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The Joys of Transactional Analysis Conferences

by Rosemary Napper

Do you remember imagining your first transactional analysis conference? It is time to think about booking flights to get a good deal for the 11-15 August ITAA Conference in Montreal—maybe adding on some holiday time to celebrate 100 years since the birth of the man who became Eric Berne and who initiated transactional analysis.

Even if you have been to transactional analysis conferences in the past, it is impossible to imagine how you will experience this particular one. And if you have never been to a TA conference, then you may have many wonderings. I recently asked some transactional analysis learners at the end of their first year of training what they wanted to know about such conferences, and their questions reveal much:

- How do you stay OK when you and hundreds of others in the same room are aware of everything going on from a TA perspective?
- Are you all secretly analyzing each other all the time while pretending to have a normal conversation?
- Why don't you all spontaneously burst into flames and end up as a cloud of smoke with the heat of all your thought processes sparking off each other?

I have been to many conferences in my time, including a variety of transactional analysis events, and one of the things that marks out



Montreal from the air

ITAA conference is the general willingness to hold an OK-OK perspective across individual and international divides. I have found ITAA conferences particularly enjoyable. These are the reasons I choose to go to them.

The mix of people attending is always a delight—from those who have not yet learned any transactional analysis to some of the "names" who have established key theoretical concepts, and every level of learning in between. There are usually all ages present, from infants to people in their nineties, and I know already both are booked for Montreal. Often there is financial support for some individuals to attend: The ITAA has the TAlent system, some transactional analysis associations have scholarship funds, national and international educational endowments may be able to provide some support, and this year the ITAA is asking members with air miles to spare to partner a person who needs help traveling to Canada. This broad attendance really gives me a sense of the universality of transactional analysis

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Call for ITAA Nominations

The following positions are open for nominations. ***Deadline: 31 May 2010.***

Officers *(nominations allowed from any region and elected at large by all ITAA voting members)*
Vice President of Internet (2011-2013)

Regional Trustee *(nomination and election only by members of the region)*
Europe (2011-2013)

Nominations require the name and consent signature of the nominee (it may be yourself), the name of the person making the nomination, and the name of the person seconding the nomination. To be eligible for nomination, trustees may not have already served two consecutive terms of office in any position on the board. Position statements (charters) that describe the function and selection criteria for each of the officer positions are available from the ITAA office or in the Guidelines (part of the official documentation) on the ITAA website at www.itaa-net.org . Nominees are encouraged to read and understand these before accepting nomination. Send nominations to ITAA Secretary Steff Oates at steff@xxist.com .

Those who accept nomination to the above positions must email a written statement and digital photo to the secretary as soon as possible and no later than the 31 May deadline. Statements should be a maximum of 250 words.

Election Procedures: As per the ITAA bylaws (revised 1996), if there is no more than one candidate per position, there will be no ballot, and the results of the election will be announced in *The Script* newsletter. Unopposed candidates will take up their positions following the membership meeting in August 2010. If there is more than one nominee for a position, a ballot will be mailed to all voting members within 60 days of the close of nominations. The deadline for return of ballots is 60 days from the date of mailing. The results of the election will be announced to the candidates within 30 days after the election results are determined and to the voting membership as soon as practical thereafter. The winning candidate(s) will take up his or her (their) position(s) on 1 January 2011.

Breaking News: The board has appointed Günther Mohr as vice president of development for the exisitng term through 2011.

Are We Ready to Take TA to Its Rightful Place?

by C. Suriyaprakash

As I take office as ITAA Vice President of Research and Innovation, I am pleased to do so at this point in time because there are lots of ideas around for research (Cornell, 2009; Widdowson, 2009) in transactional analysis. My mission will be to consolidate these ideas and convert them into action.

Current Scenario

Research Resource: Thanks to the efforts of my predecessor, Moniek Thunnissen, the *Transactional Analysis Journal* (*TAJ*) articles are now available on leading online research databases, including EBSCO and ProQuest. They have also been available on Psycinfo for some time. This is a major milestone in the spread of scientific transactional analysis to the portals of universities and research institutions. All major universities in the world subscribe to one or more of these databases, so researchers and students who are interested in transactional analysis will now be able to access *TAJ* articles with the click of a button. As a research scholar myself, I struggled without such access just a few years ago. For more information on these online databases, please visit www.ebscohost.com, www.proquest.com, or www.apa.org/pubs/databases/psycinfo/index. spx .

Publications: The *TAJ* is the single most valuable and consistent service we provide to our members. The editorial team—led by coeditors Bill Cornell, Birgitta Heiller, and Ann Heathcote (now replaced by Jo Stuthridge so Ann can pursue her doctoral studies), and managing editor Robin Fryer—have been doing a terrific job of maintaining the high standards of this, the primary peer-reviewed journal in transactional analysis. Our newsletter, *The Script*, has been the major medium of communication among members and between members and the ITAA, including the board of trustees (BOT). We continue searching for ways to get *The Script* to members in a timely fashion and are exploring options for making it available electronically. We also hope our new website will be a major source of access to *The Script*. Closely associated to this issue is the debate about whether to make *TAJ* articles freely available online. These are issues continuously debated by the board in order to arrive at a win-win outcome for all stakeholders.

Eric Berne Memorial Award: The Eric Berne Memorial Award (EBMA) is the most



prestigious award in transactional analysis. The members of the EBMA committee have been working above and beyond the call of duty to maintain the dignity and credibility of this award. We look forward to more deserving candidates in the years to come, especially with 2010 being the centennial year of Berne's birth. I am pleased to welcome Moniek Thunnissen of Netherlands to the EBMA committee for a term of five years. Special thanks to ITAA office manager Ken Fogleman for his help in managing the award process.

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and that the hundreds of people present are curious, unique human beings, all with a common interest in transactional analysis.

There are usually many countries represented from all continents (other than Antarctica!). What quickly becomes apparent is how these different cultures shape central transactional analysis concepts and so bring about nuances and differences in theoretical understanding. For example, the emphasis from India on "we" instead of "I" highlights a constructivist perspective; from Germany the strength of the development of organizational transactional analysis creates significant new theoretical ideas within a systemic framework; from New Zealand (since the nineteenth century, the home of the English-language short story) there is an emphasis on narrative; dependency in individual and collective women in Mexico has sparked investigation into transgenerational scripting; and from Brazil we find an interest in how power plays out and what interventions can be made. These thought processes spark off each other and create warm embers of potential ideas rather than explosions, and I come away each time feeling enriched.

"One of the things that marks out ITAA conference is the general willingness to hold an OK-OK perspective across individual and international divides."

Encounters between individuals at conferences can create lifelong friendships, which with email and Skype can continue easily across our current world. Such long-established international connection is what makes transactional analysis unique among psychologies. It can provide us with personal experience about difference that can transcend boundaries of class, culture, language, religion, and so on, thus underpinning what is common to humanity and what it really means to consider realistically "I'm OK, You're OK, and They're OK." Maybe some people do analyze one another while pastiming, but my experience is that often the possibility of personal and/or professional intimacy bypasses the desire to analyze or to play the backbiting games so common in conference politicking.

A range of practitioners usually attends transactional analysis conference. In Montreal this will be emphasized with three symposia, or miniconferences, one each for organizational development specialists, educators, and counselors and psychotherapists. Nonetheless, one of the benefits of the ITAA community, in my experience, is the dissolving of field frontiers in collectively considering the commonality among transactional analysts while being curious about how people practice in their contexts.

And last, but not least, ITAA conferences are a lot of fun! I hope you will make your plans now and join us in Montreal for what promises to be a very special transactional analysis conference.

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Make Sure ITAA Has Your Correct Email

Remember, electronic voting has been approved. To make sure the ITAA office has your current email, contact Ken Fogleman at ken@itaa-net.org . A vote is planned for the near future as a result of a board of trustees motion.

Are We Ready?

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EATA's Research Journal: I am pleased to hear about the initiative by EATA to launch a new research journal. While some might see it as competition for the *TAJ*, I see it as an opportunity for collaboration between the ITAA and EATA. After all, competition is not all that bad! Markets around the world have witnessed improved productivity, new innovations, and reduced costs as a result of competition. I see a huge opportunity for the growth of transactional analysis when people have more than one source of literature for our theory. Especially when there is an impetus for research in transactional analysis, we need to welcome it wholeheartedly.

Future Focus

I think now is the time for us to take the next big leap into the frontier of research in transactional analysis. I am aware of several doctoral dissertations in transactional analysis that were done in the 1970s in the United States and many research articles in the *TAJ* during that time. But I still do not understand why this trend came to a sudden halt in the 1980s and such publications are virtually nonexistent in the current literature. While research and development of theory in transactional analysis flourished in Europe, it declined to almost nothing in the United States over the last couple of decades and is yet to catch up in the rest of the world. Our challenge now and in the future is to reverse this trend and usher in a spurt of research in transactional analysis all over the world.

"The future of the ITAA depends on the future of transactional analysis. The future of transactional analysis rests on the bedrock of research."

The future of the ITAA depends on the future of transactional analysis. The future of transactional analysis rests on the bedrock of research. ITAA's growth lies in how successfully we are able to facilitate the growth of transactional analysis, principally outside of Europe. History provides testimony to the fact that this is possible only through extensive research on the basic tenets, concepts, and models of transactional analysis and also its applications. The success of transactional analysis in Europe and the widespread success of other psychological modalities, such as cognitive-behavioral therapy and neurolinguistic programming, suggest the need for research in these times. This is relevant not only in the clinical field but in the developmental fields as well. In fact, there is more scope for application research in the developmental fields given the research methodologies available to date.

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I agree with Cornell (2009) that the so-called "evidence-based" research demanded in recent times is not suitable or beneficial to the development of transactional analysis. We may have to explore newer process-based research techniques in order to study the complexity of concepts like ego states. I wish to constitute task groups in each field of transactional analysis (psychotherapy, counseling, education, organizations) to generate ideas and strategies to make this possible. The terms of reference for these task groups will be to generate ideas and design systems to undertake specific research projects in transactional analysis and also to identify innovative means to promote TA among the schools and universities in and through these fields. We will need to find innovative means to fund these initiatives.

We need volunteer participation from members for several tasks I have set out for the research and innovation division during the next 3 years.

1. **Common Nomenclature for Transactional Analysis Terminology.** We will need to develop a common terminology/nomenclature for transactional analysis theory. Lack of one such system creates confusion not only among lay people but even among experts. Are we ready to agree on one?
2. **Research in Psychotherapy, Counseling, Education, and Organizations.** We need to bring together researchers at various levels (individual, institutional, basic, applied, etc.) who are interested in studying the theory and application of transactional analysis. Thunnissen's (2009) initiative to develop a research newsletter is worth pursuing. In due course, this could take the form of a research foundation under the aegis of the ITAA. Are we ready for this consolidation?
3. **Spread Transactional Analysis in Academia.** We need a mechanism for cataloging and disseminating information about TA-based research that is still undertaken in certain regions (e.g., Latin America, Europe, United Kingdom), one that would inspire research initiatives in other research-starved regions. We need to publish transactional analysis research papers in reputable non-TA journals. We need to get transactional analysis included in the major textbooks for university courses in psychology, psychotherapy, counseling, education, and business. What do we do to make this possible? How do we go about establishing systems to manage this? How do we fund these initiatives? Are we ready to leave the ivory tower we are sitting in and plunge into the depths of "mainstream" academia and professions?

This may sound like a wish list. If we want to see transactional analysis gain its rightful place, we need to kick-start these initiatives. Please write to me about how you would like to be involved. Which of the tasks I've mentioned here excites you? If you are a researcher in transactional analysis, how would you expect the ITAA to support you? Do you have an idea for how to promote research and innovation in transactional analysis? What should we do to include/increase the scope of transactional analysis in your local university system? Do you know of anyone who would be willing to fund research in transactional analysis? Do you agree with the strategies outlined here? If you disagree with what I have said, what do you think otherwise?

Are we ready to take transactional analysis to its rightful place? I am. Can we take it to its rightful place? When we bring our energies together, I'm sure we can!

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New Editors for *Script* and *TAJ*

With the new year come some important changes for ITAA's publications.

We are pleased to welcome Jo Stuthridge as the newest coeditor of the *Transactional Analysis Journal* following the resignation of Ann Heathcote, who is leaving to pursue her doctoral studies.

We are also happy to report that Laurie Hawkes has agreed to become the new editor for *The Script* after long-time editor Bill Cornell announced he wished to leave in order to free up more time for his own writing.

We will be publishing more about these changes in the March *Script*. Meanwhile, please join us in welcoming Jo and Laurie on board and thanking Ann and Bill for their many years of service to the organization and our readers.

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The ITAA website provides comprehensive information about every aspect of the ITAA. If you want your website linked from the ITAA site, please forward the site address (URL) to webmaster@itaa-net.org . Please also forward any suggestions, feedback, and information for upcoming events.

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Eric Berne Centenary Conference

Transactional Analysis in Action

11-15 August 2010

WELCOME!

From ITAA President Rosemary Napper



Join me and many others from around the world to explore the richness of our heritage—including the legacy left us by Eric Berne and his genius in originating transactional analysis as well as the ways this shapes and enhances our "actions" in every moment. For me, the application of transactional analysis to the process of working both one-on-one and with groups is the gift of transactional analysis—which we give as coaches, consultants, or team builders, as mentors, supervisors, counselors, or psychotherapists, as facilitators, educators, or learners, as parents, children, or siblings, as members of a particular culture and as citizens in our twenty-first-century world. This conference will invite you to be active and to bring your vitality to both workshops and other events, including the world café, where we will consider and perhaps formulate the future of the ITAA. There will be plenty of opportunities to be active socially in a beautiful city, to be intellectually active among others fascinated by the theories and practices of transactional analysis, and to be emotionally active through our engagement with one another. So, take action and register for the conference now at http://www.itaa-net.org .

From ITAA Conference Chair John Heath



This is a milestone year in the transactional analysis calendar. It is a hundred years since Eric Berne was born in Montreal. It is a fitting tribute to him and his legacy that we should gather the transactional analysis community from all corners of the world in the city of his birth to celebrate what he began and what we have all achieved with it. The organizing committee is working tirelessly to make this conference an exciting opportunity for looking back, taking stock, and then moving forward in the spirit of our theme of "Transactional Analysis in Action." All we need now is you and your participation and enthusiasm. The warmest of OK welcomes awaits you.

The Eric Berne Family presents:

The Life and Times of Eric Berne

Slide presentation ■ Family Members in Conversation ■ Self-guided tour of Eric's homes, schools, and other places of interest



Thursday, 12 August

Eric Berne's children—Janice McGee, Terry and Rick Berne, and Robin Way (as well as other family members)—will meet with you and share details about their father's life. Join us for tea at 4 pm followed by a presentation from 4:30 to 5:30. You may then participate in the self-guided tour (either in small groups or on your own) to visit sites in Montreal that were important to Berne when he lived there. We hope you will join us!

—Carol Solomon, Moderator

World Café

What can the ITAA uniquely do that the world of tomorrow needs? The World Café will be a facilitated opportunity to explore how our organization can survive and thrive in a world that has changed enormously in the past 45 years. Your participation will be vital in helping us create directions for the future and informing the ITAA Board of Trustees about the potential we could create together. A variety of scenarios for the future of the ITAA will be presented for small group discussion, and there will be space to add your fresh ideas.

Celebrating 50 Years of Transactional Analysis Certification


The International Transactional Analysis Association

Certificate of Teaching Membership

Is presented To

Eric Berne, M.D.

Having fulfilled all the requirements of the Association for this advanced class of membership.

on March 25, 1960 at San Francisco, Calif.

PRESIDENT — CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We are celebrating a second milestone in Montreal: It is 50 years since the first certificate of competence in transactional analysis was awarded, in 1960, to Eric himself. This paved the way to the professionalism and high standards we have come to expect of transactional analysis. The Training & Certification Council is planning to celebrate this milestone, and it will be a great opportunity for all of us to refresh our thinking about training and certification as a quality mark for transactional analysis! If you are considering taking your CTA or TSTA exam soon, come to Montreal—you'll have an extra special experience! (See page 7 for an urgent call for examiners.)

Exams and TEW

TSTA and CTA exams will be held 10-11 August just prior to the start of the Montreal Conference. TSTA exams will begin early on Tuesday evening and continue on Wednesday; CTA exams will all be on Wednesday. This conference is already proving to be a popular exam site, and we will need examiners as well as supervisees and audience members for the TSTA exams. Please contact Lorna Johnston at lornajj@telus.net if you will be available to help. There will be a trainers' meeting on Monday afternoon 9 August and an examiner training event on Tuesday before the candidate and examiner briefings. (For more information, please see page 7 of this *Script*.) A Training Endorsement Workshop (TEW) will held from Sunday to Tuesday 15-17 August; for details, contact TEW coordinator Elana Leigh at info@acis-online.com .

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Schedule

Sunday 8 August	TACC Meeting
Monday 9 August	T&CC Meeting (morning) Trainers' Meeting (afternoon) Two-day Institutes Begin One-day Writers' Workshop
Tuesday 10 August	Two-day Institutes Finish TA 101 Begins Examiner Training Examiner/Candidate briefings TSTA Theory Exams (evening)
Wednesday 11 August	TA 101 Finishes CTA Exams TSTA Exams Board of Trustees Lunch Opening Ceremonies Exam Celebration
Thursday 12 August	Welcome, First-nation Speaker Keynote (Joines/Stewart) Workshops Berne Family Conversation
Friday 13 August	Keynote (Newton) Symposia: Clinical/counseling, organizational, educational
Saturday 14 August	Keynote (Allen) World Café ITAA Membership Meeting Workshops Keynote (Petriglieri) Gala dinner
Sunday 15 August	Community Workshop and Closing Ceremony TEW Starts (evening)
Monday, Tuesday 16, 17 August	Board of Trustees Meeting TEW Continues

PROGRAM

Preconference Institutes

Two-day: 9-10 August

Charlotte Sills and Jo Stuthridge
"Two Sides of the Story"




This experiential workshop will draw on relational perspectives of transactional analysis psychotherapy from two sides of the world. A relational approach to therapy assumes there are two people, two scripts, and two sides to the story in a psychotherapy process, and out of their meeting, many meanings are discovered or created. What does being a relational therapist mean in the consulting room? *Charlotte Sills, MSc, TSTA, UKCP registered; visiting professor at Middlesex University; private practice, West London; Metanoia Institute; Ashridge College, UK. Jo Stuthridge, MSc, TSTA, MNZAP, psychotherapist, supervisor, and trainer in a private group practice in Dunedin, New Zealand.*

Bernd Schmid
"The Role Concept of TA and Other Approaches to Personality, Encounter, and Cocreativity in Nonclinical Fields"



This workshop will consider TA in nonclinical fields and concepts Bernd has developed, including the role concept of TA (EBMA winner 2007), breaking through the dilemma circle (European Scientific Award of EATA, 1988), tuning into background levels of communication and communication models for the organizational field, inspiring background images and the use of the "theater metaphor" in professional coaching, the Toblerone Model of Competence for TA, and intuition of the possible and transactional creations of reality. *Bernd Schmid, Dr. Phil., TSTA, founder/head of Institut für systemische Beratung, Wiesloch, Germany, cofounder/chair of the German coaching organization, university lecturer, author of many books, articles, and audiodocuments.*

Jean Illsely Clark
"How Do I Learn? How Do You Learn? How Do They Learn?"



Hone leadership skills and update teaching methods while identifying ways to be more effective in inviting people to learn. Consider how brain development at your life stage interacts with the stage of the people you influence. Think about the role of wisdom in learning and teaching and explore ways to deal with sensitive subjects. Identify how playing games and storytelling influence learning, and bypass some blocks to learning as you play Carole Gesme's games and consider how stories teach. Bring an example of or a story about one of your favorite ways of learning or teaching. *Jean Illsley Clarke, TSTA, lifelong learner, teacher for 50+ years, workshop leader, author, designs/tests curricula, EBMA winner for applied TA in parent education.*

Lewis Mehl-Madrona
"Culture, Body, Mind, and Story: Indigenous Wisdom Meets the Postmodern World"



This workshop will look at indigenous ideas of self and body and ways to put them into practice. Participants will experience an aboriginal ceremony so as to experience the different notion of embodiment that ceremony within these contexts call forth. They will explore indigenous concepts of the role of story in illness, how we can make meaning of illness, and how we heal illness through changing the stories that live through us and those in which we participate. The group will explore how to change stories for therapeutic purposes and how to use creative arts and ceremonial approaches to facilitate that change, including art, dance, movement, ritual, and writing. *Lewis Mehl-Madrona, MD, PhD, MPhil, director of the psychopharmacology program, Argosy University Hawai'i, associate professor of psychology; adjunct professor of anthropology, Johnson State College, Vermont; education director for the Coyote Institute for Studies of Change and Transformation; author of numerous books.*

Mary Goodman and Patricia North
"Logosynthesis Live"




Logosynthesis™, an integrated approach for guided change developed by Willem Lammers, is readily applied in coaching, counseling, and psychotherapy. Rooted in TA and drawing from various psychological and energetic approaches to guided change, Logosynthesis™ comprises a model/method that enables us to reduce suffering and reconnect to our true being. Participants will experience the method by working on personal issues in a small group with an experienced trainer and can then discuss their observations and the theoretical, methodological, and strategic aspects of applying the model. *Mary Goodman, PhD, PTSTA, private clinical practice, Halifax, Canada; teacher of TA, Logosynthesis™, and focusing. Patricia North, MEd, certified/experienced Logosynthesis™ trainer/supervisor; TA-trained psychotherapist; private practice in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada; managing director of the Logosynthesis™ Training Group.*

KEYNOTES




Vann Joines & Ian Stewart
"TA Tomorrow"

Where will transactional analysis go in the next 50+ year? Ian and Vann will consider the possible futures of our discipline.



Trudi Newton
"TA Now: What's on Offer? Contributions Across the Fields."

Transactional analysis is a gift, not a commodity. By sharing this gift, we multiply its transformational power in all fields.



Jim Allen
"Making Meaning in Community"

Can we have unity and diversity as a professional community? From a neuroconstructivist perspective, Jim will reflect on constructing meaning together.



Gianpiero Petriglieri
"Respected Marginality"

TA practitioners often occupy the margins of better known, more established professional groups. Gianpiero will reflect on opportunities afforded by this potentially innovative position.

One-day: 9 August

Bill Cornell and Laurie Hawkes
"Beyond the First Draft: Writing for Professional Journals"




Professional writing often starts with an argument with oneself or a challenge to some other author(s) or school of thought. We commonly call this phase "the first draft." This workshop will carry participants beyond the first draft. A successful article moves from argument and questioning to engagement, challenge, exploration, and invitation to dialogue. We will work together with one another's manuscripts in dyads and as a group, addressing such questions as: What interferes with the clarity of my writing? What am I working through for myself in undertaking this piece of writing? Participants must bring the manuscript of a work in progress. *Bill Cornell, MA, TSTA, outgoing* Script *editor, coeditor of the* Transactional Analysis Journal, *widely published author, independent private practitioner of therapy/consultation/training in Pittsburgh, PA, leads training groups in Europe. Laurie Hawkes, MA, TTA, private psychotherapy practice, Paris, partner/trainer at the Paris school of TA, taught at the university Paris VIII, incoming editor of* The Script, TAJ *editorial board member, author of several articles and four books about TA.*

TA 101

Two-day: 10-11 August

Vince Gilpin



This two-day intense, applied TA 101 will focus on the core concepts in transactional analysis. It will be run by Canadian Vince Gilpin and offered at a significantly reduced rate: $101 for 12 hours of active instruction using handouts, demonstrations, media clips, lecture, and personal and group reflections. Participants will leave with a solid, accurate understanding of TA concepts, which will deepen their understanding of the conference workshops they may attend. This workshop is open to all adults, regardless of background, career focus, or attendance at the conference.

Community Workshop and Closing Ceremony

Sunday 15 August 10 am - 1 pm

"Finding and Living Stories of Resilience"

Lewis Mehl-Madrona

The aim of this plenary workshop is to help us build resilience as individuals and in our professional community. Lewis will speak about the failures and shortcomings of technical medicine and its parallels in psychological intervention. He will include some experiential processes and lead us into a ceremony to close our conference. Lewis's key ideas are closely allied to the TA concept of script and build on the default condition of our brain to create a story of a historical, continuous self. Resilience can be part of the story, and we can learn how to live in ways that promote resilience. We do that best through learning stories about others who demonstrate resilience and applying these stories to ourselves. Ceremony consists of a complex mixture of stories about how change can happen suddenly and irreversibly. Through participation in ceremony, we participate in stories whose enactment leads us to sudden change and transformation. Coming from indigenous origins, Lewis has been interested all his life in the contribution that his first-nation culture can make to mainstream society. He comes from a culture with particular understandings of healing, transformation, and the power of story. He studied medicine at Stanford University and specialized in family medicine and psychiatry in Vermont. He is director of the psychopharmacology program at Argosy University Hawai'i, where he is also associate professor of psychology. Lewis is adjunct professor of anthropology at Johnson State College, Vermont, and director of the Coyote Institute for Studies in Change and Transformation, also in Vermont. He is the author of several books, including *Narrative Medicine* and the soon to be released *Narrative Psychiatry: Healing Mind and Brain in a Social World*. (See www.mehl-madrona.com)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Opening Ceremony

The conference will officially open on Wednesday 11 August at 5:15 pm with a celebration of successful examinees, an acknowledgment of the 50th anniversary of certification in transactional analysis, and the celebration of the centenary of Eric Berne's birth. There will be welcoming speeches, drinks, and a jazz band, a proper and fitting party to honor Berne and TA certification.

Gala Dinner

The conference gala dinner will be a unique celebration in transactional analysis history. It will serve as a cornerstone from where the old meets with the new, a celebration of our rich tradition, and a welcome to our future. Come and raise your glass to some of the countless achievements our community has contributed to the world, eat good food in the company of friends and colleagues, enjoy the warmth of French Canadian hospitality, and experience the talent of local performers.

Montreal

An international destination of choice, the downtown is only 20 minutes from the airport. Visitors will find this compact island city great for walking, and can easily—and safely—explore its vibrant neighborhoods on foot, at any time of the day or night. Montreal is also multicultural, boasting more than 80 ethnic communities, and enjoys an outstanding reputation worldwide for gourmet dining. Public transit is a great way to get around the city. Quick, safe, and clean, the metro connects downtown to major tourist attractions as well as to numerous bus stops and train stations. In addition, cycling enthusiasts enjoy 350 kilometers of bicycle paths, many of which lead to major tourist areas.

Nighttime in Montreal offers something for everyone. Le Plateau Mont-Royal is the trendiest area in what many feel is the hippest neighborhood in Canada; it has every kind of bar to suit any style. The Latin Quarter is known for its laid-back attitude and francophone influence. There are many bars specializing in locally brewed beers and lots of clubs catering to international flavor. During the summer months, this area hosts a large jazz festival. The Village is where you will find great bars and restaurants.



Majestically rising up in the middle of the city, Mount Royal is a symbol of Montreal's heritage and geography. A four-season playground, it is considered the "lungs of the city"—green, clean, and refreshing. The urban wildlife is abundant, and there are a host of recreational pursuits. Every Sunday, tribal drummers meet for a spontaneous, peaceful celebration of life, love, and friendship.

Stroll, bicycle, or take a horse-drawn carriage through the narrow cobblestone streets of Montreal's famous Parisian-style historic district, filled with cultural landmarks, museums, boutiques, sidewalk cafés, and restaurants. The Old Port was the hub of the Canadian shipping industry but now offers many places to walk, bike, or shop. In the summer, streets are crowded with artists and musicians who bring even more color to this beautiful area.



The food culture in Montreal is unique. You can eat well at reasonable prices anywhere in town. Good food is very accessible, and the quality of local produce is outstanding. Montreal has the great French cooking heritage but with a laid-back spin on it. You must try the famous French Canadian "poutine," Schwartz's internationally renowned smoked meat sandwich, and beaver tails in old Montreal!

Day-long Symposia to Focus on Three Transactional Ananysis Fields

Three symposia will run concurrently on Friday, 13 August. The day will begin with a keynote speech by Trudi Newton for the whole conference, after which participants will choose which of the three symposia they wish to attend for the rest of the day. The symposia will begin with an address, then break into workshop/discussions, and end with a plenary.

Clinical: "Life Scripts"

This symposium is for all clinical and counseling transactional analysts. It will begin with an introduction by Richard Erskine entitled "Life Scripts: Definitions and Points of View" followed by a keynote by Bill Cornell entitled "Extra-familial Influences in Script Formation." Another keynote by Birgitta Heiller is entitled "When TA Script Theory Meets Real Life." Following will be a roundtable discussion moderated by Richard Erskine and including Jim Allen, Bill Cornell, Fanita English, Birgitta Heiller, Gloria Noriega, Rosemary Napper, Charlotte Sills, and Ian Stewart. They will discuss the concepts that each has written about in a new book called *Life Scripts* (Karnac, 2010). The afternoon will offer six workshops: Bill Cornell on "Script Protocol, the Transference/Countertransference, and Enactment"; Fanita English on "Script Development and Episcripts"; Richard Erskine on "Life Scripts: Unconscious Relational Patterns and Psychotherapeutic Involvement"; Birgitta Heiller and Charlotte Sills on "Life Scripts: An Existential Perspective"; Gloria Noriega on "Transgenerational Scripts in Action"; and Ian Stewart on "Closing Escape Hatches: Myth or Master Move?"

Education: "Cultivation, Growth, and Learning"

The educational symposium, led by Giles Barrow, will provide educational transactional analysis practitioners with opportunities to share and celebrate success in the field, identify emerging ideas and theory to enrich practice, appreciate the heritage and future possibilities for the education field, and enjoy the community of educational interest. The symposium is designed by educators and for educators, and among the contributors will be Jean Illsley Clarke, Trudi Newton, Karen Pratt, Evelynne Papaux, Tomoko Abe, and Sashi Chandran. The day will include presentation, group discussions, and the telling of stories about learning.

Organizational: "Cocreative Organizational Change"

The organizational symposium, led by Sari van Poelje, will offer an opportunity to gain new perspective on Berne's organizational theory; attend workshops on boundaries, leadership, and group development and dynamics; enjoy the presentations of an international group of leading TSTAs; and enjoy interaction with other organizational transactional analysis practitioners. Workshop leaders include Nelly Micholt and Günther Mohr on "Boundaries and Structures," Lucy Freedman and Jacques Moreau on "Imago and Group Development," Sandra Wilson and Sari van Poelje on "Dysfunctional Boundaries and Dynamics," and Valerie Redman and Lorna Johnston on "Leadership and Membership." The symposium will also include the launching of a new book on contemporary organizational theory and practice in organizations.

Surroundings and Festivals

During August there is an outdoor blues festival, a hot-air balloon festival, fireworks displays, a Little Italy festival, and more. You can travel farther northwest to go whale watching, visit the eastern township with its wine route and fine restaurants, or go west and see the capital with its imposing old government buildings and interesting museums. If you fancy a trip into the wilderness, there will be help provided to organize such adventures.

Important Information

VOLUNTEER places will be made available subject to need and at the discretion of the conference committee. For details contact John Heath at jheath.highgate@virgin.net or by phone at +44 1539 723356 (answering machine—please leave your question slowly and clearly with your contact information)

TALENT rates are for participants from Latin America, Eastern Europe, India, and Africa.

STUDENT rates are offered for full-time students (i.e., someone in a full-time unpaid course of study). This does not include TA trainees.

CONFERENCE FEES include morning and afternoon tea and conference kit. Conference kits cannot be guaranteed for onsite registrants.

LUNCH will be available at the hotel at an extra cost. There are also other lunch options close to the conference venue.



REGISTRATION

Hotel Accommodations

The conference will be held at the beautiful Hotel Delta Centre-Ville, located on Université Street in the heart of the city, where Old Montreal and new Montreal blend seamlessly. The hotel is adjacent to the shops, boutiques, and galleries of Old Montreal—right near major attractions, festivals, and Montreal's vibrant nightlife. Discover the Old city and the harbor, shopping, eclectic cuisine, art galleries, and unique architecture nearby. The Delta is connected to the underground city, the subway as well as the Convention Center, and close to the Bell Centre and the Montréal Casino.



RESERVATIONS: All prices given here are conference rates in Canadian dollars (CAD) and do not include taxes, fees, and gratuities. Conference rates are good from 8-17 August 2010 and will be available until 9 July 2010. To make reservations, contact the hotel directly using the hyperlinks given for each room type below. Or, contact the hotel at Delta Centre-Ville, 777 rue University, Montreal, Quebec H3C 3Z7, Canada; phone: toll free reservations 1-888-890-3222 (when booking by phone, please quote block code 000810T) or regular 514-879-1370; fax: 514-879-1831; http://www.deltacentreville.com/000810t . Conditions/restrictions may apply. Subject to availability.

Delta Rooms (without breakfast): 165 CAD + tax/fees (single or double, with either one bed or two double beds). Additional $20 per person per night up to four people maximum. Go to www.deltacentreville.com/000810i .

Delta Bed & Breakfast Rooms (with breakfast): 185 CAD + tax/fees (single), 205 CAD + tax/fees (double), 245 CAD + tax/fees (triple), 285 CAD + tax/fees (quadruple). www.deltacentreville.com/000810t .



Club Signature Floor: 215 CAD + tax/fees (single or double). Additional 40 CAD + tax/fees per person per night up to four people maximum. Signature Club guestrooms include complimentary high-speed Internet, cozy goose-down duvet, deluxe bathrobe, cordless phone, I-Pod radio, evening turndown service, twice daily housekeeping service, bottled water, and access to the Signature Club Lounge. The Club Lounge is located on the top floor of the hotel, offering a panoramic view of the city, complimentary deluxe continental breakfast, fresh fruit and coffee available all day, access to a computer and printer, private concierge service, a selection of newspapers and magazines, cocktail hour with honor bar, and much more. To reserve the Club Signature Floor, go to www.deltacentreville.com/000810i .

Internet access: Wi-Fi is available at no extra cost in all rooms as well as in the business center and in the lobby.

No charge for children through age 18 who share with their parents.

Call for Workshop Proposals

We welcome workshops from all fields addressing the conference theme of "Transactional Analysis in Action." We already have a rich day of symposium workshops covering the four fields planned for Friday 13 August but are still looking for proposals from all fields for workshop slots on Thursday 12 August and Saturday 14 August. For more information and/or to submit a proposal, go to the ITAA website at www.itaa-net.org/MontrealConference/MontrealCallForProposals.htm .



Special thanks to Fliss Watts for her help with the logo; www.watermellon.co.uk .

REGISTRATION FORM

2010 International Transactional Analysis Conference

Registration Questions: annie.cariapal@gmail.com or cholenamountain@btinternet.com

INSTITUTES

Dates: 9 & 10 (Mon & Tues) August 2010

Fees include workshop material, morning & afternoon tea. ITAA members are offered a 10% discount for Institutes.

1. Charlotte Sills & Jo Struthridge: Two Sides of the Story . . . . . $120 (2 days)
2. Bernd Schmid: The Role Concept of TA . . . . . $120 (2 days)
3. Jean Illsley Clarke: How Do I Learn?. . . . . $120 (2 days)
4. Lewis Mehl-Madrona: Culture, Body, Mind, and Story . . . . . $120 (2 days)
5. Mary Goodman & Patricia North: Logosynthesis Live . . . . . $120 (2 days)
6. Bill Cornell & Lawrie Hawkes: Beyond the First Draft! Writing for Professional Journals . . . . . $60 (1 day)

TA 101

Dates: 10 & 11 (Tues & Wed) August 2010

Including material, morning & afternoon teas . . . . . $101 (2 days)

CONFERENCE

Category of registration	Standard registration fee	Discounted rate for ITAA members	Standard TAlent & Student rate	Discounted TAlent & Student rate for ITAA members
1 Registration	$480	$432	$240	$216
2 Early-bird before 30 April 2010	$440	$396	$220	$198
3 Late registrations after 15 July 2010	$530	$477	$265	$238
4 Day rate	$250	$225	$125	$113

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Surname: _____ Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

City/State: _____ Postal Code/Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Mobile: _____

Translation requests. The conference is in English. Please let us know if that will make it difficult for you to access the conference and we will do our best to help with informal translation arrangements. We are not able to guarantee meeting all requests.

Require translation from English to: ❑ French ❑ Spanish ❑ German ❑ Other: _____

Additional information (special needs/disabilities etc): _____

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PAYMENT

All Fees Listed Are in US Dollars

Registration	Before April 30	May 1 – July 15	After July 15	Day Rate
Member	❑ $396	❑ $432	❑ $477	❑ $225
Member TAlent & Student	❑ $198	❑ $216	❑ $238	❑ $113
Nonmember	❑ $440	❑ $480	❑ $530	❑ $250
Nonmember TAlent & Student	❑ $220	❑ $240	❑ $265	❑ $125
Single-day Registration	❑ Thurs	❑ Fri	❑ Sat	

Registration = $ _____

Preconference Institutes: 1. _____ **Alternate(s) 2.** _____

Preconference Institute . . . . . ❑ $60 (1 day) . . . . ❑ $120 (2 day) **= $** _____

TA 101 . . . . . ❑ $101 (2 days) **= $** _____

Subtotal Registration + Institutes or TA101 = $ _____

Saturday Gala Banquet and Dance # _____ x $85.00 = $ _____

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Subtotal = $ _____

Accompanying Other or Single-day Registrants:

Wednesday Night Celebration: Welcome, Drinks & Jazz Band # _____ x $40.00 = $ _____

Sunday Morning Community Workshop # _____ 50% of Your Day Rate = $ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED = $ _____

Bank Check: US dollars ONLY Checks must be drawn on a US bank payable to: ITAA/Conference

Bank Transfer: ITAA Acc# 02817-03706, Bank of America, 1640 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco, CA, Routing (ABA)#0260-0959-3, CHIPS# 0959, Swift#BOFAUS3N

❑ Check enclosed to ITAA OFFICE ❑ Visa ❑ MasterCard ❑ American Express

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

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Signature: _____

Refunds: Cancellations in writing before 30 June 2010 will be refunded less 10% of the payment, before 31 July 2010 will be refunded less 50% of the payment; after 31 July 2010 there will be NO REFUND.

Website: www.itaa-net.org/MontrealConference/index.html

Training & Certification

Call for Examiners for Montreal

Dear Colleagues:

Board of Certification (BOC) exams in Montreal will be a historic event celebrating 50 years of transactional analysis certification. We are excited to be hosting such a memorable moment and to be hosting it in Canada, the birthplace of Eric Berne.

It is not surprising that there are many candidates who want to share in our excitement. To organize such a huge exam site, we need many examiners. The Certified Transactional Analyst (CTA) exam deadline is not yet passed, but we have accepted 15 Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst (TSTA) candidates, which requires us to fill 170 exam board "slots." Boards will be set up in advance so there is no chance of disappointing people who have come to be examined, only to find there are not enough examiners.

A few weeks ago, the cochairs of the BOC, Lorna Johnston and Anne de Graaf, sent all TSTAs in the ITAA membership database an email inviting their commitment to examine and their willingness to examine four (4) times. Wow, what a fantastic response we received! We thank you very much for your generosity. More than 35 people responded within days of receiving our email. For those hale and hardy examiners who examine four times, the BOC will be paying for a night of accommodation—nominally $100 USD.

If you are a TSTA and did not receive an email invitation, please contact us to ensure you are correctly entered in the database with your current email address. We don't want to miss you again! And if you are interested in being an examiner in Montreal, please let us know. We still need examiners, and because boards will be determined in advance of the conference, we need to hear from you quickly if you are available.

Thank you again for your generosity. We look forward to working with you in Montreal and to celebrating many new TSTA and CTA colleagues.

Lorna Johnston at lorna@thechangeinstitute.com

Anne de Graaf at annedegraaf@bmc.nl

Welcome to New Members

New Members	Membership Sponsor
October 2009	
Susanne Brown, Canada	—
Jean Felix Callens, United Kingdom	—
Maritza Calocero, Peru	Gloria Noriega
Pavel Cherenkov, Russia	—
Milica Cucuz, Serbia	—
Ana Reveca Garcia, Peru	Gloria Noriega
Susie Hewitt, United Kingdom	—
Michelle Hyams-Ssekasi, United Kingdom	—
Aryana Khadem, New Zealand	Margaret Bowater
Christina Lee Ek Lay, Singapore	—
Catherine Jie Li, China	—
Angela Melgar, Peru	Gloria Noriega
Julia Mikhaylova, Russia	—
Shiva Mobed, Iran	P. Mostafavi Bonab
Shaghayegh Mobed, Iran	P. Mostafavi Bonab
Besharat Mostafavi, Iran	P. Mostafavi Bonab
Gillian Neish, United Kingdom	—
Xia Qian, China	Roland Johnsson
Caroline Anne Stanford, United Kingdom	Rosemary Napper
Sarah Turner, United Kingdom	—
Jianxin Xue, China	—
Chen Yixin, China	—
November 2009	
Penelope Carey, Australia	Valerie Redman
Meg Hughes, United Kingdom	—
Ray McKinnis, USA	—
Ami Moore, USA	Pat Allen
Elnaz Zakeri Sarvaghaji, Iran	P. Mostafavi Bonab
Nazan Urkmez, Turkey	—
Johnny Zhuang, China	Roland Johnsson
December 2009	
Mehmoosh Akasheh, Iran	P. Mostafavi Bonab
Alvaro Berrutti, Uruguay	—
Anita Blackwell, Australia	—
Toshiyuki Fukuzawa, Japan	—
Sumiko Idekubo, Japan	—
Ian Leslie, United Kingdom	—
Yu Ling Ling, China	Roland Johnsson
Lynne Rainey, United Kingdom	—
Muzaffer Sahin, Turkey	—
Ravikeerthi Saradka, India	—
Akihito Tsutsui, Japan	—
Azmi Varan, Turkey	—
Mayumi Yoda, Japan	—
January 2010	
Danijela Budisa, Serbia	Zoran Milivojevic
Federico Berrutti De Ronde, Uruguay	Alvaro Berrutti
Myriam Esther Cassanello Garcia, Uruguay	Alvaro Berrutti
Xu Huizhu, China	—
Marejta Marija Kosec, Slovenia	—
Banafsheh Movassagh, Iran	P. Mostafavi Bonab
Henriette Politano, New Zealand	—
Peter Reves, Denmark	—
Alesa Sicherl, Slovenia	—
Cathy Todd, United Kingdom	—
Joanna Yardley, United Kingdom	—

TA CONFERENCES WORLDWIDE

9-10 July 2010: Prague, Czech Republic. EATA Conference. Contact: Blanka Cepicka at info@eataprague.cz .

11-15 August 2010: Montreal, Canada. Eric Berne Centenary Conference (ITAA). Contact: www.itaa-net.org .

Training and Certification News

Many thanks to Charlotte Daellenbach for revising and updating the Training and Certification Handbook. The revised handbook is now on the ITAA website. It includes all the changes in requirements and procedures that have been agreed on since it was published in 2004. Contract and exam fees have been revised; the new rates are now on the website.

A successful Training Evaluation Workshop (TEvW) for Certified Transactional Analysis (CTA) trainers was held in Budapest in December 2009. Another TEvW has been arranged for 1-3 December 2010 in Barcelona, Spain. For more information contact sabine.klingenberg@abakushad.de . And see www.eatanews.org .

Congratulations to Successful Examinees

Sydney, Australia—21 November 2009 (BOC)

Mariska Gifford, Blenheim, New Zealand—CTA (P)

Kerrylea Sampson of Christchurch, New Zealand—CTA (P)

CTA Examiners (C for chairpersons): Servaas van Beekum (C), Rhae Hooper, Jo Frasca, Kathy Laverty (C), Kerrie Kirwood, Elana Leigh

CTA Exam Supervisor and Process Facilitator: Charlotte Daellenbach

Air Miles for Montreal

If you have airline miles that you are not using, please consider donating them to someone who might not otherwise be able to attend the Eric Berne Centenary Conference in Montreal, Canada, 11-15 August 2009.

If you are willing to help, contact Ken Fogleman at the ITAA office (ken@itaa-net.org) with the following information: name of donor, which airlines would be served, estimate of number of miles available, and any particular criteria regarding who you would be willing to donate to.

Upcoming *TAJ* Theme Issue

"Ethics"

Coeditors:
Bill Cornell and Sue Eusden
Deadline for Manuscripts: 1 July 2010

Please follow the instructions to authors on the inside front cover of any recent issue of the *TAJ*. Please email manuscripts to *TAJ* Managing Editor Robin Fryer, MSW, at robinfryer@aol.com .

EXAM CALENDAR

Exam	Exam Adm.	Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
CTA Exams	COC	7-8 Apr 2010	United Kingdom	1 Jan 2010
	COC	8-9 Jul 2010	Prague, Czech Republic	1 Mar 2010
	BOC	11 Aug 2010	Montreal, Canada	10 May 2010
	WPATA	11 Nov 2010	Fremantle, Australia	11 Aug 2010
	BOC	7 Jan 2011	Bangalore, India	7 Oct 2010
TSTA Exams	COC	7-8 Apr 2010	United Kingdom	1 Oct 2009
	COC	8-9 Jul 2010	Prague, Czech Republic	1 Jan 2010
	BOC	11 Aug 2010	Montreal, Canada	10 Feb 2010
CTA Written	All Regions (Non-Europe)	Your choice	Submit to Regional Exam Coordinator after paying $50 fee to T&C Council	Your choice
TEW	BOC	15-17 Aug 2010	Montreal, Canada	15 Apr 2010
	WPATA	14-16 Nov 2010	Fremantle, Australia	13 Jul 2010
TEvW	EATA	1-3 Dec 20101	Barcelona, Spain	1 Jul 2010

*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.

NOTE: Exams subject to availability of examiners/exam supervisors. BOC not responsible for expenses incurred when unavailability of examiners/exam supervisors causes exams to be canceled or postponed. To be an examiner for an ITAA/BOC exam, examiners must be at least a CTA for a CTA exam or a TSTA for a TSTA exam.

To arrange to take a BOC exam, contact the T&C Council, 2186 Rheem Dr., #B-1, Pleasanton, CA 94558-2775, USA. Note: COC people sitting for BOC exams must forward the equivalent of the EATA fee to the T & C Council office. **To arrange to take a COC exam**, contact your EATA Language Coordinator. Check with the EATA office or the EATA News for the name of the appropriate Language Group Coordinator. **TSC Training Endorsement Workshop fee:** $450 ITAA members/$600 non-ITAA members payable in US dollars to T&C Council, c/o the T & C Council office, 2186 Rheem Dr., #B-1, Pleasanton, CA 94558-2775, USA. **COC Training Endorsement Workshop:** to take a COC TEW, contact the European TEW Coordinator, c/o the EATA office.

Members' Forum

Adding Aspirations to the List

Dear Bill (Cornell):
Bill, as so often, I find your thinking stimulating (Cornell, 2009)! How did Corlette survive and grow? Through a dream. My own script has been heavily influenced by an aspiration to be a healer; the attached "no matter what" has frequently gotten me into trouble. I am currently joining a research project on folks over 80: what factors inside and outside have helped us get to this advanced age. I am definitely adding aspirations to the list. Hopefully, I will see you in Montreal.

Bob Drye, Tempe, Arizona, United States

REFERENCE

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Arguments for Sending *The Script* Electronically

Dear *Script* Editor:

I am writing to make a strong suggestion regarding continuing to mail out *The Script* via "snail mail." My general concerns are as follows:

- The ITAA is in financial distress and saving money should be a priority.
- *The Script* often arrives with quite a long delay owing to "snail mail" delivery times.
- Many people who receive *The Script* are not English speaking and cannot read it. Therefore, the cost of mailing to them is unwarranted.
- Getting *The Script* out faster may increase advertising revenue.
- The national associations in non-English speaking regions could be given permission to translate the important parts of *The Script*, and by cut and paste, produce a paper that would be more useful for their members.

It is my guess that the majority of members are on email and would be happy to receive *The Script* quickly and on their computers, which would, at the same time, save the ITAA money. I, for one, would welcome this move and encourage you to take whatever steps necessary to bring it about. Perhaps other members may have points to make about this matter, and their responses would help to gauge the temperature regarding going electronic or staying hard copy.

Warm regards and thanks for all you contribute to the organization

John Parr, Hamshire, United Kingdom

Reflections on the Future of ITAA

Dear Editor:

I read with interest the letter from Leonard Campos (2009) that appeared with my letter (Monk-Steel, 2009) in the December 2009 edition of *The Script* because his views mirrored mine so closely. The centenary of Eric Berne's birth is this year, and the conference, which will celebrate this historic anniversary, is being held in Berne's birthplace, Montreal, in August. It could be the venue for the relaunch of the ITAA as both an individual member organization and also one with an organization membership or the creation of the type of organization Leonard proposed: a United Transactional Analysis Association (UTAA).

I do believe we need a united, strong worldwide transactional analysis organization that is capable of making a much stronger impact in the world. Currently, in the United Kingdom, the move in the health services is for a quick fix—such as the so-called evidence-based approach based on cognitive-behavioral therapy/positive psychology. Such approaches are squeezing out other psychotherapy modalities. I understand that the United Kingdom is not unique in this regard. We need the pulling together of our worldwide resources to develop, promote, and deliver transactional analysis as the effective force for change and the betterment of the human condition that it is capable of being.

The second point I wish to raise is in regard to the letter from Helena Hargaden (2009) in the same issue of *The Script*. She seems to have taken umbrage at some of my perspective. I did not intend to devalue the work she has done with the development of relational transactional analysis. It is truly impressive work, and I consider the Eric Berne Memorial Award given to her and Charlotte Sills in 2007 richly deserved. I suspect I did not put across my thinking well. Those of us who have been in the field for many years have been exposed to a range of influences from a variety of academic, cultural, and personal sources. Ideas are formulated out of a complex mix of resources by which we are all influenced. Our ideas come from our unique synthesis of the influences we are exposed to, including the ideas of others, who are, in turn, influenced by the same process. When I first read *Transactional Analysis: A Relational Perspective* by Hargaden and Sills (2002), I was already familiar with Martin Buber, whom Petruska Clarkson (1992) (among many other thinkers in the field) had used as the basis of her concept of the "I-You Relationship" presented in her book *Transactional Analysis Psychotherapy: An Integrative Approach*. I was also familiar with Karen Maroda's work, which presents a relational psychoanalytic approach.

I think the issue of influences on our development is often not recognized. I do not think citation in literature is the only way of evaluating the influences that have affected an author's work. I certainly have heard people directly quoting others without being aware whom they are quoting or even that they are quoting others. An example of this is a quote from Plato: "The roots of mental illness lie in childhood trauma." He apparently said this in about 540 BC, but I cannot remember where I came upon it. This is often not a deliberate act but part of an identification with the ideas expressed and the way of expressing them.

I am aware that I have no recollection of all the influences that have played a role in the development of my thinking. I started in mental health work in 1969 and began by being taught psychodynamic theory and practice, primarily from a Freudian perspective, and since then have been taught and influenced by other modalities. I am also aware of how much literature (fiction and autobiographical works) has influenced my conceptualizations and understanding of the human condition and the way people relate. I sometimes think literature has helped form my conceptualizations more than most psychotherapy books.

An interesting phenomenon is how "original" ideas and concepts seem to arise in different places and parts of the world at similar times, apparently without awareness of each other. I wonder if this is a manifestation of Carl Jung's concept of the collective unconscious.

The developments of relational transactional analysis have brought a new and vibrant approach to TA, and I hope they will inform the formation of a UTAA.

John Monk-Steel, Leicester, England

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The application deadline is 9 April 2010.