GREETINGS

Dear EATAW colleagues and friends,

Following our EATAW 2025 conference in Braga, Portugal, the board is pleased to share our plans for the next two years, leading up to our next EATAW conference in 2027 to be held in a yet-to-be-announced location (see our call for bids in this edition of the newsletter if you are interested to host our next conference).

As we open a new chapter, we are thrilled to welcome our new board members (see their profiles in the section “Meet Your New EATAW Board Members”) and to begin working together to enhance EATAW’s mission and impact on teaching and learning academic writing. We always look forward to keeping in touch with you, our members, and we can't wait to see what we can accomplish together over the next two years.

Djuddah Leijen
Chair of EATAW

On behalf of the entire EATAW community, we want to extend our gratitude to **José António Brandão Soares Carvalho** and his incredible team at the University of Minho for organising an exceptional EATAW 2025 conference in Braga.

We also want to acknowledge the contributions of our departing board members **John Harbord**, **Claudia Doroholschi**, and **Tom Muir** – thank you so much for all your work and energy the past two years! We will miss you at our monthly meetings.

LOOKING BACK AT EATAW 2025 IN BRAGA, PORTUGAL

The EATAW 2025 conference held from July 2–4 provided a vibrant forum to explore topics in academic writing related to the theme "Multilingual Academic Literacies: Challenges and Opportunities in the Age of AI." Similarly to the previous conference, Artificial Intelligence was a prevalent theme featuring also in the pre-conference activities such as the International Researchers Consortium (IRC) of CCCC Workshop and the EATAW World Café.

Hosted in a Southwestern European country with strong ties to Ibero-American and African universes, the conference provided an opportunity to bridge different academic cultures and broaden the debate on academic literacy and multiculturalism beyond its usual contexts.

Our three keynote speakers — **Suresh Canagarajah** (Multilingual Academic Literacies: An Assemblage of Technological, Social, and Semiotic Resources), **Julia Molinari (**AI Realism: Reclaiming the Human in AI-enhanced Academic Literacies) , and **Federico Navarro (**Unpacking the Relationship Between Literacy Practices and Academic Achievement) — delivered insightful presentations that sparked rich discussions and offered plenty of food for thought on multilingual academic literacy, AI, and multiculturalism. With approximately 160 participants, the conference featured 90 paper presentations, 6 workshops, 4 symposia, and 3 roundtables – all held in sessions with high participation. Informal lunch and coffee breaks were buzzing with conversations and fostered new academic connections and ideas for international research projects.

Despite the intense heat in Braga, attendees enjoyed the city, learned about its history, traditions, and cuisine. Photos capturing the conference are available on the conference website (https://www.eataw2025.com/).

Our sincere thanks to all attendees for their participation, engaging presentations, and stimulating discussions that highlighted the importance of our collaborative efforts within EATAW and beyond.

MEET YOUR NEW EATAW BOARD MEMBERS

MIRA BEKAR

Mira is a Full Professor in Applied Linguistics at Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in North Macedonia, holding a PhD from Purdue University. With over 22 years of experience, she teaches applied linguistics and academic writing to both Macedonian and international students. Mira translates monographs and academic articles, with research interests in discourse analysis, L1/L2 academic writing, online communication, and qualitative methods. She has published extensively in both Macedonian and English and participates actively in international conferences like EATAW.

MARI DEL MAR BOILLOS PEREIRA

Mari Mar is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Education of Bilbao (University of the Basque Country). She specializes in academic writing, multilingual education, and applied linguistics, and for over a decade has designed and taught courses on academic literacy and genre-based writing. Her research focuses on academic writing, identity, and language learning, with recent work on peer review, AI in writing, and publishing in minority languages. Mari Mar has also contributed to academic writing materials in Basque and Spanish and has led workshops in Europe and Latin America.

KARL-HEINZ POGNER

Karl-Heinz, an Associate Professor Em. and institutional entrepreneur at Copenhagen Business School, has been actively engagd in Danish academia since 1988, teaching, researching, supervising, designing and reforming courses, disciplines and study programs. His areas of expertise include text production, writing pedagogy, academic literacies, thesis writing and supervision. He is particularly interested in investigating academic literacies in higher eduction and strengthening their contribution to solving global challenges and crises through lifelong learning.

CURRENT EATAW BOARD AND FUTURE PLANS FOR THE BOARD

- Djuddah Leijen (Chair)
- Mónica Broido (Deputy Chair)
- Kalliopi Benetos (Web Secretary)
- Mira Bekar (Secretary)
- María del Mar Boillos Pereira (Dissemination and Transfer Portfolio)
- Kamila Etchegoyen Rosolová (Membership Secretary)
- Karl-Heinz Pogner (Treasurer, including organizational development and stakeholder management)
- Magnus Gustafsson (Ex-Officio)
- Lisa Ganobcsik-Williams (Ex-Officio)

Together, we will strategically work forward to enhance EATAW's impact on the teaching of academic writing across our diverse contexts.

Some topics which we will address in the coming period will include:

- Preparing for the next EATAW conference
- Evaluating the EATAW constitution to ensure it still best serves our evolving needs and communication to our members
- Increasing collaboration with affiliated organisations to strengthen our collective impact

EATAW 2027 – CALL FOR BIDS

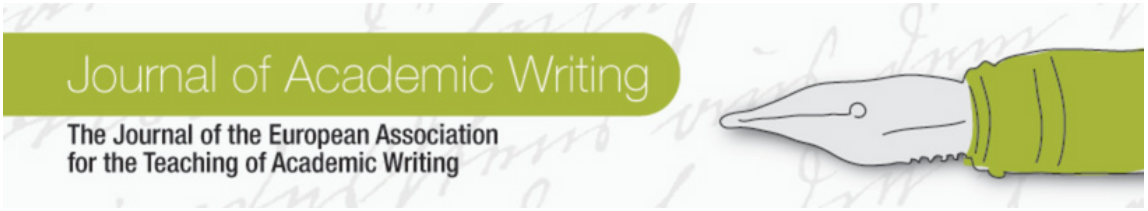
The EATAW Board invites bids from institutions wishing to host the 14th EATAW conference in the summer of 2027. We are looking for a host who can provide an indication of a conference concept, adequate infrastructure, and institutional support.

Bids should be submitted by e-mail to djuddah.leijen@ut.ee by January 31, 2026.

Bids should include but are not restricted to the following information:

- an indication of the proposed concept of the conference and how it aligns with the EATAW mission
- reasons why the location/institution is suitable for the EATAW conference
- an indication of the support of the administration of the institution
    - or an indication of an agency that supports conferences outside the institution
- the number of participants the institution can host
- an indication of adequate infrastructure (such as the number and size of room available), accessibility, and attractiveness of the location in itself
- an indication of type, range, and cost of accommodations
- a preliminary budget including anticipated expenses and the conference fee
- willingness to host either an onsite or online event
- previous experience with hosting conferences and similar events
- any other relevant supporting information

The Board will provide guidance and advice to the host as requested, but most management duties are the responsibility of the host. The host institution will be financially responsible for the conference and cannot be compensated for financial losses. The host institution will not seek to make a profit at the expense of participants.



JOAW UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that the **Summer 2025 issue of JoAW, Expanding the Horizons of Academic Writing Pedagogy**, has been published and is available at https://doi.org/10.18552/joaw.v15i1.

The 'Call for Papers' for the EATAW 2025 Conference Special Issue of JoAW will also be posted soon on the EATAW listserv, so EATAW members who presented at the conference please keep an eye out for this.

In addition, JoAW is **now accepting manuscripts for inclusion in the Summer 2026 general issue of JoAW**, and colleagues are encouraged to submit Journal Articles, Teaching Practice Papers, and Book Reviews for consideration.

Journal of Academic Writing
The Journal of the European Association for the Teaching of Academic Writing

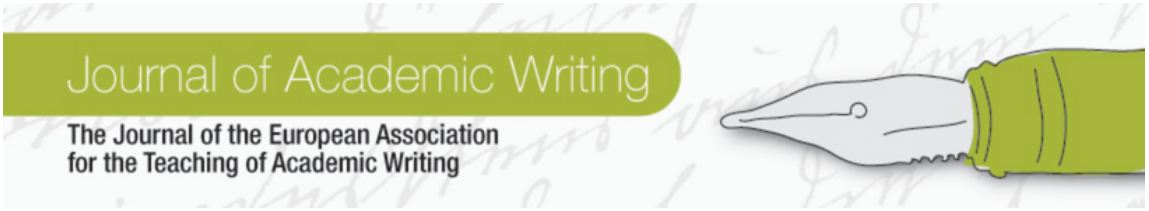
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: MANAGING EDITOR (PRODUCTION PROCESS FOR THE JOAW)

EATAW members are invited to apply for the role of Managing Editor (Production Process) for the Journal of Academic Writing (JoAW).

The JoAW Managing Editor (Production Process) will work closely with JoAW's Editors-in-Chief and will liaise with other members of JoAW's Editorial Team, including the JoAW Managing Editor (Manuscript Reviewing Process), to ensure that the journal's publication schedule is adhered to and that each issue of JoAW is produced and published to an agreed timeline.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Managing the Copyediting, Layout, Proofreading, and Production workflow processes for each manuscript by using JoAW's Open Journal Systems (OJS) software platform to communicate with Copy & Layout Assistants, Authors, Guest Editors, and other members of JoAW's Editorial Team,
- Creating and scheduling each JoAW issue (both General and Special Issues), overseeing the issue's manuscript workflow processes and production timeline, and publishing each issue within JoAW's Open Journal System (OJS) software platform,
- Working closely with and communicating efficiently with the JoAW Managing Editor (Manuscript Review Process) to ensure agreement of each issue's contents, adherence to each issue's timeline, and co-ordinated handing-over of manuscripts from the 'reviewing' to the 'production' stages,
- Working closely with Guest Editors, with JoAW's Editors-in-Chief, and with the JoAW Managing Editor (Manuscript Review Process) to ensure the Editorial for each issue is written, and to write or contribute to the writing of the Editorial for some issues,
- Regularly updating the spreadsheet for each issue, and updating the journal's OJS webpage text when needed,
- Further refining the JoAW use of the OJS platform and Open Access software,
- Collaborating with the entire Editorial Team on shared tasks, concerns of quality assurance, and new ideas.



The JoAW Managing Editor (Production Process) role requires the ability to:

- work efficiently and in a well-organised manner
- keep track of deadlines and correspondence
- advise authors about copy-editing, layout, and proofreading revisions needed
- learn to use JoAW's OJS software (with support from JoAW's Editors-in-
- Chief and Technical Support colleagues).

The incoming JoAW Managing Editor (Production Process) will be mentored by JoAW's Co-Editors-in-Chief, Dr Lisa Ganobcsik-Williams and Dr Magnus Gustafsson. The time commitment for this role will vary during the year, but on average, the Managing Editor (Production Process) will spend two hours per week on JoAW work. There will be a monthly hour-long Editorial Team catch-up and planning meeting.

To apply for the JoAW Managing Editor (Production Process) role, please email your current CV and a letter expressing your interest and detailing your experience and suitability for the role to the Co-Editors-in-Chief at joaw@coventry.ac.uk.

The deadline for applications is Friday, 24th October. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a Zoom/Teams online interview on/around Friday 7th November and a start date will be negotiated for November/December.

For more information about JoAW, please see:
https://publications.coventry.ac.uk/index.php/joaw/index

UPDATE ON UTRECHT'S SKILLS LAB

On behalf of EATAW, the Board submitted a support letter for the Skills Lab in Utrecht, which faced imminent closure. Utrecht's Lab team presented a petition to preserve the Skills lab to Wilco Hazeleger, Rector Magnificus of Utrecht University. Here is an update on the developments as of September 25, 2025:

"With your help, we collected around 1,500 signatures! A big thank you to everyone who signed our petition and made it clear that it would be a bad loss if Utrecht University had to continue without Skills Lab! We feel very supported by so many (former) students, lecturers, supervisors and colleagues from the Netherlands, Europe and even the USA, who have made it clear why Skills Lab is indispensable. After presenting the petition to the rector, it seems that after three months of writing, emailing, talking and shouting, things are finally moving. Thanks in part to you! Once again, thank you very much!

The DUB, University of Utrecht's student magazine, has written an article about Skills Lab and the presentation of the petition. You can read it via this link and share it if you still want to make your voice heard on our behalf!

Team Skills Lab:

Joy de Jong
Marily Mensink
Judith Schippers
Nienke Amarins Hettinga"

Let's make important contributions of our EATAW community more visible. We would like to launch a new section in this newsletter dedicated to celebrating the achievements and contributions of our members. This space will serve to share knowledge, celebrate important milestones, and learn from innovative work done within the EATAW community.
We invite you to nominate a colleague (or yourself) to highlight an achievement, such as:

- A prize-winning or noteworthy publication (e.g. a book, an article, a blog, editorship of a handbook, etc.)
- A significant award, grant, or honor.
- A new noteworthy research project or an initiative looking for participants or collaborators.

By highlighting important work, you will help us stay connected. We guarantee at least 60 seconds of fame and thank you in advance for making EATAW's impact and relevance (even) more visible.

To be featured, please send a brief note about the achievement to Karl-Heinz Pogner at kp.msc@cbs.dk.

EATAW Membership is free and open to individuals from all over the world who are interested in teaching, tutoring, and researching academic writing. Membership of EATAW is for two years renewable.

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