

Dear committee members of IATEFL-Hungary,

It might come as a surprise, but I am writing to express my sincere interest in joining IATEFL-Hungary and contributing to its continued success. My name is Nóra Takács and let me share a piece of my journey in the teaching profession and how I ended up applying to become a committee member.

Lifelong learning is not just a term that is used a lot these days, but is something I genuinely believe in. For this reason, last September I started the PhD programme in Language Pedagogy at Eötvös Loránd University. I have to admit that I consider myself a person with a strong teacher mindset; however, learning about and doing research opens up a new horizon which is full of challenges, but also very exciting.

Besides studying, I work in a small language school, called Sage, in Budapest. Sage is an inventive and secure learning environment which places students at the heart of its approach. We work mainly with primary school students, so this age group is the closest to my heart. I have also worked as a part-time lecturer at Eötvös Loránd University for 3 years where I have introduced trainee teachers to the world of experiential learning.

I consider myself exceptionally fortunate because I have amazing colleagues in Sage. We attend conferences together, so this is how I learned about IATEFL-Hungary and did my first workshop at one of the Winter Warmer conferences some years ago. In my experience, CPD is essential to keep up with the latest advancements in language pedagogy and to stay motivated as a teacher in the long run. Therefore, the work of the association is truly invaluable.

In the past years, I gained a lot of new experience thanks to IATEFL-Hungary. I was lucky enough to participate in summer courses organized by the association and took part in Winter Warmers and conferences. I have been working together with the association as a volunteer for two years. It was an absolute pleasure to contribute to the success of events as a host. During these times, I could also get an insight into how the committee members work together as an amazing team. I think I would be a valuable new member of your team, since I am a reliable team player fostering a positive and constructive working environment.

I am optimistic about my suitability for this opportunity. Thank you for considering my application.

Best regards,

Nóra Takács