

# **STETS NEWS**

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### **Highlights from the Annual General Meeting 2003/2004**

#### **New Office Bearers**

The following office bearers and auditors were elected at the Annual General Meeting for 2003/2004 held on Saturday 26 April 2003 at the National University of Singapore:

#### Executive Committee Members

President	Manee Lugg (SP)
Vice President	Richard Slessor (TP)
Honorary Secretary	Lim Hwee Ling (NUS)
Honorary Treasurer	Ann E. Hendricks (NUS)
Membership Secretary	Radhika Jaidev (NUS)

#### Auditors

Patrick Gallo (NUS)  
Goh Khong Phong, Happy (NUS)

#### **Institutional Representatives**

A big 'Thank You' to all the Institutional Representatives who served the society last year! We are pleased to report that the following members have volunteered their services as Institutional Representatives for 2003/2004:



**British Council**  
David Kemp



**National University of Singapore**  
Gan-Lim Meng Choo



**Nanyang Technological University**  
Lee Hwee Hoon



**National Institute of Education**  
Antonia Chandrasegaran



**Ngee Ann Polytechnic**  
Irene Tan



**Singapore Polytechnic**  
Maira Wee



**Temasek Polytechnic**  
Cynthia Jean Macknish



**Institute of Technical Education**  
Grace Kwan



**Regional English Language Centre**  
Chin Soo Fun

### Special Projects Committee

The Special Projects Committee, headed by the Vice-President, has the challenging task of organizing the various special STETS events. We thank Nimmi A. Jayathurai and Aileen Bong for their service to the committee. We welcome volunteers to help organize the forthcoming STETS Workshop. If you are interested, please contact Richard Slessor at [slessor@tp.edu.sg](mailto:slessor@tp.edu.sg).

Currently, the Committee consists of the following members:

Chairperson	Richard Slessor (TP)
Secretary	Lim Hwee Ling (NUS)
Members	Phyllis Wachob (NTU)
	Lawrence Zhang (NIE)
	Carol Binder (NUS)
	Yang Ying (NUS)
	Shila Fernandez (NIE)



The Special Projects Committee organized the successful STETS Annual Workshop on “**Reflective Practice for Language Teachers**” conducted by Tom Farrell (NIE) at the Singapore Polytechnic Graduates’ Guild (SPGG) on 29 November 2002.

At the workshop, Tom Farrell led about 25 participants through activities that had them reflecting on their teaching experience and beliefs about teaching. The topics covered included the use of journals and classroom observations as aids to reflection, generation of topics for reflection, and the construction of teaching portfolios.

The participants found the workshop relevant and, in their post workshop evaluation, gave Tom the highest ratings for his presentation.



The Committee is currently planning the **STETS 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration Public Lecture and Workshop** to be presented by Dr. David Nunan (University of Hong Kong) from 27 – 29 November 2003.

Professor David Nunan is the Director of the English Centre at the University of Hong Kong. He is a well-known academic and textbook writer. Professor Nunan is a much sought after speaker who currently averages about forty presentations a year at international conferences. More background information on Professor Nunan is available at <http://ec.hku.hk/dcnunan/>

### **Language & Communication Review**

The Editorial Board for the *Language and Communication Review* comprises of the following:

Chief Editor	Rohini Rajagopalan	
Editors	Richard Slessor (TP)	Lee Kooi Cheng (NUS)
	Bina Bhattacharyya (TP)	Rita Silver (NIE)
	Deng Xudong (NUS)	Halim Sykes (RELC)
	Christine Goh (NIE)	Jessie Teng (NUS)
	Asha Kumaran (TP)	Angela Loo (NUS)

We would like to invite you to submit your paper for publication in the L&C Review. We are looking for more articles especially those with a South-East Asian emphasis. We are interested in your contributions to the following four categories:

- Research Papers (full-length research articles)
- On the Practical Side (shorter reports on classroom / teaching practices)
- Presentations & Workshops (reviews and/or summaries of presentations and workshops)
- Book Reviews

Your paper should be formatted according to the *Contributor's Guidelines* which is available from the Chief Editor [rohini\\_raja@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:rohini_raja@yahoo.com.sg) or your STETS representative.

Please send your paper to the following:

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### Forthcoming Activities

Mark these dates in your diary! Your STETS representative will send you more details once the arrangements for the events are finalized.

Date	Event
26 July 2003 (Sat) Venue: NUS, Blk Adm (OAB) Seminar Room #04-02 Time: 9am-12.30pm	Joint STETS/STC-Singapore Talks at NUS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ “Technical Communication: Profession, Prospects &amp; Pay” by Tan Joo Khim (STC-Singapore).</li><li>▪ “Getting into Instructional Design” by Constance Bille (STC).</li><li>▪ “Prospects for eLearning in Singapore” by Lim Kin Chew (Head, eLearning Competency Centre).</li></ul> Please RSVP <a href="mailto:elclimhl@nus.edu.sg">elclimhl@nus.edu.sg</a> by 22 July 2003
August 2003 Venue/Time: to be confirmed.	<b>IT in Education Series :</b> Presentation by ITE on their virtual learning management system.
September 2003 Venue/Time: to be confirmed.	“Mind Our Language” – presented by Paul Tolton from the British Council.
October 2003 Venue/Time: to be confirmed.	“Discourse Features of E-lectures” – presented by Anil Pathak & Sujata Kathpalia from NTU.
27-29 November 2003	<b>STETS 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration Public Lecture and Workshop</b> conducted by Dr. David Nunan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Anniversary Public Lecture</b> “Performance-based Approaches to Curriculum &amp; Assessment” 27 November 2003, Evening, RELC.</li><li>▪ <b>Anniversary Workshop</b> “Developing Materials” 28-29 November 2003, Singapore Polytechnic Graduates’ Guild.</li></ul>
January 2004 Venue/Time: to be confirmed.	Presentation by Lawrence Zhang from NIE on his paper presented at the IATEFL November 2003 conference.
February 2004 Venue/Time: to be confirmed	Presentation by RELC.
March 2004 Venue/Time: to be confirmed	“Learning/Teaching Effectiveness from an Organizational Behaviour Perspective” – presented by Joo Seng from NTU.
April 2004	STETS AGM.

### **Special Interest Groups**

If you are interested in becoming a member of a STETS/SIG, please contact the respective coordinators below:

*Computer Assisted Language Learning*

Coordinator: Anil Pathak  
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*Teacher Development*

Coordinator: Patrick Gallo  
[elcgbp@nus.edu.sg](mailto:elcgbp@nus.edu.sg)

*Business English*

Acting-Coordinator: Richard Slessor  
[slessor@tp.edu.sg](mailto:slessor@tp.edu.sg)

*Research*

Coordinator: Christine Goh  
[cmcgoh@nie.edu.sg](mailto:cmcgoh@nie.edu.sg)

If you would like to help out as co-coordinators for the following SIGs, please contact Manee at [manee@sp.edu.sg](mailto:manee@sp.edu.sg)

Other SIGs:

*Learner Independence*

*Research and Testing*

### **STETS Membership**

The STETS membership count in March 2003 was 225. The annual subscription fee is S\$10.00 which is renewable either at the end of June or December.

Two types of membership are available:

*Ordinary Membership*: for full-time academic staff in tertiary institutions in Singapore.

*Associate Membership*: for anyone interested both in and outside Singapore.

Just complete the Membership Application Form (available from your STETS representative or download a copy from [www.ntu.edu.sg/sce/stets](http://www.ntu.edu.sg/sce/stets)) and send it to us. As a member, you can enjoy the following perks:

- opportunities to present your papers at IATEFL conferences
- 10% discount at Pansing RELC
- free copies of the L&C Review
- invitations to professional talks
- reduced workshop fees
- free lunch at AGMs
- establishment of professional ties with all tertiary institutions in Singapore and associate members from other institutions

### **Calling for Speakers and Topics**

We would like to ask all our readers to contribute suggestions for possible speakers and/or topics for events to celebrate our STETS 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary this year. The presenters could be locally-based or from overseas. The more ideas the better!

If you or someone you know, are willing to give a talk or workshop that would benefit STETS members, please contact Richard at [slessor@tp.edu.sg](mailto:slessor@tp.edu.sg)

If you would like to publicize in our Newsletter, your research or your institute's events, that would be interesting to our members, contact [elclimhl@nus.edu.sg](mailto:elclimhl@nus.edu.sg)

All correspondence regarding STETS NEWS should be sent to [elclimhl@nus.edu.sg](mailto:elclimhl@nus.edu.sg)

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**The STETS Committee**