



Newsletter - Issue 9

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Reflections on the 2021 EATAW conference

The dream has come true

It has been three months since EATAW 2021 and when people ask how the conference went, we will probably always remember how hot it was during this heatwave that swept across Central Europe. Alena (the conference organizer) was baking in her South-facing office on the 8th floor in Ostrava, while Kamila (the conference co-organizer) enjoyed a little more comfort in her office in Prague, shielded from the heat by the thick walls of the old building where her office is located. But of course, we will not remember just the heat and the computer screens that allowed us to meet. We will also recall the bursts of energy we were getting from the fact that the conference was actually happening and things were going smoothly without any major mishaps.

Most importantly of all, we hold dear that the conference was about us as a community. After all, we are a professional community and we wanted a conference. It did not matter that we had been exhausted from online teaching and different online gatherings. We were even looking forward to this virtual event at the start of July when we should have been taking a well-deserved break. It was because when we began talking about EATAW 2021 in the year of a global pandemic and lockdowns all around the world, we asked you for your opinion in a survey and you overwhelmingly voted for the conference to take place even when it was going to be online. Thanks to you and the support of the EATAW Board, we were able to start shaping the event. Our thanks go not only to all the presenters who had sent in their abstracts to contribute to the theme, the keynote speakers for their wonderful talks, and the invited presenters who gave themed discussions or an invited workshop, but we are grateful to all the conference participants who came and made the conference happen. Last but not least, we are also immensely thankful to Jakub and his AMCA team who provided the technical support for this online event.

As an international community, we represent a host of different backgrounds. With **249** participants from **39** countries, the conference had a lot to offer and provided us with space to learn from one another. Considering all the time zones, presenters from Europe were mostly slotted for the CEST morning and the many US participants were scheduled for our afternoon. Still, many of you had little sleep or had to take a short nap during the conference. That is quite alright, though, as all the sessions were recorded and the registered participants can access them [here](#). As Alena mentioned in her opening speech, she had dreamt of hosting an EATAW conference since her first EATAW conference in Budapest 2013. Many of you at the conference also recalled your first and/ or earlier conferences and tried to remember where you made friends with many of the colleagues. We can be proud of our community, not only for securing continuity for what we do but for supplying us with the energy to merge our jobs and the passion we hold for teaching academic writing.

While the offices we broadcasted from were not crowded as we were all scattered in our own spaces around the globe, we are looking forward to seeing you all in person at the next EATAW conference, or sooner.

Alena Kasparkova and Kamila Etchegoyen Rosolová

Statistics:

Registered participants 249

Break-down of participants per country:

Germany: 39

Czech Republic: 32

USA: 26

UK: 21

Sweden: 16

Austria: 10

Netherlands: 9

Denmark, Norway: 7

Ireland, Israel, Poland: 6

Estonia, Italy, Russia, South Africa, Switzerland: 5

Australia, Turkey: 4

Armenia, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia: 3

Belgium, Kazakhstan, Mexico: 2

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, Finland, Greece, Hungary,

Kenya, Lithuania, Montenegro, New Zealand, Spain, Ukraine: 1

Number of presenters: 106

Number of symposia: 2

Number of workshops: 4

Number of themed discussions: 3

Number of keynotes: 3

Number of research-based presentations: 30

Number of teaching-oriented presentations: 17

New aims for this board period

Djuddah Leijen - chair

In the next two years the board is setting their sight to work on the following:

- With our new website, we wish to increase the transparency and visibility of EATAW to its members.
 - We will reach out to other organisations to build strategic partnerships
 - We would like to increase our efforts to get our EATAW members much more involved in the future activities of EATAW as an organization
 - Finally, our efforts will build on creating a strong foundation for our organisation to keep building on.
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Meet the 2021-2023 board



Djuddah Leijen

University of Tartu, Estonia

Djuddah A.J. Leijen has served on the board for the past 4 years, and it has been a pleasure to have him as a lecturer at the College of Foreign Languages and Cultures, and Head of the Centre for Academic Writing and Communication at the University of Tartu, Estonia. He leads an interdisciplinary course on communicating science with a dedicated crew of PhD students and staff. His research interests include intercultural rhetoric, PhD writing, web-based peer review systems, writing research methodologies, and using machine learning as an integrated method to evaluate writing products and processes.



Alena Kašpárková

VŠB-Technical University of Ostrava, Czech Republic

I work at the Faculty of Mining and Geology, where I support my colleagues and doctoral researchers in writing for publication in English. Building on academic writing workshops I used to run, my university has progressed to launching a PhD Academy, where I teach a two-semester course in Writing for Publication. My research interests are in writing for publication, academic writing, and writing beyond university.

I am happy I have been re-elected for the board. My responsibilities during the EATAW 2019-2021 term were the compilation of the Code of Ethics and organization of EATAW 2021 conference, which was a real challenge as well as a great learning opportunity. In the next term, besides contributing to the association with my Central/Eastern European perspective, I would like to support the next conference organizers and contribute to the running of the Journal of Academic Writing.



Magnus Gustafsson

Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden

I work at the Division for Language and Communication at Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden and strive to promote EATAW concerns in our educational environment. Our work with multiple and progressively arranged integrated communication-oriented interventions for engineering education is one that I have tried to share with EATAW colleagues at the EATAW conferences since 2005. I have been a board member since 2009 and I first joined EATAW in 2005. I have found the association an important one and working on the board is a very rewarding honour that I have learnt from these past twelve years. I am the treasurer of EATAW but my main work since 2019 has been to be part of our work to prepare for the 2021 conference and publishing the 2019 proceedings. For the next two years, I would like to find a solution for our banking problem and to work on the JoAW editorial board.



Alma Jahić Jašić

University of Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina

I work at the English Language and Literature Department of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Tuzla University. I have taught academic writing, in some form or another, since 2003 both at undergraduate and graduate levels. Besides teaching, I also do research on issues related to academic literacy. My main research interests involve issues concerning plagiarism, written feedback, and writing for publication.

I joined EATAW in 2009 when I attended the EATAW conference for the first time (Coventry, UK). Although unable to attend every EATAW conference, I always felt a strong sense of belonging to this Association and wanted to contribute to it more. Therefore, I feel privileged to be an EATAW board member where I currently serve as a secretary. In the next two years, as a board member, I hope to establish stronger connections between EATAW and similar associations and generally help EATAW develop further.



Tom Muir

OsloMet - Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway

It is a delight and an honour to be elected to the EATAW board. My first EATAW was the thrilling 2015 conference in Tallinn. Amid the pathfinding presentations and discussions, the discovery of shared interests and experiences, the beginnings of new friendships, I thought: "Home." This community has been essential for me ever since.

I am Associate Professor of English for Academic Purposes at Oslo Metropolitan University (OsloMet) in Norway, working mainly with PhD candidates who need to publish academic articles in international journals. Before that, I taught academic writing at Manchester Metropolitan University in the UK. I have a particular interest in academic texts that are wayward, unusual and unorthodox.



Mónica Broido

Tel Aviv University, Israel

I am Associate Professor in the Division of Languages at Tel Aviv University, where I am Head of the Writing Programs. The programs include academic and scientific writing and communication for PhD students in various faculties, writing courses at the MA and undergraduate levels, and CLE (the Center for Language Excellence) where students and faculty are tutored individually. Also, I created an online writing course for all the university's graduate populations and researches. In addition, I also teach Spanish.

As well, I am co-chair of the Israel Forum for Academic Writing, an association dedicated to connecting people engaged in the teaching and research of academic writing in Israel.

I am very excited to have been given the opportunity to serve the EATAW community as a board member and hope to help further the teaching of academic writing in many countries and languages.



Christian Rapp

Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland

I head the Educational Technology team at ZHAW's School of Management and Law. Together with Otto Kruse and an interdisciplinary team we develop(ed) Thesis Writer (<https://thesiswriter.zhaw.ch/>) to support our students' learning of academic writing and the respective instruction. The work on Thesis Writer stimulated my interest in the consequences of digitalisation on academic writing. Currently, I am co-editing a handbook on the digitalisation of academic writing with an international team of authors to be published in 2022. Consequently, my focus as an EATW board member, apart from running the website, is on trying to further root the digitalisation debate among writing scholars and practitioners rather than leaving it to our computer science colleagues.



Lisa Ganobcsik-Williams

Coventry University, United Kingdom

Lisa is Head of the Centre for Academic Writing (CAW), Coventry University. In 2004, she led the setting up of CAW as the first institution-wide UK university writing centre. She has taught and tutored students in classrooms and writing centres in the UK and USA, at Bowling Green State University, University of Maine, Miami University, and University of Warwick. Lisa is an active member of the European Association for the Teaching of Academic Writing (EATAW). She served as EATAW Board Chair 2009-2011, and is ex-Officio member of EATAW's Executive Board and Editor of the *Journal of Academic Writing*. She is also a former Board Member of the European Writing Centers Association (EWCA). Lisa's publications include the co-edited *Writing Programmes Worldwide: Profiles of Academic Writing in Many Places* (WAC Clearinghouse/Parlour Press 2012), *Teaching Academic Writing in UK Higher Education: Theories, Practices and Models* (Palgrave Macmillan 2006), and journal articles, book chapters, and reports on writing development.



Sharing our teaching experiences and stories

We would like to start a new tradition in the EATAW community, where we share experiences, can support and learn from one another. We hope that this becomes a regular section in our newsletter for EATAW members to contribute.

[Teaching of Academic Writing in Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)

by Alma Jahić Jašić

Quite some time has passed since I published my first international paper ever and in no other place but the Journal of Academic Writing. It was 2011, the paper was presented at the 2009 EATAW conference in Coventry (again, my very first international conference) and I was just entering the field. The presentation I gave at the EATAW conference and the paper I subsequently wrote titled *An Insight into Textual Borrowing Practices of University-Level Students in Bosnia and Herzegovina* was based on my master's thesis and apart from discussing students' use of sources it also provided information on the situation with the teaching of academic writing in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). The picture I painted at the time revealed that systematic teaching of academic writing in BiH did not really exist. Unfortunately, the situation has not changed much. So, what is the situation like with the teaching of academic writing in BiH today, ten years later?

To continue reading Alma's story, [click here](#).

I am sitting in a classroom

by Tom Muir

1. Writing: not from inspiration, but towards inspiration.
2. The session goes well when I feel authentic. Easy to forget, or miss, that this is a physical experience as much as anything else. "Flow state" gets you part of it – but also: Merleau-Ponty's idea of the chiasm, insisting on the "intertwining" of subjective experience and the physical world. The body as the site of this intertwining. To teach: to be present, to be authentic.

To continue reading Tom's story, [click here](#).

We invite you, dear EATAW members, to share your stories with all of us!



Journal of Academic Writing

Special issue call for papers

- [EATAW 2021 JoAW Special Conference Issue](#)

The 11th EATAW conference offers presenters the following publication opportunity: a conference issue of the Journal of Academic Writing (JoAW).

Selected papers from the EATAW 2021 conference will be published in a special issue of [JoAW](#), EATAW's international, peer-reviewed journal that focuses on the teaching, tutoring, researching, administration and development of Academic Writing in higher education in Europe. JoAW is relevant to teachers, scholars, and programme managers across disciplines and across the world who are interested in conducting, debating and learning from research into best practices in the teaching of writing. This issue will be guest edited by Alena Kasparkova (VSB – Technical University of Ostrava) and Kamila Etchegoyen Rosolova (Czech Language Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences), with support from Magnus Gustafsson (Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden), Lisa Ganobcsik-Williams and Niall Curry (Coventry University, England).

[Read More](#) [Read more about EATAW 2021 JoAW Special Conference Issue](#)



Bid for hosting the conference in 2023

The EATAW Board would like to invite bids from institutions that wish to host the 12th EATAW conference in the summer of 2023.

Bids should include but are not restricted to the following information:

- an indication of the proposed concept of the conference and how it aligns with the EATAW mission
- reasons why the location/institution is suitable for the EATAW conference
- an indication of the support of the administration of the institution
- the number of participants the institution can host
- an indication of adequate infrastructure, accessibility, and attractiveness of the location in itself
- an indication of type, range, and cost of accommodations
- a preliminary budget including anticipated expenses and the conference fee
- willingness to host either an onsite or online event
- any other relevant supporting information

The Board will provide guidance and advice to the host as requested, but most management duties are the responsibility of the host. The host institution will be financially responsible for the conference and cannot be compensated for financial losses. The

host institution will not seek to make a profit at the expense of participants.

Bids should be submitted by e-mail to Alena Kasparkova alena.kasparkova@vsb.cz by January 31, 2022, and should not exceed four pages.

More detailed information about the submission process and the delegated workload of the Board and the host institution can be found at www.eataw.eu

THE CALL FOR BIDS FOR THE 2025 CONFERENCE WILL COME OUT MARCH 2023

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