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### TESOL and IATEFL Partner to Host a Joint Web Conference

*Alexandria, VA* (6 October 2016) – [TESOL International Association](#) and [IATEFL](#) are partnering to host [50 Years of English Language Teaching Professional Development, A Joint Web Conference](#), to be held 17–19 November 2016. This marks the first-ever joint event from these two premier English language professional associations.

“We at IATEFL are delighted to be taking part in this joint web conference with TESOL,” said President of IATEFL, Marjorie Rosenberg. “We see this as the next step in a successful collaboration which has developed over time, and was recently marked by IATEFL receiving the TESOL President’s Award in 2016.”

Through this joint web conference, which is free for participants, TESOL and IATEFL seek to bring distinguished experts in the English language teaching field to a global audience who would otherwise be unable to attend their face-to-face events. [Andy Curtis](#), Ph.D., and [David Nunan](#), Ph.D., both TESOL Past Presidents, as well as [David Crystal](#), Ph.D., Patron of IATEFL, are among the distinguished speakers, who hail from six continents and represent a wide variety of fields under the umbrella of English language teaching.

“As the TESOL profession continues to expand globally, it is incumbent upon professional associations like IATEFL and TESOL to share our expertise with teachers and teacher trainers as a service that can reach many at no cost. By offering this virtual conference to those who may not be able to afford a face-to-face event, IATEFL and TESOL honor their mission. TESOL is privileged to share this effort with IATEFL”, noted TESOL Executive Director Rosa Aronson.

The joint conference will focus on three themes: “[World Englishes](#),” “Teacher Identity,” and “Professional Development Through Teacher Associations.” These themes have become salient issues in many parts of the world, and this conference gives participants an opportunity to discuss them on a global stage.

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Each day will feature five speakers and a panel discussion, and participants will have the chance to ask questions through a dedicated Q&A chat box via the online conference platform.

Full [daily program overviews](#) are available online, and registration will open soon. Although there is no fee for the event, participants must register for each day. For more information on this program, visit [TESOL Professional Learning](#) or [IATEFL's webpage](#).

### ***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 13,000 members representing over 150 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 collaborate globally and create a world of opportunity for millions of people of all ages who want to learn English.

### ***About IATEFL (International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language)***

Celebrating 50 years, the [International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language](#) is a truly global ELT community with over 4,000 members. IATEFL's mission of linking, developing, and supporting English Language Teaching professionals worldwide is achieved through its annual conference and exhibition, international events throughout the year, regular webinars, 16 special interest groups, online forums, projects, publications and partnerships with national and regional teaching associations around the world. For more information, please visit the [IATEFL website](#).

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