Welcome to Edition No.2 of the UECA Newsletter.
This issue coincides with a busy time for UECA Members:

• Today is our AGM – be sure to make your voice heard and let us know how the Committee can serve you over the next twelve months.

• Later this week think ‘out of the box’ and join us at the NEAS Annual Conference in Sydney on Thursday 12 and Friday 13 May 2016. You can share 5 minutes with NEAS Chief Executive Mark Raven in the article below. NEAS is the principal sponsor of our annual PD Fests.

• And on Saturday 14 May 2016, join us in celebrating 50 years of language teaching at the University of New South Wales. Be a part of the UECA PD Fest at UNSW Institute of Languages, Sydney.

We’d like to thank the principal sponsor of the UECA PD Fest, NEAS, for helping us to expand our reach to teachers with two annual PDF Fests. Mark Raven, Chief Executive of NEAS, was interviewed by us to discuss his ideas on the collaboration.

Our chat with Mark provided an insight into his passions for NEAS, quality in English language teaching and learning, the critical importance of cooperation with UECA, and why NEAS has chosen to be the principal sponsor of UECA PD Fests.

Mark told us “NEAS is committed to building industry capacity through strategic interventions that foster growth, sustainability, innovation and best practice in English language teaching.” Mark made it clear that NEAS is itself a learning organisation, striving for continuous quality improvement and making a positive difference in the lives and learning of students, teachers and ELT centre staff. “ELT centres use NEAS Quality Endorsement as a market differentiator, and the NEAS tick is widely recognised as representing a high standard of English language teaching,” he reminded us.

He continued “The best teachers, centre staff and managers are a critical element in the NEAS drive for quality English language teaching operations.” Mark emphasised
that it is never possible for us to stand still in our work as an English language teacher. He noted that it is important that we take control of our own development priorities. "That is why NEAS endorses the principle that the effective teacher is the developing teacher," he said.

And Mark endorses the PD Fest for good reason. "Continuing Professional Development, such as the UECA PD Fest, is a local activity that helps teachers, ELT centre staff and managers meet the challenges of their work and achieve their goals, as well as those of their centre," he observed.

Mark went on to say that the UECA PD Fest actively promotes cost effective real time teacher learning. "In a one day CPD activity, your PD Fest offers thought-provoking insights from industry-leading professionals. And you incorporate the idea of reflective practice. Understanding the importance of reflecting upon what you are doing is an essential part of the development process."

Mark was also impressed that our PD Fest encourages teachers to be presenters, something he finds "a very convincing form of professional learning. Teachers know the actual ground situation. Their input is both meaningful and useful. They are 'local experts' in actual teaching of EFL, not just experts in theories!"

Reflecting further on the benefits of teacher presenters, Mark observed "In the UECA PD Fest workshops I see a true cycle of learning. ELT teacher presenters incorporate evidence based activities, reflection on that experience, seeing where it fits in with theoretical ideas, and then exploring the pragmatism of applying the learning in actual ELT classroom situations."

"In all, it’s a focus on the positive, what teachers can do; not what they can’t do," he said. "And that is why NEAS is proud to be the principal sponsor across Australia of the UECA PD Fest continuing professional development forum for English language teachers."

Our five minutes with Mark closed with an invitation, and an observation:

"This week, I am looking forward to two landmark events in ELT teacher development. Firstly, I am looking forward to welcoming you to our own 2016 NEAS Conference in Sydney where we can share insights and experiences in ELT leadership, pedagogy and intrapreneurship.

Then, as the principal sponsor of the UECA PD Fest, I am very much looking forward to being with you on Saturday at the UNSW Institute of Languages where we will together benefit from opening and closing keynotes, three streams of 45-minute workshops, exhibitor offers, and networking opportunities that celebrate the 50th anniversary of language teaching at UNSW."

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2016
UECA AGM
UTS:Insearch Board Room,
Level 9, 187 Thomas Street.
10am – 12pm AEST.
Teleconference option:
Call in to Australia, All Cities Domestic: 1300300805,
Conference Code: 826160.
UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY 12 – FRIDAY 13 MAY 2016
NEAS CONFERENCE
Join us at the NEAS Conference in Sydney. Your Committee members will again be providing UECA advocacy at this year’s NEAS conference.

The theme for the 2016 NEAS Conference embraces the value of shared knowledge and experience through excellence in thought leadership, pedagogic disruption, collaboration jam, and intrapreneurship in ELT.


SATURDAY 14 MAY 2016
UECA PD FEST
UNSW Institute of Languages, Sydney.

Theme: The Force Awakens - Empowering Students and Teachers.

NEAS is proud to be the Principal Sponsor of UECA PD Fests.
Opening Keynote address by Professor Anne Burns, University of New South Wales.
The Source of the force: Empowerment in the language classroom. Followed by three streams of PD workshops throughout the day:
• Empowering students
• Research for learning and teaching
• Cultural factors in teaching and learning

DO YOU WANT TO HOST A PD FEST AT YOUR CENTRE?
UECA conducts two PDfests each year. You can showcase your centre in 2017 by offering to host a PDfest. Send your ideas for a theme and Saturday date to the UECA Committee. On the Members Area homepage click on the FEEDBACK button.
SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2016
TESOL RESEARCH NETWORK
COLLOQUIUM IN SYDNEY
08.30am – 5.00pm
Education Building A35,
Manning Rd, University of Sydney.

This popular annual colloquium provides a forum for discussing and sharing research in the area of teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL), as well as exploring possible future research collaborations. The event is a place for networking, for both established and new TESOL researchers, and includes presentation sessions on a wide range of TESOL and TESOL-related research – both in progress and completed – as well as opportunities for informal discussions among people working in the area of TESOL research. Proposals are invited each year for:

- 25-minute research paper presentations
  (20-minute presentations followed by five minutes for questions and discussion)
- 90-minute symposia
  (80-minute presentations; 10 minutes for questions and discussion).

WEDNESDAY 21 - FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2016
ENGLISH AUSTRALIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN HOBART

The conference will provide professional development and up-to-date information to enable you to learn from and network with colleagues and peers from around Australia as well as government stakeholders, regulatory bodies and suppliers of products and services to the English language sector.

Conference registration and call for papers is now open.
Go to: http://www.eaconference.com.au/registration/
YOUR COMMITTEE IN ACTION

Who’s on the Committee this year? The next Newsletter edition will update Committee membership and contact details.

For Minutes of the Friday 18 March 2016 Committee Meeting, go to [http://www.ueca.edu.au/members/](http://www.ueca.edu.au/members/) and follow the link to UECA Committee Meeting Minutes. A summary of meeting outcomes on includes:

- Membership update
- Update on UECA / NEAS PD Fest at UNSWIL on 14 May PD Fest UNSWIL 14 May
- Preparations for UECA AGM to be held on 11 May
- Update on UECA Benchmarking and Capacity Research
- New Marketing Collateral
- UECA newsletter and Committee support
- Relationship with English Australia

Your Committee meets via teleconference 5 times each year.

Dates for the remainder of 2016 are:

- Friday 17 June 2016
- Friday 2 September 2016
- Friday 18 November 2016

Remember, your Committee members are always ready for and welcome your feedback or comments on UECA activities. Making contact is easy. On the Members Area homepage click on the [FEEDBACK] button.

LATEST NEWS AFUEE TAIWAN

SATURDAY 24 - SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2016

Are you planning to participate in AFUEE Taiwan 2016 and show students how they’ll learn English in Australia? As an addition to the regular exhibition, an English language demonstration class is a new feature of the Australia Future Unlimited Education Exhibition in the Taipei, Taiwan program for 2016.

- For Taiwanese students, ELICOS has always been the most popular study program in Australia, accounting for about 44 per cent of total student commencements in 2015.
- Out of total ELICOS student commencements in 2015, 50–60 per cent were English-only students, many of whom went on to look for more diversified programs.
- More than 73 per cent of the 570 ELICOS student visa-holders from Taiwan who had their visa granted between July and December 2015 had previously held an Australian visitor or working holiday visa. This compares to 62 per cent of all student visas issued to Taiwanese applicants.
- Taiwanese students continue to value studying abroad as a way to improve their English language and develop their careers.


Registrations close Thursday 3 June 2016.

For UECA marketing collateral for this and other events, go to the Members Area homepage click on the [FEEDBACK] button.

UECA BENCHMARKING

A briefing on preparations for 2017 benchmarking will be presented to members on Tuesday 18 October 2016 as part of the UECA Directors’ Workshop at AIEC Australian International Education Conference in Melbourne.

Join us at AIEC 2016. To register, go to: [http://aiec.idp.com/registration](http://aiec.idp.com/registration)
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