

### **Alice Osman (*Principal Examiner, UK*) in Argentina & Paraguay**

In October 2011 Alice Osman, *Anglia's Principal Examiner*, spent two weeks in Argentina and Paraguay, delivering Teacher Training Sessions and Speaking Assessor Training at different centres. One of the highlights of the trip was the *7th Annual Congress and Exhibition for English Language Professionals* in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Alice was delighted to attend this year's event and presented one of the five plenary sessions. The other presenters were Chris Kunz (Anglia representative for the Ibero-American Network), Kate French and Bruce Thompson (International House, Buenos Aires), and Leonardo Paladino (Macmillan). The Congress was attended by over 250 teachers from across Argentina and neighbouring countries. It was a resounding success and helped generate potential growth in this part of the world as new schools have already shown strong interest in becoming Anglia members since the Congress took place, on the 29th October.

Within the areas of the Ibero-American Network, one of the benefits of becoming an Anglia Member is that candidates have the opportunity to take an oral mock exam free of charge, conducted by qualified Anglia assessors. While in Latin America, Alice assisted Chris and Monica Kunz in carrying out these mock exams. The candidates seemed delighted to have the chance to demonstrate their level of English to the Principal Examiner from the Anglia Head Office in the UK.

Fortunately, there was also the opportunity to visit some beautiful parts of this corner of South America in the springtime. However, as the academic year in South America draws to a close, this is a particularly busy time because exam sessions are about to begin. For Alice it was therefore an excellent opportunity to see first hand how marketing and exams are co-ordinated there.

Alice would like to thank Chris, Monica and all the members of the Anglia local team for their efforts in making this such an enjoyable and unforgettable experience.