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FOREWORD



Dear GERAS International Correspondents, Dear GERAS Members,

Writing this foreword for our February 2021 GIN issue has proven particularly difficult, as both reflection over the past few weeks and projection over the

coming months are so much impacted by the current global health crisis. In French universities, after moving our teaching 100% online again at the beginning of November 2020, we have resumed this winter term by teaching our undergraduate students in real life.

Nonetheless, and this is good news, we have been able to keep calm and carry on with GERAS activities: our 2020 conference was turned into a one-day workshop, held on December 4, 2020, and I am really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible for our 42nd Conference, which will be held online from the université de Lorraine in Nancy (18-20 March 2021). The common theme chosen by the organizing committee is "Literary scientific culture(s): Continuities Discontinuities in ESP" and the program should be released very soon. You will also be able to attend, online as well, our two other major events: our ESP workshop at the 60th SAES conference in June and the 3 ESP seminars we are organizing at the ESSE 15th Conference in August.

As far as *ASp*, our French ESP research journal, is concerned, I hope you have found the papers tackling the question of teaching ESP in a major health crisis situation useful and challenging. The coming issue will deal with the certification of English language skills in specialized contexts and will be available in March 2021, right on time for the conference.

I hope you will enjoy reading this 11th GIN. Please let us know about any scientific event you are organizing or call for papers. Meanwhile, I wish you all a wonderful winter – even though French ski resorts are certainly to remain closed until spring!

Take good care of yourselves. Kind regards,

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< https://web.ua.es/en/lexesp/scientific-publications.html >



Anna NABIRUKHINA is currently head of the English Language Department N°1 at St. Petersburg State University of Economics where she has taught courses on Business English and Intercultural Communication for Russian students, Academic English for the French-Russian

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Barbora CHOVANCOVÁ is an assistant professor of English for Legal Purposes at Masaryk University Language Centre, in Brno, Czech Republic. She holds a PhD in English linguistics, having specialized in pragmatic aspects of courtroom interrogation. Apart from her

extensive experience in ESP teacher training, she has also been active in the area of designing and developing ELT materials based on the analysis of both the present and future needs of her students.

Her current research interests centre around the topic of mediation in ESP from both the theoretical and practical angles, most recently piloting mediation tasks in testing. Apart from that, she is also actively involved in promoting peer review, language counselling and learner autonomy, topics which have become even more relevant due to the necessity to teach online during the COVID crisis.

FORTHCOMING GERAS EVENTS

GERAS 2021

The 42nd GERAS conference will take place online from university de Lorraine in Nancy (France) on 18-20 March 2021. The theme is "Literary and scientific culture(s): Continuities and discontinuities in ESP" < https://geras2021.sciencesconf.org>

SAES 2021

The 60th SAES conference will be held online from université de Tours (France) on 3-6 June 2021. One seminar, dealing with ESP, will be convened by GERAS members.

< https://congres2021.saesfrance.org >

ESSE 2021

The 15th ESSE Congress will take place from 30 August to 3 September 2021, online from université de Lyon. GERAS and GIC members will convene three seminars:

Seminar 4: English for specialised purposes and humour

Seminar 6: ESP and professional domains

Seminar 7: English for Specific purposes: what theoretical frameworks for what teaching and research outcomes?

You will find all the necessary information on the page of the Congress :

<esse2020lyon.fr/en/pages/esse-2020-home>

FORTHCOMING ESP EVENTS

The 13th edition of **GLAT** will be held at the Faculty of Letters, University of Murcia (Spain) on 5-7 May 2021. The theme is "The Connected World and Intercultural Approaches: Toward a New Border Paradigm?". https://glat2020murcia.sciencesconf.org>

The 17th **IPra** conference will be held at the ZHAW (Winterthur, Switzerland) on 27 June-2 July 2021. Several sessions will be partially or totally devoted to ESP. https://ipra2021.exordo.com>

The 19th **AELFE** Conference (AELFE-TAPP Conference), on multilingual academic and professional communication in a networked world, will be organized at the Universistat Polytècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona (Spain) on 7-9 July 2021. https://aelfetapp.upc.edu/en.

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