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Francisco del Casale of Venezuela discusses concerns of Latin American members with ITAA Executive Director Susan Sevilla.



EATA President Julie Hay and ITAA President Vince Gilpin demonstrate that affiliation between the organizations, at least at a personal level, is already well established!



Brazilian Conference Coordinator Rosa Krausz (center) with two participants from Bahia.

by Susan Sevilla

The Rio Conference was a study in contrast — the grandeur of the Rio de Janeiro skyline, with its statue of Christ, arms outstretched to bless the city, and below it both the richness of the city and the poverty of the favellas. The warmth of the Brazilian people, with their exhuberant love of life, and the muggers who accosted several unwary conference participants. The joy and historic significance of holding the first ITAA meeting in South America, and the frustration of language barriers which left people unable to fully communicate despite volunteer translation efforts.

That there were contrasts, both good and bad, is true about the 1988 ITAA-UNAT-ALAT Conference in Rio. What is also true is that the conference was, both in spite of and because of the contrasts, a resounding success. Over 450 participants from 14 countries outside Latin America as well as from many Latin American countries attended the week's events, including five preconference institutes, a TA 101 given in Portuguese, and scores of additional workshops and presentations.

I am grateful to Rosa Krausz for inviting the ITAA to her country and for suggesting Rio de Janeiro as a site — it was a wonderful choice. Rio must be one of the most beautiful cities in the world with its dramatic green mountains dropping sharply into the sea, the thick rain forest carpeted with delicately colored impatiens, and the view of the lights at dusk slowly illuminating the city from the top of Corcovado. I loved the warm caress of the mild winter weather, the health-minded joggers and soccer players on the beach, and the obvious *joie de vivre* of the *carioca* residents.

I am exhausted from the trip, and I can only imagine how tired our volunteer organizers are. For Co-Sponsor and Local Coordinator Rosa Krausz, Program Committee Chair Joan Lourie, and Program Committee Vice-Chair Ed Perkinson, it was a four-year labor of love. This Conference was first proposed during Ellyn Bader's term as ITAA President (1984-85), and we owe her much for doing the initial work to establish cosponsorship. President Lucy Freedman (1986-87) spent the next two years hammering out the financial arrangements and following the Program Committee's progress in making arrangements. Finally, Vince Gilpin wore the President's hat during the conference itself and also deserves recognition for the success of the meeting. And let us not forget the 60 or more presenters, who went to great effort to share their knowledge and expertise with their colleagues. To all of you, thanks. Your long hard task is over now, and we are all well satisfied with the result.

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In Rio we had the exciting opportunity to learn from our Brazilian transactional analyst colleagues and to see and experience the life force of TA as it is developing in Brazil. The fine spirit of togetherness, sharing, and joining made this conference a truly international event. We also learned much in Rio about putting on jointly sponsored conferences, knowledge which will serve us well in future planning.

Not only was the Conference a success scientifically, financially, and administratively, it also represented a symbolic breakthrough for the ITAA: As our first conference in South America it broke both geographic and psychological barriers. North Americans and Europeans traveled great distances at great expense to participate, something Latin Americans are accustomed to doing on a regular basis. Perhaps the longest distances covered were by our two Australian participants, Robin Maslen and Vanda Rounsefell, who traveled more than 35 hours each way to attend.

I personally enjoyed this conference more than any other TA meeting I have attended in my five years with the ITAA. It was the *site* and the *spirit* of it all, the city and excitment of Rio, and the love, the "blood, sweat, and tears" that you, the volunteer members and participants, poured into the event. Thank you for taking on the enormous load of work that it took to make it happen. We will remember "Rio 1988" always. □

Special thanks to Andres Emilio Acera and Susan Sevilla for the wonderful photos of the Rio Conference.



Joan Lourie, outgoing Program Committee Chairperson and local host for the 1987 Chicago Summer Conference, gives a few pointers to Alan Simpins, local host for the 1989 Hawaii Winter Congress.



Ian Stewart, BOC Chairperson, showed ITAA staff member Ingrid Mezquita and Executive Director Susan Sevilla (taking photo) how to enjoy Rio night life.



Board of Trustees Member Bob Massey enjoying Corcovado, the famous symbol of Rio.

EDITOR'S COLUMN



by William Krieger

Damn It, I Am Calm!

I guess it's safe to write this editorial because I'm not angry now. I've calmed down, damn it! I tell you it's a good thing I've learned how to handle my anger effectively, because otherwise I'd really give those no good . . . wait a minute, I want to switch ego states. OK, I'm calm now.

You see, what happened is one of our *Script* columnists attended a TA conference in Europe and some lousy...wait a minute, I want to go into my group room and say a few things to a chair I've got in there. OK, I'm calm now.

Anyway, the columnist was seeking ideas in the area covered by the column when these negative . . . wait a minute, I've got an old pillow in my closet. (Just my luck, I'm not even wearing a belt today.) OK, I'm calm now.

So instead of ideas for the column, she was told that having her write the column with her picture with it was "Empire Building." Empire Building! Empire Building! Empire Building! Wait a minute, I'm going to kick my two new file cabinets and yell at my secretary. Empire Building! Damn it, don't tell me to calm down, I am calm!

OK, so you want to build an Empire. You got it. Every job on *The Script* is now up for grabs, including mine. Well, maybe not mine. I mean we have to be reasonable about this.

Columnists have to commit to writing three or four columns a year within *Script* guidelines and according to a preestablished schedule. The only recognition they get is a byline with their photo, and sometimes they don't even get that. (For example, last issue the printer mistakenly ran the wrong photo for our TA in Practice column.) To be honest, our Personnel Director (a position currently held by me for lack of applicants) has not been deluged with individuals seeking to be columnists or feature story writers.

So here's the deal. If you think having a byline in *The Script* will bring you fame, fortune, and friends, or if you believe you have something to offer and a talent for writing, then *The Script* wants you. At the present time we have columns for clinical, educational, and organizational applications of TA, and columns on TA in Practice, TA with Special Populations, and ITAA Committees. If you want to be a columnist for one of these areas or have another area you think would be of general interest, then submit a sample column of 500-750 words. If you want to be a feature writer and accept special assignments, then submit a 500-750 word feature article of general interest to ITAA members. These should be received at the ITAA office by December 15, 1988.

If you submit a column or article and don't get accepted, then I promise to listen to, print, and respond to all complaints, suggestions, and comments you make thereafter. If you don't submit anything, then don't bring up Empire Building to me ever again!

Boy, it's a good thing I'm mature enough to stay calm in situations such as this!

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Question for the Month: Do you recognize a good deal when you see one? □

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



by Vince Gilpin

ProAction = Global Action

In Rio de Janeiro we experienced a successful exercise in international cooperation during our jointly sponsored ITAA/UNAT/ALAT Conference. Brazilians came from all over Brazil, ALAT members came from all over Latin America, and ITAA members came from all over the world. I congratulate the conference organizers: Workshops were of high quality, and the lobbies were always buzzing with activity between events. However, language barriers remain an obstacle to informal socializing between members from different countries, and I am seeking suggestions for how to address this problem.

Such difficulties highlight the many and varied ramifications of being an international organization. Both the benefits and the responsibilities are vast. As an international organization we have the opportunity to make a significant impact on the international community, but we must begin with a demonstration of solidarity among TA people. As we share knowledge and skills, uphold similar values and principles, and cooperate with each other for mutual benefit, we show such solidarity and, at the same time, lay a firm foundation for moving out into the world in an effective and meaningful way.

One way to show such solidarity is by supporting the Global TA Action Project initiated at the San Diego Winter Congress. The Project Planning Committee has chosen March 21, 1989, as the day when every TA person in every part of the world is asked to conduct or participate in an activity that demonstrates the application of TA principles to the raising of global consciousness. Ideally, these activities will then be continued in an ongoing way.

Projects may focus on varied issues: human rights; holistic health; spiritual development; ecological concerns about the nuclear threat, endangered species, and damage to the ozone layer; and numerous other inequities of modern life that threaten the integrity of our planet and our very existence as a species.

A week after returning from the Rio Conference, I had the privilege of teaching TA to the staff of an alcohol and drug addiction treatment center on an Indian reservation in northern Manitoba. After teaching the theory of passivity, I was pleased when a group member exclaimed, "That explains why efforts to inform rural people about the nuclear threat are met with ridicule. They discount the solvability of the problem and their own ability to make a difference." Although this man had received support and encouragement in big cities when he marched for nuclear disarmament, on the reservation he was viewed as strange. Another group member added that he had also noticed that the "old people" were very aware of pollution because they could no longer eat the fish in the reservation lakes and because certain insects that formed an important part of the food chain were no longer around. The young people were aware of these things also, but were not as upset as their elders.

These workshop participants were able to make the connection between self-discounts, helplessness as a factor in addictions, and the apathy of the "Bystander." Hearing these stories, I was reminded of TA people worldwide, in cities and remote areas, and of the impact we could have if we joined together in this Project to raise global consciousness.

I urge you to reject self-discounts, helplessness, and apathy, and to choose to participate in the Global TA Action Project, not just on March 21, but as the beginning of an active ongoing community effort and an expression of solidarity among TA people worldwide. □

As an international organization we have the opportunity to make a significant impact on the international community, but we must begin with a demonstration of solidarity among TA people.

Many people have already made commitments to participate, including Board of Trustee members who, aware of the ITAA's financial limitations, have made personal pledges totaling more than $2,750. Although the Project is not a fund-raising event, there are costs to publish an upcoming information pamphlet about organizing an event and a follow-up report after the events are over.

Networking among participants and the Planning Committee is essential; if you are willing to be a volunteer contact person for others in your region, please write to Morris Haimowitz or Claude Steiner.

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Research and Innovation Takes Off!



Sheryn Scott

Under the newly approved ITAA Bylaws, the Research and Innovation Division, headed by Sheryn Scott, has received a mandate to support research and innovative developments in transactional analysis theory and applications and to stimulate ongoing self-development and professional growth. Three subdivisions have been formed to coordinate the activities of this Division.

The Educational Development Subdivision, chaired by Wayne Carpenter, will develop ideas and materials for stimulating the ongoing self-development and professional growth of individuals interested in TA. The Research Subdivision, lead by Gysa Jaoui, will support and stimulate research into both theory and applications. The Special Projects and Future Trends Subdivision, with Richard Erskine serving as interim coordinator, will develop ideas for special projects, support innovative developments, and study future trends which will effect the delivery and consumption of TA services.

Scott informed *The Script* that she is eager to hear from ITAA members about what they are doing in the areas of educational development, research, or special projects. She indicated that tentative plans include a directory of these activities and a structure for networking. As she said, "There are many creative activities going on out there, and we want to know about them!"

If you want to contribute to the exciting work of the Research and Innovation Subdivision, send a letter with a brief description of activities in these areas or "bright ideas" for possible activities to the Research and Innovation Division, c/o the ITAA office. □

CLINICAL COLUMN



By Bill Cornell

Anger Revisited

Writing the Clinical Column for *The Script* is proving to be very satisfying, primarily because people respond to the column with conversations and letters full of strokes and thoughtful comments. My previous column on "Anger and Engagement" resulted in two particular letters that I want to comment on here.

Pat Hedrick of Ripley, West Virginia, writes, "I would like to know your thoughts on the concept of being responsible for our own feelings and that others can't hurt us or make us angry....It does seem to me when others know our vulnerable spots that they can say and do things that do hurt us and/or contribute to the anger. What we do next is our responsibility." I agree.

The idea that we "can't make others feel or that we choose how we feel in response to someone else" denies the experience, the very nature of being in a relationship with someone. Relationships involve an emotional contract to enter into the influence of one another. The more significant the relationship, the deeper and more pervasive the mutual influence.

I recall a workshop I took from Barton Knapp and Marta Vago at a TA conference long ago in which they taught the concept of "target negative strokes," which they defined as those negative strokes against which a partner has little or no emotional defense. In investing in a relationship, becoming close to someone, we learn a great deal about loving, supporting, and hurting that person. Like all abusive anger, "target negative strokes" are violent acts intended to hurt or control someone else. In doing marital or family work, I frequently make the contract that people will identify and agree not to use "target negative strokes," in clear recognition that people can and do affect how one another feels, that we can and do hurt each other. The intent of the contract is to protect the participants during the stress and uncertainty of relationship therapy and to increase the probability that anger will be used to "engage" rather than to punish or control.

The second letter was from Joseph Landrud of Aracadia, California, who wrote of the influence of Tom Gordon and Parent Effectiveness Training on Landrud's understanding of anger and his clinical approach to it. He follows Gordon in explaining anger "as a secondary emotion, only arising if/when the primary emotion (e.g., hurt, fear, disappointment, embarrassment, etc.) is denied or unacknowledged." Dr. Landrud writes, "Hence, in the example of the baby you cite, it is probably that the baby's *primary emotion* is hurt or disappointment at not having it's needs met, which then gets changed into the secondary emotion of anger."

There is so much contamination in our culture in the understanding and expression of anger that I think it is essential that as therapists and teachers we clearly define anger as natural, healthy, and primary in its nature.

I don't agree, theoretically or clinically. My own thinking is based most directly on Wilhelm Reich's work on emotions. Reich identified three pairs of primary feelings, one pole of each pair being the protective function and the other being the expansive, creative function. The three pairs, according to Reich, are fear-trust (the receptive mode), pain-pleasure (the bodily mode), and anger-love (the aggressive mode). I think Reich's position is consistent with most models presented in research on emotions.

I think his perspective is particularly important in its clinical implications. I see anger as a specific expression of human aggression, as a primary and necessary emotional function. To define anger as a secondary emotion suggests, in TA terms, that anger is an adaptation (visions of the "Rebellious Child") and therefore a less desirable or healthy feeling.

There is so much contamination in our culture in the understanding and expression of anger that I think it is essential that as therapists and teachers we clearly define anger as natural, healthy, and primary in its nature, even if most of us have experienced the expression of anger in unhealthy and destructive forms. As Dr. Landrud said in his letter to me, Gordon's book is a classic. P.E.T. is very useful, constructive, and compatible in its approach with TA, but I think his presentation of anger is too narrow.

I very much appreciate the time people take to talk or write to me about these columns. It keeps my brain greased. I look forward to more. Please write to me at Box 515 Rd. 5, Middle Rd. Extension, Gibsonia, Pennsylvania 15044, USA. □

A Rio Conference Photo Album



Leila Erskine captured hearts on the way to Rio.



Long Range Planning Transition Team (from left): Wayne Carpenter, Vince Gilpin, Felipe Garcia, Lucy Freedman, Jim McKenna, Sheryn Scott, Jenni Hine, and Julie Hay.



Trustee Felipe Garcia really gets "wrapped up" in his work at the Board Meeting.



Brazilian group, including Vilma Cortez and Henrique Austregesilo, with Octavio Rivas Solis of Mexico.



Participants in Jack Dusay's Preconference Institute.

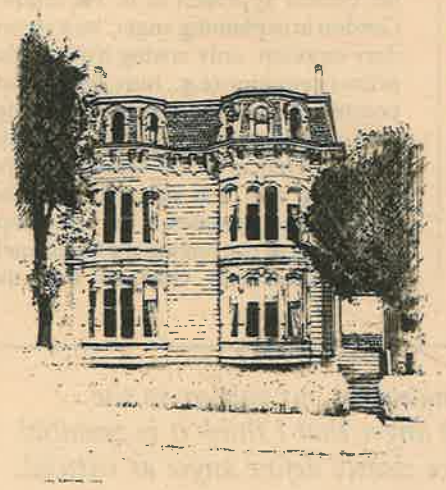
Organizational News

Space for Rent at ITAA Headquarters

Portions of the beautiful Victorian house that serves as the ITAA headquarters building will be available for rent beginning January 1, 1989, including two floors of offices, a charming cottage, and a quaint attic office. Because rental income adds substantially to the ITAA budget, we urge members to let potential tenants know of this outstanding possibility (although ITAA members will not be accepted as tenants).

The Burr House, built in 1875 by the mayor of San Francisco as a wedding present for his son, survived the 1906 earthquake and fire, although it took 95 jacks to return the house to its foundations. It was officially designated "San Francisco Landmark #31" in 1975 because of its unique architectural style.

After purchasing the house in 1974, the ITAA spent over $150,000 in renovations, including a sprinkler system,



steel-reinforced concrete foundation and walls, and elegant oriental carpeting and gilt-framed mirrors in the offices. The large top floor serves as a seminar room and library, complete with redwood paneling, glassed-in bookcases, and a three-floor skylight.

Potential tenants should contact ITAA Executive Director Susan Sevilla for more information. □

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 11–12, 1988 — San Antonio, Texas, USA. Third Annual Southwest Regional TA Conference. Contact: Margarita Wandless, 7918 Jones Maltzburger Rd., Apt. C-6, San Antonio, TX 78216, USA; phone: 512-826-7046; or Gladys Baez-Dickreiter, 8402 Heroldry, San Antonio, TX 78250; phone: 512-531-3385.

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 10–15, 1989 — Honolulu, Hawaii. ITAA Winter Congress. Contact: ITAA, 1772 Vallejo St., San Francisco, CA 94123, USA; phone: 415-885-5992.

April 16–18, 1989 — Whitehaven, Pennsylvania, USA. Eastern Regional TA Association Conference (ERTAC). Contact: Fred Clark, 261 Spring St., Cheshire, CT 06410, USA.

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.

ELECTION BALLOT CLARIFICATION

Because of changes in wording for ITAA membership categories, the membership categories of the President-Elect candidates as printed in the election booklet may have been unclear. Julie Hay is a Certified Member, Rosa Krausz is a Teaching Member, and Sheryn Scott is a Teaching Member.

JULY 1988 NEW MEMBERS

New Member	Sponsor
Abe, Hideko	Michiko Fukazawa
Arakawa, Yukiko	Michiko Fukazawa
Benoit, M.	—
Buccoliero, CosimoPio Scilligo	
Chantharasakul, Apa	—
Darier, Colette	—
Davies, Margaret	—
Davis, Robert	Stephen B. Karpman
Ecizen, Kimiko	Michiko Fukazawa
Fatchen, Julie	Rosemary Taylor
Furuya, Mieko	Michiko Fukazawa
Germaine, Jacquelyn	Peg Blackstone
Gomes Cunha, Maria	—
Hanada, Hiroko	Michiko Fukazawa
Hori, Kazuko	Michiko Fukazawa
Iwata, Yasuko	Michiko Fukazawa
Kodokoro, Naoko	Michiko Fukazawa
Lucente, Bart	—
Manera, Paul	Robert Goulding
Marchioro, Giovanni	Pio Scilligo
Newton, Trudi	Lilly Stuart
Schmidt, Dianne	—
Seo, Kazuko	Michiko Fukazawa
Sherman, Bruce	—
Smith, Felix	Robert Goulding
Sozen, Nese	Gail Broady
Spofford, Dorothy	—
Yaga, Michiyo	Michiko Fukazawa
Zannoni, Lana J.	—
Zannoni, Michael	—

AUGUST 1988 NEW MEMBERS

New Member	Sponsor
Acevedo-Nesselroth, C.	Fred Clark
Brosnan, Thomas S.	Evan M. Sherrard
Brunk, Mary	—
Edmonds, Rita	Robert Goulding
Ellison, Victor	—
Fernandez, Liana	—
Freeman, James	—
Frigerio, Cristina	—
Goodrain, Marie	—
Hoptroff, Mary	Lilly Stuart
Hunt, Barbara	John Gladfelter
Killpack, Ruth	Robert Goulding
Kitamori, Sahoko	Kozo Rokkaku
Knutson, Alan	Robert Goulding
Kono, Michiko	Michiko Fukazawa
Lineweaver, Margaret	—
Lipka, Edward J.	—
Mirus, Carol	Lyman Rigby
Paul, Thomas	—
Paulin, Beverley	Linda Gregory
Pedreira, Antonio	Henrique Austregesilo
Robins, Libby	Charlott Daelenbach
Rossi, Maria Angela	—
Sapayaprapa, Parnarai	—
Shaw, Sandra Jean	Rosemary Taylor
Souza, Roberto A.	Martin Groder
Takemae, Ruri	Kozo Rokkaku
Tezuka, Hiroko	Michiko Fukazawa
Trott, Diana	Lilly Stuart
Weddle, Linda	David Steere

EXAM CALENDAR

Exam	Exam Date	Location	Application Deadline
Level I (CM/SFTM)	November 1988 November 10, 1988 January 12, 1989 April 13, 1989 July 1989 August 1989	Perth, W. Australia Paris, France Honolulu, Hawaii White Haven, Pennsylvania Europe (EATA Conference) Oakland, California	August 12, 1988 August 10, 1988 October 14, 1988 January 12, 1989 April 2, 1989 May 2, 1989
Level II (CTM/SFTM) Exams	November 1988 (tentative date) November 10, 1988 January 12, 1989 April 13, 1989 July 1989 August 1989	Perth, W. Australia Paris, France Honolulu, Hawaii White Haven, Pennsylvania Europe (EATA Conference) Oakland, California	August 12, 1988 August 10, 1988 October 14, 1988 January 12, 1989 April 2, 1989 May 2, 1989
Level I (CM/SFM) Written Exam	Nov. 11 or 12, 1988 March 10 or 11, 1989 April 12, 1989 July 14–15, 1989 November 10–11, 1989	To be announced To be announced White Haven, Pennsylvania To be announced To be announced	August 12, 1988 December 9, 1988 January 12, 1989 April 14, 1989 August 14, 1989
Training Endorsement Workshops*	January 15–17, 1989 April 15–17, 1989 July 1989 August 1989	Honolulu, Hawaii White Haven, Pennsylvania Europe (EATA Conference) Oakland, California	November 8, 1989 January 16, 1989 April 2, 1989 May 2, 1989

TA 101 CALENDAR

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.

Call for 1989 Berne Award Nominations

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

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.

RESPONSE TO ALLEN ON NONDISCRIMINATION

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my profound disagreement with Sister Lydia Allen's letter in the August 1988 *Script*. As one of those involved in revising the ITAA bylaws, I can state with certainty that the specific language of the nondiscrimination clause was actively chosen.

Sister Lydia suggests that "variations in sexual preference...may well result from script, from unresolved or unintegrated life experiences and script decisions." What she implies is directly contradicted by the vast bulk of current research on sexual orientation. Script beliefs certainly influence the beliefs about and the expression of sexuality, be it homosexual, heterosexual, or celibate. But sexual preference in and of itself is not the result of "unresolved script" nor pathological in nature.

Would Sister Lydia suggest that we deny membership to anyone demonstrating evidence of "unresolved script" or "unintegrated" life experiences? Our membership rolls would be drastically reduced.

Sister Lydia seems to confuse nondiscrimination with approval. They are quite different. Personally, I approve of individuals living life according to their sexual preference. Clinically, I do not presume that homosexual attitudes or behaviors are more pathological or script-bound than heterosexual ones. Organizationally and legally, we cannot and should not discriminate *or* "differentiate."

Sister Lydia states that "we bear the responsibility of not only having clear moral values for ourselves, but of also setting an example for others." The morality that she suggests and the bias that infuses her letter is neither clear nor clinically sound. The morality she suggest is simply and transparently Catholic. As such, it is no clearer, no wiser, no more decent than any other moral structure.

I deeply resent her couching her attitudes in clinical terms.

Bill Cornell, Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, USA

Dear Bill:

I read Sister Lydia Allen's letter in the August *Script*, and I, too, have concerns — about the views and issues she raised. She apparently objects to the proposed changes in the bylaws reading, "Relationships shall be carried out without discrimination on the basis of...sexual preference." For her, this would involve a serious conflict with a set of religious beliefs and "objective moral order" that presumably defines homosexuality as anything from undersirable to just plain wrong.

Sister Lydia Allen goes on to characterize homosexuality as a "life-style based on relativistic preferences, which may in turn be based on unresolved life experiences" and as a "potentially scripted, less conscious and less free life-style." Although I tend to agree that homosexuality may be part of a person's life script (and as such, be based on unresolved life experiences), I would hypothesize that most heterosexuality is equally likely to derive from script (versus autonomous choice). It is a presumption (and, I think, an unfounded one) that heterosexuality involves any more conscious choice than homosexuality. I do agree that a homosexual life-style is frequently "less free" — partly because of the ram-plant discrimination against homosexuals.

I don't lay claim to The Truth here. I *am* saddened when any group — church or otherwise — does so, and in the process proclaims certain individuals or groups of individuals are less whole, sinners, or for any reason are not to be accepted (unless they change their ways). We must each develop and adhere to our own understanding of morality. We are drawn to groups that believe in and express a morality and philosophy congruent with our own, and perhaps that assist us to develop further. The ITAA has been such a group for me, and perhaps I have been fortunate in not being faced with the kind of conflict that faces Sister Allen. It seems that she would prefer the ITAA not to come out against discrimation on the basis of sexual preference. I would prefer the church not perpetuate such discrimination with its dogma.

Personally, I would not expect or demand that Sister Allen train or counsel anyone with whom she is not comfortable, or with whom she feels a moral, ethical, or professional dilemma. It simply would not work out well for either party. Perhaps in saying this I am endorsing discrimination; perhaps I am simply being pragmatic. I do expect, however, that we in the ITAA develop our philosophy and morality to eschew discrimination of any kind. My "solution" for a professional faced with a potential client or trainee with whom one chooses not to work: Discuss it with that person, as openly as is appropriate and practical, and offer referrals to other qualified professionals.

I would not expect Sister Allen to compromise her beliefs or sense of morality; at the same time, I am not willing to compromise mine by supporting a form of prejudice that I believe assists no one and harms many.

I support Sister Allen's call for further study — not only of homosexuality, but of heterosexuality, and other important issues such as our human tendency to judge others and to believe our personal (or group) version of "truth" is better than that of others.

Harry Corsover, Evergreen, Colorado, USA

CYPRIAN ST. CYR GOES TO RIO

To the Editor of *The Script*:

Mary Lou was looking forward to participating in loads of OK-OK transactions with all those OK folks at the Conference in Brazil, so she decided to hop the "Redeye" and fly down to Rio.

Mary Lou returned alive and well from the Conference, but feeling rejected. The problem wasn't that she was rejected, but that she was *feeling* rejected. That wasn't the worst of it, though, because she was afraid to *say* that she was rejected — or worse still, that she was *feeling* rejected — because then she would *really* be rejected. Her worst fears thereby would have been confirmed — that there was something *wrong* with her for thinking that she had been rejected in the first place (thinking disorder), feeling rejected in the second place (narcissistic personality disorder), and for *saying* that she had been rejected (paranoia) in the third place.

"Strange," mused Mary Lou, "but I was certain that very few people spoke with me or showed any interest in pastiming or otherwise transacting with me at the conference. I must be lying, stupid, or crazy! Now I know I'm not lying, and I'm sure I'm not stupid, so I must be crazy!"

Mary Lou concluded that the problem all boiled down to the obvious fact that she had not yet finished her analysis. "My problem," she told herself, "is not one of no strokes, but of *wanting* them."

So, she enrolled in her 29th script analysis program with one of the ITAA's more charismatic trainers who quickly diagnosed her difficulty as a Disorder of the Desire Phase. Her contract: Help me not to want what I want.

Cyprian St. Cyr, Van Nuys, California, USA

RESPONSE TO SEVILLA ON AIR TRAGEDY

Dear Susan:

I felt so touched and good when I read what you wrote about the Iranian airliner tragedy (August 1988 *Script*). And then I wrote Reagan. (I already had written Iran.)

Carla Haimowitz, Oakland, California, USA

Dear Susan:

I just read your Executive Director's Column in the August *Script*. I decided to add a few words of my own to the issue you raised under the title, "A Terrible Mistake."

When my wife Candi and I met you last October you impressed us as a very compassionate person. Your article proves it. Indeed, the incident in the Persian Gulf on July 2, most people will agree, was a terrible tragedy, felt probably most by the families of the passengers of that ill-fated Iranian airliner. No amount of their (or our) pain will bring the victims back to life. If it could, many of us would gladly suffer.

The thoughts I want to add concern the following points: 1) the omitted "living" victims, 2) the lead ego state from which the column was written, and 3) a suggestion for how to help with the healing process.

I fervently believe that we are a nation of fundamentally decent people. This includes the military personnel who were involved in the firing of the fatal missle, our government, and the President. Nobody wanted to shoot down an *airliner*. It *was* a mistake, made under continuous threat to everyone's life on any ship in the Gulf. All of these people, the "living" victims, deserve a large dose of compassion, in my opinion. They will have to "live" with the mistake forever. (I put "living" and "live" in quotes to raise our awareness of the degree of pain these people will have to endure for the rest of their lives.)

If we were to draw an egogram of your column it would probably show a high Critical Parent. Let me encourage you to rewrite the article four times, one from each of the diminished ego states: Nurturing Parent, Adult, Adapted Child, and Free Child. I think you will find many alternatives available to you as well as to your readers through this exercise. For example, the NP would probably call for a massive healing effort, the A for a weighing of international options for preventing future tragedies of this kind, the AC for a team effort to aid all whose pain we share, and the FC would display its pain in mourning. Oddly enough, in my opinion, the CP is the least useful ego state in this situation because it tends to blame instead of getting on with the healing process. (Lucy Freedman, in her brilliant way, taught us to abandon the "Blame Frame" in favor of the "Aim Frame.")

Allow me to energize my NP. I reach out with compassion to the victims' families and to the "living victims" (including you). We TA people are healers; let's mount a massive effort to heal. What better way than to offer our professional services to all who feel the pain associated with the July 2 tragedy. Let's offer this help through the appropriate diplomatic and humanitarian channels as well as through public announcements. President Reagan (and the Navy) will probably welcome the gesture as yet another indication that when the need is great, We The People come through.

Peter S. Hegedus, West Chester, Pennsylvania, USA

EXPECTATIONS AND GROUND RULES

Dear Editor:

I am interested in hearing from TA group therapists about their expectations and ground rules for groups and their reasons for them. For example, there is a a 20-minute "pastiming" period without me before each of my

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MEMBERS FORUM

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groups, members are expected to pay even when they do not attend, but I don't have a "no relationships outside the group" rule. I expect three weeks notice of leaving, and we do check in and "book" time to work at the beginning of group sessions.

All of these ground rules are the result of my personal preference, as well as what I have learned over the years. If you are willing to share your equivalent expectations, I will guarantee confidentiality, but the results (i.e., what percentage of respondents do what) will be the substance of an article that I hope to publish in the *TAJ*.

Please write to me at "Moonrakers," Blackness Road, Crowborough, Sussex TN6 2LP, England, or call me at Crowborough (0892) 655195.

Joanne Beazley Richards, Crowborough, Sussex, England

WOMEN'S CAUCUS APPRECIATED

Dear Editor:

The Women's Caucus at the San Diego Winter Congress in January 1988 was a moving experience for me. My awareness of our oneness with each other and the universe was enhanced and stimulated. Acts of Heroism unite the participants of the Women's Caucus with other women and men creatures on a global level. The Women's Caucus has developed a unique climate of women's wisdom and healing which fosters the ITAA's vigorous longevity. In my view, the Women's Caucus is a built-in organizational regenerator!

The following poem is a gift I received from the universe at the Women's Caucus. I want to share it with you and other ITAA members.

Echoes of Women's Caucus

Sharing our heroism, our humility
tears and pain
Wondering how much to share...
then
telling what needed said
leading and following
circling together

Singing the alive songs
echoing,
other women's songs echoing
our songs
Singing the healing songs
echoing other healing songs
alive songs, women songs,
healing songs.

Janice Dowson, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Canada

Editor's Note: Janice is the Editor of CATA-LOG, *the newsletter of the Canadian TA Association.*

MORE ON FEELING LEFT OUT

Dear Bill:

Your editorial in the July *Script* touched me. I remember you from Albuquerque with great pleasure. I stayed there for a year, although I planned to stay forever. However, there were visa, work, and family problems; very sad, because I had already been admitted to the University of New Mexico. I hope to go back some day and drive to Sante Fe and Taos.

As for now, I am working in private practice in Colombia. I tried to get in touch with the few ITAA members here to find about their work so I could write a small report for *The Script*, but I only got one answer a year later! So, I am with you. I don't know what is happening to everyone now — too busy, too stressed, too scared?

I get *The Script* air mail so I can plan to go to conferences sometimes (my children live in the USA and Europe). I have been to San Francisco, Juarez, Guadaloupe, Seattle, Nashville, and Barcelona with great effort, but I have felt very lonely and out of place there. People are friendly in workshops, but outside "if I have seen you I don't remember" (with a few exceptions such as the Jameses and Elaine Childs-Gowell).

I would be interested in attending the August conference in Oakland. I am very interested in "The Experience of Survival and Healing." Is this related to AIDS or any special illness? I'd like to know if AIDS patients will be admitted.

Mariluz de Holguin, Bogota, Colombia

OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT GILPIN

Dear Vince:

Congratulations on inspiring "Global TA Action"! What an exciting way to demonstrate TA effectiveness in the world.

The "increasing signs of global cooperation" you mention in your column in the May-June *Script* are indeed evident to me in my travels in the Soviet Union. I want to encourage and assist ITAA members in responding to requests from Soviet individuals for help and friendship.

In each of seven trips I have made to Russia since 1983, I have been met with increasing friendliness, fearlessness, and eagerness for mutual exchange of ideas and friendship. I have visited eleven cities in six Soviet Republics — some of them several times — first just traveling, then studying and establishing contacts, then leading "citizen diplomats" to see Soviet people for themselves. My most recent trip was enhanced by Mary Goulding's energy and enthusiasm! (See August *Script*.)

In November 1988 I will lead a more specialized group of travelers — recovering alcoholics and their friends and families — on the ultimate "Twelfth Step call" to share the message of recovery with Soviet alcoholics, therapists, and doctors. This will be the ninth such group to travel as part of the "Creating a Sober World" project of the Center for US/USSR Initiatives in San Francisco. Our group will provide support for groups we have already started in Moscow and Kiev and will introduce the concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous to people in Odessa, on the Black Sea. TA therapists and educators who are in Twelve-Step programs are invited to participate in this memorable experience.

Therapists and psychologists I've met in the USSR invariably request further exchange of ideas, literature, and friendship with Americans. If anyone wants to write or visit Soviet professionals or others in Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Talinn, Vilnius, Yalta, Alushta, or Sukhumi, please write me at 3471 Valencia Rd., Aptos, CA 95003, USA, or call me at 408-688-2284.

Peg Smith, Aptos, California, USA

DOUBTS ABOUT PPOS VALUE OUTSIDE USA

Dear Editor:

I am writing to both thank and quarrel a bit with Ron Ohlson (May 1988 *Script* article) and Peter Pearson (August 1988 *Script* letter).

I think that, under the new organizational structure, the means are clearly there to follow up on Ron's suggestion that the ITAA pursue the possibility of achieving status as a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO).

I don't quite share Ron's and Pete's enthusiasm for the possibility because I think PPOs, like HMOs and other organizations represented by three-letter abbreviations, will glow and fade with the efforts of healthcare delivery systems to maintain their profit margins.

My primary concern in writing, however, is to point to the new international structure and intention of the ITAA. PPOs are of little value to members outside the USA and Canada, almost 50% of our membership. It is an innovative possibility, but not one of much interest outside North America. This needs careful consideration if the proposal is to be pursued with ITAA time, energy, and money.

Bill Cornell, Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, USA

UPDATE ON 101 TA 101S PROJECT

Dear Fellow ITAA Members:

When Lucy Freedman asked me to accept the job of coordinating 101 TA 101s around the world, I thought the project offered a great way to attract new members to the organization. I thought it would be renewing for me, too, because I had not done a 101 for a couple of years. When I checked out who was eligible to teach the course, I found 251 trainers in the USA and 188 trainers outside the USA. I had high hopes. I had extra slots put on the special 101-101s Recognition Plaque.

However, after a year and a half of recruiting, only 68 people gave 101s. Several gave more than one. But I am wondering, where are the rest of you?

Perhaps offering a TA 101 each year or two could be a requirement for keeping the privilege of teaching it. I have had responses from several people, including certified transactional analysts, who said that they would like to be certified to teach the 101 and then to refer people for further training.

Something needs to be done. Our membership continues to decline while a great avenue for recruiting members is not being used. I think we need to reconsider. If you can teach TA 101s, why aren't you? How can we certify more people to present 101s? How do we meet the needs of certified transactional analysts who are not allowed to teach a basic course?

And, if you have presented a 101 during the last two years and did not send the information to me, please do so as soon as possible at 69 Redwood Trail, Wheeling, Illinois 60090, USA.

Lucie King, Wheeling, Illinois, USA

Editor's Note: This topic was also addressed in my Editor's Column in the December 1986 Script.

EAST-WEST RESEARCH PROPOSED

Dear Susan (Sevilla):

Congratulations on your second child's birth! How proud I am to have another "nephew" in the USA!

Since your last letter I've gotten many letters from ITAA members in different countries. All hope to start a bilateral, person-to-person, East-West cultural dialogue within the framework of our common interest in TA. Someone suggested a good research theme: "How to develop the potential of human beings." It is a good opportunity for us to cooperate in a scientific study, and an honor to make friends with them. I have written the Eric Berne Fund regarding a possible grant to help with this project.

I have written several papers related to this topic, and have had theoretical discussions with colleagues and TA members at home and abroad. One of my women students is engaged in work with Chinese women and is planning to write an article on it from a TA perspective.

Zhang Cuiran, Chengdu, Sichuan, China

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Keeping In Touch

REGION I — PACIFIC, ASIA, AFRICA

Tian Pei Ming writes that he has worked hard to get several TA books translated into Chinese and is seeking funds with which to publish them. He hopes to spread information about TA in Shanghai and throughout China, eventually developing an active TA association there. Professor Tian was recently appointed Deputy Director of Tourism and Translation in Shanghai and Editor-In-Chief of an English-language newspaper scheduled for publication sometime this year. He is also a member of the ITAA Translation Committee and is in the process of translating some ITAA membership documents.

REGION II — CANADA

Leonard Ghan of Vancouver called to say he is "working hard bookselling and fixing heads, all at turtle speed," and that he caught a 15 lb. salmon last season. Way to go, Leonard!

REGION III — EUROPE

Anne Bonvin, RMEOT, announces the creation of a group of trainees in educational and organizational applications of TA under the guidance of Eleanor Fawaz-Kamber, CEOPTM, of Yvonand, Switzerland, and Jacques Dekoninck, EOPTM, of Bruxelles, Belgium. The twenty new Regular Members will be pooling their resources to prepare for certification.

At the invitation of Marek Masiak, MD, head of the Department of Psychiatry at the Medical School and Professor at the Catholic University of Lublin, Poland, **Raymond Hostie** gave what he believes to be the first TA 101 course in Poland. Raymond writes that the 24-hour course was an exciting and rewarding experience because of the quality of the 25 participants, including 11 psychiatrists and 14 psychologists.



Raymond Hostie (front row third from left) and Marek Masiak (next to Hostie) with 101 group in Lublin, Poland.

Many of them had worked with both neurotic and psychotic patients during the last three years using TA approaches they had distilled from Harris's *I'm OK, You're OK* and Berne's *Games People Play,* both of which have been translated into Polish. During the course, given on May 5,6,9, and 10, 1988, a substantial amount of time was devoted to script analysis, which seemed helpful to the participants in their work. At the end of the course, the participants decided to organize a Polish TA Association.

REGION IV — CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA

Bernado Aguilera Ballesteros of Venezuela became the new President of the Latin American TA Association (ALAT) on August 5, 1988.

REGION V — USA

The following report on the USATAA Biennial Conference is by Jonathon Wagner, MDiv, Midwest Regional Coordinator.

The gods smiled kindly as members of the USATAA from all six regions gathered on the sandy shores of the Pacific at Asilomar Conference Grounds. Heavy, cold fog drifted across the coastal highway as we arrived, but by the opening session it rose above the towering pines, leaving sunny blue skies for the remainder of the week. Ocean breezes kept temperatures mild; deer wandered outside the meetings rooms. The theme of the Conference, "Equality," provided a topic and mood that unifed various facets of the meeting.

The conferees experienced both the joys and struggles of equality in daily focus groups where individuals were able to find personal support, make lasting friendships, and experience various group methods.

as a means of achieving equality. Chaired by Norman James and organized by Valerie Batts, the panel included Carla Haimowitz and special guests Hilda Gutierrez Baldoquin, Wekesa Madzimoyo, and Ricky Sherover-Marcuse.

Over and over during the conference people talked about the quality of workshop presentations. New ideas, innovative applications of TA, expanded theory, and the integration of TA with other theoretical approaches were being discussed at meals, in focus groups, and by the fire in the lodge. The excitement reminded me of the first TA conference I attended in the early seventies. Lucy Freedman arrived from the European TA Association Conference (EATA) reporting that a similar expansion of theory was taking place there.

Affiliating with the ITAA was a major topic at the daily USATAA business meetings. Jo Lewis and Sheryn Scott presented the framework for exploring affiliation with the ITAA so clearly that the actual meeting to vote on the idea was anticlimatic. I was amazed at how easily an informed group unites behind an idea. By consensus at the general meeting, the USATAA decided to seek affiliation.



Enjoying a Fourth of July picnic at Asilomar during the USATAA Conference.

In her opening keynote address, Muriel James gave an historical perspective on sex and gender. As she brought us through the centuries of recorded history she made her point — that what we have is "his" story, that the absence of the feminine perspective not only distorts our view of the past but also skews the future toward a repetition of the past.

The next day Mary Goulding clarified her two concepts of power: "power with" and "power over." She demonstrated her concept of "power with" by inviting members of the assembled group to join her on the stage to share stories, experiences, or ideas that showed "power with." Comments ranged from David McMurry's poem to his dying father, to Denton Roberts comments on our process, to Gerda Lawrence sharing her experience of peacewalking in the USSR.

A unique keynote panel closed the conference and underscored our universal involvement in social action

Other business of the Conference was the confirmation of the Coordinating Council which, although elected by the general membership, organizes itself. Denton Roberts turned over the task of General Coordinator to Maryln Crossen, and Chellie Joines became Program Coordinator. The membership voted to allow an additional coordinator for the task of communications, which remains unfilled at this time.

Other transitions included Sue Brown replacing Laura Root as Mountain States Regional Coordinator and Jonathon Wagner replacing Gene Critchfield as the Midwest Regional Coordinator.

The next USATAA national conference will be held in the Midwest in the fall of 1990. Chellie Joines will work with Jean Duck, Norman James, and Jonathon Wagner to find a comfortable location in which to explore the theme of "Creating Community." □



Educational and organizational applications of TA training group in Bruxelles, Belgium.