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Corsini to Headline Hawaii Congress

The following interview with 1989 Hawaii Winter Congress Keynote Speaker Raymond Corsini, PhD, was done by Alan Simpkins, PhD, of Honolulu, Hawaii. Alan, a Clinical Member of the ITAA and a member of the Advisory Board of Hawaiian Gifted and Talented Teenagers, met Ray while looking for a school system to use with teens, and they have since become good sailing buddies.

Alan: I believe more people in the field of counseling and psychotherapy have used your book, *Current Psychotherapies*, than any other text. How did you decide on its unique format, which covers such a broad range of psychotherapies?

Ray: I think it is actually an expression of who I am. I have always had a strong desire to make bridges, get people together, discover the truth, reconcile arguments. As a student when I read something one expert would say, such as the absolute importance of transference, I would be convinced it was essential to therapy. And lo and behold, I would read someone who thought something else was crucial without even mentioning transference. So many people had found the truth, and none of them agreed. I thought it would be valuble to induce authorities on psychotherapy to write about similar topics. This led to the idea of a common outline for chapters and the format for the book.

Alan: Who were your first authors?

Ray: I first contacted four people with whom I had personal relationships: Carl Rogers — he had been my therapist and doctoral advisor; Rudolf Dreikurs — I had worked with him as an associate counselor; J. L. Moreno — I had studied with him and had been on the psychodrama stage with him several times; and Albert Ellis — a friend of long-standing. Each one accepted, and only Moreno did not produce a chapter for the book.

Alan: How about transactional analysis?

Ray: I wrote to Eric Berne, mentioning that one of my students had taken a course with him, and that Berne had indicated to my student that he had read my first book, *Methods of Group Psychotherapy*. I received a letter from Dorothy Berne informing me that Eric had recently died. I then asked Glen Holland to write the chapter, which he did, and in a later edition Jack and Katherine Dusay wrote the chapter. We are now working on a new edition and Richard Erskine is writing the TA chapter for it.

Alan: How do you regard yourself in terms of personality theories?

Ray: I am an Adlerian, and if you don't mind, I think that the transactional analysis position, while clear-cut and independent, nevertheless follows closely the Adlerian position. I think both are reasonable and sensible systems of thought and action in contrast to the psychoanalytic point of view, which in my judgment is not.



Alan Simpkins (left) and Ray Corsini with ITAA Executive Director Susan Sevilla when she was in Hawaii to do a site inspection for this January's Winter Congress.

Alan: What was your training in this field?

Ray: I did my internship fifty years ago, when psychologists for the most part did directive counseling, usually based on test results. So my only training up to my Master's was how to give intelligence tests. My first position as a psychologist was at Auburn Prison in New York, and there I gave tests and wrote reports. However, in 1943 I read Carl Rogers's book, and using it as a "cookbook," I began trying to do nondirective counseling. However, I got into trouble so I wrote Rogers, who in turn started giving me encouragement and advice by mail. So, I am one of the oldest of Rogers's students. Later at the University of Chicago I got to know him, and we maintained a long-term relationship.

Alan: You must be one of the most knowledgeable people in the field of psychotherapy and psychology. You have also edited the *Encyclopedia of Psychology* and written other books in the field.

Ray: Yes, I also edited the *Handbook of Innovative Psychotherapies* and coauthored several books on roleplaying and that sort of thing.

Alan: What do you see as the course of psychotherapy these days?

Ray: It is in exactly the same position as religion: Everyone knows the truth, and no one agrees. As far as I'm concerned, if psychotherapy is based on science, eventually there will be one system; if it is based on philosophy,

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Lucy Freedman (center) discussing affiliation with EATA representatives, including EATA President Julie Hay (to left of Lucy), during EATA Conference in Blackpool, England.

First Affiliation Application Received

In April the ITAA received its first application for formal affiliation. It was from the European Association for Transactional Analysis (EATA) and came through Julie Hay, EATA President.

EATA is a multinational association with a joint fee structure available to other European TA associations who agree to abide by certain requirements such as a common ethics code and congruent statutes. In 1987 EATA had almost 2200 members, less than half of whom are currently members of the ITAA.

ITAA Past-President Lucy Freedman has been appointed as facilitator for the ITAA/EATA negotiations surrounding affiliation. The discussions that took place at Blackpool in July and continued in Rio in August centered on matters such as what services would be provided to EATA and the future joint fee structure.

Since submission of the EATA application, two other affiliation applications have been received from other TA associations. We are pleased with the possibility of greatly increased international cooperation and the opportunity for members from many countries to work more closely together in the future.

EDITOR'S COLUMN



by William Krieger

Listening to the Pot Perk

It's 3:30am Sunday morning, and I don't know why I can't sleep. I'm sitting in my hotel room in Alexandria, Virginia, just outside Washington, D.C., on the east coast of the United States. What a week this has been!

It started out last Sunday with a 6am flight to San Francisco on the west coast of the US, more than 3,000 miles from where I sit now. I was met at the airport by Susan Sevilla, our Executive Director, and we drove to Asilomar in Monterey, California, to attend the United States of America TA Association (USATAA) conference. Asilomar is a beautiful camp-like resort, and as a former camp director I loved it. This was only the second national conference held by USATAA because the past couple of years they have concentrated on regional conferences, only holding national conferences when the ITAA meets outside the United States.

What a joy the conference was — the beautiful setting, the warmth and positive strokes for *The Script*, Mary Goulding caring enough to collect "Letters to the Editor," watching USATAA begin the final process of applying to the ITAA as the US affiliate, the quality presentations. It was terrific!

Wednesday noon found me flying into San Francisco to meet with Susan Sevilla and Robin Fryer, our Publication Manager, to discuss new ideas for *The Script*. I wonder if our members appreciate the commitment and competency of our staff. What wonderful people they are. I always wish I could spend more time with them.

I arrived back in Albuquerque at midnight on Wednesday. Thursday was spent in the office seeing clients, catching up on paper work, and finally shutting the lights off at 10pm after my last group.

Friday morning at 5am the plane took off for Washington, DC, and my meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Academy of Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselors. Yesterday afternoon until 10pm we met with the Board of the American Mental Health Counselors Association and mapped out strategies for the future of the mental health counseling profession.

What a week this has been! In a few hours the meeting starts again. I think I know now why I can't sleep. I remember I have a small coffee pot in my suitcase. I'm going to put up a pot of coffee so I can lean back and listen to the coffee pot perk!

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Question for the Month: When you put up a pot of coffee do you look forward to drinking the coffee or listening to the pot perk?

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



by Vince Gilpin

Joint Ventures Benefit Both the ITAA and Local Organizations

As I write this I am preparing to attend the European TA Association (EATA) Conference in Blackpool, England, and the ITAA Summer Confernece in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. I am sorry that I missed the United States TA Association (USATAA) Conference in California because I was already committed to the European meeting. There are many TA conferences going on at one place or another over the course of the year, each serving a population of people who find TA concepts, techniques, and principles helpful.

These gatherings are evidence that TA is alive and well and active around the world. It is also encouraging for those of us who believe that strong local TA organizations ensure the growth and development of TA as a discipline and the ITAA as an international organization.

Our future lies in encouraging viable local and regional TA organizations, linked together by the common discipline that is TA and by a vibrant ITAA that recognizes local autonomy while preserving common basic standards and ethics practices. This is being achieved through our current affiliation procedures; in addition, a number of affiliation applications are currently being processed. Those organizations that have not yet applied are encouraged to do so in the near future.

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The ITAA has cooperated with local and regional TA organizations in cosponsoring conferences in the past, and these meetings have served both organizations well. We continue cosponsorship as another means of identifying with local and regional groups and thus making the ITAA meaningful locally. The conference in Rio is being cosponsored with two Latin American Associations, and in January we are strongly promoting Japanese participation in our Hawaii Winter Congress. We are also hoping to cosponsor again with Mexico in January 1990 and with EATA in summer 1990. We will be developing guidelines for cosponsoring conferences, and all TA organizations are welcome to invite the ITAA to cosponsor a conference locally.

When we cosponsor with local organizations we attract our members from different parts of the world and help create an atmosphere of international cooperation. For example, jointly sponsored conferences often bring widely known TA authors to the doorstep of local TA trainees and clients at minimal cost. This offers them and other users of TA an opportunity to experience these authors in person and gives the authors the chance to meet their readers face-to-face.

As the ITAA seeks to decentralize its services, we must cultivate strong local and regional associations which can take on the administration of some of these services. At the same time, the ITAA will continue providing these services as long as it is necessary for members who need them.

Through the competent efforts of Jenni Hine and Nellie Micholt, our Translation Committee has produced translations of some ITAA information documents in French and Spanish. These are now available and others are scheduled for the near future. By providing good translations of TA documents, we hope to assist local associations, trainers, and trainees who need such information.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN



by Susan Sevilla

A Terrible Mistake

On Sunday, July 2, 1988, a terrible human tragedy unfolded in our world. The US Navy shot down an Iranian airliner over the Persian Gulf, with 290 civilian passengers aboard. President Ronald Reagan called this "an understandable error."

All of us know what a tragic mistake it was. Nothing in the recent news has touched me as deeply as this terrible accident. I do not understand why the reaction at home and abroad was not *greater* than it was.

The tragedy occurred while I was at Asilomar attending the USATAA National TA Conference, the theme of which was, ironically, "Equality: Reality and Possibilities." For those of you not familiar with this charming little conference center on the Pacific coast, there are no newspapers or televisions and so there is little access to the news at Asilomar. I learned of the accident through a phone call home, when my husband asked, "So what are people saying about the disaster?" The fact that none of the conference attendees at Asilomar had heard of the air tragedy gave it an unreal, nightmare-like quality. How could such a thing happen?

The Fourth of July Independence Day celebrations occurred over the next two days with the usual rounds of family barbecues, parades, and fireworks. Where I live the Fourth dawned clear and sunny, and community spirits were high. How could people ignore what had happened? The group I was with on the Fourth sang a round of the national anthem, the "Star Spangled Banner," and my heart ached as I heard the line, "the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air." Yes, it *is* a nightmare.

After the first blaze of headlines, the news is already dying out to minor coverage in the middle pages of the newspaper. At first there was no plan for the US to pay compensation to the families of the Iranian civilians lost over the Persian Gulf. Ten days later, on July 12, President Reagan announced that compensation would be paid. It is hard to believe that it took him ten days to come to this realization. The payment of compensation to the families, along with a formal apology from the US, is the *only* humanitarian gesture suitable for such an occasion. As of press time, statements are still tentative. If no compensation has been made by the time this article reaches you, I urge you to write or telegram the President insisting that he take this simple step.

It is a very sad note indeed that this event would occur during Vince's year of global awareness. It is a nightmare we will live with the rest of our lives.

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TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS IN PRACTICE



by Gloria Wax and George Imperato

Valuing the ITAA Certification Process

We frequently hear members question the value of TA certification and why it does not count toward licensure and third-party reimbursement for health care expenditures. To answer these questions, it is important to distinguish between licensure, which is mandatory, and certification, which is voluntary. Within the realm of certification there is both governmental sector certification and private sector certification, and then within the private certification sector different certification processes vary.

For instance, the T&C Council's certification process (an example of private sector certification) focuses on the written and oral examinations which lead to certification. Anyone who is an ITAA Regular Member in good standing can begin the application process toward certification by selecting a trainer/sponsor and executing a training contract which is subsequently endorsed by the T&C Council. Prior to sitting for the final oral BOC exam, the candidate must first pass a written theory exam, be endorsed by two ITAA advanced members, and satisfy the required hours of training, course work, and experience gained through a supervised internship.

In contrast, we are aware of another private sector certification process which focuses on the application as most important. Prior to sitting for examination, applicants are required to meet and substantiate academic and post-degree training in the appropriate specialties, an internship, experience, and personal development. They need to submit assessments of competence, character, and experience by colleagues, trainers, supervisors, and consumers prior to being considered for candidacy and entry to the written exam. In addition, there is a blind assessment of three continuous case studies with taped sequences.

We recently heard of a good example of the value of an impressive credentialing process. A counselor in private practice had a complaint filed against him with the state (USA) regulatory board regarding his abilities. The board ordered the counselor to "cease and desist" testing. The counselor filed a countersuit against the state. The Attorney General's office interviewed the counselor, the chair of the private sector credentialing body, and examined the credentialing application materials. After completing their investigation and assessment, the Attorney General's office ruled that the counselor was qualified to continue his testing and dropped the charges.

Thus, there are some certifying processes that are tantamount to licensure or that are usable as proof of abilities with regulatory boards. The National Board of Medical Examiners is one private sector examining and certifying organization whose certificate is accepted by all state licensing boards (USA) as usable toward licensure. Why isn't the ITAA/T&C Council's certification acceptable in the same capacity?

There may be multiple reasons. One may be the fact that TA is a specialty applied in many areas, another that certification does not require academic degrees, and yet another that consumers and other professionals often know little of the extent and breadth of the training, knowledge, and supervised internship required prior to the competency-based oral exam. But, are these reasons enough?

The past two years saw our organization stress "one hundred and one 101s" in order to attract new members and spread the knowledge and use of TA. We challenge the ITAA Board of Trustees and the T&C Council Board of Directors to initiate a program to create more public and professional awareness of the capabilities of those of us who have gone through our certifying process. Is there a division within the new organizational format that can lobby for our recognition as deliverers of competent services in the clinical, educational, and organizational fields?

As always, these are our own thoughts, not those of *The Script*, the ITAA, or the T&C Council. Please send your responses to us at 168 Howard St., Dumont, New Jersey 07628, USA.

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Ballots Fall Short for 1988 Berne Award

by Margery Friedlander, TAJ Editor

The Editorial Board of the *Transactional Analysis Journal* regretfully announces that the Eric Berne Memorial Scientific Award will not be presented this year because not enough ballots were cast by certified members. One of the stipulations of the Award is that "a minimum of 25% of the ballots are returned. If fewer than 25% of the ballots are returned, no Award will be given." Although the percentage of ballots returned this year was close to the requirement, it was not sufficient to make the Award.

However, the question is whether people are actually reading *The Script*, the *Journal*, or their mail. The EBMSA ballots were mailed to the membership April 1 and were due in the ITAA office by July 2. We have made accommodations for postage problems and now cannot blame the postal service for our apathy.

ITAA members have sent a loud message with their lack of response, but how is this message to be interpreted? Is it disinterest? Is the material not understood? Are the nominees not worthy?

The vitality of support for the EBMSA has to come from you, the members of the ITAA. You are the ones reading the nominations, and you are the ones best qualified to judge. However, you have to make a decision to keep this Award alive.

The authors who are nominated deserve to be acknowledged overtly rather than passively.

In 1986, when "no award" was announced for the second consecutive year because no nominees were judged eligible, Steve Karpman voiced concern in *The Script* and underscored the necessity of the Award. Some of my editorials were devoted to encouraging aspiring authors to write about the work they did. The result has been rewarding, and the number of articles submitted to the *Journal* for consideration has increased.

The authors who are nominated deserve to be acknowledged overtly rather than passively. Imagine the disappointment of being nominated and then told you will not receive the Award — not because your work is undeserving, but because not enough of your fellow members took the time to return their ballots.

It is time we decided to make a firm commitment to support our nominees and to make this Award one in which we are proud to participate as we support its original purpose — to further the original research envisioned by Eric Berne.

HAWAII CONGRESS PLANNING

Remember, if you plan to attend the Hawaii Winter Congress in January 1989, make your travel plans *early*. January is high tourist season in Hawaii, and all plane, hotel, and pre- and post-excursion arrangements should be reserved as soon as possible. Consult your July *Script* for details on travel.

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Organizational News

Call for Nominations for 1989 Eric Berne Memorial Scientific Award

ITAA members are invited to submit nominations now for the 1989 Eric Berne Memorial Scientific Award. The *December 31, 1988* deadline is designed to give the Editorial Board time to consider all nominations at their January meeting in Hawaii.

Established in 1971 to honor and perpetuate the memory of Eric Berne's scientific contributions, the award is given to the originator of a scientific concept. Each recommendation must include a one- to three-line statement showing how it qualifies as new theory and is thus eligible for the award. Please also include the nominee's name and the publication reference.

We welcome and encourage the nomination of worthy candidates for this award.

Margery Friedlander, TAJ Editor

EXAM CALENDAR

Exam	Exam Date	Location	Application Deadline
Level I (CM/SFTM)	November 1988 November 10, 1988 January 1989	Perth, W. Autralia Paris, France Hawaii	August 12, 1988 August 10, 1988 October 10, 1988
Level II (CTM/SFTM) Exams	November 1988 (tentative date) November 10, 1988 January 1989	Perth, W. Australia Paris, France Hawaii	August 12, 1988 August 10, 1988 October 10, 1988
Level I (CM/SFM) Written Exam	Nov. 11 or 12, 1988 March 10 or 11, 1988	To be announced To be announced	August 12, 1988 December 9, 1988
Training Endorsement Workshops*	January 1989	Hawaii	October 10, 1988

* *Please contact Jackie Ward-Flaggs at the T & C Council headquarters for more information.*

All fees due by application deadline. All exam fees are non-refundable, but will be credited to your account (except oral application fees paid each time applying for oral exam) if at least 60 days written notice is given for cancellation. Otherwise fee is forfeited. Fees: written exam - $90 US/Canada ($20 administrative fee deducted for cancellations received prior to 60 days deadline); all other countries pay $15 written exam recording fee to BOC and $35 to reader/scorer. Orals applications: $75, non-transferable. Oral exam - $50. Contract filing fee: $40. All fees must be paid in US funds. Candidates must allow six months between taking their written examination and applying for the oral examination. Requests to hold BOC exams must be submitted early enough to allow for review by the BOC, and if approved, to allow for notice to be posted in the Script at least six months prior to the exam date. All fees are due by the applications deadline.

TA CONFERENCES WORLDWIDE

October 28–31, 1988 — Oaxtepec, Morelos, Mexico. VIII Congreso Mexicano de Analisis Transaccional, Mexat 88. Contact: Dr. Ervey Gonzalez Urroz, Homero 109-504. Mexico 5, DF; phone: 250-1738.

November 4–6, 1988 — Buenos Aires, Argentina. Fifth Argentine Congress of Transactional Analysis and New Behavioral Sciences. Contact: Dr. Roberto Kertesz, San Jose de Calasanz 431, 1424 Buenos Aires, Argentina.

November 24–27, 1988 — Fremantle, West Australia. Eighth Australasian TA Conference. Contact: Maggie White, 136 Loftus St., Leederville, 6007 Western Australia; phone (09)328-8993.

January 11–15, 1989 — Honolulu, Hawaii. ITAA Winter Congress. Contact: ITAA, 1772 Vallejo St., San Francisco, CA 94123, USA; phone: 415-885-5992.

May 19–21, 1989 — Regensburg, West Germany. DGTA Conference. Contact: DGTA, Samerbergweg 7-8260/Az, West Germany.

July 31–August 7, 1989 — Oakland, California. ITAA Summer Conference. Contact: ITAA, 1772 Vallejo St., San Francisco, CA 94123, USA; phone 415-885-5992.

TA 101 CALENDAR

September 9–10, 1988 — Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Cost: $100 ($50 deposit). Leader: Dr. Jo Bowens Lewis, CPTM. Contact: Center for Cooperative Change, 4277-K Memorial Dr., Decatur, GA 30032, USA. Phone: 404-296-7313.

September 10–11, 1988 — Edmonds, Washington, USA. Cost: $100. Leader: Peg Blackstone, CPTM. Contact: Peg Blackstone, 51 W. Dayton, Suite 101, Edmonds, WA 98020; phone 206-775-1377.

September 10–11, 1988 — London, England. Cost: L55. Leader: Accredited TA trainer from "metanoia." Contact: Dr. Petruska Clarkson, 13 North Common Road, London W5 2QB, England.

September 23–25, 1988 — Waldkirch b. Freiburg, W. Germany. Leader: Anne Kohlhaas-Reith, CTM. Cost: DM 300, — . Contact: Dr. Anne Kohlhaas-Reith, Birkenweg 3, D-7808 Waldkirch, West Germany.

October 8, 1988 — Buenos Aires, Argentina. Cost: $20 US dollars. Leader: Roberto Kertesz, CTM. Contact: Roberto Kertesz, ANTAL, San Jose de Calasanz 431, (1424) Buenos Aires, Argentina; phone 90-8898 or 99-6176.

November 12, 1988 — Buenos Aires, Argentina. Cost: $20 US dollars. Leader: Roberto Kertesz, CTM. Contact: Roberto Kertesz, ANTAL, San Jose de Calasanz 431, (1424) Buenos Aires, Argentina; phone 90-8898 or 99-6176.

November 14–15, 1988 — London, England. Cost: L55. Leader: Accredited TA trainer from "metanoia." Contact: Dr. Petruska Clarkson, 13 North Common Road, London W5 2QB, England.

December 10, 1988 — Buenos Aires, Argentina. Cost: $20 US dollars. Leader: Roberto Kertesz, CTM. Contact: Roberto Kertesz, ANTAL, San Jose de Calasanz 431, (1424) Buenos Aires, Argentina; phone 90-8898 or 99-6176.

Certified Teaching Members and Certified Provisional Teaching Members of ITAA are invited to list free of charge information about TA 101s they are presenting.

APRIL 1988 NEW MEMBERS

New Member	Sponsor
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Bainbridge, Dennis	—
Bertolini, Giuseppe	Pio Scilligo
Bertrand, Francoise	Nelly Micholt
Bevilacqua, Patrizia	Marialuisa Pisani
Boyne, Gil	—
Bussey, Ruth	Lilly Stuart
Castellucci, Patrizia	Marialuisa Pisani
Di Domenicantonio, Giacinto Pio Scilligo	
Emmel, Sarah	ERTAC
Glaser, Barbara	—
Kemp, Jacqueline	Robin Hobbes
Koslover, Pam	Charlotte Daellenbach
Liss, Moe	—
Norris, Sara	ERTAC
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Sterland, Cameron	Gail Broady
Vagt, Lee	—
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MAY 1988 NEW MEMBERS

New Member	Sponsor
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Bay, Erhard	DGTA
Bergeld, Ulrike	DGTA
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Brandauer, Alexander	DGTA
Cappel Ilona	DGTA
Carstensen, Annegret	DGTA
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Cramer, Helga	DGTA
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Eckl, Hans-Peter	DGTA
Engel, Barbara	DGTA
Engel, Guenter	DGTA
Figueroa, Esther	Gloria Noriega
Friedman, Walter	Robert Goulding
Goebel, Christiane	DGTA
Grambow, Baerbel	DGTA
Hannak-Zeltner, Renate	DGTA
Hartmann-Egen, Christa	DGTA
Held, Peter	DGTA
Huth, Inge	DGTA
Iotti, Daniela	—
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Karnath, Joachim	DGTA
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Kinzer, Angela	DGTA
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Klassen, Gabriele	DGTA
Klohr, Volker	DGTA
Korbach, Gerd	DGTA
Krawitz, Dorrit	—
Krulewitz, Judith	—
Levy, Phillis	—
Mehrens, Rita	DGTA
Mei, Sandra	—
Menrad, Brigitte	DGTA
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Roepcke, Andrea	DGTA
Schlitter, Christine	DGTA
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Simpich, Gabriela	DGTA
Smith, William	Barton Knapp
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Tafoya, Jose Miguel R.	—
Tax, Anne	Barton Knapp
Tetz-Scheerer, Margit	DGTA
Virchez, Monia	Emilio Said
Voelckner, Gertrud	DGTA
Weingarten, Maria	Denton Roberts
Weiss, Yehoshua	—
Weyer-Menkoff, Martin	DGTA
Witz, Tilo	DGTA
Zarkovic, Tija	Tijana Mandic
Ziebart, Wolfgang	DGTA

JUNE 1988 NEW MEMBERS

New Member	Sponsor
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Bresnehan, Mercia	Robin Maslen
De La Pena, Rocio	—
Del Forno, Domenico	—
Harcourt, David	—
Kauppila, Kari	Valerie Garfield
Locaputo, Carmela	—
Melo Monteiro, Maria	—
Nicholls, Karen	Robin Maslen
Noduret, Michael	—
Phillips, Maggie	—
Redondo, Consuelo	—
Rodriguez, Mercedes	—
Rozzicato, Michele	Marialuisa Pisani
Singleton, James	Vince Gilpin
Wise, Deirdre	Robin Maslen

Members Forum

Editorial Policy: We welcome letters to the editor (c/o the ITAA office), and in editing for taste, accuracy, and length, our intent is to retain the author's meaning.

CONCERN EXPRESSED OVER NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE IN NEW STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Dear Editor:

It is with great concern that I write this letter to the members of the ITAA. In viewing the proposed bylaws changes, I was aware of the following proposed change in the preamble: "Relationships shall be carried out without discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, nationality, socioeconomic status, gender, age, or sexual preference."

As ITAA members we strive to be nondiscriminatory in our approach toward others; we openly dedicate ourselves to facing and addressing adversely discriminatory attitudes and behaviors. However, might the statement, "relationships shall be carried out without discrimination on the basis of...sexual preference," carry an implication that we approve of variations in sexual preference which may well result from script, from unresolved or nonintegrated life experiences and script decisions?

In a well-meaning attempt to be "fair" to all people, we run the risk of compromising important values. Such a compromise has not only consequences for ourselves, but it also holds consequences for others because we are an international organization which espouses a primary concern for health care for others. As such, we set an example for others; our values speak to others, not only to other colleagues, but also to those requesting from us guidance and direction in their lives.

The term "discrimination" presently carries with it implications that someone or something is being singled out (discriminated) and in addition, that the one being adversely discriminated (against) is being judged and/or treated as "bad" or as "worth less" than someone else. I am not suggesting that, for example, homosexuals be judged as "bad" or as "worth less" than heterosexuals. I am, however, suggesting that we may well need to discriminate, in the sense of simply differentiating or observing a difference between homosexual attitudes and behaviors and heterosexual attitudes and behaviors. To differentiate in this manner requires that each individual be respected for his or her innate personal integrity and value as a human being. Discrimination in this sense facilitates a greater realization of the personal becoming of each individual and a greater understanding of the underlying needs of each.

Already stipulated in the ITAA Preamble is the fact that the relationships will be carried out without discrimination on the basis of creed. Might not the addition, however, of nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual preference serve to cause some ITAA members with religious preferences conflict with their own faith and/or with the ITAA? One aspect of this newly proposed statement, then, in some cases, contradicts and is irreconcilable with the other.

In addition, if an ITAA member were to discriminate (adversely or nonadversely) toward someone with another sexual preference, might not the addition of this clause potentially be cause for litigation, against both the discriminating individual and the ITAA? For example, a heterosexual ITAA member might choose to not train or treat someone who is openly homosexual.

I do not have an answer to this question, but I believe that it is worthy of being posed.

Many individuals today reject the existence of an objective moral order and instead espouse a form of relativism which allows each to form relative, subjective values which are based on individual preference alone, therefore subjecting them to change over time and space. Such preferences, as has already been stated, may be highly influenced by unresolved life experiences and developmental history. For the ITAA to tacitly approve of an individual's life-style, based on relativistic preferences, which in turn may be based on unresolved life experiences, is equal to affirming that potentially scripted, less conscious and less free life-style.

Since we bear the responsibility of not only having clear moral values for ourselves, but of also setting an example for others, it is incumbent upon us to exercise our intellect, to study various positions on this subject, and to not allow ourselves to be swayed by emotions, which run deep, while attempting to address this delicate issue. As a result, I would like to suggest that we address this issue by conscientiously striving toward engaging with one another in further interdisciplinary study of homosexuality (and of other critical issues) as a means of practically striving toward an increased personal freedom within ourselves, our colleagues, and our clients.

Sister Lydia Allen, CTM,
Alma, Michigan, USA

MARKETING CHOICES BOTH IMPORTANT

Dear Editor:

I want to comment on Ron Ohlson's thoughtful article on marketing the ITAA (*The Script*, May 1988). His bullseye concept of the ITAA becoming a PPO for a multinational corporation is one of the first new and creative large-scale ideas on marketing I have heard in a long time. The hard work involved for the ITAA to become a PPO is equal to the potential opportunity.

However, Ron's implication that the ITAA should have to make a choice between developing professional training videotapes and the ITAA as a PPO is about two degrees off center. I do not think we have to make choices between the two endeavors. Each approach serves different functions for the members, and I believe the ITAA is large enough to participate in more than one marketing effort at a time.

My main point is to applaud Ron for innovative thinking that suggests possibilities for building a more solid future for the ITAA while better serving member and client needs.

Peter Pearson, Menlo Park, California, USA

RESPONSE, RESPONSE, AT LAST RESPONSE!

Dear Bill:

In response to your plea for letters, the ITAA has an hour's video of me doing the last part of the 101 course on scripts that would make a great tape to put on the market. I urge the Executive Committee to consider it.

Bob Goulding, Watsonville, California, USA

Dear Bill:

You describe a "mini-shabbat" or Sabbath. My spot is the Fort Worth Japanese Gardens, including a waterfall, shady pond, and huge, colorful, and friendly Japanese goldfish. Your May 1988 editorial was excellent.

Jo Burlesaw, Fort Worth, Texas, USA

Dear Bill:

Thank you so much for your work in the ITAA. I read your column in *The Script* with love and appreciation.

Madame X

Dear Bill:

No, my response is NOT what you think. I love your columns and read them first in *The Script*. I discuss with you in my head, just as I do with writers of books, magazine articles, and even Herb Caen (Ed. Note — Caen is a San Francisco columnist of considerable repute.)

You remind me that this is not enough. To write and not get a response is lonely. So here's to more columns, to which I'll probably keep responding silently. In my silence I say, "Hurrah!"

If you do something awful, like urge a vote for whoever that person is who is running for US President on the Republican ticket (Vice-President Tree? V.P. Elm? Cactus?, then I could not keep silent. Sorry and silence instead of strokes is not fair when the strokes are all positive. But what is fair?

Mary Goulding, Watsonville, California, USA

Ed. Note — for those outside the USA not intimately knowledgeable about US politics, Mary is clever in her puns, i.e., Vice-President Bush.

Dear Bill:

Regarding your questions about belonging to and being known as a transactional analyst by way of professional association (May/June 1988 *Script*), my answer is, yes. Still, I liked your reminder that TA has precisely the validity of its practitioners. I often feel lonely "out there," and I get a nice shot of "potency feeling" from *The Script* and your editorials. Thanks for a job well done.

Gerda Lawrence, Los Angeles, California, USA

A VISIT TO THE USSR

Dear Editor:

I have just returned from a beautiful trip to Russia, led by ITAA member Peg Smith and sponsored by PASSAGES. Peg sets up people-to-people tours and has many exciting contacts in various parts of Russia. During our trip we met graduate students in English who live in a college town near Yalta, a wonderful gerontologist in Leningrad, groups of veterans of World War II (in the Soviet Union it is called The Great Patriotic War), and were treated to a dinner and dance by about twenty artists, writers, and young college professors in Sukhumi on the Black Sea. A highlight was seeing the centenarians dance and sing their folk songs and talking with them (through local interpreters) about their lives. These are the "long-lived" people of the Abkhasian region.

Since ITAA members seem particularly interested in psychotherapists, I offer the address of a clinical psychologist who impressed me:

Inal-Ipa Arda
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Yu. Uyuykugze 62
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To translate, her first name is Arda, and she lives in Sukhumi. She is young, very lovely, extremely bright, and would like books for her college and letters from anyone. She is isolated from her colleagues because most of them live in the big cities to the north. She knows of Gestalt, but has heard little about TA. If you write her, do not expect an immediate answer. Mail delivery to that area is very slow.

I also met the man who has been writing to *The Script*. Peg and I decided not to be involved with his group, but we gave him ITAA literature.

Mary Goulding, Watsonville, California, USA

ITAA Executive Director Susan Sevilla thanks those who wrote or called in response to her "Mother's Challenge" article in the May/June *Script*. She appreciated your warm and positive feedback to her very personal article.

RAY CORSINI HEADLINES CONGRESS

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there will be as many systems of therapy as there are therapists. Right now even within what may appear to be a monolithic group such as the Rogerians, there are diverse and contending subgroups.

Alan: Yes, we have a number of different groups within transactional analysis. By the way, how did you become a psychologist?

Ray: I was a very poor student, finally getting my PhD at age 41 after going to school continuously for close to 36 years. Going into psychology was an accident. I wanted to be a teacher, but my speech was so bad I was not permitted to take a course in practice teaching, and the only other option at City College of New York was to take it in psychology.

Alan: I understand you are interested in educational reform.

Ray: You should know, since you are President of the Honolulu School for Individual Education, which will be using the Corsini Four-R School System.

Alan: Is the Four-R System based on Adlerian psychology?

Ray: No, the C4R was developed on the basis of inductive logic rather than on deductive logic as are other systems of schooling. Therefore, it is based on psychology and so it is a transactional analysis system, an Adlerian system, a rational-emotive system, and so forth. It has no ties with any proprietary system. It is true that most of the articles about it have appeared in the Adlerian journal, but that is incidental.

Alan: What are the main psychological determinants of the C4R system, and how does it fit with TA theory?

Ray: I think of two dynamics: One, children want to improve themselves and have an inborn tendency to become bigger and better, and two, they have a need for socialization and want to associate with others of their kind. Keeping these two factors in mind, our school operates to give children freedom of choice relative to what and how they learn and also provides them with noncompetitive modes of interaction.

Alan: What are the four goals of your system?

Ray: The four Rs of the C4R system are essentially our goals: Responsibility, Respect, Resourcefulness, and Responsiveness.

Alan: Say more about responsiveness.

Ray: Understanding the meaning of responsiveness will explain why I am an Adlerian. My definition is essentially what Adler meant by his term, *Gemeinschaftsgefuhl*, which is usually translated in English as Social Interest. It means a feeling for community. It is an essential value in the Adlerian system, and I know of no other system that has this philosophical value. So, responsiveness is the final goal we seek: a feeling of belonging to the cosmos not only now but in the past and the future, a feeling of oneness with the universe.

Alan: Sounds like religion.

Ray: Yes, it is essentially my religious view, and I think it is another aspect of what is found in all mature religions: the Golden Rule as formulated by Rabbi Akiva. (Editor's Note: To paraphrase the Rabbi, who was asked to explain the whole Torah while his questioner stood on one foot, "Do not do unto others as you would not have others do unto you. All the rest is commentary. Now, go out and learn.")

Alan: To change the subject a bit, what are you doing with yourself these days?

Ray: I just finished the fourth edition of *Current Psychotherapies* and the second edition of *Case Studies in Psychotherapy*, both co-edited with Dr. Danny Wedding, and I am also working on three new books simultaneously.

Alan: Where do you get your energy from? You have either edited or written 25 books, over 100 articles, run a clinical practice, do volunteer family counseling, have developed a school system, and still have time to play — I know you go sailing every weekend.

Ray: Who knows? I think my drive is partially based on my anger with the traditional educational system, which I believe is harmful in every respect — harmful to children and a real danger to our society. I believe that the present educational system may destroy our whole government.

Alan: That's a pretty strong statement. Could it be you want to prove the schools wrong?

Ray: It could be, but let me read you something. "If an unfriendly foreign power had attempted to impose upon America the mediocre educational performance that exists today, we might well have viewed it as an act of war. As it stands, we have allowed this to happen to ourselves." That is a quote from a *Report to the Nation* by the National Commission on Excellence in Education, published in 1983. Nothing I have written is as strong an indictment of our present traditional educational system.

Alan: Getting back to psychology, have you any words of advice for people in the field of psychotherapy?

Ray: First, no matter where you are in your field, keep an open mind and learn as much as you can about other systems. Second, avoid making whatever your position is a form of religion. Third, be yourself and remember that you are the measure. Fourth, learn as much as you can from other sources of information, especially from the classics. They have endured for good reason. I would put Shakespeare high on the list, then Goethe. My own contemporary favorites are Arnold Zweig and Somerset Maughm. I also believe that the *Tales of Uncle Remus* and *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* are absolutely necessary. And the very best book in the field of psychotherapy is Ellenberger's *The Discovery of the Unconscious*. That is the one book on psychotherapy that I wish I had written.

Alan: What are your immediate and long-term plans?

Ray: To finish the three new books I'm working on, improve my tennis game, get a bigger boat, and die a happy death.

Alan: Wow!

Ray: I think that when I know I am going to die I want to think back and feel that I made a contribution to life, harmed no one meaningfully, and am ready to go to eternal rest with no resistance.

Alan: Thank you, Ray. You are a constant source of surprise. We look forward to more surprises when we hear from you in Hawaii.

Ray: I look forward to it, too.

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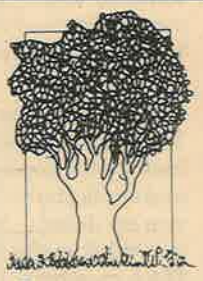

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Keeping In Touch

REGION I — PACIFIC

Fr. George Kandathil, S.J., CTM, writes that the **Institute for Counselling and Transactional Analysis (ICTA)** at Cochin University in Kerala, India, has an active study group, including four members who have recently taken out contracts to become certified members. ICTA is a nonprofit society and puts out a magazine in the vernacular that popularizes TA concepts and their applications. Jack Dusay, Muriel James, Richard Erskine, and Rebecca Trautmann have given seminars to the study group, and ICTA is interested in having other members come to Kerala to teach for them.

Sissel Knibe and Everett Savage report that the small but active group of TA enthusiasts in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, has plans to form a local TA group. The group usually meets once or twice a month to discuss cases and particular themes, and they hope to promote TA so that it can have its rightful place in the psychotherapy field as it develops in Taiwan. The group includes one member in clinical training who uses TA regularly in her hospital counseling and at various church and social services organizations as well as a psychiatrist who uses it at his hospital. Two well-known civic groups in counseling are beginning to use TA. One is Lifeline, and the other, a locally developed group, is called, "Teacher Chang." These groups continually seek to upgrade their people, may of whom are volunteers, and have benefited from training by TMs from Sweden.

REGION III — EUROPE

A new overall Swiss TA Association, the Association Suisse d'Analyse Transactionnelle (ASAT), has recently been founded by the two already existing regional TA associations in Switzerland. Kaspar Wolfensberger was elected its first President. ASAT will be the main professional TA organization in Switzerland, although the two regional associations, ASAT-SR (French speaking; Francoise Maillard Struby, President) and DSGTA (German speaking; Kasper Wolfensberger, President), will continue their activities. All members of the regional associations will automatically be ASAT members and vice versa. On the international level, other TA organizations will have to deal with just one Swiss TA association. The ASAT mailing address is PO Box 916, 8044 Zurich, Switzerland.

REGION V — USA

Amos Selavan, CM, was running recently in a 10 kilometer race when he was struck by a truck. He will be in the hopsital for at least three more months, and members who wish to write him may do so at Pittsburgh Rehabilitation Institute, North Umberland, Shady Avenue, Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15217, USA. We wish Amos a speedy recovery.

Laura Root was honored with a plaque by Transactional Analysis of Utah (TAU) for her many years of service. The plaque was awarded to her during the USATAA Conference.

Marlyn Crossen is the new General Coordinator (i.e., President) of the USATAA.

Muriel James, EdD, CTM, writes that the first PhD dissertation on her theory of Self-Reparenting has been approved. Although there are many psychological theories in use, few have been statistically tested using standardized tests. This kind of rigorous testing has just been completed by Margaret Franklin, PhD, after three years of research. Margaret used a pilot study, three experimental groups with different leaders, and control groups. Each participant received pre- and posttests; tests were also given in the middle of the process and one month after the self-reparenting was completed. Because Muriel has written more in her two books on the subject than could be conveniently used in the time allotted, each leader had a guide of procedures and techniques she developed for leader consistency. The major statistically significant finding of the research is that people who participated in the Self-Reparenting groups increased in their perceptions of their own power and were able to maintain much of this growth.



Some of the sixty participants attending the First Congress of the Transactional Analysis Association of Japan (TAAJ), held May 15, 1988, in commemoration of the establishment of the TAAJ. Activities included lively sessions, small group activities, a keynote speech, a panel discussion, and a joyful wine session in the evening. TAAJ President Michiko Fukazawa (front, fifth from right) and most of the trustees are shown in the front row.

ALL REGIONS

We were pleased to receive the following responses to our recent request for information on books and articles written by ITAA members. If you have written a book or an article published in a non-TA journal, please send us your name and degree, the title of the book/article, the name of the book publisher or journal, and the city/state/country of publisher.

Jerrold Gilbert, PhD, AM, wrote "Logical Consequences: A New Classification," published in *Individual Psychology*, 1986, 42(2), 243-254.

A.J. Elliott, CM, wrote *Holly, The Happy Little Holgren*, 1987, published by Pacific Counseling of Bellevue, WA, USA.

Bill Cornell's article, "Maintaining An Independent Private Practice: An Opinion," originally published in the February 1988 issue of *The Script*, was reprinted in the April 1988 issue of the *AMHCA News* (American Mental Health Counselors Association).

To Set Up A TEW: Anyone wishing to set up a Training Endorsement Workshop in a location where a TEW coordinator is not available may do so if they 1) let Jackie Ward-Flaggs (c/o ITAA office) know six months in advance of the workshop, 2) have been a TEW staff member, and 3) get a letter of recommendation from the coordinator of the TEW on which you served.

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Editor's Note: We look forward to receiving news from TA associations throughout the world. Please keep us up to date on your activities!

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