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This issue of *The Script* represents an exciting new step in the development of cooperation between the international and two multinational transactional analysis organizations worldwide: the International Transactional Analysis Association (ITAA), the European Association for Transactional Analysis (EATA), and the Western Pacific Association of Transactional Analysis (WPATA). The content of this issue—which focuses primarily on the 2005 World TA Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, last July—is being published simultaneously in the newsletters of all three associations. Our desire in publishing this "joint" newsletter is to highlight not only the events of the wonderful gathering in Edinburgh but also to offer a tangible demonstration of the spirit of cooperation and collegiality that is growing among our transactional analysis associations. We hope that reading the material in this issue will give you not only a good sense of the conference but also of the three transactional analysis as-sociations. We encourage your feedback on our first joint publishing endeavor and look forward to developing additional ways of working together.



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Interorganizational Cooperation Thrives

The following is a conversation between European Association for Transactional Analysis (EATA) President Adrienne Lee and ITAA President Jim Allen that took place during the World TA Conference in Edinburgh. It was moderated by Script *Editor Bill Cornell and* EATA Newsletter *Editor Jan Hennig. Unfortunately, Rhae Hooper, president of the Western Pacific Association of Transactional Analysis (WPATA) was not in Edinburgh and so could not participate.*

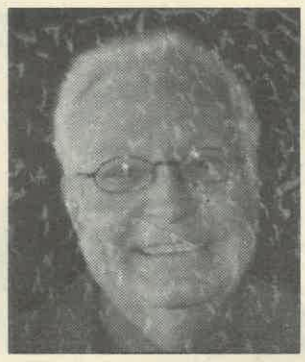
Bill: As we begin, I'd like to raised three rather broad questions for consideration: (1) What are the central issues that EATA and ITAA have been addressing at various meetings during the conference? (2) Are there particular agreements reached at this conference that you want to bring to the attention of our respective members? (3) Are the organizational tasks and functions of the two associations becoming increasingly differentiated or connected?

Jan: I would also add the question of what additional costs you think there might be for our members as a result of the increasing cooperation between EATA and ITAA.

Adrienne: One of the most important goals for me has been achieved—to develop a global perspective on transactional analysis and to enhance the professionalism of our associations. The global perspective has taken many forms at this conference. First, I was moved at the beginning of our conference with the Transactional Analysis Certification Council (TACC) meeting attended by representatives from the professional and training standards committees of all regional associations. This meeting assures the continuation of mutual recognition and the high quality of our accreditation. We are unique among psychotherapy modalities, I think, for having such internationally recognized accreditation.



EATA President Adrienne Lee



ITAA President Jim Allen

In addition, the EATA Council met for 3 days with delegates from 22 countries representing 34 different transactional analysis associations. We began with delegates sharing the major issues and concerns facing each country, an amazing process that definitely expanded our perspectives! As a group, we decided to put more energy and resources into translation, research, and the development of new transactional analysis associations.

Later in the week, when the EATA executive committee met with the ITAA Board of Trustees, we talked about how we are going to cooperate and the values that we jointly share. Then yesterday we had the first international transactional analysis trainers' meeting, which again gave us the opportunity to discuss and share major training issues from our different countries.

Today I invited the presidents of all the transactional analysis associations worldwide for a half-day meeting and lunch—21 people came representing 19 associations. The meeting adopted the motivational slogan, "Think globally, act locally!" in order to bring a global perspective to local concerns.

All these meetings have encouraged us to better share our resources, including research, Internet sites, and publications, among other things. But perhaps the most important evidence of our international success were the exams, which resulted in 38 new Certified Transactional Analysts and 13 new Training and Supervising Transactional Analysts!

Jim: The ITAA Board of Trustees has been working along similar lines: developing and

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A Message from WPATA President Rhae Hooper

Congratulations to the organizers and editors who have collaborated to bring this inaugural joint newsletter about. It focuses on the World TA Conference in Edinburgh, which unfortunately I was not able to attend. I have heard and read that it was a wonderful time of connecting for transactional analysis people from all over the world. As many of you who have attended conferences know, new ideas are gathered, new friends are made, and old friendships are rekindled. I often come away from a conference inspired, motivated, and invigorated—ready to start a new course, stay in contact with a colleague, or renew some area of study.



WPATA President Rhae Hooper

However, when I get home, what I had left behind usually catches up with me, and I end up not having the chance to do all of the things I thought I might. I see this newsletter is one way of continuing some of the energy shared at such conferences. It is a way of tapping into new ideas and feeling part of the greater transactional analysis community.

For members of the Western Pacific Association of Transactional Analysis, it is a chance to be actively a part of the larger picture. We are small in number—our entire membership is the same size as the training institute of one of my English colleagues—and we are spread from Singapore across Australia to New Zealand, an area greater than the United States. However, what we lack in numbers is more than made up for by the energy and enthusiasm of our membership. We are well represented at conferences outside our own countries and have members on boards and committees at an international level. Through the vision and tenacity of our previous president and board, we attained mutual recognition of training standards with ITAA and EATA while receiving local accreditation for certificate and diploma courses. It is with this impetus that we are now working with other associations in the region to form a regional body.

From an association that embraces inclusivity, we applaud the efforts undertaken to bring about this newsletter and hope that you, the reader, not only benefit from this endeavor but contribute to your own association to ensure ventures such as this are continued in the future.

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In Memory of Natalie Haimowitz



Natalie Haimowitz, PhD, left us on 4 September 2005 at the age of 82 after years of temporal lobe dementia.

She was born to a 19-year-old mother who had lost her own mother at age 14. Natalie was raised by this uneducated single parent in Brooklyn, New York, and put herself through college and graduate school. Her meticulously crafted doctoral dissertation examined the effects of Rogerian therapy on personality changes. She joined personal and professional forces with Morris Haimowitz at the University of Chicago, and together they published articles such as "Reducing Ethnic Hostility through Psychotherapy" and books such as Human Development and Suffering Is Optional.

Although transactional analysts knew Natalie as a skilled clinician, she was unequaled in psychological diagnosis. For example, as we were preparing to do a TA 101, she would look at the list of registrants and hypothesize their scripts based on their names and how they filled out the registration forms.

Natalie was an ethical person. Jackie Schiff told me (MH) that Natalie was the most ethical person on the ITAA Board of Trustees. She would not reveal the secrets of her clients nor her trainees.

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enhancing the interorganizational field, both between the ITAA and EATA, with other multinational and regional groups, and also with non-transactional analysis behavioral science organizations. We came to Edinburgh with some important organizational issues we needed to deal with first, including the financial viability of the association. We are pleased that membership is on the rise once again, and we have a balanced budget for 2006 without reducing staff or services. We have reestablished a secure base from which we can renew Eric Berne's original vision for the ITAA: to disseminate and promote transactional analysis worldwide. We are acutely aware that various parts of the transactional analysis community are in very different states of development, with different resources and different limitations. Therefore, we cannot have a "one-size-fits-all" approach. The ITAA is an international organization; EATA and WPATA are multinational. However, the majority of transactional analysis organizations are national or regional. Each has its own strengths and unique potential contributions. So, we need to explore how we can take all of these into account and create the greatest synergy.

The ITAA board defined three missions for the years ahead: (1) extending ourselves to regional groups that are already formed and functioning; (2) extending ourselves to regions of the world that are not yet organized or that are going through a period of reorganization; and (3) reaching out to other behavioral science and human relations organizations to better inform them about transactional analysis and to involve them in our development. I think we recognize that for transactional analysis to continue to grow worldwide, our associations must work closely together in cooperation rather than competition. I am personally excited by the association presidents' meeting. The spirit of cooperation between ITAA and EATA is there again and growing. It reminds me of the efforts ITAA began at the Oakland conference in the mid-1980s.

It has also been touching for me as I've traveled in various parts of the world recently to see what is happening in North and South America with the USA Transactional Analysis Association (USATAA), the Latin American Transactional Analysis Association (ALAT), and the Americas Transactional Analysis Association (ATAA), all of which are reorganizing and revitalizing. Many people have seen the ITAA as an American organization, but the fact is that only a third of ITAA's members live in the Americas.

Jan: Do you see a danger of competition, even though we are working toward the same goals?

Jim: No, I don't. It would be tragic to return to a competitive relationship, to devolve into "We're a better Parent than you" or "We've got more money than you" and so on. We need to develop new leaders now who are invested in avoiding competition. Adrienne and I work together really well. We need to ask all our future potential leaders, "Are you committed to global cooperation?" We have set in place here at this conference procedures and processes that must be continued at each world conference.

Adrienne: That spirit of cooperation began at the Utrecht conference in 1992 when ITAA and EATA met and decided to set up meetings in which we could talk to and support each other. Jim and I have been in close contact in the past year; in fact, we had our "world awareness" meetings in Bangalore and Calgary, and we continue to talk regularly. I think all of the ITAA trustees and the EATA council members were pleased with what we accomplished here in Edinburgh in the spirit of civility and global cooperation. And sitting here now, talking together while you guys write it all down, validates the process we've been engaged in for days now as we have endeavored to conceive and nurture new ways of working together.

Jim: You asked about the potential costs to members, Jan, of this cooperation. In fact, there may not only not be additional cost, but sharing our resources may actually lower costs over time.

Bill: I sit here as an editor thinking of how little we know of the various journals and newsletters published by transactional analysis associations around the world. There is so much substantial new work that we never see.

Adrienne: This is one area that we are interested in exploring. There is no doubt that the *Transactional Analysis Journal* (*TAJ*) is the recognized scholarly journal for the international transactional analysis community, but there are other publications in languages many of us do not understand, and only a few articles from those are translated and disseminated worldwide. We need to develop better procedures for increasing the number of articles from regional journals and newsletters that are translated and published in the *TAJ* and *The Script*.

Jim: Not only are there different journals and formats, but even basic transactional analysis concepts may be understood and presented differently from one country to another and one culture to another. This is one of the things we can learn from one another's journals.

Adrienne: Yes. Rather then making these theoretical differences a source of conflict and competition, such variations in culture, theory, and application need to be acknowledged, embraced, and celebrated. These differences are an essential part of our development, although, unfortunately, even the nuances of difference have too often been bones of contention: What is transactional analysis? What is not transactional analysis? Who are the "real" transactional analysts? Differences can and need to be a vehicle for growth and development, not competition and judgment.

Jim: We coconstruct what we think and feel in dialogue. If we all agree, then there is no dialogue. So if we can't dialogue, we can't fully elaborate our ideas and develop new ones. We can only repeat.

Adrienne: Yes, we are coconstructing our growing and our sharing right now. We concentrate on what is transforming. I think it's very interesting that both Jim and I consider ourselves constructivists. This has a lot to do with our shared attitudes as leaders, our open thinking, and the positive language we use in our meetings.

Jim: I think one of the things we have done is to think of our meetings as a creative space for discussion, dialogue, and discovery—that is, for work, not just for formal rituals and ceremonies or pleasant pastimes. We are used to the idea of space in therapeutic work, but it is rather new to think of our organizational meetings as a space for creativity as well. When you do think of it that way, conversations really open up.

Adrienne: I very much agree. We experience difficult times in meetings when people want to fill the space with old patterns; then dialogue stops and conflict begins. It was interesting that at one point in the meeting between EATA and ITAA, we came to an important point of joining and suddenly some anger erupted. We were shocked, on the one hand, but also able to accept the shadow: the anger and pain from past experiences and the perception of a shortage of supplies. We were able to accept these darker moments and the conflict that occurred. These meetings were not all easy, and the fear and competition manifested around concrete particulars, usually money, copyrights, and so on. One of the things I think we were able to do was to keep track of the higher values we share. When we can sign on to those, everything else becomes easier.

Jim: Yes, we were able to hold on to our superordinate goals. The ITAA board could not have done that if we had been thinking we were dying. But we recognized that we're not dying, and that we have made a decision to live.

Adrienne: However, the smell of "death" can be inspirational. It forces us to face ourselves: What is it here we have to face? What is it that we don't want to lose? It is an opportunity to revitalize, to reinvent.

Jim: It's a very interesting future we face as more and more transactional analysis organizations form. The question becomes how we become associations of equal organizations, each with its unique potential contribution and all working together to spread transactional analysis throughout the world.

Jan: And with changing processes in a changing world . . .

Adrienne: Yes, it's exciting to see the efforts to reintroduce transactional analysis training in the United States. And EATA is supporting TA 101 courses and training in Bosnia, Greece, and other European areas that do not yet have transactional analysis associations.

Jim: As an international organization, the ITAA is also delighted by the reemergence of USATAA, the formation of ATAA, and the growing strength of ALAT in Central and South America. Such organizations can do things locally that we cannot and should not, except as they are developing. Indeed, the ITAA has members in 85 countries, and only about a third are from the United States.

I also recall how at the international trainers' meeting here in Edinburgh, there was an important discussion about how certification procedures do not fit the needs of all nations and regions, that different areas have quite different needs in that regard.

Adrienne: In fact, the training handbook is constantly changing in response to shifting national, legal, and certification structures and requirements as needs change globally. For example, EATA is now initiating professional international colloquia for our certified members who want to continue their ongoing professional interchange and development. This could be a worldwide model for ongoing professional development, independent of certification procedures and requirements.

I hope we will look back on this time as one of major global transactional analysis cooperation and development. Perhaps our transactional analysis organizations can model a healthy process for the rest of the world, which will make all that we do more meaningful.

Jim: I agree. Let us all hope that 10 years from now we can look back at the Edinburgh Conference as a time when we reaffirmed our stated transactional analysis values, put them into actual practice, and modeled a significant turn in interorganizational relationships. This should strengthen and enhance us all.

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Presidents of TA Organizations Meet in Edinburgh

One of the most significant events to occur during the 2005 World TA Con-ference in Edinburgh was the meeting on 7 July of 21 presidents and vice presidents of transactional analysis organizations around the world. The gathering, hosted by EATA President Adrienne Lee, was attended by the following: Eugen Hriscu (ARAT, Romania); Janet Lee O'Connor (ATAA VP, North America); Giorgio Cavallero (AUXIMON, Italy); Blanka Cepicka (CATA, Czech Republic); P. K. Saru (CHILD, India); Matthias Sell (DGTA, Germany); Nevenka Miljkovic (EATA VP, Europe); Toni Lipp (DSGTA, Switzerland); Maya Bentele (DSGTA, Switzerland); Sharon Massey (ERTAA VP, Eastern USA); Lila Tuisku (FINTA VP, Finland); Julie Hay (IDTA, United Kingdom); Adrienne Lee (EATA, Europe); Jenny Bridge (ITA, United Kingdom); Jim Allen (ITAA, international); Gloria Noriega (IMAT, Mexico); Bea Verzaal (NVTA, Netherlands); Marina Banic (SATA, Serbia and Montenegro); Elena Soboleva (SITA, Russia); Pearl Drego (TACET, India); and Dianne Maki (USATAA, United States).

Adrienne opened the meeting by announcing the tragic death in May 2005 of Andrej Hovrachyov, president of RATA, one of the Russian national transactional analysis associations. Those in attendance expressed their respect for Andrej and their deep concern for his family, friends, and colleagues.



Presidents of transactional analysis associations from around the world at their meeting in Edinburgh (from left): Jim Allen (international), Fatma Reid (Turkey), Blanka Cepicka (Czech Republic), Bea Verzaal (Netherlands), Toni Lipp (Switzerland), Adrienne Lee (Europe), Eugen Hriscu (Romania), Jenny Bridges (UK), Jessica Leong (Singapore), and Gloria Noriega (Mexico)

Among the topics considered by the presidents and vice presidents are the following:

- What does it mean to be a president?
- How can we think globally and act locally?
- How can we deal with difference, inclusion, and belonging while keeping our own individuality?
- How do we provide equal opportunities (e.g., training/exams, facilities, translations)?
- How do we address different priorities in different fields of transactional analysis?
- How can we address the need for intermediate qualifications because training for Certified Transactional Analyst is so long?
- How can people feel they belong to a transactional analysis association when they are not in training or after they have passed their exams?

The participants also considered issues such as the need to translate more transactional analysis materials into more languages, the benefit of using digital and Web-based information sharing tools, the importance of providing free access to transactional analysis materials in local libraries, finding ways to make transactional analysis materials available while respecting copyright laws, dealing with ethics complaints, the importance of fostering and sharing research, keeping all four fields of transactional analysis in mind, how to keep people involved with their TA associations after they have become certified.

At the end of the meeting, the presidents issued a joint statement that read, in part, "This first meeting of the network expresses the willingness to share our contributions and efforts for the development of transactional analysis worldwide. We agreed to establish an independent network of presidents for the future. The task of the network is to take a global perspective on our national and regional activities. Through transactional analysis we share a common language, common values, and an ethics code. We will meet whenever possible, and at least regularly every 3 years at international conferences, and build up a network of presidents worldwide."

ITAA President Jim Allen offered to host a second meeting of worldwide TA organization presidents during the July 2006 international transactional analysis conference in Istanbul.



Frances Bonds-White (USA), Katherine Murphy (UK), and Richard Erskine (USA) enjoy a break

Unique Large Study Group Brackets Edinburgh Conference

From Katherine Murphy (Program Organizer)

In our role as the 2005 World TA Conference Scientific Program Committee, Carole Shadbolt and I were committed to exploring a variety of ways that the large, heterogeneous, and possibly disparate community of people attending the conference might be encouraged, even supported, to work together in some way. We were mindful that the usual workshop program provides a rich opportunity for a good deal of small group activity, and that with such a large group coming together, some kind of formal large group experience might also be fruitful. We knew that there would be many opportunities to have collective fun together if that was desired, and we knew that people would naturally move in and out of their familiar and often parochial cliques. As a contrast to this, we believed that it could be helpful and informative to have the option of sitting together in a contained large group in which these comfort zones were breached and the group wrestled with and became interested in the impact of the group as the primary organizer of experience rather than each individual.

We discussed these ideas with colleagues around the world and received both interest in and support for offering such an experience. To this end, we approached Frances Bonds-White to see if she would be willing to put together a team to run a large study group. Our original idea was that it would be offered at the end of every day as a way of reflecting on the day in a structured manner. However, because of the pressure of time and space, eventually the large group was designed as an option alongside other events at the beginning and end of the conference.

From Jan Hennig and Charlotte Sills (Participants)

The Edinburgh large study group—led by Frances Bonds-White with Servaas van Beekum and Gianpiero Petriglieri (all skilled and experienced facilitators of large groups)—provided a space in which conference participants could come together simply to explore the impact of being with each other in a large community. Around 150 people attended from many countries around the world, including India, Japan, Singapore, Australia, and the United States as well as most European countries.

Despite language barriers—which were quickly obvious and dealt with—there developed a sense of group that addressed some important themes in many different but meaningful ways, allowing emotions to be expressed openly. The group wrestled with the powerful processes—both conscious and unconscious—that arise in such a situation, including power and responsibility and the struggle to honor our humanistic philosophy as well as to acknowledge our "shadow" sides. There was ample opportunity to focus on this at a global level as the group addressed several aspects of the world political situation that were occurring at the same time as our conference, including the G8 meeting taking place nearby and the bombing attack on the London underground the day before. All of this made it clear what a difficult world we live in and how important it is for the transactional analysis community to continue to strive for social justice and solutions to social problems.

Closer to home, we explored the strange paradox between feeling held and warmed by being part of a beautifully organized and executed conference and yet overwhelmed and stirred by the proximity of so many other human beings. We experienced the powerfulness of feelings in such a setting, both feelings of love and joy and also fear and anger.

I (CS) was particularly intrigued by the structure of the event. We sat in concentric circles, and it seemed to me that the closer to the center of the circles I sat, the more I felt the power of the emotional process in the room, such that my thinking seemed to become limited. When I moved to the outer circle, I was able to "cool down" and take a metaperspective in my thinking.

For my part, I (JH) was impressed by how safe and clear I felt myself to be in such a context, something that I had not experienced before. I strongly believe that this is a sign of how potent and deeply felt is the respect for each other and the trust in the philosophy of transactional analysis in our community.

Following the large group event, we heard many reactions and responses. In particular, many people realized that the theoretical underpinnings of such a group structure are psychoanalytic. People were interested in thinking about whether such a large group process could be run using transactional analysis concepts and humanistic philosophy. An opportunity for thought and discussion!

Many thanks to Frances and her team for their skilled facilitation of this extraordinary event.

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Laurie Kahn, among many others, wrote, "Natalie was the most influential person in my life. I would not be who I am today, personally or professionally, without her love and guidance. She opened a world to me with her strength, brilliant mind, and caring. I loved her very much. She is an important part of me."

Natalie urged people to choose love over power. She and Morris Haimowitz always provided free groups for anyone who wanted to come.

Although Natalie could be sweet, she was not sentimental. Truly humble, Natalie was always grateful that she had hot and cold running water "in my own house!" and a roof over her head. For her, a cup of coffee and a walk in the park were delicious luxuries.

Her goodness lives on in the hundreds of people she attended to in countries all over the world.

Some lives are like a song.
Every note rare and precious.
We feel lucky to have heard the music.

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Relational TA Panel Draws Crowd in Edinburgh

by Heather Fowlie

An Saturday morning of the World TA Conference in Edinburgh, there was a panel discussion entitled "The Ethics of Relational Transactional Analysis." It was chaired by Helena Hargaden and Bill Cornell and the panelists were James Allen, Richard Erskine, Carlo Moiso, Charlotte Sills, Graeme Summers, and Keith Tudor. There were well over 150 people at the workshop, and as I sat among them waiting for the discussion to begin, I found myself thinking back to my own introduction to relational transactional analysis.

I was a young disillusioned transactional analysis psychotherapy trainee, and more by luck than judgment, I stumbled across a workshop during the 1996 Institute of Transactional Analysis (ITA) conference led by Ray Little. It focused on an object relations approach to deconfusion of the Child ego state and spoke to me, and more importantly to the work that I was doing, in a way that many of the other conference workshops did not.

I was working in a hostel for men who were addicted to gambling and was struggling to understand and respond to what they seemed to be wanting from me. My transactional analysis training to date, which had focused on the traditional stages of strengthening and building A_2 awareness and then moving on to C_2 redecision and P_2 reparenting, seemed inadequate as a means of replying to these men, whose ability to think clearly was severely compromised by the demands of an undeveloped and fragile sense of self—a sense of self that was insistently and forcefully pushing itself into the work that we were doing. That workshop at that time probably kept me in transactional analysis training.

In addition, the ongoing support of permissive and encouraging supervisors and continued attendance in an evolving and responsive transactional analysis psychotherapy training program (one that progressively introduced me to the ideas of all of those sitting on the panel) helped me to augment and build on the ideas that I was introduced to in that workshop, and these influences continue to be a central part of the transactional analysis therapist that I have become.



Heather Fowlie (UK), cochair of Edinburgh conference and ITA chair of conferences

Nine years later, these types of workshops and the thinking that accompanies them are thankfully not so rare at transactional analysis conferences. In fact, I was amazed and encouraged as I wandered around the Edinburgh conference by just how many people I heard described themselves as following a relational approach. This seeming explosion of interest in a relational way of working explains, perhaps, why so many of the more overtly relational workshops at the conference were full to overflowing with delegates. There seems to be a hunger and a need within the transactional analysis community to talk together, to explore the subject more deeply, and to share.

In my view, a relational approach, more than any other, brings with it many responsibilities and dilemmas, and it was my need to talk, explore more deeply, and share about these that drew me into what was, for me, a very well-timed workshop panel discussion that day.

The workshop opened with an introduction by the joint chairs, Bill Cornell and Helena Hargaden, who outlined the main reasons for holding the panel discussion. They em-phasized that over the past 2 dec-ades there has been a paradigm shift within most forms of psychotherapy, a general moving away from the view that cognitive insight offers the major means of change toward embracing the importance of unconscious, affective, and relational interactions as a primary means of growth. They wanted to support this movement within the transactional analysis community and to open up discussions about what it means for us.

This shift, which was primarily led by psychoanalysts, has also been emerging within transactional analysis literature and thinking for some time, a fact that is highlighted in the book that Bill and Helena have just edited entitled *From Transactions to Relations: The Emergence of a Relational Tradition in Transactional Analysis* (see page 6 for details). This book presents the relational literature that has come out of our own community, including articles by each person on the panel.

Following an introduction to the panel members, each was asked to say something about his or her own understanding of what a "relational" approach to the work means. This was interesting to me as I had wondered looking around the packed hall what it was that all of us who call ourselves relational transactional analysts have in common. You can see from the responses that the panelists gave that, although all slightly different, there are definite commonalities.

Keith Tudor talked about the importance of weness and the coconstructed nature of relating, stating that he saw games as cocreated patterns. Charlotte emphasized how both client and therapist bring different transferences to the therapeutic relationship and the need for the therapist to be aware, willing, and open to exploring those. Carlo mentioned the therapist's willingness to be in relationship with the client and the importance of both analyzing the relationship between the therapist and client and probing ourselves as part of this. He also talked about the unconscious, commenting on the centrality of the therapist's role in bringing into the light what is out of awareness for both ourselves and our clients. Richard focused on the importance of working in the here and now; looking at the interruptions to contact that occur between therapist and client, he asks himself, "How am I creating an environment that makes the client erect these defenses with me?" He went onto say that he then thinks about how he can be responsive to the relational needs of the client without necessarily satisfying them. Jim commented on the fact that the memories stored in the neural pathways of both therapists and clients are activated and how they impact the therapeutic relationship and therefore need to be attended to. Finally, Graham talked about the therapist's willingness to engage with and attend to the process between therapist and client, highlighting how the subjectivity of both are valid and how important the "liveliness of working in the here and now" is.

With these ideas playing in our minds, audience members then broke into small groups and reflected on the question, "What do you think the ethical implications are with this intense focus on relationship?" The small group I was in

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EATA Gold Medal Given to Jan Hennig


Jan Hennig

In July 2005 at the World TA Conference in Edinburgh, Jan Hennig, MD, was awarded the EATA Gold Medal for outstanding service to the transactional analysis community. He is well known in EATA as a responsible leader: a quiet man, thoughtful, democratic, and passionate about including and respecting people at personal, national, and international levels.

Jan's interest in transactional analysis began in 1977 when as a family therapist and physician he attended a weekend therapy workshop with Rudiger Rogoll. In 1983 he started as a transactional analysis trainer, training many new transactional analysis psychotherapists in Germany. When he became a Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst in 1987, Jan trained many trainers and helped them to become honored and respected in the transactional analysis community.

Jan played a major role in developing the German Association for Transactional Analysis (DGTA) and served 9 years as general secretary and a member of the executive committee and 6 years as DGTA president. EATA recognizes how influential he has been in ensuring that the German national association was both strong and supportive of its members and also well integrated in EATA and the international community. As he says, "I feel that EATA is a 'we,' not a 'them'!" With his first wife, Gudrun, and a team of colleagues, Jan developed the implementation and functioning of new statutes in DGTA that created cooperation and recognition between the four fields of transactional analysis application (psychotherapy, counseling, education, and organizations).

Jan has served three 4-year terms on the EATA Council and has been chair of the Professional Training and Standards Committee (PTSC). In the latter position he implemented the new Training Endorsement Workshop structure, and later as EATA president, he kept the organization well held at a time of considerable conflict.

At all times, and especially in times of conflict, Jan has been calmly active in keeping the community together, ensuring that everyone could be heard, and being actively inclusive and respecting different needs and celebrating different kinds of success. For him, difference is a source of wealth rather than conflict, and this value has made a significant impact on the transactional analysis community.

Jan has also served as chair of the Training and Certification Council, as ITAA vice president of training and certification from 1990-1992, and as a member of the ITAA Board of Trustees representing the European region from 2002-2004. At present he still serves the transactional analysis community as EATA treasurer and has taken a major role in rewriting the EATA statutes for the registration of EATA in Switzerland. He is also the editor of the *EATA News*.

EATA has benefited greatly from Jan's dedicated service in many roles, and he assures us that he intends to continue working for the organization. He is a well-respected, trusted, and much loved member of the transactional analysis community, and we are delighted to honor him with this well-deserved award.

EATA gives out medals at three levels. The gold medal is awarded for long-lasting outstanding service/work/contributions to transactional analysis and/or EATA. The silver medal is given for special important projects that are completed in a specific time frame, such as research projects or organizing or reorganizing projects. The bronze medal can be awarded for completed shorter-term projects. Anyone can make a nomination by contacting the person in charge of medals c/o the EATA office at eata@gmx.com . The deadline is always 1 February.

Jan Hennig can be reached at janhennig@t-online.de .

Graham Barnes Receives ITAA Eric Berne Memorial Award


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Graham Barnes

At the Edinburgh Conference, Graham Barnes, PhD, was honored as the 2005 recipient of the Eric Berne Memorial Award (EBMA) for his work on "The Circularity of Theory and Psychopathology with Specific Identification in the Construction of Schizophrenia, Alcoholism, and Homosexuality." These ideas were articulated in Chapters 5 and 6 of his doctoral dissertation, "Psychopathology of Psychotherapy: A Cybernetic Study of Theory" (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia) and in his article "Homosexuality in the First Three Decades of Transactional Analysis: A Study of Theory in the Practice of Transactional Analysis Psychotherapy" (April 2004 *TAJ*). Graham's acceptance speech is published in the July 2005 issue of the *Transactional Analysis Journal.*

Nominations for the 2006 EBMA are being accepted until the 1 December 2005 deadline. To make a nomination, specific information and materials must be submitted to the EBMA Committee in care of the ITAA office (for details about making a nomination, see the ITAA Web site at www.itaa-net.org or contact the ITAA office at itaa@itaa-net.org). All documents must be submitted by e-mail in electronic form (Microsoft Word or Acrobat PDF).

In addition to the EBMA, the ITAA also honors members who have made significant contributions in several other areas. The Hedges Capers Humanitarian Award recognizes 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. The winner of the 2005 Hedges Capers Humanitarian Award is Geraldine Wallman, who is honored for her lifelong commitment to social welfare, social justice, and the needy, including her work with Amnesty International and disaster relief efforts following 9/11 (see August 2005 *Script* for details).

The Muriel James Living Principles Award honors 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 winner of the 2005 Muriel James Living Principles Award is Bill Cornell, who is recognized for his many contributions to the ITAA and especially his work as editor of *The Script* and coeditor of the *Transactional Analysis Journal* (see the August 2005 *Script* for details).

The Robert and Mary Goulding Social Justice Award honors ITAA members who have contributed to others in the world through the application and advancement of redecision theory, therapy, and principles and recognizes individuals whose focus has been the advancement of humankind through utilizing the core principles of redecision theory in their personal and professional lives. These core principles include: self-determination, personal responsibility, direct action, and affirming relationships.

Any ITAA member may suggest another member for the Capers, James, or Goulding award by submitting to the ITAA office (itaa@itaa-net.org) a detailed written narrative account of the reasons the individual deserves recognition, attaching all relevant documentation. The deadline for nominations for these three awards is 1 January 2006.

Graham Barnes can be reached at graham.barnes@inform.se ; Geraldine Wallman can be reached at gwallman@igc.org ; and Bill Cornell can be reached at bcornell@nauticom.net .

Jan Coleman Honored with WPATA Goulding Award


2004 Goulding Award winner Jan Coleman with four other award winners (left to right): Paddy Glasgow, Tony White, Jan, Linda Gregory, and Kate Meredith

The Western Pacific Association of Transactional Analysis (WPATA) honors some of its outstanding members with the Goulding Award of Excellence in Transactional Analysis. The most recent recipient is Jan Coleman, who won the award in 2004 in the areas of (1) training in the area of transactional analysis and (2) promotion of transactional analysis for the benefit of the community. This includes (among many other things) serving on the WPATA Board from 1989 to 2004, a total of 15 years, during which time she actively participated in and initiated significant change to WPATA and transactional analysis in the Western Pacific region.

The Goulding Award may be given yearly, although some years it is not. The award is coordinated by a WPATA board member (currently Valerie Redman). Once nominations have been accepted, the WPATA membership votes on who should receive the award. If there is only one nomination, members vote to make that award or have no award for that year. Nominations may be made in any of the four categories outlined below, and nominations may include more than one category. In all categories, the person must be known to be ethical in the practice of transactional analysis.

1. Use of transactional analysis in creative ways
- Particular success with specific techniques (e.g., a master craftsperson at self-reparenting or redecision)
- Development of new techniques and exercises

2. Theory of transactional analysis
- New theory that adheres to transactional analysis basics (e.g., ego states, etc.)
- Has been written up in journals, articles, and so on in Australia or overseas
- Creative and useful redefinition of known concepts

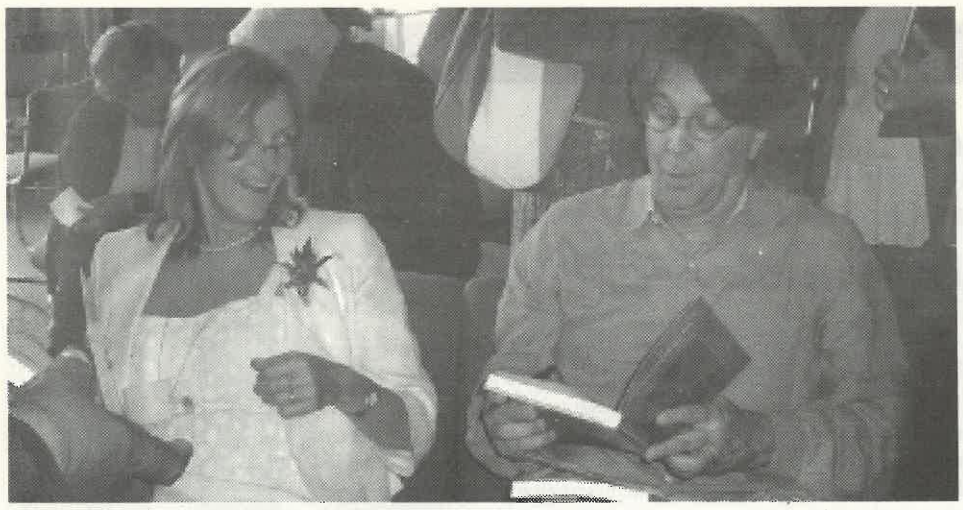
3. Training in the area of transactional analysis
- Extraordinary training (e.g., working and training people in remote areas, aboriginal communities, third-world countries, etc., especially where the trainer is volunteering time and resources)
- Over and above regular training group commitments
- Production of advanced training material (e.g., training manuals)
- Any special/creative techniques developed for training

4. Promotion of transactional analysis for the benefit of the community
- Workshops and seminars within the wider community (i.e., outside the transactional analysis community)
- Successfully having transactional analysis accepted into regular training courses (e.g., at universities, colleges, etc.)
- Writing articles in journals for publication within and outside the transactional analysis community
- Doing interviews for articles in books, magazines, radio, TV

The inaugural Goulding Award was given in 1988. Since then there have been nine recipients: Tony White (1988), Gail Broady (1990), Jeff White (1991), Jessica Leong (1992), Linda Gregory (1995), Kate Meredith (1996), Paddy Glasgow (1998), Robin Maslen (1998), and Jan Coleman (2004).

WPATA members are informed by mail or the *TA Times* newsletter of when the next nominations are due.

Jan Coleman can be reached at xcoleman@bigpond.com .



Helena Hargaden (UK) and Bill Cornell (USA) sign copies of their new book in Edinburgh

Two New Transactional Analysis Books Launched in Edinburgh

The Edinburgh Conference was the site for book launches of two major new books on transactional analysis. The first is a volume of selected articles by Jim Allen and his late wife, Barbara, two outstanding writers, theorists, and clinicians in the field of mental health and transactional analysis. The book, *Therapeutic Journey: Practice and Life*, brings together articles written throughout their careers covering topics ranging from constructivism to family therapy, from child and adolescent psychiatry to the neuroscientific underpinnings of transactional analysis. It is a rich resource for any practitioner. The book was published by the ITAA (to which Jim has generously donated all profits) and can be obtained at itaa@itaa-net.org (for details and ordering information, see below).

The other book is *From Transactions to Relations: The Emergence of a Relational Tradition in Transactional Analysis* edited by Bill Cornell and Helena Hargaden. This book also brings together contributions from a variety of authors. It is a collection of *Transactional Analysis Journal* articles beginning in 1984 and traces the emergence and development since that time of a tradition of relational practice in transactional analysis. It contains articles by Novellino, Moiso, Allen and Allen, Barr, Bonds-White, Cornell, Erskine, Hargaden, Lewis, Sills, Shmukler, and Woods as well as opening and closing chapters by the editors in which they review the literature and the field of relational psychotherapy generally. This book is published by Haddon Press and can be obtained at www.haddonpress.co.uk (for details and ordering information, see below).

Relational TA Panel

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had a deep and wide-ranging discussion about issues such as the therapist's vulnerability, the need to work with supervisors who understand the work, the training implications for students, and protection for the client. It was difficult to call us back from this discussion, and only the possibility of missing morning tea encouraged the small groups to stop talking.

After tea, panel members were asked to give their take on ethics. Keith talked about the difference between situational and relational ethics. Charlotte continued this theme by suggesting that every unique relationship and situation needs to be evaluated in light of its situation, and she mentioned touch as an example, stating that there is a "demand on us to take our principles and explore them within the particular relationship, without a set of rules." Carlo similarly talked about the differences between morals and ethics, commenting that "moral" must be constant whereas "ethics" is changeable; he argued that what is right for one client might be wrong for another and quoted Kant, who said "there should be no law without a reason." Richard highlighted the centrality of the therapist's own therapy, supervision, and continuing professional development and of the need for us as therapists to put aside all of our assumptions about the client's experience and allow him or her to train us anew. Jim cautioned us about the dangers of therapists constructing their own meaning outside of clients' experience and warned that sometimes because of this our interpretations may not be helpful. He suggested we guard against this via process contracts and a commitment to our own therapy and supervision and to research. Graham, picking up on Jim's point, suggested that whatever one's style of working, it is important to have principles behind it and to be able to back up these principles with research.

Questions were then invited from the audience, with some people reflecting on their earlier small group discussions and others asking questions that had been sparked by things that the panelists had said. Feedback from the small groups seemed accurately to reflect what my small group had discussed; others asked the panel to comment on, for instance, the fit be-tween methodology, philosophy, and ethics; cultural perspectives; and whether relational transactional analysis was a methodology or a philosophy.

Unfortunately, because of time constraints, the discussion of these questions had to be brief, and I left feeling disappointed that there was not time to answer properly each question. Equally, I would have welcomed more time for an in-depth discussion to develop between the panel members. That said, it was a stimulating, well-timed, thought-provoking workshop, and I hope the first of many such panels.

The relational transactional analysis panel was taped, and a full transcript of the discussion along with the research panel discussion, the two keynote speeches, and Graham Barnes's Eric Berne Memorial Award acceptance speech will be available for purchase from the ITA in due course. Watch for more information in upcoming issues of *The Script*.

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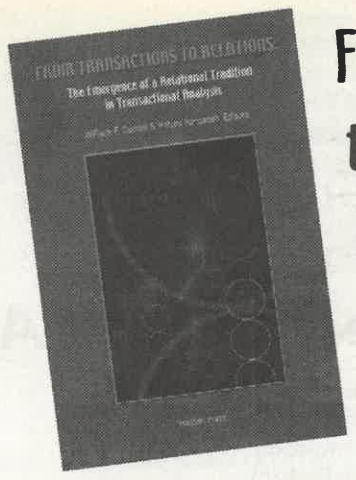

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International Trainers' Meeting at Edinburgh Conference

On Wednesday 6 July 2005 more than 100 trainers from over 30 countries around the world met together at the first international trainers' meeting. We spent a rich morning together networking, making connections, and discussing issues important to transactional analysis trainers.

We started by meeting first in national focus groups and then in international ones to explore the challenges facing transactional analysis training at the present time. The conclusions and responses were then brought back to the plenary.

After that we had two presentations from the two working parties that are looking at new ideas and models for the training and accrediting of Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analysts. These stimulating presentations were very well received and created lively discussion among the members of the whole group. EATA will be supporting and monitoring a pilot scheme based on these proposals that will be launched in 2006. It will form the basis of a research study that will evaluate the effectiveness of new approaches to training at this level.

Feedback from the trainers' meeting was excellent, and we will be carrying forward the ideas to the 2006 international trainers' meeting organized by EATA in Santiago de Compostela (to register see the form on this page). This focus on internationality is part of the mission of both EATA and ITAA: including a global perspective on all our work and developments. We hope you will come in great numbers!

Invitation to the 2006 International Trainers' Meeting 6–7 July 2006 Hotel Palacia del Carmen, Santiago de Compostela

The European Association of Transactional Analysis (EATA) cordially invites all transactional analysis trainers to the International Trainers' Meeting on 6-7 July 2006. There will be a rich program of presentations, discussion groups, and plenary events on issues that you have identified as of interest to you as trainers. Topics will include:

- Power and responsibility (the uses and abuses) in transactional analysis training and organizations
- The theory of the unconscious in transactional analysis—and unconscious transactional analysis theory!
- Teaching adults effectively
- Different approaches to transactional analysis and their impact on training and practice
- Think global, act local in transactional analysis organizations
- Developments in the new routes to TSTA training and qualification

Who is the event for? This trainers' meeting is designed for transactional analysis trainers worldwide. It is also open to people who are attending the Training Endorsement Workshop (TEW) in Santiago. CTAs with an interest in training and supervision are also welcome.

General Assembly: The EATA General Assembly will be held on Sunday 9 July at 12 noon

Venue: The meeting will be held at the Hotel Palacia del Carmen in Santiago de Compostela, a picturesque medieval city in the northwestern region of Gallicia, Spain, that has been declared a Heritage of Mankind site by UNESCO. From the middle ages onward, pilgrims have followed the ancient "camino" that ends at the city's cathedral. The five-star, luxury hotel is beautifully converted from the eighteenth-century Convent of Las Oblatas, which is only a few minutes from the Plaza del Obradoiro and the historic town center. The hotel has a small swimming pool, sauna, and steam room.

Getting there: Santiago de Compostela is easily accessible by air, car, or train as well as by foot on the camino! It has its own airport, and many inexpensive airline companies (e.g., Ryanair) have special offers.

Fee: Free, including reception and cocktail parties with traditional music and refreshments

Booking information: Please complete the form and return it to EATA Secretary Marianne Rauter, EATA, Silvanerweg 8, 78464 Konstanz, Germany; fax: +49-7531-95271; e-mail: EATA@gmx.com .

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Social activities: In addition to the receptions offered by EATA on 6 and 8 July, there will be optional activities, including a guided tour of the historic old town and a coach tour around Gallicia. There are also numerous good restaurants in the area.

Translation: The official language of the event will be English. There will be at least one dedicated translator for French, Italian, German, and Spanish.

For more information: Contact the chair of EATA's PTSC Maria Teresa Tosi at mt.tosi@fastwebnet.it

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- ❑ I will be attending the TEW as a ❑ participant ❑ staff member (a place on the TEW must be confirmed by Mathias Sell, TEW Coordinator) .
- ❑ I am a Council delegate and will attend the meetings 9-11 July.
- ❑ I wish to attend the Council meetings as an observer.
- ❑ I will be staying in the official hotel (Palacio del Carmen) and have booked my room directly with the hotel quoting "EATA."
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- ❑ I wish to apply for one of the EATA bursaries for the hotel Palacio del Carmen.
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PROGRAM

Wednesday 5 July: Arrive (PTSC meeting - 3:00 pm)
Thursday 6 July: 9:00 - 6:00 Trainers' Meeting; 6:00 - Cocktail Hour and Spanish music
Friday 7 July: 9:00 - 4:30 Trainers' Meeting; 5:00 - Meetings for Exams (details to follow)
Saturday 8 July: Exams for CTA and TSTA; 6:00 - Celebration Party
Sunday 9 July to Tuesday 11 July: EATA Council Meetings; Training Endorsement Workshop; 9 July, 12 noon - General Assembly

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The exams in Edinburgh, with a large number of candidates, was an important event in the worldwide transactional analysis community. With mutual recognition of exams among EATA, ITAA, and WPATA, the successful candidates listed below now have certification that is recognized worldwide.

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EXAM CALENDAR

Exam	Exam Adm.	Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
CTA Exam	BOC	Oct. 26, 2005	Nashville, USA	Jul. 26, 2005
	WPATA	Oct. 27, 2005	Perth, W. Australia	Jul. 27, 2005
	BOC	Nov. 12, 2005	Wellington, NZ	Aug. 12, 2005
	COC	Nov. 18, 2005	Hofgeismar, Germany	Aug. 1, 2005
	BOC	Jan. 26, 2006	Chennai, India	Oct. 26, 2005
	BOC	Jul. 26, 2006	Istanbul, Turkey	Apr. 27, 2006
	COC	Nov. 17, 2006	Neustadt/Weinstrasse, Germany	Aug. 1, 2006
	COC	Nov. 16, 2007	Neustadt/Weinstrasse, Germany	Aug. 1, 2007
TSTA Exam	COC	Nov. 16, 2005	Hofgeismar, Germany	May 1, 2005
	BOC	July 26, 2006	Istanbul, Turkey	April 27, 2006
	COC	Nov. 15, 2006	Germany	May 1, 2006
CTA Written	All Regions (Non-Europe)	Your choice	Submit to Regional Exam Coordinator after paying $50 fee to T&C Council	Your choice
TEWs	PTSC	Nov. 19-21, 2005	Kassel, Germany	July 19, 2005
	TSC	Jan. 23-25, 2006	Chennai, India	Oct. 24, 2005
	TSC	Jul. 30-31, 2006	Istanbul, Turkey	April 1, 2006

* COC CTA exam candidates who are doing the COC written case study must submit it no later than six months before the oral exam date. Details/application available from the COC Language Group Coordinators.

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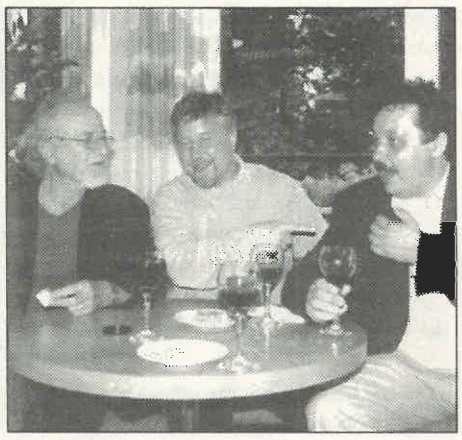
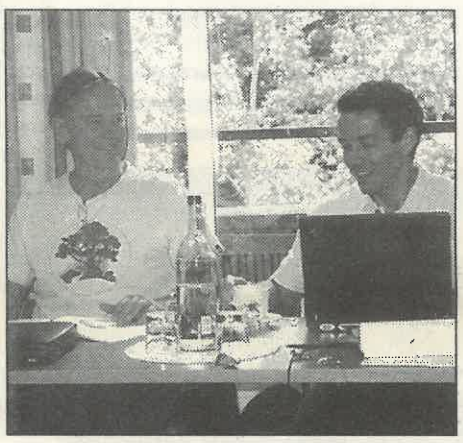
Reflections on Edinburgh



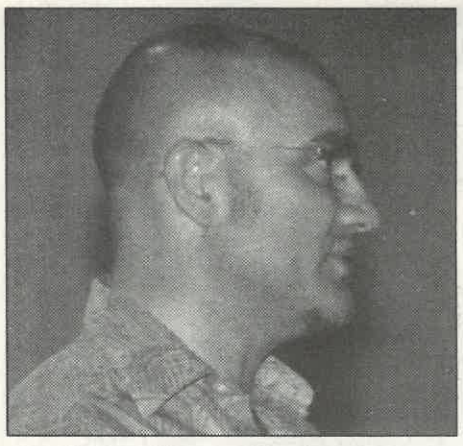
Mario Salvador (Spain) and Marina Banic (Serbia) during break from EATA Council meeting



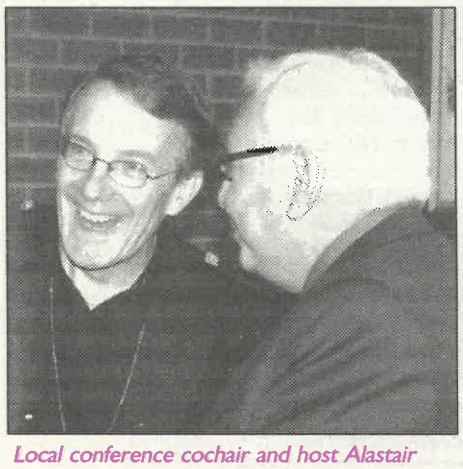
Claude Steiner (USA) (left) with Valentin Furlan (Slovenia) and Dmitri Schustov (Russia)



Servaas van Beekum (Australia) (left) and Gianpiero Petriglieri (Switzerland) at ITAA Board of Trustees meeting in Edinburgh



Pete Shotton (UK), new ITA chair



Local conference cochair and host Alastair Moodie (UK) (left) with ITAA President Jim Allen (USA)

Among the highlights of the conference for me was the large-group event with Frances-Bonds. I was shocked at how difficult it is for us to be present in the here and now, and how panicked I felt at just being myself in a group with so much space. I also appreciated the warm welcome with the Scottish "Auld Lang Syne" as a marker of connecting people.

—Theo van der Heijden, Netherlands

I helped organize the TSTA exams, and it was a great experience. I enjoyed meeting so many people from so many different countries who were friendly, helpful, and generous. The task was challenging: I needed trainees, CTAs and PTSTAs, German, Italian, French, and English speakers, and people representing the four specialities, all of which amounted to about 70 volunteers. I was bought coffee when I looked thirsty, offered help when I needed it, and was able to rely on good-hearted and warm people. I also felt touched by the personal stories people shared with me during the breaks and at lunchtime. Kudos to the people who organized the conference, well done to all those who passed their TSTA exams, and a big thank you to all who helped them pass!

—Carol Lucas, England

Thank goodness I didn't go through London the day of the bombings. I was nervous enough flying from a local airport with modern Internet-booked tickets. I couldn't watch television because every channel had someone talking about what bombs had been placed where. We arrived safely and my luggage followed me on the same aircraft! It was lovely to see the effect of the conference being international, with many more people from overseas. I missed the name-tag green dots that identified first-time attendees, something that helped me to start up conversations when I was new 4 years ago and made me feel welcomed and recognized. The workshops had a big impact on me, and I and others were a little awed to meet the "big names" in transactional analysis. But we found that they were very human and attended workshops, danced, and got nervous just like the rest of us. The highlight of the whole conference for me was Shaboom, the all-women drum band. I remembered being in the big hall 4 years ago and hearing loud cheers for new CTA celebrants and champagne corks popping. Back then I felt too inhibited to dance, but this time as we listened to the band I kicked off my shoes and joined others who were dancing, enjoying my own joyful celebration of the fact that I felt able to do so.

—Teresa Goldfinch, United Kingdom

Edinburgh was an outstanding experience, a great conference, and I enjoyed every hour. It was quite well organized, and I felt welcomed by everyone. Even the weather was perfect!

—Sabine Klingenberg, Germany

I thoroughly enjoyed the conference. Since my husband, Robert, and I had been through London and on the underground trains just a couple of days before the subway bombing, the conference seemed bracketed for me by that and by their "opposite": those beautiful banners in Edinburgh asking that we end poverty now. I am aware there was some violence in Edinburgh as well and that the G8 is not so interested in ending poverty immediately. However, it is good to know that many people care. Being among so many people who have positive ways of relating to each other, a number of whom are actively addressing the world's ills, is restorative and engenders hope.

—Sharon Massey, United States

I really enjoyed the conference, not only the scientific content (which I found very interesting) but also meeting so many wonderful people and sharing great moments with others who are so different from me. The first night there was a party, and we were dancing and I was having a very good time. Then an old man stepped in the dance floor and danced and everyone was looking at him. Suddenly I saw his name tag and thought, "Oh, my God! It's Claude Steiner!" It was really great that we were all together there and all peers .

—Radu Gheorghe, Romania

When I was about 4 years old living on a farm on the high plains of Texas, I asked my mother what we were, and she said, "I don't know, Scotch-Irish I guess, and English." The Edinburgh Conference encouraged me for the first time to experience Scotland firsthand. I spent several days exploring Edinburgh before the conference, and I was favorably impressed with what I learned. As for the conference itself, the presentations, workshops, and plenary sessions were interesting and stimulating, and I made new friends from several countries by participating. Although the physical layout of the Conference Center was somewhat challenging, the flow of events worked like clockwork, primarily, it seems to me, because of the planning and design of the spiral-bound program booklet. Whoever produced that booklet did a great job. In many ways, however, Heriot-Watt was the best university conference center I have experienced. It had everything you might want in one facility: good rooms, a good cafeteria and restaurant, a bar, a bank, and a mini-mart with an excellent staff throughout. A line written by Robert Burns lodged in my brain during high school, "Oh wad some gift the giftie gie us, to see oursels as ithers see us." Transactional analysis has been such a gift, and the transactional analysts of Scotland have kept the gift alive. Thanks to all of you at the conference with whom I personally transacted.

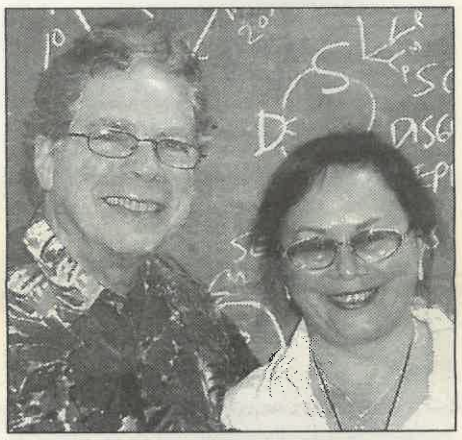
—Richard John Stapleton, USA



Charlotte Sills (UK), outgoing chair of EATA's PTSC



TSTA Exam supervisor Ian Stewart (UK) opens the exam celebration that evening



Steve Karpman (USA) and Natasha Bondareva (Russia)

MY TA WORLD

To travel there was a nightmare
It was more than I could bear
I am a histrionic, according to Ware
But look at my face, do I care?

A celebration shared by many nations
A place to share our passions
Good thing I'm not antisocial
Cos I met some lovely people.

We did dance, we did learn
And did workshops about Berne.
There were group hugs and strokes
From "more comfortable frogs" with happy croaks!

My inner Child was indeed tickled
To see that I was pickled.
I then sang karoake and shocked my CP
Some cruelly said that I should see my GP(!)

As I draw to a close
My world conference prose
I leave for you a lesson.
This constant need to analyze
Although most times a blessing,
may hurt and PARALYZE!

—Beena Bhanu, United Kingdom