

## Events : Affiliates and Associates

*In line with our associate objectives, TESOL-SPAIN is broadening its reach and becoming more involved with other teachers associations, both within and beyond Spain. In this section of the Newsletter we will offer brief reports of events we have recently participated in and information we receive about their upcoming events.*



### IATEFL 2005

IATEFL (the International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language) will be holding their 39<sup>th</sup> International conference in Cardiff from 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April. In 2005 Cardiff will be celebrating both its centenary as a city and its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the capital of Wales. The conference will be held at the City Hall and the National Museum and Gallery. Nine Pre-Conference Events will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, followed by the conference and exhibition from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like more information visit the IATEFL web-site on [www.iatefl.org](http://www.iatefl.org), or make contact through the TESOL-Spain web-site on [www.tesol-spain.org](http://www.tesol-spain.org).



### TESOL Inc. News

TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of other Languages, Inc.) was founded in 1966, and today it is a global education association with more than 13,000 members in over 120 countries. TESOL is recognised as a non-governmental organization (NGO) of the United Nations Department of Public Information. TESOL's mission is to ensure excellence in English language teaching to speakers of other languages. TESOL values: individual language rights; professionalism in language education; accessible, high quality education; collaboration in a global community; interaction of research and reflective practice for educational improvement and respect for diversity and multiculturalism.

By way of example of the work that TESOL is involved in at national government level, TESOL has recently issued statements concerning the association's position endorsing the use of B-visas (a visa category in the US for tourists and business visitors) for short-term language study in the United States. It has also announced its position on the value of Intensive English programs (IEPs) in the United States, strongly supporting and valuing the role they play in promoting high-quality education, collaboration in a global community, and

respect for diversity and multiculturalism. It urges the US government to put in place regulations that facilitate, rather than hinder, students' access to English training in the United States. If either you or your students are considering going to the States for a short stay and considering an intensive language programme, and you would like more information about TESOL's position on these issues, check out [www.tesol.org](http://www.tesol.org) or visit [www.tesol-spain.org](http://www.tesol-spain.org) for a link.



### News from TEA: XXII Jornadas, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, January 26th-29th, 2005, theme 'Teaching English in the Eye of the Hurricane'

Have you ever considered where the Canary Islands actually are? Politically part of Europe, nestling off the West coast of Africa, they are at the traditional crossroads between three continents, as the trade-winds have carried centuries of goods and passengers to and from the Americas. The multi-cultural classroom is very much the here and now, bringing experiences, cultural heritage and mother-tongues from around the world. The Canaries are in the eye of the hurricane.

For language teachers and learners the challenge today is how to blend such a mix successfully, how to encourage tolerance, communication, how to build a community together and how to nurture integration. This is the main theme of the TEA XXII Jornadas, "Teaching English in the Eye of the Hurricane", a theme which, by extension, will also focus on the implementation of the European Language Portfolio as The Canary Islands take their place in the New Europe.

If you would like to present a Call for Papers please contact Fiona Mauchline, TEA Speaker Coordinator, on [fiona@teacanarias.org](mailto:fiona@teacanarias.org). Please put 'TEA' on the subject line, in emails, snail mail Colegio Oficial de Doctores y Licenciados de Las Palmas C/ Obispo Rabadán, nº 22 – bajo, 35003 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. Teléfono/Fax: 928 367154 or visit the TEA web-site, [www.nti.educa.rcanaria.es/tea](http://www.nti.educa.rcanaria.es/tea), or get in touch through the TESOL-Spain website on [www.tesol-spain.org](http://www.tesol-spain.org)