



Press release:

**The Prague Post Endowment Fund announces the second annual „Best Teacher of English award“!**

The reform of education and teaching profession in general has recently become an important topic, and Czech schools have been learning to recognize good teachers.

The Prague Post Endowment Fund, which has a long-term focus on supporting education, decided to launch „Best Teacher of English“ in 2008.

Why did we decide to accede this award? We would like to motivate teachers who are doing their job well, who are interested in new teaching methods and materials, and can inspire and motivate their students. Now we are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of this competition and the public interest is rapidly increasing.

Teachers were nominated by both their students and school principals. We have focused on teachers of English as language training is a priority, not only in the Czech republic, but also in the European union.

The conditions for the participation in “Best Teacher of English” award were to complete a questionnaire and application form with at least one letter of recommendation from the director of the school or students. We also received audio, DVD recordings and other examples of joint work and international projects.

We received a total of 23 nominations. The level of all the nominated teachers was really high, so the choice was not simple. We focused on the teaching methods, openness to new technologies in teaching, letters of recommendation, extracurricular activities, and, of course, how a teacher inspires and motivates students.

**The public ceremony of Best teacher of English will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the American Center in Prague. If you are interested in attending this event, do not hesitate to contact us!**

Selected teachers will receive cash reward from the PPEF and American Embassy, and language manuals and books from other project partner - Oxford University Press.

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