many BALEAP members, as well as the **annual BAS event**. You can find information about Past Events on the BALEAP website <https://www.baleap.org/events/list/?tribe_paged=1&tribe_event_display=past>

In addition to the events organised by the BALEAP committee, there have been regional meetings held by local EAP groups. EAP in the South East has been set up over the last year and hosted two popular events, and other regional groups continue to arrange meetings on a variety of themes relating to EAP. Information about these activities is disseminated either through the discussion list or the website or both.

**Biennial Conference**

The 2017 biennial BALEAP conference in Bristol was highly successful and fully booked. The next conference will take place in 2019 at the University of Leeds. Planning is well underway and more information will be circulated through the discussion list and advertised on the website. For information about the Conference Proceedings, see the Research and Publications Officer Report.

**Professional Interest Meetings (PIMs)**

On 18 November 2017, Nottingham Trent University hosted a successful PIM in partnership with the BAAL Intercultural Communication SIG on **Intercultural Communication and EAP**. Slides from the PIM can be accessed through the Past Events section of the BALEAP website (see link above).

PIMs in 2018:

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

24 November 2018: University of Essex **(Academic Literacies and EAP: Same or Different)**

As a result of the call for proposals to host a PIM sent out in March 2017, there were eight proposals. In 2019 and 2020, PIMs are scheduled to take place at the following institutions:

University of Birmingham

University of Northampton

Goldsmith’s, University of London

Northumbria University

University of Kent

**Overseas events**

It is hoped that it will be possible to hold overseas events in the near future. Some discussions have already taken place and a Pre Conference Event is planned for a forthcoming conference at Bilkent University in Turkey. BALEAP has also been contacted by the China EAP Association (CEAPA) and there is the potential for collaboration on future joint events.

**Webinars**

BALEAP webinars have continued to be popular and the following webinars took place.

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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 22 November 2017 | 14.00 | Post PIM webinar on intercultural communication |

A further webinar, Open Day: “Meet the exec” is scheduled for 2 May 2018. More information is available on the website:

<https://www.baleap.org/events/category/baleap-events>

Currently, the organising team for webinars consists of the Chair, Events Officer and David Read.

**Dissemination after events**

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. Webinars are recorded and are also available on the website.

Work has continued on the e-book of 10 papers given at the LSE PIM on In-sessional EAP provision, with introductions to sections provided by the two PIM organisers, Alison Standring and Gemma Stansfield, and a general introduction written by Ursula Wingate. Work has been slower than anticipated on this pilot project, but it is expected to be completed within a few months.

**ResTES series**

The second series of the BALEAP Research Training Events has been running successfully and will draw to a close in 2018. A further series is planned.

The series is managed by the BALEAP Research and Publications subcommittee; the sessions have been organised by Bee Bond and Alex Ding. For a fuller account of the ResTES series, see the Research and Publications Officer Reportfor the AGM.

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