



Spanish Teachers' Association of NSW

2016 Annual Report

The association has existed for a number of years and helped to serve the interests and needs of Spanish teachers and helping them support the endeavours of their students. 2016 has been a very successful year for the Spanish Teachers Association of NSW (STANSW). Numerous meetings outlined a number of initiatives, not all of which were achieved, but all teachers held the common goal of advancing the teaching of Spanish in NSW schools.

In 2016, the STANSW achieved the following:

- A workshop on Focusing, Retaining and Differentiating Students
- Workshop sessions on:
 - Targeting Stage 5 students and generating interest
 - Technology – Software to support effective differentiation
 - Stage 6 – Finishing the HSC strongly
- An HSC Speaking Examination Practice day at IGS
- Full package of Beginners, Continuers and Extension Trial HSC Papers
- New website

There were many people responsible for the success of these events and they deserve the thanks of the association for making these events successful and meaningful to the teachers and their students.

The Association thanks Teresa Alonso and Irina Braun, and their school, The International Grammar School, for their wonderful efforts in hosting and running significant events in 2016. The workshop on Focusing, Retaining and Differentiating Students was very successful and Teresa and Irina not only put in many hours to facilitate the workshop but also to run valuable presentations themselves. The valuable events would not have been possible had it not been for their input.

The STANSW for the first time created and sold HSC Trial Examination Papers to its members. The papers were of very high quality and were used by many schools in the lead up to the HSC examination. The STANSW thanks Heidi Hernandez, Ruth Joynes and Antonio Boschiero for the Beginners Paper. Irina Braun, Laura Cremins and Vanessa Furlong for the Continuers Paper and Cesare Popoli and Ladis Sosa for the Extension Paper.

The new STANSW website was also officially launched in October. It maintains and recognises the efforts of the previous management committees but also launches a new era in communication of the STANSW with its members. Whilst still in its infancy, the new website has received a very favourable reception from members. It is important to recognise the efforts of the Public Relations Officer in 2016, Vanessa Furlong, for making this possible.

The STANSW also owes Sonia Jenner, the 2016 Secretary, a great deal of gratitude for her efforts this year. She has been tireless in her efforts to improve the outcomes for teachers and students. She has kept members informed and assisted all the workshops. The association could not have completed its work this year without Sonia's commitment and enthusiasm.

In 2017, the STANSW has many more projects and ideas. These include workshops for students, particularly those in Stage 4 and 5, and the targeting of teachers involved in the teaching of the International Baccalaureate, a growing areas of Spanish study in NSW and Australia.

The management committee extends its thanks to all its members for a successful 2016 and to a bright 2017.

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