

Dear IATEFL-Hungary Committee,

My name is Boglárka Spissich and I am currently a third year PhD student in Language Pedagogy and English Applied Linguistics at ELTE. Besides my studies, it has been my fourth semester teaching BA students at the same university, and I also teach a number of groups at different language schools. The topic of my future dissertation is learning English through films, social media, and video games.



The first time I heard about IATEFL was about a year and a half ago, when a colleague of mine told me about the summer camp she had participated in that summer. I immediately looked up the association. The 30+1 Birthday Conference was coming up and I decided to present my research there. I got a place in the online section, but even that way I heard many interesting presentations, and I could see the outstanding teamwork behind it. This year we were lucky enough to enjoy the whole conference offline; thus, I could give my workshop in person and had the opportunity to meet great professionals.

As an IATEFL member, I kept my eyes on the programmes offered between the two conferences as well. I participated in some useful workshops, my favourite out of which was the one about escape rooms. I believe it was very profitable for me, as this occasion gave me an idea to design a treasure hunt for a group. I managed to accomplish this goal this autumn with a group of adults, which will be the topic of my workshop in the IATEFL Slovenia Conference next March. In addition to these, last summer I also had the chance to spend some days at Lake Balaton in the summer camp, where I did not only acquire new skills, but I also made valuable new connections. Perhaps it was the first time when the idea of being a committee member crossed my mind.

Although it must be challenging organising these events, I believe I have the necessary skills to be able to see the whole process and coordinate some parts of it. As for previous

experience, last spring I was a member of the organising committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Contemporary Crossroads Conference at ELTE. Moreover, as former admin of different online exams and a practicing online tutor, I am familiar with a number of platforms, such as Teams, Zoom, or Google Meet, where online events can be held.

For the above-mentioned reasons, I believe I could become a useful member of your team. It would certainly be rewarding working with you. Thank you for your time and consideration. I am looking forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

Boglárka Spissich