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# Tips for Teachers

Getting ready for Vienna in January!!!

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Hey, baby, it's cold outside. At least in Northern Europe. Civic evergreen trees are ablaze with countless lights, the Christmas markets are buzzing, geese are being roasted, and chestnuts are shedding their skins over many an open fire. I've brought some corn for popping, so let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. Actually, it's almost 16 degrees in my East Anglian bit of olde England, the rain is pelting it down, and the wind is blowing in from the Atlantic over on the other side of the Irish Sea. So much for seasonal Christmas card charm. I had an email from an old pal in West Virginia this afternoon. She's been a teacher for as long as I have. She taught in Kenya for a spell, and presented the delights of the French language to countless American teenagers before becoming a kindergarten teacher in Morgantown. She has always loved teaching, but today she was really excited. Why? A cold front had blown down from the Great Lakes, and by the time those yellow school buses were ready to roll, the mountain roads were just too slippery. **Snow Day!!** What sweeter music to a teacher's ears? So at least some folks are getting the seasonal weather they have prayed for. What's it like in your neck of the international school woods today?

That bad, eh? Well, there's nothing like dreaming to give a little pep to your day, to give you anticipation for better things to come. And there is hardly a better dream than that concocted by your ELMLE team: **Vienna 2008!** Not only will that Austrian winter weather hold out the promise of snow for those of us locked in climates that are getting warmer by the day, but the conference itself offers a trove of inspiration. All you have to do is visit [www.elmle.org](http://www.elmle.org) to see what we have planned for you: the Vienna Boys' Choir, the vivacious Elizabeth Schroeder all the way from New Jersey, Patrick Jones and Melvyn Ramsden, and a host of our colleagues from international schools across Europe and beyond who have prepared an educational feast for the senses.

Have you registered yet? Talk about easy! [www.elmle.org](http://www.elmle.org) does it all for you! We hope to see you there on January 24th! *And did we mention that there is a recruitment 'fair', too!?*