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## Asociación de Profesores de Inglés de Rosario

Summary 2011

December 29th, 2011

Dear Colleagues,

In this last communication of the year, we would like to share with you an overview of activities and ongoing projects.

At the beginning of the year, we embarked on the organisation of our Anniversary Seminar, which drained much of our strength. Enough has been said about the topic, so we are not going to wallow in self-pity, but instead we want to focus on our achievements.

Even though a few teachers have decided not to renew their membership, we have been delighted to **welcome about 30 new members**, many of them recent graduates, who are already bringing in their enthusiasm to our Association.

We launched our **newly designed website** at the traditional [www.aprir.org.ar](http://www.aprir.org.ar) domain, which we have kept updated, and where you can find all our 2010 and 2011 Newsletters and Photos of events. Please stop by to check our **Season's Greetings** at <http://www.aprir.org.ar/anuncios/wewishyou>. Alongside the website came our new emails [info@aprir.org.ar](mailto:info@aprir.org.ar) (general issues) and [secretaria@aprir.org.ar](mailto:secretaria@aprir.org.ar) (enrolment, payment, administrative matters).

We have continued strengthening our online presence through **Facebook** <http://www.facebook.com/pages/APrIR/127774673899632> and **Twitter** <http://twitter.com/aprir>. You don't need an account to access either of these pages.

Through these means, and our online **Info Services** (tallying 51 this year) we have forwarded you details of conferences, calls for papers, and useful materials, as well as activities involving our members. Don't be bashful: do **fill in this form** <http://tinyurl.com/events-aprir-members> or drop us a line at [info@aprir.org.ar](mailto:info@aprir.org.ar) and we will **share your news**.

Remember to check you are subscribed to our **Google Group** <http://groups.google.com/group/aprir>, created because some email providers were blocking our messages as spam. We **can no longer add you automatically**: you will need to subscribe yourself. Through this group we can send you all an email with only one click, and it has the added benefit that all **communications remain stored online** for ease of reference.

Our **academic activities** have included these presentations, organized or co-sponsored by APrIR:

- *Teaching Business English* (Profs. Julieta de Zavalía, Alejandra Garré, Mariela Rodríguez, Ma. Del Carmen Fernández Beitía)
- *Professional development 2.0: Shaping our Learning Paths* ( Prof. Carla Raguseo) (with SBS)
- Heinle event: *Content and language: Towards a perfect partnership* (Ian Martin) (with Cengage Learning)
- *La educación digital* (online presentations and onsite workshops throughout the year) (Profs. Rita Zeinstejer and Jennifer Vershoor) (SBS)
- *Jornada "Educación y Plurilingüismo"* (Profs. Roberto Bein and Elvira Arnoux) (with IES "Olga Cossetini")
- *Unveiling the Art Behind Picture Book Illustration* (Prof. Ma. Cristina Thomson de Grondona White)
- *El concepto de "amor" en el personaje Molly Bloom, de James Joyce. Un enfoque cognitivo* (Prof. Cecilia Acquarone) (with Asociación Católica San Patricio)

Furthermore, the **CALL SIG** had seven meetings during the year, under the guidance of Mary Di Mónaco.

In terms of **cultural activities** we contributed to the celebration of **Bloomsday** organised by Asoc. Católica San Patricio, and from February to October, under the coordination of Julieta de Zavalía and María del Carmen Fernández, **Chatting Meals** were successfully held monthly for enthusiastic teachers and advanced students.

As regards **relationships with FAAPI and sister associations**, we are very proud to have co-organised with APIBA the **Webinar for Teacher Associations "Marketing and Fundraising for TAs"** with the support of FAAPI and the British Council, in which twenty teachers from **APrIR, APIBA, APIM and APIBB**, as well as one UruTESOL member profited from the expertise of APIBA President **Prof. Analía Kandel**. Our President Graciela Castelli and EC

member Mariel Amez attended the **FAAPI Annual General Meeting in Córdoba** in April, and Graciela Castelli and Vice-President María del Carmen Fernández also attended the **Associations' Meeting in Tucumán** in September, both of which proved extremely enriching opportunities to share concerns and experiences.

In September, we celebrated **Teacher's Day and APriR's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** with a high-spirited brunch where members old and new were reunited or got to know each other and joined in the fun.

Now that the year is coming to an end, it has come to our attention that **Prof. Ana María Armendáriz**, who has worked so hard and generously on behalf of our profession, is undergoing serious health problems and is in need of assistance. Details can be found and messages left for her at <http://apibablog.blogspot.com/2011/12/colaboracion-con-ana-maria-armendariz.html> . We would like to inform you that APriR has made a financial contribution to be spent, we presume, in providing better care for her. However small the contribution may be in comparison to her needs, it will help by adding up to contributions being received from other teachers' associations and educational institutions.

On a more joyful note, **Prof. Delia Redoano**, one of the Founding Teachers who came from Buenos Aires in the 1930's to start the Profesorado en Inglés teaching programme, never to leave until her retirement, is turning 100 years old in a few days. See details of our ideas to celebrate and pay tribute to her at [http://groups.google.com/group/aprir/browse\\_thread/thread/113c30fdf8809246?hl=es&pli=1](http://groups.google.com/group/aprir/browse_thread/thread/113c30fdf8809246?hl=es&pli=1)

Before saying our goodbyes, we would like to remind you that the **Annual General Meeting** to be held early next year will have the task of **electing the Executive Committee** to hold office between **2012 and 2013**. Proper notifications will be issued, but start spreading the word and consider taking part yourself.

**APriR is an association of teachers, by teachers, for teachers.**

**Take pride in belonging.**

**The APriR Committee**

