TESOL Announces 2014 James E. Alatis Award for Service to TESOL

Alexandria, VA (23 March 2014) – TESOL International Association announced today that Dr. Neil J Anderson is the 2014 recipient of the James E. Alatis Award for Service to TESOL. The award honors outstanding and extended service by TESOL members at international, regional, and local levels. TESOL President Deena Boraie will present the award to Dr. Anderson at the James E. Alatis Plenary during the 2014 TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo in Portland, Oregon, USA.

The award was established in 1987 to honor James E. Alatis for his 21 years of devoted service as TESOL’s first executive director. Dr. Alatis is a charter member of TESOL International Association and Dean Emeritus of the School of Languages and Linguistics at Georgetown University.

Dr. Anderson is a Professor of Linguistics and English Language at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah USA. He earned his BA and MA at Brigham Young University and completed his PhD in Teaching English as a Second or Foreign Language at The University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Anderson’s research interests include second language reading, language learner strategies, motivation in L2 teaching and learning, and English language teaching leadership development.

Dr. Anderson has devoted over 3 decades of his professional career to an impressive range of educational pursuits on behalf of TESOL International Association and TESOL affiliates. In addition to his two terms on the TESOL Board, Dr. Anderson has been a member of four TESOL affiliates (Intermountain TESOL, TexTESOL III, Ohio TESOL, and Costa Rica TESOL). He says, “The most rewarding professional development opportunities I have experienced in 34 years have been service in TESOL. I have found TESOL International Association to be the perfect place to develop my skills as a teacher and a leader.”

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About TESOL International Association

Founded in 1966, TESOL International Association is a professional community of educators, researchers, administrators, and students committed to advancing excellence in English language teaching for speakers of other languages worldwide. With more than 13,000 members representing over 150 countries, TESOL fosters the exchange of ideas, research, and peer-to-peer knowledge, and provides expertise, resources, and a powerful voice on issues affecting the profession. Through professional development programs, its international conference, special interest groups, and publications, TESOL engages tens of thousands of professionals to collaborate globally and create a world of opportunity for millions of people of all ages who want to learn English. For more information, please visit www.tesol.org.

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