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10 Traits of a Highly Effective Teacher

As ELT and content area practitioners face the pressures of an increased workload, institutional accountability and continual change in curricula and assessment, the need for effective teachers has never been more important. In this presentation, Christine will explore the 10 characteristics that she finds essential for success in the classroom and in educational institutions in the Arabian Gulf.

*With more than 15 years experience of teaching and leading in the Arabian Gulf, **Christine Coombe** works as a faculty member at Dubai Men's College and as an Assessment Leader for the Higher Colleges of Technology. During her tenure in the Gulf, she has served in various positions on the TESOL Arabia Executive Council including President and Conference Chair. Her most recent publication, *Language Teacher Research in the Middle East* (2007, TESOL Publications) highlights some of the excellent teacher inquiry taking place in the Arab world.*

*Christine Coombe has a Ph.D in Foreign/Second Language Education from The Ohio State University. Christine is co-editor of the *Assessment Practices* volume in the TESOL Case Studies series; co-author of *A Practical Guide to Assessing English Language Learners* (2007, University of Michigan Press); co-editor of *Evaluating Teacher Effectiveness in EF/SL Contexts* (2007, University of Michigan Press); and co-editor of *Leadership in English Language Teaching and Learning* (2008, University of Michigan Press).*

Throughout her career she has won many awards including: a two-time recipient of the International Language Testing Association (ILTA) grant for the promotion of professionalism in the area of language testing; the 2002 Spaan Fellowship for Research in Second/Foreign Language Assessment; the 2002-03 TOEFL Outstanding Young Scholar Award; the TOEFL Board Grant for 2003-04, 2005-06 and 2008-09 for her work in delivering training in assessment to teachers. Most recently she was elected to the TESOL Board of Directors as Director Serving as Convention Chair for Tampa 2006 and was the recipient of the Chancellor's Teacher of the Year for 2003-04. This year she is a nominee for President of TESOL, the largest professional organization for English-language teaching in the world.

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