**Testing Officer Report 2017-18**

**Testing Roadshows**

Four testing roadshows have been held over the past 15 months and these have proved increasingly popular.

**1. Universities of Bristol & Bath: 17 January 2017: 2**0 participants assisted by my University of Reading colleague Louise Bourguignon

**2. BALEAP Biennial Conference (Bristol): Pre-conference event April 2017:** 32 participants, assisted by Louise Bourguignon

**3. University of Kent: 16 June 2017:** 23 participantshosted and assisted by Dr Anthony Manning

**4. University of Newcastle: 8 December 2017:** 47 participants. I was assisted by Diane Schmidt (Nottingham Trent) and Dr Philip Nathan (Durham).

**Other testing-related activities**

**University of Portsmouth**: **6 February 2018.** I spent the day with Jenifer Sizer and James Bullock, the testing team at Portsmouth, advising them on various testing issues. I then gave a talk on **‘Item Writing for Testing and Teaching Materials’** to a number of academics and postgraduates at the university.

**Future plans**

I have arranged two further roadshows at **Glasgow University: 30 May 2018** and **Coventry University** 23 **June**. I am still hoping to organise an event at Sheffield Hallam.

BALEAP is now an international organisation and with this in mind I have begun developing contacts outside the UK

I have contacted Dr Katrien Deroey Senior Lecturer in Applied Linguistics and Language Teaching at the **Université du Luxembourg** with the aim of her institution hosting a testing roadshow. I have also made some progress with **EAP in Ireland** for the same reason.

It is planned that a Testing & Assessment Special interest Group [SIG] will be set up. It is intended that the focus will expanded beyond formal assessment and, for example, looking at other means of assessment; integrated testing is one such example.

I am hoping that those members of BALEAP, who contacted me either via the Survey Monkey I sent out on 7 November 2016 or during one of the testing roadshow events, with an interest in joining the previously named Testing Working Party will form the core of this group together with other members who did not have the opportunity to respond to the survey at that time. One particular role will to be actively involved in organising and/or assisting at roadshow events. However, although the roadshows are the current focus of the previously named ‘working party’, which was set up for particular purposes, may not remain a permanent feature Thus we are very much looking forward to members’ ideas about the configuration/role of this group at the AGM.