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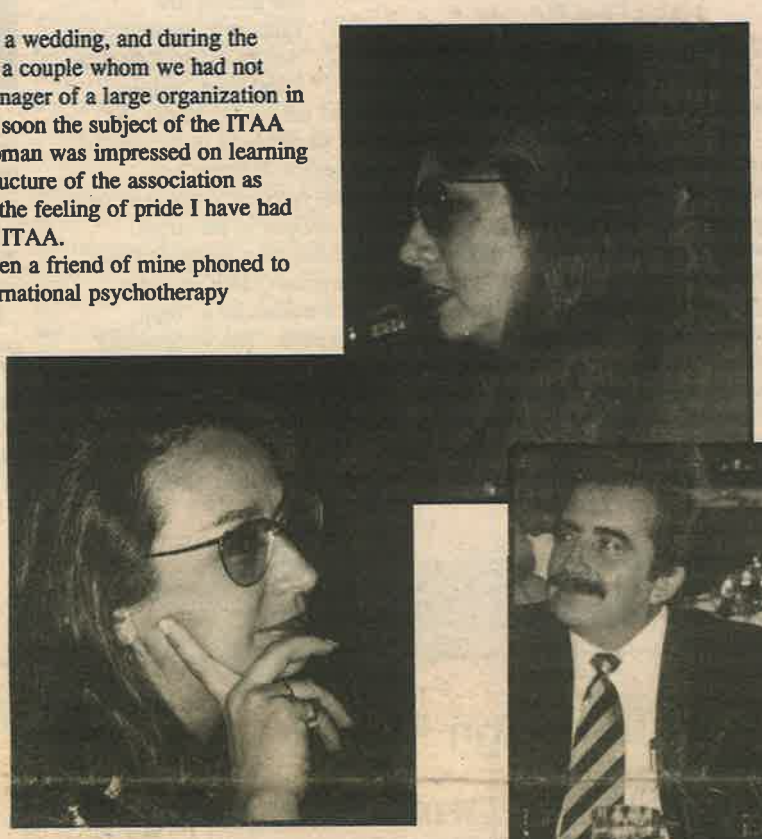
The Pride of Belonging to the ITAA

President Gloria Noriega Says Farewell

Recently Emilio and I went to a wedding, and during the banquet we began talking to a couple whom we had not known before. She is the manager of a large organization in Mexico City. We talked about our jobs, and soon the subject of the ITAA and my work as president came up. This woman was impressed on learning about the governance and administration structure of the association as well as the benefits of belonging, and I had the feeling of pride I have had so many other times when talking about the ITAA.

Something similar happened last week when a friend of mine phoned to ask for advice. She is organizing a new international psychotherapy association and wanted to use the ITAA as a model. Yes, the ITAA has been and continues to be a model organization because it is well-organized and functions efficiently. However, the ITAA is unique, with something that cannot be duplicated by any other association—its own identity, which was formed by the legacy of its people since 1964 when it was founded by Eric Berne and his San Francisco Seminar colleagues based on the living principles of transactional analysis.





Gloria Noriega and Emilio Said at Caracas dinner

What makes the ITAA so wonderfully different from any other association? I asked myself this question during the conference in Venezuela and began discussing it with some friends, inspired by a shared pleasant feeling of pride and belonging. It is difficult to answer it because something intangible is involved—a warm spirit of harmony that makes membership similar to belonging to a big, loving family, with relatives all over the world with whom you feel confident and understood—a place where old members are respected and recognized, where there is always an opportunity and support for learning and growing, and where new members soon feel involved because of the atmosphere of openness and respect for the dignity and self-esteem of each person.

Is this a legacy from Eric Berne, or is it a living manifestation of transactional analysis theory and philosophy? It is probably both. I wish that we all would make a commitment to keeping this spirit alive, because it is the main strength of the ITAA. We are responsible for seeing that this legacy continues to be fostered by future generations. In the ITAA we have an outstanding theoretical framework for understanding human beings, one used in many fields by professionals all over the world. At the same time we can feel in the ITAA a living testimony to how this theory works when people are committed to using it in their lives.

This is my last article for *The Script* as president. My two-year term will come to a close at the end of December, and I have mixed feelings. I am proud and satisfied at how the association is functioning at this moment. I feel grateful for the learning that this job brought into my life. Besides learning about organizations and administration work (which was not my field, because I am a psychotherapist), it increased my self-esteem in many ways and opened more horizons for future growing.

For me, working for the ITAA has always been an exciting and stimulating experience. I have had the opportunity to meet and become closer to a number of valuable people around the world. Among those who deserve special recognition are the members who served on the board of trustees during my term. We made a wonderful team for moving the ITAA beyond the crisis of the beginning of 1996. Their clear thinking enlightened the meetings and offered solutions to many difficult problems. It has been an honor to work with such intelligent and sensible people. I will keep forever in my mind the memories of all those lively board meetings.

After the board meeting in Venezuela we all met for a private dinner. This was a time for sharing feelings after working together. I have very warm memories of it. Someone said we made it "with a little help from our friends," but I know it was not a little, but a lot of volunteer work for all. We also gave each other many positive strokes. Suddenly someone said, "Isn't this incredible? A board of trustees talking about love at the end of their meeting?"

To be the president of the ITAA is not easy, and it is even harder if your native language is not English. I appreciate the support and respect of my colleagues around the language problem. Of course, it helped that we all spoke the common language of transactional analysis, which transcends cultural and individual differences.

I also want to express my gratitude to the ITAA staff—Susan, Liz, and Ken—for their cooperation and collaboration in making the necessary streamlining adjustments to balance the budget. Without their commitment and loyalty to the ITAA this would not have happened. Robin Fryer, as the managing editor of *The Script*, has also been of great assistance in helping me to express myself in English.

I cannot end this article without mentioning Emilio Said, my partner in everything. He has always being a big support for me, listening to my concerns, sharing my feelings, and giving me his wise and sensitive advice whenever I need it. At the President's Party in Caracas he surprised me by making a toast in which he expressed his feelings about his experience during this period of our life together. It was a moving and wonderful moment for me.

I believe that the ITAA is now entering a new and different stage of mature development. There is still much to be done. George Kohlrieser as president and a new board will start their term on 1 January. I feel confident about our future because George is a wonderful man, with experience in organizational work and a great love for this association. He wants to give back some of what he has received from it, and I know he will.

It seems like it was yesterday when I began my term. Now I am ready to continue on the board as past president. I feel sad and relieved as well as happy and proud. I want to say thank you to all of you for your trust and confidence in giving me the opportunity to lead our association through these years. I invite you to celebrate a positive perspective for the future and to continue growing in and with the ITAA!

"Being an ITAA member is similar to belonging to a big, loving family, with relatives all over the world."

Eric Berne Fund Grants Awarded for 1997

The fund distribution committee, chaired by Tim Schnabel, has announced the recipients of the 1997 Eric Berne Fund for the Future (EBFF) grants. The EBFF invites individuals, schools, universities, research groups, and other interested organizations to apply for grants to help fund programs of research and education throughout the world. The fund favors proposals that demonstrate an interest in evaluating the effectiveness of various applications of transactional analysis theory. Another appropriate use is a program that extends the impact of transactional analysis into a new area or one that builds a bridge between transactional analysis and another discipline.

In 1997 the EBFF had $15,000 available for grants. (Note: Since the sale of the Burr House, the EBFF has been carefully invested, thus, the funds available for EBFF grants fluctuates annually based on changes in the investment accounts.) The following grants were approved:

* **L. Frederick Mohan of India** received $605 to pay for transportation and trainer fees for a transactional analysis training group in the remote village of Ooty, in The Nilgiris, India. This expenditure was considered to meet EBFF criteria based on its goal of teaching and expansion of transactional analysis in the region.

* **Nadyezhda Ivanovna Spassenko of the Ukraine** received $450, which was half of the cost of transportation for Teaching Member Thomas Ohlsson from Sweden to Kiev to conduct a TA 101 to introduce transactional analysis in the Ukraine.

***Anne Kohlhaas Reith of Germany** received $300 for the purchase of back issues of the *TAJ* to donate to a transactional analysis interest group in Eritrea, a new country in developing Africa.

***Alan Jacobs of the USA** received $1200 for transportation only to Vilnius, Lithuania, to teach transactional analysis at the invitation of Dr. Raimundas Milasiunas, head of the Lithuanian Transactional Analysis Association.

The priority filing deadline for 1998 applications will be 1 June 1998. Contact the ITAA for an informational brochure and submit your written proposal to the Eric Berne Fund for the Future committee, c/o the ITAA, 450 Pacific, Suite 250, San Francisco, CA 94133; fax: 415-989-9343; e-mail: EBFF@ITAA-net.com.

EDITORIALLY YOURS

by Laurie Hamilton

The Last Four Years

In thinking about what I want to say in my last editorial homily (*The Script's* new editor, Bill Cornell, takes the helm 1 January), I am struck by just how much has happened in my life over the past four years. Is it a coincidence that four years is the usual time allotted for undergraduate school? For in truth, I feel that I have received quite an education as editor of this publication.

Four years ago, 1994, was one of the toughest years of my life. I wasn't really working as a therapist, having decided to take a sabbatical to devote time to research and writing until my youngest son was out of school. I agreed to take the *Script* editorship partially due to my long-standing affiliation with transactional analysis (and my deep belief in the efficacy of many of its therapeutic practices) and partly because of my desire to interact with a larger world community.

Many of my expectations have been met as I have enjoyed contact with ITAA members all over the world—interviewing some fascinating people, learning about and experiencing the organizational structure, and having a chance to write about various topics of interest to me. But I guess I hadn't expected such dramatic happenings in my own life to be occurring at the same time. The difficult events (loss of our house in California and my husband's emergency back surgery) occurred simultaneously with happier events, such as our older son's graduation from high school.

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Realizing the economic peril facing the family, I embarked on more financially rewarding activities, but spread the net wide because of underlying concerns about the stability of any given project. I felt somewhat constrained by the fact that my younger son (who started high school at the same time his older brother started college) still needed rides to various activities. However, when he got his driver's license in May 1996, the dam of my workaholic nature was burst, and I quickly moved from working 20 hours a week to my current 70 hours a week. A great deal of this activity is due to financial pressure, of course, but a large part of me also enjoys the varied activities I engage in to support my practice. What underlies the enjoyment is a sense that I can assist others in finding more livable lives, and in turn I experience that sense of competency and purpose in life that is so central to contentment.

One of the most rewarding experiences over the past four years has been that, while I was anxiously paying attention to one part of the garden (the financial), another part was growing. Research I had done, written about, and published has finally begun receiving attention, particularly in the area of traumatic stress research. Perhaps you remember that I have referred to my work in identifying a third element in the stress response. To date it has been thought of as a "flight or fight" response (based on Hans Selye's work), but it is actually a "fight, flight, or freeze" response. The sympathetic branch of the autonomic nervous system mediates the "fight or flight" (causing increased heart rate and breathing, etc.), while the parasympathetic branch controls the "freeze" response (the heart rate slows, temperature drops, etc.). Appropriate treatment for the passive fear response usually involves the activation of more assertive energies, while the protocols for "fight or flight" suggest a focus on relaxation responses.



It is immensely gratifying to feel that what one does is helpful to other people. Within the ITAA we have many members who should have that lovely feeling. I am proud to be one of a group of people for whom part of their life's work is aimed at improving the quality of life for others. Brilliant.

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INSIDE VIEW

by Susan Sevilla

Fall Membership Campaign Kickoff

This year's membership campaign theme is "Partnership for Success." We look to you, ITAA's members, to join forces with the ITAA to make it successful.

Through teamwork you join forces with others to achieve even greater success! Now is the time to pull together by inviting new members onto ITAA's team of professionals and laypersons interested in the theory and application of transactional analysis in various fields.

Our membership goal is 10% growth by the end of 1998. Help us realize that goal. And when you sponsor a new member, or introduce someone to the ITAA who later joins, we will recognize your contribution by taking $10 off your 1999 dues invoice. The more new members you sponsor, the greater your gain: Sponsor up to ten new members and take as much as $100 off your 1999 bill (maximum 10 members).

You know the value of ITAA membership. And your personal endorsement is by far our most effective recruiting tool. You'll be helping the ITAA grow as well as helping your colleagues grow in their professional development.

The ITAA wants to make it easy for you, so we will do whatever it takes to help you recruit new members. Send us the names of your colleagues, and we will send them membership information and mention your name as their sponsor. Or, if you prefer, the ITAA will send you membership brochures and informational materials so that you can do team prospecting yourself.

You have enjoyed a meaningful membership in the International Transactional Analysis Association (ITAA). Why not give someone else the same opportunity—a chance to join our partnership for success. On behalf of ITAA president Gloria Noriega, ITAA president-elect George Kohlrieser, ITAA membership chair Gaylon Palmer, and myself, thank you in advance for your support.



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BERNE AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Eric Berne Memorial Award is bestowed on a person (or persons) who has made an original and significant contribution to transactional analysis in one of three categories: (a) theory, (b) research, and (c) practice applications.

To make a nomination, the following material must be sent to the ITAA by 1 January 1998:

- name(s) of author(s)
- publication citation
- area or category of contribution (specify only one of those listed above)
- brief title for the contribution
- a detailed statement supporting the nomination as an original and significant contribution to transactional analysis in the designated area
- name of the individual, group, or organization making the nomination
- at least one copy of the nominated article/book. If the article/book was written in a language other than English, send an English translation of the material being nominated along with a copy of the publication in its original language. If an English translation is not available, a summary or abstract of the major ideas presented in the publication must be submitted in English along with a copy of the publication in the original language.

Please note: It is the responsibility of the person or persons making the nomination to let the nominee know that he or she is being considered for the Eric Berne Memorial Award and to provide the person with a copy of the written material being submitted to the EBMA Committee. This is to be verified either by sending to the committee a copy of the letter to the nominee or a statement to that effect. Without this verification, the nomination will not be accepted, unless the person being nominated is deceased.

Please contact the ITAA office for complete details about preparing nomination materials.

JOURNAL ENTRY

by Ted Novey

Current Events

I am happy to report that Nancy Porter-Steele will be the editor of the *Transactional Analysis Journal* beginning in January 1999. She was appointed to this position by the board of trustees at their meeting in Caracas. Nancy and I have worked together on publications, panel discussions at conferences, and a current research project, and I have had many occasions to appreciate the depth of her knowledge, common sense, and emotional sensitivity. After living with the *Journal* for these five years, I am pleased to know that the *TAJ* and its authors will be in good hands.

Another change in the *Journal* is the republication of special articles translated from other languages. We have already published one article from the French-language journal, *Actualites en Analyse Transactionnelle*. The author was Raymond Hostie Award winner Véronique Sichem. We will be publishing more award-winning articles from *Actualites* in coming issues. We are also in the process of publishing an article translated from the German-language journal, *Zeitschrift für Transaktions Analyses*. Many articles from the *Transactional Analysis Journal* have been translated into other languages, and now the flow begins in reverse.

I also want to invite authors and readers to join in the interesting work of reviewing articles for publication. In addition to the 21 members of the editorial board, we have had the benefit of assistance from about 40 resource reviewers. We welcome new volunteers to work with us in their fields of expertise. If you are interested in assisting in the review of one or two papers a year, please let me know. Having more reviewers available allows us to spread the work around. As a resource reviewer you will learn about the review process and principles that can help you to prepare your own papers for publication.

Finally, I want to report on progress in the research study on the effectiveness of certified-level transactional analysts utilizing the questionnaire developed by the staff of *Consumer Reports*. I have written about the *Consumer Reports* project in this column in the past. With the cooperation of Dottie Miller, Pat Novey, Nancy Porter-Steele, and Curtis Steele, we have accumulated 248 responses from clients who evaluated their therapy and their therapists. The data analysis has been completed and a paper written. The results look very encouraging for transactional analysis.



"The results of research evaluating transactional analysis therapy and therapists looks very encouraging."

Getting into the details of data analysis has been a special pleasure for me. Since leaving physics research 22 years ago, I have not immersed myself in the intricacies of careful data analysis. I did not have any trouble setting up a spreadsheet on my computer to record and tabulate the results, aside from the time it took to make sure that the data was transcribed accurately from the questionnaires.

However, remembering how to do the statistical analysis, especially understanding and reunderstanding the differences in the analysis of data obtained in psychology research from data obtained from physics experiments, took a while. I kept referring to books and programs on statistical analysis and asking friends and family members for assistance until the squeaky mental wheels began to run smoothly again, and I got the sense of statistical analysis back into my head. I feel like somewhat of an expert again in student *t* tests, significance levels denoted by *p* and chi-square tests.

I realized that I have missed the beauty of mathematical analysis and the clarity that good data can provide to define consensual reality. I again had the pleasure of reaching the end point of basic research, analyzing a set of data and coming up with answers to questions that had not been asked before. It is like reading an exciting new book with many characters to be introduced and fit into a pattern, with final resolution only obtained when the end of the book arrives. In this case the edition consists of a single book, and the conclusions fall out of the data analysis in a very unique and personal way. I am always aware of the old adage that figures do not lie but liars can figure and the dangers of giving false significance to data. In this case the data is quite abundant, and the results have a high level of statistical significance. You will be hearing much more about this as the results are presented at conferences and published in journals.

By the time I left physics research in 1975, I was quite tired of the rigors of it. I have immersed myself in challenging clinical work with clients for more than 20 years. Now I can see new directions for my interests and time as I transfer the work of editing the *Transactional Analysis Journal* to Nancy Porter-Steele. I am sure that I will head back to research, this time in the direction of determining the most effective approaches to psychotherapy and the problems associated with helping people to understand and to change their minds.

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ITAA News



ITAA Board of Trustees in Caracas (from left, front): Marilyn Marx, Gaylon Palmer, Gloria Noriega, Elana Leigh, Executive Director Susan Sevilla, (from left, back) Gordon Hewitt, Curtis Steele, George Kohlrieser, Denton Roberts, Carlo Moiso, Roy Salole, Robert Massey, Servaas van Beekum

ITAA Board Meets at Caracas Conference

Outgoing board members and officers received thanks for their work on behalf of the ITAA: president Gloria Noriega, past president Servaas van Beekum, Bob Massey, Elana Leigh, Charlotte Daellenbach, Curtis Steele, Gordon Hewitt, Denton Roberts, Marilyn Marx, and Consuelo Aguilar.

Streamlining Task Force Report: After considering possible solutions for resolving the ITAA's financial and membership crisis in August 1996 the board appointed a streamlining task force chaired by Denton Roberts to suggest a streamlined structure that will allow the ITAA to operate within its revenues according to the mission and identity statements of the association. The following January the board approved the task force's recommendations in five areas: governance, finance, administration, development, and long-range planning. One result was that the board approved that officers use the staff only when appropriate. Committees and task forces with specific tasks will be designated to do as much work as possible before using staff for completing projects. The ITAA will now take all necessary actions to keep a balanced budget.

The 1997 Eric Berne Training Workshops were so successful that the board approved organization of the 1998 Eric Berne Training Workshops.

The ITAA/EATA joint cooperation task force has been working for two years in strong collaboration and open communication. EATA members continue to reap the benefit of paying ITAA dues at the Regular Member level since they receive their services via EATA.

The USATAA/ITAA joint cooperation task force is operating under chair Lucy Freedman, who is currently the Pacific region coordinator of USATAA and also past ITAA president.

Board Discontinues All Affiliation: EATA (Europe), CATA (Canada), and USATAA (USA) have all chosen to end their affiliation agreements with the ITAA, which left only ICTA (India) with 160 members in affiliation. However, the ICTA affiliation involved considerable work and expense, which the ITAA can no longer afford. To remain congruent with the streamlining process, the ITAA needs to function with only individual members, which will reduce office expense and allow direct and responsible communication with ICTA members who wish to remain ITAA members. The TAlent discount will still be available, as will scholarships for dues and training using the TAlent principle.

Membership Update: As of 31 August, the ITAA has received all expected renewal dues income for 1997, and we can report that the ITAA will probably reach only 95% of its 1997 membership goal, as follows: USA: 873; International: 788; EATA: 353; ICTA: 160; Subscribers: 343; total: 2517.



Gordon Hewitt, T&CC Chair

The 1997-1998 *Membership Directory,* published in April 1997, included fax numbers and e-mail addresses. The budget for the directory was $8,000, but actual cost was only $6,111. Feedback about the new *Directory* has been very good overall.

***TAJ* on CD ROM:** Legal advice was sought regarding ITAA's copyright status on *TAJ* articles with regard to putting the entire *TAJ* on CD-ROM. Editor Ted Novey has finalized a contract with Digital Publications for production. Having the *TAJ* on CD Rom will make it available for wider distribution and stimulate study, publication of new papers, and research in transactional analysis. The new CD ROM should be available in early 1998.



President-elect George Kohlrieser receives gavel from outgoing president Gloria Noriega at conclusion of Caracas board meeting

New videos were made during the Eric Berne Training Workshop in San Francisco last summer, and the board authorized $12,000 for producing four new professional videotapes of Claude Steiner, Jack Dusay, Fanita English, and Stephen Karpman. These videos should be out in early 1998.

Public relations proposals are being sought from firms that can help the ITAA polish its image and increase membership. Lucy Freedman chairs this task force.

New volumes of selected articles by Muriel James and Richard Erskine are near completion; both are published under the TA Press imprint.

Web Page Report: Task force chair Alan Jacobs presented a beautiful, comprehensive report on the ITAA web page. If you have not seen the ITAA web page recently, visit it at http://www.itaa@itaa-net.org.

Caracas conference attendance fell short of projections, with only about 150 participants. However, the conference did not lose money and we enjoyed the benefit of growth and encouragement of transactional analysis in the region.

Planning and organization of the Zurich MITAC is in the hands of EATA, which will soon release comprehensive publicity. The ITAA is planning six preconference institutes in Zurich as a fund-raiser for the ITAA, a plan which has been approved by EATA. All institute profits/expenses will be ITAA's. (See page 7 for details.)

Plans for the Philadelphia designated conference, 22-25 April 1998, are well underway. All net proceeds from this meeting will be donated to the ITAA.

The January 1999 conference will be held in Maui, Hawaii, with John and Natalie Tyler serving as chairs of the local host committee. The Conference will be held at the Aston Wailea Hotel, with rooms for $145 garden/$165 ocean view. Because of the high costs, the conference will be compressed into five days: Saturday 23 January through Thursday 28 January, with board and committee meetings held 23 January, BOC exams on 24 January, a TEW held during the body of the conference 25-27 January, and board meeting on Thursday 28 January. This conference will be ITAA-sponsored with participation encouraged from Japan and the Pacific Rim by offering Japanese interpretation.

San Francisco will be the site of the August 1999 ITAA Conference.

A site for the 2000 conference has not yet been chosen, although Mexico and Costa Rica are being explored as possible destinations.

The ITAA conference for 2001 will be an international meeting in Sydney, Australia. Elana Leigh and Jan Grant will serve as local organizers. EATA is being approached to see if it wishes to make this a jointly sponsored ITAA-EATA Major International Transactional Analysis Conference (MITAC).

Reduction of Board Meetings: The board approved that the ITAA move as rapidly as good judgment allows to holding one board meeting per year.

Ilka Peck will become the new chair of fund distribution as of 1 January.

Nancy Porter-Steele was ratified as new *TAJ* editor to serve from 1 January 1999 through 31 December 2001. Bob Gardenhire, Thomas Frazier, Julie Hay, Sandra Keiser, Carol Kuechler, Janet Migdow, and Eric Sigmund were appointed as new editorial board members.

The Eric Berne Memorial Award has been changed so that awards will be given in three rather than four categories, excluding "integration of theory." The remaining categories are theory, research, and application.

Historic meetings were held in Caracas between the Training & Certification Council of Transactional Analysts (T&CC) and EATA regarding formation of the Transactional Analysis Certification Council. The new body will provide services to both the ITAA and EATA under contract. A contract with EATA was drafted during this meeting. The TACC is a joint body made up of four committees, the TSC and BOC under contract to ITAA, and the PTSC and COC under contract to EATA. All training and examination structures and procedures will remain in place for the near future.

A new contract was negotiated between T&CC and EATA, which will be in effect for one year.

New membership categories are under consideration, including a student status and the feasibility of charging PTSTAs dues at the TM level.

A modest dues increase was approved for 1998. The increase will be about 5% per dues category and is designed to allow the association to keep up with inflation.



Denton Roberts, Secretary / Streamlining Chair

Members' Forum

Pleased with Caracas Conference

Dear Editor,

This October I was especially interested to participate in the Caracas transactional analysis conference. I wanted to meet people from the ITAA and to learn about what the ITAA is doing in the United States and Europe.

I am a certified member of the Latin American Transactional Analysis Association (ALAT), but I have never had contact with the ITAA, even though I am from Chicago. I am a Jesuit priest working in Peru, where I give retreats in which the participants use clay and images as a stimulus for their prayers and as a way of learning about and loving themselves more. I also do spiritual counseling using some transactional analysis tools. My contact with transactional analysis began many years ago in Peru, and although I attended some congresses in Latin America, I often felt I was moving in a limited world.

At the Caracas conference I was happy to talk with George Kohlrieser and to learn of his work as a violence mediator. The situation with the hostages in Peru came up almost immediately. Of course I was especially interested in this because my fellow Jesuit, Juan Julio Wicht, was a voluntary hostage. George said the violent ending of that situation was a sad day for Peru, for violence only begets violence. I hope and pray that isn't the case in Peru.

I was also glad to see that transactional analysis is being used to understand broader social situations. Alan Jacobs, who recently received the Eric Berne Memorial Award, explained his work to understand the Nazi Holocaust and how it could have happened. Denton Roberts talked about his work with cultural scripting. I still want to find out about that!

It was a great time, and since I speak both Spanish and English I could take special advantage of it.

John Ross Sima, S. J., Lima, Peru



John Ross Sima, S. J.

Members Offer Comfort at Sad Time

Dear Editor:

As ITAA conference coordinator, I recently traveled to the ITAA/ALAT/AVAT conference in Caracas. I was honored to be going to Venezuela and to work at what promised to be an excellent conference.

As many already know, it was especially traumatic for me when I learned that Gary



Elizabeth Ott Scherotter with her new husband, Michael Scherotter, and his father, Gary Scherotter

Scherotter, my new father-in-law (I was just married on 23 August 1997) was admitted to the hospice unit of a Palm Springs hospital the day after I left San Francisco for Caracas. The news that he was declining rapidly and that his 22-month battle with liver cancer was about to be lost reached me when I arrived in Venezuela.

The distance between Caracas and California seemed to triple for me at that time. After much personal deliberation I decided to leave the conference—after only three days—to fly back to the United States to be near him, my husband, and his family.

I write now to comment on how I was comforted personally by the warmth of the transactional analysis community at this difficult time. Many ITAA members lent shoulders on which to weep, ears to hear my concerns, and strong arms to hug me. I found real comfort in this. To be surrounded by caring, thoughtful, trained therapists at a time like that was a real blessing.

I arrived at the hospital in Palm Springs, California on Thursday, and Gary died Friday just before midnight. I was able to talk to him in his final hours. I am forever grateful that I work for an organization that gave me the permission I needed to do what I felt necessary—including grieving and leaving a conference at which I was expected to work. The transactional analysis community is very special; I feel lucky to be connected with such a warm, supportive network.

Thank you all for your support!

Elizabeth Ott Scherotter, San Francisco, California, USA

The Long Way Home

Dear Susan,

I thought you might be interested in the story of my travel back from Caracas to Belgium. It was a bit unusual.

Yes, the cab driver was there 10 minutes early, the drive to the airport was very easy, and we were there in plenty of time, BUT . . . When I looked at the departure board, I saw no mention of an Air France flight to Paris. I mentioned it to Monique, who on checking her plane ticket discovered that we were supposed to leave the next day. However, she had to be back, and so did Nicole, so she found an Alitalia flight for us that was about to leave. Just before departure we went through passport control, and I was stopped because the customs officer hadn't stamped my passport when I came in. I had the official entry paper with me though, but the official hesitated to let me through. I asked what happened with someone who really didn't come in the official way. He said he or she would be expelled right away, so then I asked him what the problem was and he finally let me through. We were just seated when the plane took off.

Of course we had to go through Rome. Luckily we were in Paris only two hours later than we hoped, and I had time to get to the station to get the TGV to Brussels. However, there I discovered that the trains were on strike that day. So I left Paris three hours later than I expected. When I arrived in Leuven, I took the bus from the station to my place. Half way, the bus turned around and drove back to the station. There was an event in the center of the city so he had to go by another route. At last, I was very surprised to be home.

I hope your trip was easier.

Paul Seynaeve, Leuven, Belgium

Educational Forum Demonstrates Exciting Uses of Transactional Analysis

Dear Editor:

At the Caracas conference there were several common-interest forums. I attended the educational forum, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Seven of us gathered to talk briefly about our various educational interests. We were a diverse group, with members from Argentina, Australia, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, the United States, and the Dominican Republic.



Jan Grant in Caracas

Nelida Gomez told us about the transactional analysis concepts she teaches to graduate and post-graduate students; Juan Jose Tapia described his revolutionary school in Argentina, at which students from 15 to 90 are taught survival and thriving skills, including leadership and appropriate use of intuition; Vivianne Gonzales talked about working with teenagers who become pregnant and the typical family dynamics that contribute to this; Marta Beato described teaching managers transactional analysis focused on awareness, management development, and transforming leadership; and I outlined the various levels of training in transactional analysis that a colleague and I negotiated in a college setting in Sydney. It was good to hear the wonderful, creative ways people use transactional analysis around the world. Thank you, fellow educators!

Jan Grant, Allambie Heights, New South Wales, Australia

Dear Susan:

We now have 32 persons signed up for the first TA 101 ever in the Ukraine, to be held 6–7 December 1997 in Pereyaslav Khmel'nyts'kyi. Thomas Ohlsson, our teacher, has sent me 101 verification forms so interested persons can become EATA members and/or continue their training in transactional analysis.

I myself plan to continue ITAA membership even when I also join EATA. We are charging 30 griven' ($1.00 = 1.87 griven') for the 101, and I find that the 10 griven' per Russian translation of TA Today is too much for most of the participants to pay in addition to the cost of the course. I am consulting with Thomas and Ian Stewart about whether to include the book as part of what one receives for the cost of the course. People her will save up 30 griven' for a course they really want to take, but no membership in the world would be worth this amount to even the most professionally qualified person here. Even if they are working (unemployment in the Ukraine is nearly 60%), most haven't received their salary in many months, and often have had past unpaid salary simply canceled. Still, I would like to offer the opportunity to our 101 participants to be members of the ITAA and need to know what to tell them about the annual cost for this.

You may be interested to know that the great majority of those who have signed up for the 101 are practicing psychologists, psychiatrists, doctors, teachers, social workers, psychotherapists, professors, graduates, or, students in psychology. I think only two are laypeople; one of these is a mother of a child with special needs, whom she hopes to help by becoming educated in transactional analysis.

Experience suggests that 60 % of those who sign up for an event such as the 101 actually take part in it here in the Ukraine, and I will be interested to see what our percentage turns out to be, especially after I purposely required anyone interested to call me to sign up. You may also be interested to know that of the 32 persons who have signed up, ten are from Pereyaslav, 20 are from Kiev (which is only 90 km away and is our oblast' center), one is from Sumy, and one is from Rivne. These last two are oblast' centers themselves and will require their residents to travel overnight by train to Kiev before they can catch the bus to Pereyaslav. Both of the persons from the last two cities are coming to our 101 with the plan in mind of holding 101s in their regions.

Next week I plan to obtain information at the Ministry of Jurisprudence in Kiev about how to register the Ukrainian Transactional Analysis Association. I am hoping that at least some of the 101 participants stay after the course, maybe on into Monday, to create this association and even take on the first order of business, namely, the work of translating TA Today into Ukrainian. Maybe we could even start a national newsletter!

This is all just words now. Tomorrow I find out whether we will actually have the lovely classrooms in which to hold our event, and only in December will we see the realization of 18 months of planning. (The classrooms have been confirmed. They will cost us 50 grivny—about $30.00.) I have been helped by individuals here way above and beyond the call of duty, especially Margarita Aleksandrovna Zviagina, a psychotherapist in Kiev, who not only guided me in the preparation of materials, but also advertised the course to psychologists in the entire country. It will be wonderful to see good results from our efforts. I will write a report for The Script and send pictures of our gathering.

Nadyezhda Spassenko, Ukraine

A Perspective on the Development of Transactional Analysis in Latin America

by Henrique Austregésilo

Editor's Note: We thought these comments on the growth of transactional analysis in Latin America were interesting and provocative. Please let us know what you think.

"Transactional Analysis—A New and Effective Method of Group Psychotherapy" was the title of Eric Berne's presentation in November 1957 to the western area of the American Group Psychotherapy Association. In 1958 it was published under the same title in the *American Journal of Psychotherapy*. What would become a new theory and a new field in psychology was being named.

Under Berne's leadership, he and his colleagues gathered regularly to enlarge on and enrich this new theory. These meetings became the San Francisco Social Psychiatry Seminar, which was the forerunner of the International Transactional Analysis Association.

Berne died 12 years later, in 1970. The group, even though called "international," was mostly American. It went through a massive growth process, facing many problems for which it was ill-prepared. Berne's successors, represented by his closest colleagues—such as Karpman, Dusay, English, James, Schiff, and Steiner—were joined by many others in the ITAA who enriched the theory, although following different paths. Others joined them, such as Groder, Kahler, and the Gouldings, with the growth resembling spokes radiating from the center of a wheel. Thus the "schools" of transactional analysis were formed, connected by Berne's philosophy and basic concepts, the organization that became the ITAA, biannual conferences, and turning a blind eye to differences.

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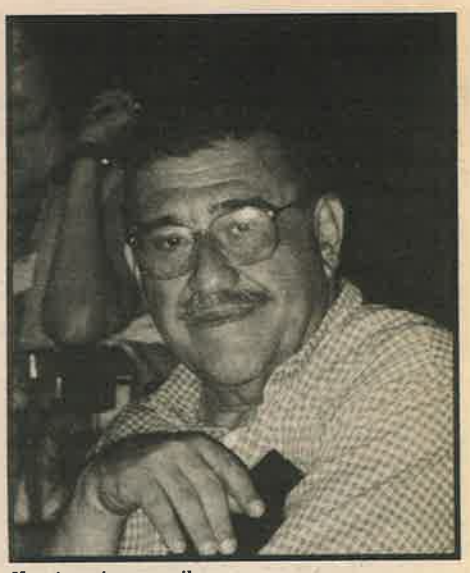
The "Me" Decade

By the end of the 1970s, the great journalist Tom Wolfe had named the "Me" decade. There were no enemies to fight, the Cold War was holding steading, and there was no common issue to join people together. There was widespread apathy, particularly among young people. They had seen too many lives wasted in the Vietnam war and were not willing to throw theirs away; they valued not only their lives, but quality of life. People became self-centered and hedonistic.

The "cult of the self" had several aspects, such as a review of personal values, including health, fitness, and spiritual values, the latter of which led sometimes to interest in messianic cults. There was also great interest in new therapies, such as Gestalt and transactional analysis.

By the middle of the 1970s, Roberto Kertész, Cecilio Kerman, and Guillermo Induni, among others, were spreading transactional analysis throughout Latin America. Kertész introduced two major changes. The first was a deformation of Berne's work and consideration of it from a behaviorist point of view. The second one was the founding of the Latin American Transactional Analysis Association (ALAT), which represented the separation of the Latin area from the "foreign" area. Kertész became the new leader of transactional analysis in Latin America, and UNA-AT (now UNAT-Brasil) was created as a branch of ALAT.



Henrique Austregesilo

The Immediacy of Bandeirantes and the Beginnings of Pioneers

In his superb work *Bandeirantes and Pioneers*, Viana Moog contrasts Brazilian and American cultures. The first American settlers were White, Anglo-Saxon, and Protestants. They had been dominated, persecuted, or discriminated against in their native lands by civil and/or religious authorities, and they were looking for a new land in which to build a new life and to find new opportunities. They wanted to settle down and take root, even if at the high price of becoming indentured servants for many years to pay for transport to the new continent. As no richness of immediate extraction was found, the British Crown fortunately ignored them.

In contrast, settlers from the Iberian Peninsula were not led by the wish to build. They wanted to gather, not sow; they wanted properties and profits. The philosophy of the colonizers was to send to the European courts everything they could, from brazil-wood, to gold, to diamonds. They did not think about founding colonies. Their only aim was to gather what they could and quickly return home. Thus they were called "Bandeirantes."

This state of mind prevailed in Brazil until this century, both in companies and in other kinds of organizations. Immediate profit prevailed over quality of production. I dare say that transactional analysis has suffered in this part of the world from the influence of that immediateness and from the triumph of quantity over quality.

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Multiple Directions

Now that the fad phase of transactional analysis has passed, it is possible to discern some of its consequences. Many of the pioneers of transactional analysis in Brazil have left and are working in other kinds of therapy; others are working in organizational and educational activities not related to transactional analysis. It has proven difficult to organize advanced transactional analysis seminars, and little interest is shown in Training Endorsement Workshops.

However, transactional analysis continues to grow in other parts of the world, including Asia, the Pacific, and Europe. In those areas, research and publications are thriving and the number of therapists is increasing.

A number of theoreticians around the world have done their best to develop the theory and help it to be consistent. However, there remains a certain inconsistency in the direction of and the trends within transactional analysis, especially in terms of guidelines adopted to strengthen its identity as a science rather than as an "alternative" therapy.

Of course, what is empirical prevails in any field having a non-Cartesian epistemology, as is the case with psychology. To apply a scientific approach to any field implies the minimization of a number of axiomatic assumptions and, as Gaston Bachelard says, the existence of a method able to verify and evaluate results and a methodology leading to the increase of its knowledge.

To increase knowledge in transactional analysis is, currently, difficult and confusing. There are those who support combining it with various other techniques, such as Rolfing and biodance, yoga and Asian meditative practices, and so on. In fact, Brazilian transactional analysts seem to have a mystical and holistic character, which may explain why a significant number of those who have left transactional analysis have turned to Jungian psychology.

However, overall, transactional analysis nowadays lacks a definite center from which to acquire, form, and consolidate its knowledge. Many authors no longer delve deeply into their subjects or define their positions. For example, "existential position" is currently called "life position," which can refer to both existential and psychological positions. The use of the phrase "ego states" is ignored by most professionals when it is taken as real structure, as a metaphor, or as merely a taxonomy of behaviors.

I believe that transactional analysis requires planned, uniform growth, and that *conferences should be used to bring together members and to define our direction.* There seems to be an excessively wide variety of trends within the universe of transactional analysis, as exemplified by conference presentations. It also seems that, in contrast to other sciences, many leaders want to associate it with their own products. This creates an ambiguous and confusing position from which to define what transactional analysis really is.

I believe that firm leadership and a consensus about epistemological planning would provide transactional analysis with new dimensions and a chance for survival. Transactional analysis is a rich tool. It is worthwhile to invest in its identity.

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Call for Nominations for Capers and James Awards

Members are urged to submit nominations for the next Hedges Capers Humanitarian Award and the Muriel James Living Principles Award.

The **Hedges Capers Humanitarian Award** was established to recognize ITAA members who have made significant, enduring contributions to humanity in keeping with the ideals and ethics of the ITAA. These contributions are primarily seen as activities that promote the welfare of humankind, especially through the alleviation or elimination of pain and suffering. ITAA members who make such contributions do so at the cost of personal risk and/or sacrifice. The humanitarian activities may form a lifelong pattern or be expressed in a single, widely noted occurrence. Past recipients of the Hedges Capers Award include Hedges Capers (1987), Harris Peck (1989), Pearl Drego (1993), Roberto Shinyashiki (1994), and Tom and Delphine Frazier (1996).

The Muriel James Living Principles Award was established to recognize ITAA members who have advanced the growth of transactional analysis by personal example as well as by contributions of an exceptional and lasting nature. Personal example involves consistently living the principles of transactional analysis, which includes but is not limited to clear Adult thinking, joyful creativity, compassionate ethics, and a lack of gaminess in transactions with others. Such a person models egalitarian relationships and promotes an "I'm OK-You're OK" atmosphere in both professional and personal arenas. The nominee will have demonstrated commitment, concern, and caring for both individuals and the world community and will be active in the international advancement of the principles of transactional analysis either professionally or personally. Past recipients of the Muriel James Award include Muriel James (1994) and Mary Goulding (1995).

The next deadline for nominations for both of these awards is 1 January 1998. Any ITAA member can suggest another member for the award(s) by submitting in writing a detailed nomination addressed to the vice president of operations. Please submit the nominee's name along with a narrative account of the reasons the individual deserves recognition, attaching all relevant documentation. The ITAA executive committee will screen nominations and recommend an award recipient to the ITAA board of trustees for approval. Both these awards will be presented at the Major International Transactional Analysis Conference (MITAC), to be held in Zurich, Switzerland 8-15 August 1998.

7 Thanks to Transactional Analysis

by Chuck Holland

Like many of you, as a young therapist I was diligently seeking the truth. In the early 1970s I wanted to find a magic "fix-all" therapeutic model. What I learned about Eric Berne's work really turned me on. Being a maverick thinker, I liked also that many psychology teachers rejected transactional analysis as too simple and something that would not stand the test of time. To me, transactional analysis was true thinking outside the sphere.

So, I leaped into the training, and to this day I know it is one of the best foundational training programs for many professionals. I have not found another physical, mental, or spiritual model that transactional analysis language cannot explain or enhance.

I have led many lives since those early days. The most important of those has been my family life with my wife Judy and sons Carter and Weston. I have had a private practice, a military reserve career, and a consulting practice. In each of these lives transactional analysis has played a significant role.

Now it is time for a new adventure, one that ties all of my lives so far together and that also represents a quantum leap of growth in terms of my consulting practice. Several of my friends from childhood are reconnecting in this venture to increase our potential today. Some of my early transactional analysis colleagues are doing the same. We are finding the corporate world full of opportunity.

This year the idea to create an institute to connect people's visions would not turn some of us loose. So we have surrendered and acted on the creation of the 7Institute. The number 7 is used because of its historical connotation of growth potential. We provide think-tank events that catalyze the visions of people and corporations to expand potential. These events, called 7Tanks and Mini7Tanks, are designed to clarify participants' desires and visions and to network them. Healthy, accelerated growth occurs as people receive help from others and then choose and carry out productive action steps.

The 7Institute itself is the simplified vision of a few. Two of my long-time friends and colleagues, Price Pritchett, PhD, and O. Carl Simonton, MD, were the early affirming encouragers to "do it." In fact, Pritchett's book *Quantum Leap Strategy* is our guide. Quickly my local transactional analysis friends became the project's movers and shakers. Larry Grubb, Jane Walker Hardwick, Beverly Stoy, Bill Thrash, Judy Holland, and Sharon Rush have all been essential to the process.

At present, in the 7Tanks we explain ego states and use them in examples about how to expand one's world view. Networking—that is, connecting with people—is a great way to borrow the ego states of others to clarify a new way of seeing our environment. When decontaminated, our past appears to be pushing us and our future pulling us into a new, greater potential reality.

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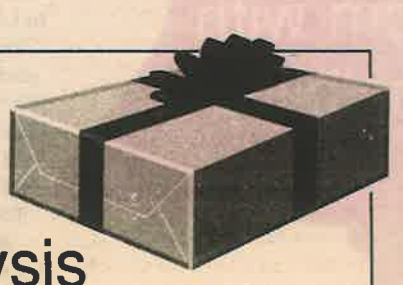
7Tanks help participants clarify and simplify their visions, share if appropriate, and wisely connect action steps. We use Hedges Capers and Taibi Kahler's miniscript drivers to simplify how each of us chooses favorite methods to sabotage our actions. Many writers of excellence today demonstrate how 80% of what we do is nonessential and 20% produces most of our successes. 7Tanks simplify by helping participants to focus on pursuit of the most important actions while letting go of the nonessentials. This speeds up progress because people are doing less.

The overnight event, called a network tank (7Tank), is designed for seven to ten people in a retreat setting. We also provide a three-hour version of the 7Tank called a Mini7Tank. It is a networkshop entitled "Vision Acceleration." Two other networkshop offerings are "Thriving in Fast Change" and "Healthy Spirituality and Sexuality in the Workplace." Each of these is facilitated by a 7Institute innovation catalyst who is either certified or very familiar with transactional analysis theory. Innovation catalysts also do opportunity-focused management consulting.

Those of us involved in this vision will be a catalyst to the continuing, improving spread of a transactional analysis world view. Thanks transactional analysis!

Chuck Holland, a Certified Transactional Analyst and senior innovation catalyst with the 7Institute, lives in and loves in Fort Worth, Texas. For more information call 817-924-6063 or email cholnd777@aol.com

This year at holiday time . . .



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Berne Workshops Go International

The ITAA conference committee is pleased to announce the tentative schedule for the 1998 Eric Berne Training Workshops. This second annual workshop series will be held in two locations:

- Thursday–Sunday, 25-28 June (4 days) in San Francisco, USA
- Sunday–Tuesday, 9-11 August (3 days) in Zurich Switzerland

The San Francisco Training Workshops will include the following faculty (one per day):

- Pam Levin
- Other presenters to be announced

The Zurich Training Workshops will include the following faculty (two all-day workshops per day):

- Sunday, 9 August: Jean Clarke on transactional analysis in education and Vann Joines on clinical applications
- Monday, 10 August: Bill Cornell on clinical practice and Mary Goulding on theory
- Tuesday, 11 August: George Kohlrieser on organizational applications and Richard Erskine on clinical applications

As before, the ITAA will offer continuing education units for psychologists, licenced social workers, marriage and family counselors, and counselors. Watch future *Scripts* for information on how to register for these exceptional training opportunities.

EXAM CALENDAR

Exam	Exam Adm.	Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
CTA Oral	BOC	Jan. 21, 1998	Mysore, India	Oct. 21, 1997*
	COC	Jan. 30, 1998	Gothenborg, Sweden	Oct. 30, 1997**
	BOC	Apr. 22, 1998	Philadelphia, PA, USA	Jan. 22, 1998
	COC	Aug. 11, 1998	Zurich, Switzerland	May 11, 1998**
	COC	Nov. 21, 1998	Neustadt, Germany	Aug. 21, 1998**
TSTA Oral	BOC	Apr. 22, 1998	Philadelphia, PA, USA	Jan. 22, 1998
	COC	Aug. 11, 1998	Zurich, Switzerland	May 11, 1998
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TEWs	TSC	Mar. 17-19, 1998	Perth Australia	Nov. 17, 1997
	TSC	April 26-28, 1997	Philadelphia, PA, USA	Dec. 22, 1997
	COC	August 1998	Zurich, Switzerland	April 1, 1998
	TSC	Jan. 25-27, 1999	Maui, Hawaii, USA	Sept. 25, 1998
	TSC	August 1999	San Francisco, USA	April 1999

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Conference News

Conference Presenters Announced

ERTAC '98, the April conference of the Eastern Region Transactional Analysis Association (USA), will include workshops and papers on the themes of freedom with responsibility. The program already sounds like a group of winners celebrating the role of transactional analysis in understanding cultural concepts of personal freedom and personal or community ideas of responsibility. Some samples:

- **Vi Callahan, Fanita English, Mary Goulding,** and **Gaylon Palmer** will give a workshop saluting Eric Berne (For some reason they're calling it an "Old-Timer's Panel.")
- **George Kohlrieser:** "Conflict Resolution: A Creative Use of Transactional Analysis"
- **Gloria Noriega** and **Emilio Said:** "Freedom and Quality of Life"
- **Robert Massey:** "Themes of Freedom and Responsibility Regarding Spirituality in Family Therapy"
- **Richard Erskine:** "Integrity and Responsibility: Enhancing Interpersonal Relationships in Group Psychotherapy"
- **Carlo Moiso:** "The Cognition of Affects: Decontamination through Adult Understanding and Deconfusion through Regressive Work"
- **Mary Goulding:** "Redecision Therapy in Action"
- **George Steinfeld:** "Personal Responsibility in Human Relationships: A Cognitive Constructivist Approach"
- **Sharon Davis Massey:** "The Shape that You and I Are In: Isomorphic Systems, Degrees of Freedom, and Levels of Responsibility"
- **Edie Bogusky Beaujon:** "Community Building"
- **Roberta (Bobbie) Barry:** "Exploring Community: What It Is, Why Do We Like It (or Not Like It)?, How Can We Get the Kind We Want?"
- **Karen Brook:** "A Fresh Look at Permission"
- **Ted Novey:** "The Efficacy of Transactional Analysis: Research Findings (No Competition!)"
- **Richard Steinberg:** "Treating Unresolved Grief with Redecision Therapy"



- **Dean Schlect:** "Parent, Adult, and Child from a Transpersonal Perspective"
- **Tom Nissley:** "From Control Dramas to Fulfillment: Transactional Analysis and the Freedom of the Seventh Insight. Going Through the Energy Competition to the Gifts of the Ancestors"
- **Marilyn Zalcman:** "Theoretical and Practical Models for Supervision"
- **Denton Roberts:** "From Therapy to Being Fully Functional"
- **Lisa Ladd-Kidder:** "The 'True' Impact of Trauma"
- **Landy Gobes** and **Brenda Bary:** "Women's Barbershop Chorus: Ensemble Singing as a Group Experience"
- **Joan Lourie:** "Cumulative Trauma"
- **Robert Salinger:** "Contact and Relationship: A Naturalistic Approach"

Still to be announced are workshops by Jean Illsley Clarke, Fanita English, and Alan Jacobs. And we hope for more surprises—maybe something on the history of religious liberty.

Social events at the conference will include an opening reception and celebration on Wednesday evening and a closing supper dance on Saturday evening. Thursday and Friday evenings are purposely being kept free for exploring events or restaurants in the city. Several excellent museums are near the hotel, and the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall are not far away.

A catalogue of Sunday events will be prepared for people who want to visit surrounding areas. One possibility will be a bus trip to Lancaster County to visit an antiques mart, the Ephrata Cloisters (famous for early printing), the private museum and gardens at the Johannes Hess Homestead, and the Pennsylvania Farm Museum at Landis Valley. By April, Landis Valley will have been the production site for Oprah Winfry's new movie on the underground railroad. Clarke Hess, who restored and owns the Hess Homestead, will be our host for most of that day, and Tom Nissley will lead the trip.

Remember, you can read about the program, the tours, the hotel, and other details on the Internet at <<www.ertac.com>>. Follow the links!

Promotional Efforts Pay Off for Brazil Conference

The 16th Brazilian Transactional Analysis Association Conference (XVI CONBRAT, BR) was held in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil, on 26-30 August 1997, to debate the theme "To Be and To Belong" using the integrative approach to psychotherapy.

The conference attracted approximately 200 participants from nine Brazilian states. The scientific program included 21 workshops, 23 presentations, and 7 mini-courses in the clinical, organizational, and educational areas. It was promoted through newspapers, posters, pamphlets, debates on television, and lectures at universities. Because of this promotion, the number of nonassociated UNAT-BR participants increased by 42%, with many of them being psychology students.



Richard Erskine speaking to participants at Brazil Conference

Our international guests were Dr. Richard Erskine of the United States, who was the keynote speaker; Rebecca Trautmann of the United States, who presented a precongress conference and two workshops; and Dr. Octavio Rivas Solis of Mexico, the Latin American Transactional Analysis Association representative, who participated on roundtables and in workshops.

A survey of participants indicated that 94% were very satisfied with the outcome of the organizational and scientific aspects of the conference. The organizational committee, working in an integrated and interdependent manner, was responsible for this success. Our experience in the organization and running of this conference has been written up in a report that will hopefully serve as a guide for future UNAT-BR events.

Our association is deeply involved in promoting transactional analysis in the academic and scientific milieus, and I am proud to be part of a group of transactional analysts that is doing its best to contribute to improving human conditions here.

—Maria das Graças Gomes Cunha
UNAT-BR President

CONFERENCES WORLDWIDE

January 22-26, 1998: Mysore, South India. Institute for Counselling and Transactional Analysis Conference. Contact: Conference Convenor, ICTA Office, Santigram, Changampuzha Nagar PO, Kochi-682 033, Kerala, India.

April 2-5, 1998: Guildford, United Kingdom. Institute for Transactional Analysis (ITA) conference. Contact: Sue Light, 31 Brookfield Dr., Fulwood, Preston PR2 9ST, United Kingdom.

April 22-25, 1998: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. Eastern Regional Transactional Analysis Association Conference. Contact: Fred Clark, Registrar, 261 Spring St., Cheshire, CT 06410, USA; phone: 203-271-3733.

August 11-15, 1998: Zurich, Switzerland. Second Major International Transactional Analysis Conference (sponsored by the European Transactional Analysis Association). Contact: Peter Lüthi, Brunngasse 4, CH 8001 Zurich, Switzlerland.

January 24-27, 1999: Maui, Hawaii. ITAA Conference. Contact: ITAA, 450 Pacific Ave., Ste. 450, San Francisco, CA 94133-4640; phone/fax: 415-989-5640; email: itaa@itaa-net.org.