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### **TESOL International Association Installs new President, Board Members**

*Alexandria, VA (20 April 2016)* – [TESOL International Association](#), the professional association for English language educators worldwide, recently installed Dr. Dudley Reynolds as its new president along with four new board members at the TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo held 5-8 April 2016 in Baltimore, Maryland USA.

Reynolds teaches first-year writing and is a member of the Dean's Academic Council at [Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar](#). He has an extensive background in the field of TESOL, where he has taught in MA TESOL, intensive English, and elementary school programs. His research focuses on the development, instruction, and assessment of second language literacy. Reynolds will serve a one-year term as TESOL International Association's 51<sup>st</sup> president.

In addition, Dr. Ester de Jong of the [University of Florida](#) in Gainesville, Florida was installed as president-elect. She serves as the Director of the School of Teaching and Learning, and is a professor of ESOL/Bilingual Education.

Other newly installed board members are: Dr. Deborah Crusan, [Wright State University](#) in Dayton, Ohio; Dr. Sylvia Laborde, [Alianza Cultural Uruguay-Estados Unidos](#) in Montevideo, Uruguay; and Dr. Shelley Taylor, [Western University](#) in London, Ontario, Canada.

As new board members were installed during the convention, Dr. Andy Curtis, [Anaheim University](#) in Anaheim, California, moved to the post of past-president after serving as the association's 50<sup>th</sup> president. Additionally, board members whose terms have expired include: Dr. Yilin Sun, [Seattle Colleges](#) in Seattle, Washington; Dr. Leslie Barratt, [Roi Et Rajabhat University](#) in Roi Et, Thailand; Dr. Luciana de Oliveira, [University of Miami](#) in Coral Gables, Florida; Dr. Tony Silva, [Purdue University](#) in West Lafayette, Indiana; and Dr. Deborah Short, Academic Language and Training, LLC in Arlington, Virginia.

#### *About TESOL International Association*

Founded in 1966, TESOL International Association is a professional community of educators, researchers, administrators and students committed to advancing excellence in English language teaching for speakers of other languages worldwide. With more than 12,500 members representing over 156 countries, TESOL fosters the exchange of ideas, research, and peer-to-peer knowledge, and provides expertise, resources, and a powerful voice on issues affecting the profession. Through professional development programs, its international conference, special interest groups, and publications, TESOL engages tens of thousands of professionals to

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