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## *Letter from the Editor*



Dear Colleagues,

How wonderful to be in touch with you once again! I hope you had marvellous holidays and are now looking forward to getting back to work.

I was so happy to meet quite a few of you at the Dickens Midsummer Dream. It was lovely to chat and hear your news and give you mine. So many links have grown between you and me along the years. The Dickens is now 43 years old! And the External Department is now 23! Thank you so much for making me and the Dickens People so happy, for trusting us with your students, for believing in us and best of all for sharing your joys and woes with us! Stella has been fundamental in acting as a nexus between us all. Thank you Stella for your understanding, your patience, your intuition and above all for being a true professional.

Going back to a Midsummer Dream our Stars really shone on that day: Silvia Rovegno Veronica Jara, Laura Chiarino, Teresa Gallete and Fiorella Diaz, Elena Modzelewski and Florencia Romero, and James Bloomsfield offered most interesting and profitable workshops and talks.

The morning session was a great success! During lunch a lot of socialisation took place, which was really great. It is so good to exchange news with friends and acquaintances. The afternoon session was opened by Paty who offered a warm welcome. This was followed by Andrea Cabrera, Julio Churi, Karen Capel and Alastair Grant.

As you may imagine it was another great success which ended with raffles and presents for the lucky ones.

I want all of you to be lucky, so I asked Karen if she would be willing to share the very gratifying video she showed us during her talk. She loved the idea so here it is. I hope you enjoy it and it moves you as much as it moved me.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHv6vTKD6lg>

(or just type *The Science of Happiness - An Experiment in Gratitude* on Youtube)

All the very best from Paty, Andrea, Miryam, Stella, Karen, the Dickens Team and I

*Monica*

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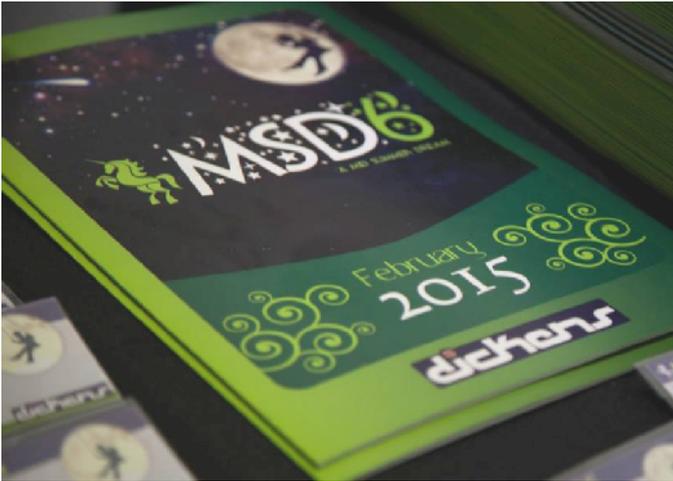


43 years  
Successfully  
Teaching Teachers!!



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***The Midsummer Dream once again proved to be an extraordinary enriching experience.***

What sets the MSD apart is the quality and breadth of the topics presented and the outstanding speakers who share their expertise and delivered insightful presentations on current research issues, from theoretical to pedagogical issues. The presentations were brilliant and thought-provoking. We learned a lot from them. We feel that the energy and excitement of the day generated fresh ways of thinking about teaching, learning and sharing.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to publishers **Macmillan, OUP, Pearson** as well as **Viajeros Sin Fronteras** and **Bookshop** that help us organize such a successful event.

Last but not least, the attendees. Thank you all for coming to and participating in MSD 6. Without you, there is no conference, so once again thank you so much for your loyalty.

The success of this conference is largely thanks to the wonderful panelists and the great participation of all of the attendees who ensured a dynamic conference and fruitful debates and discussions!

We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did and we definitely hope to see you again at MSD 7.

*Inés Perazza & Laura Mesa*

*Dear Laura and Ines,*

*Thank you for the splendid work you did putting the Mid Summer Dream together this year. We know how hard you worked for it to be a great success !*

*Congratulations from all of us at the Dickens and may you go on with your spectacular work in the MSD 2016 !*

*The Dickens Team*



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Are you preparing students for international exams at B2 and/or C1 levels? Are you familiar with the changes and the new format of these exams? Join us in this talk in which we'll have a look at the modifications you need to be aware of, since these revised editions began to be implemented in January 2015. We'll explain the new way exam results will be reported as from this year as well.



There are two dates in case you can't make it on a week day!



**Venue: Dickens (21 de Setiembre 2744)**

**Time & date: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 6-7.30 pm  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 10-11.30 am  
Admission: Free**



**Enrolment: [stella@dickens.edu.uy](mailto:stella@dickens.edu.uy)**

Are you teaching B1-level students this year? Would you like to enhance their oral communication skills? On the same day, we'll be looking at some spoken English international examinations available in the market, which not only provide your students with another international certification but they also equip them with plenty of tools to become more efficient users of the language.



*Would you like to:*

- *improve your language skills*
- *upgrade your CV*
- *get invaluable qualifications such as Cambridge ADVANCED or CPE*

*Then, this is the course for you:*

## **Advanced English for teachers**

*When: Saturdays from 9:00 to 12:00 (March to November)*

*Where: Dickens Institute- 21 de Setiembre 2744*

*Contact Stella ([stella@dickens.edu.uy](mailto:stella@dickens.edu.uy) / 27107555) for more information*



## Portugués en Dickens

Brindamos apoyo académico a Instituciones, Colegios y Profesores que dictan clases de Portugués.

### Ofrecemos:

Selección de textos  
Material didáctico  
Evaluaciones bimestrales  
Exámenes y certificaciones nacionales e internacionales de la Universidad de Caxias do Sul  
Cursos y talleres para docentes  
Y nuestro respaldo

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## CERTIFICATE TESOL

The Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (Cert TESOL) is your essential qualification as an English teacher. It shows you are a professional, and it's a guarantee to employers that you are a motivated, capable teacher.

### What's special about our course?

- We have an unbeatable success rate on this popular programme: over the past several years, 100% of participants completing the course have passed and obtained this valuable international qualification.
- You'll have sessions with different experienced trainers, which ensures you can learn a variety of different styles of teaching.
- Throughout the course, our focus is on teaching skills. You'll cover all the fundamental principles of teaching English as a foreign language and you'll get to work with a range of different levels of ability.
- You will have teaching practice both at Dickens Institute and at bilingual schools.
- You'll also teach various sorts of lessons – from grammar lessons to content teaching – so you can feel much more confident about teaching in different circumstances anywhere.

As well as in 2014, this year we will be offering a one-year course and a two-year course. If you are interested in moving a step closer to success, do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

### Dickens Cert TESOL Awards Ceremony 2014



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# PLAQUE 2015

I am very happy that you liked the 2014 plaque. This is our **2015 Plaque**. Please note on the left of the unicorn there will be one of the following logos:



This is our recognition to all of you who have been Dickens External Teachers for more than 10 and 15 years. We wish to show our deep recognition for your loyalty and belief in us. In other words it is our way to say thank you and **"we are very proud of your loyalty which we value greatly"**.

*Thank you!*

## SCHOLASTIC CALENDAR

# 2015

Dates on which you are invited to collect your rounds of bimonthly tests:

- First Round                      From 4<sup>th</sup> MAY onwards
- Second Round                  From 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE onwards
- Third Round                     From 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER onwards
- Fourth Round                  From 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER onwards

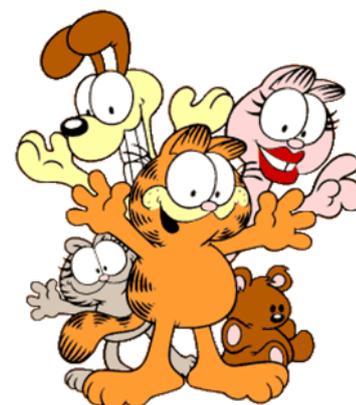
- ✂ The Oral exams will be on 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER in Montevideo.
- ✂ The Written exams will be on 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER in Montevideo.

*Please try to adhere to the above dates as it helps us with our organization and therefore it is directly beneficial to you as well.*

## Copies of Final Exams 2014

Please put in your order for the copies of the final exams 2014 you need before 16<sup>th</sup> October (not later than the 16<sup>th</sup>, please, as it causes quite a lot of trouble with the organization) They will be handed out to you until 9<sup>th</sup> November..

*Thank you for your understanding!*



*We' re going to*

# ENGLAND

*Come to our next meeting!*



*April 17th*  
*19:00 hs*



*Where?*

*at the*



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