

## **The Abu Dhabi Chapter of TESOL Arabia Welcomes Everyone to the 2009-10 Academic/TESOL Arabia Year!**

Dear colleagues,

Welcome back from a well deserved Eid vacation. We hope 2009-10 will be a great TESOL Arabia year!

Last year, Abu Dhabi Chapter organized five successful events, 4 of them were hosted by new organizations. They also included two joint events with TESOL Arabia SIGs. This year, there is a lot in store for our members including Chapter events along with joint ones with 3 different SIGs to ensure a variety of PD events that meet your various needs and fields of interests.

As we are planning this variety of upcoming events, we would like to invite both members and first-timers to come along. Events will generally offer you a choice of six presentations, and run from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM on Saturdays. Prior to events, we will e-mail you with presentation descriptions, so if you are not on our mailing list and would like to be added, please contact us at [a\\_saadawi@yahoo.com](mailto:a_saadawi@yahoo.com).

Necessary information on the 2009-2010 events, including dates and venues, will be available on the Website and emailed to the kind attention of AD Chapter members soon. All Abu Dhabi Chapter events are free for members but non-members need to pay only 40 dirhams per event.

We need YOU to help us provide professional development for your fellow-teachers! If you would like to present an idea, lead a workshop, or facilitate a discussion at one of our events, please contact Dr. Ahmed Saadawi ([a\\_saadawi@yahoo.com](mailto:a_saadawi@yahoo.com)). All are welcome.

Finally, many thanks to the fabulous team of Abu Dhabi Chapter that includes Ms. Lalitha Krishnan (Secretary) and Ms. Wesal Al-Otaiby (Treasurer). Additionally, we now have Ms. Sandra Zaher as Job Advisor to help AD members both as job seekers and/or job recruiters of English teachers, and Mr. Amr Wael, the first Publication Coordinator of the Chapter. All are ready to serve you to the full of their capacity.

We wish all of you a successful and rewarding TESOL Arabia season!

Regards,

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