Among the five objectives of ETA, quality of education is at the center and given high emphasis by the association just like the advocacy being done for members’ benefits and rights. Based on this, ETA in collaboration with Ministry of Education and Actionaid Ethiopia organized the 6th Annual Education Conference at Debre Berhan, in Amhara region from 23-24 June 2019.

On the conference, 8 research papers were presented by different scholars who won the competition. The paper sponsored by ETA, entitled “Current Practices, Challenges and Future Prospects in the First Cycle Primary School Teachers’ Recruitment and Training Program in Ethiopia: Implication for Policy”, attracted the attention of the conference participants. The research revealed that the problem in the quality of teachers emanates from the selection of candidates (those who failed to pass grade 10 national exam) and lack of adequate services in the teacher training institutions. The research recommended that (now welcomed by the Ministry of Education) at least grade 12 completers must be selected for the training.

The participants of the conference included representatives from MoE, Prime Minister’s Office, ActionAid Ethiopia, regional representatives of teachers associations, etc.