

**MARCH 2007**

## **CIE/ESSARP Prize Giving Ceremony**

ESSARP has just received the list of students who achieved outstanding results in the IGCSE and AS/A Level examinations held in 2006.

We congratulate these exceptional students and extend our congratulations to the schools and teachers who taught and motivated them!

A complete list of the prize winners has been sent to centres and will be soon available on our web site.

We look forward to the Prize Giving Ceremony on 4 June 2007 at 5.30 pm at UADE. HM Ambassador Dr. John Hughes will present the prizes.

## **Accreditation of Teachers**

Please remember that at least one teacher must hold a certificate or letter of accreditation from CIE in order for a centre to undertake internal assessment of Coursework in a particular subject.

Since last year CIE have been updating their data base of accredited teachers, so you may receive a message from us asking you to submit evidence of this accreditation.

If your teachers don't have the necessary accreditation you can either order a Distant Training Pack or submit a CV for consideration by CIE. More information is available in Page 63 in the Handbook for Centres.

## **Next TKT Session**

The next TKT examination session will be held at ESSARP on **Saturday 23 June**.

If you would like to sit for TKT please download the enrolment form from our website [www.essarp.org.ar](http://www.essarp.org.ar) and return it to us, **no later than 4 May**.

Check out our website to learn more about our TKT Tutorial Sessions! They are free of charge for TKT candidates!

## **Fees November 2007**

CIE fees for October/November 2007 have already been distributed by post and e-mail to all centres. Please contact us if you have not yet received this information, and we will send you another copy.

## **Circular to Centres – New Syllabus Synopsis**

CIE no longer produces a Syllabus Synopsis. Instead they have published an annual Circular to Centres which provides advance notifications of changes to syllabuses. It is therefore essential that the contents of this Circular are brought to the attention of the teaching staff concerned. This circular is available for download on our website.

## **Changes in YLE Examinations**

The landscape for young learners is changing to one which includes DVDs, fire engines and life on the beach with sand and shells. Updating vocabulary to reflect the language used in lessons and by children themselves is just one of the ways in which the YLE tests have been modified for 2007. Overall, the changes include small amendments to some tasks, a clearer testing focus for each task and speaking materials in a new booklet format. The new YLE is already available.

YLE handbook and sample papers can be downloaded from [www.CambridgeESOL.org](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org). Moreover, the Teaching Resources Website (<http://www.cambridgeesol.org/teach/yle/>) has been updated to include activities for the new tests.

### **Tip of the month – Change your password to access Teacher Support Website**

For security reasons, please ask your teachers to change their password as soon as they receive it. This will ensure that the website cannot be accessed with the information that was sent by email. Ideally this should be a "strong" password with at least 8 digits and a mixture of letters and numbers... though it is much more important that the password chosen be **easily remembered!**