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### TESOL International Association Installs New President, Board Members

Alexandria, VA (25 April 2017) – [TESOL International Association](#), the professional association for English language educators worldwide, recently installed Dr. Ester de Jong as its new president, along with four new board members at the [TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo](#) held 21–24 March 2017 in Seattle, Washington, USA.

De Jong has served as a professor in the [School of Teaching and Learning](#) at the [University of Florida](#) since 2014, teaching courses in bilingual and bicultural education, and in methods, curriculum, and assessment for English learners. Her research interests include two-way bilingual education and other integrated models for language minority schooling, educational language policy, and teacher preparation for bilingual students. De Jong will serve a one-year term as the association’s 52nd president.

In addition, Dr. Luciana de Oliveira of [University of Miami](#) in Miami, Florida was installed as president-elect. She serves as chair of the [Department of Teaching and Learning](#) within the [School of Education and Human Development](#).

Other newly installed board members were Dr. Leslie Barratt, [Roi Et Rajabhat University](#), Roi Et, Thailand; and Dr. Lawrence Zhang, [University of Auckland](#), Auckland, New Zealand.

After serving as the association’s 51st president, Dr. Dudley Reynolds, [Carnegie Mellon University Qatar](#), moved to the post of past-president. Officers and Board members whose terms expired in March were Dr. Andy Curtis, [Anaheim University](#), Anaheim, California; Dr. Deborah Healey, [University of Oregon](#), Eugene, Oregon; and Dr. Aya Matsuda, [Arizona State University](#), Tempe, Arizona.

#### **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.

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