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Bilbao Conference Organizers Rise to Challenge of Growth

By *Amaia Mauritz Etxabe*

"The Challenge of Growth" was not only the theme of the 2011 World TA Conference in Bilbao, Spain, this past July, it was also the reality faced by our group of colleagues as we worked for more than a year to realize the aims of the four sponsoring associations: EATA, ITAA, ATAA, and APPHAT. As the conference organizers, we had to keep in mind that we were not only a group of individuals who trusted each other but also representatives of those organizations. We were given the task of creating a space in which transactional analysis practitioners from around the world could come together to talk and present about the ways TA can contribute to growth in many fields of application.

One of the challenges we faced was finding ways to merge our different styles of working and relating to each other. Contracting was important in helping us to stay focused on the process and our goals, even when difficulties arose. It also helped us to continue functioning from Adult as we worked toward common goals and with continuously revised plans. Having solid contracts gave us a sense of direction and kept priorities clear, even when there was the possibility of an open door for games.

An important part of our process was learning about our frames of reference, because a large number of the organizing group are Basque people. That means we have a culture with three strong assumptions: (1) everyone is either "sirs" or "ladies," (2) it is important to understand the reasons for people's behavior so you do not condemn or criticize without serious evidence, and (3) a person's word (verbal agreement) is sacred and equivalent to a formal contract. Obviously, these are all consistent with transactional analysis values, and it was a pleasure to experience a continual affirmation of the "I'm OK, You're OK" position in our group during various phases of the project.

There were many struggles, fears, and errors along the way. Sometimes it seemed impossible to overcome the limits we faced as we tried to combine our crowded agendas with the demands of organizing the conference.



Amaia Mauritz Etxabe and Thorsten Geck in the Paraninfo Hall at Deusto University

There are so many people and so many things that we would have liked to look after and relate to more carefully and attentively, so many times we wished we could have responded more quickly or better. We are sorry for those things we did not do as well as we would have liked, but we did our best with the vast task before us as we tried to balance it with the rest of our lives.

One of the most interesting and meaningful parts of the organizing process was working with such an international group of people. There was a consistent atmosphere of basic trust and mutual respect among members of the steering committee. These included EATA President Sabine Klingenberg, who was not only a member of the steering committee but also, in many ways, a full member of the "conference workers"; she was constantly available for help and worked endlessly to make the conference a success. Other members of the steering committee (besides me) included ITAA President John Heath, ATAA President Rhae Hooper, APPHAT President Concha de Diego, and former EATA Vice President Nicoleta Gheorge, all of whom also offered crucial support and consultation. Richard Erskine and Gloria Noriega were also supportive and helpful in many important ways. The commitment of all of these individuals was a wonderful and unexpected gift!



EATA President Sabine Klingenberg thanks some of the members of the conferencing organizing team during the Bilbao gala dinner (from left): Sabine, conference chair Amaia Mauritz Etxabe, Imanol Ardines, Rosa Rosas, Tali Sanchez, Izaskun Andollo, Rosa Perona, Bibi Martin, Itziar Martinez, Angel Pascual, Arantza Arrillaga, Mario Puente, and Amaia Quislant.

The scientific committee, chaired by Thorsten Geck, worked together long hours without even having the opportunity to meet in person. Thorsten was a key person in this process, a tireless, committed member of the team who brought a great sense of humor to his tasks. He especially deserves our gratitude and thanks, as do the other members of the committee: Concha de Diego, Jesus Cuadra, Amaia Mauriz Etxabe, Sabine Klingenberg, John Heath, Mario Salvador, Celia Simpson, and Andre Willi.

I also want to thank all those who helped with conference logistics, such as Iker Ardines, Joane Barberena, Argine, Pedro Juarez, and Mercedes Goti, who helped at the registration desk, as well as our professional secretary, Ane Azkarate. Members of the organizing committee included Arantza Arrillaga, conference cochair; Maite Aurre, venue liaison; Iratxe López, finances and budgets; Izaskun Andollo, publicity; Rosa Perona, registration; Bibiana Martín, conference papers; Menchu Gabiola, social program; Aurea Roson, stands and secretary, Igor Fernández, design and graphic arts; and Yarima Etxeberria, Aurora Cáceres, Estíbaliz Olea, Itziar Martínez, Tali Sánchez, Miren Azkoaga, Rosana del Moral, Aitor Mauriz, Mario Puente, Rosa Rosas, Amaia Quislant, Feli Perez de Onraita, Angel Pascual, and Monica Fernádez de Lasheras. We also want to thank ITAA *Script* Editor Laurie Hawkes and Managing Editor Robin Fryer for their professional, efficient, and kind support in publicizing and promoting the conference.

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More than 25 years ago I and several other members of the organizing group were studying at Deusto University. At that time, no one had heard of transactional analysis. One of my teachers, who heard of my interest in TA, asked me if it was an "esoteric approach" rather than a "real therapeutic approach." Imagine my pleasure when I saw him again after many years participating in our conference! At another moment during the conference I met in the corridor the oldest priest of the Jesuits who ran the university and was always around when I was a student. I told him about our conference and he smiled and said, "Oh, yes, I saw the program and it looks very interesting. It is a good thing to welcome these people here!"

Amaia Mauriz Etxabe was the TA Bilbao Conference Chair. She can be reached at bios@bios-psicologos.com . *The Bilbao conference website (www.tabilbao2011at.com) offers many more photos as well as workshop abstracts, information about the symposia and keynotes, and perhaps even some video. The website will be up until the beginning of November.*



Bilbao conference registration desk at Deusto University

You might ask how we have achieved the respect and recognition we have now compared to then. It is the result of the hard work of many colleagues who participated in the process and trusted in the dream. In particular, I want to mention and thank Jose Antonio Gonzalez, a psychologist who has always searched for new knowledge and methods in psychotherapy. He founded the institute "Bios, Psicólogos" and brought Francisco Masso to Bilbao to teach the first TA 101 (which I attended).

Some years later, when I was already the director of Bios, Psicólogos, we invited Conchita de Diego to teach more advanced transactional analysis, which she has done in this community for more than 20 years now, always with passion, intelligence, and very advanced knowledge. Almost all the members of the conference organizing group trained with her. Thank you, Concha—this conference would not have happened without your teaching and continued leadership over the years!

Concha brought several key transactional analysis trainers to her institute ETHOS, in Madrid: Claude Steiner, Michael Reddy, Steve Karpman, Mary Goulding, and George Kohlrieser, among others. In this context, Concha invited Richard Erskine to develop a training program at her institute, and for the last 15 years he has been teaching advanced relational, integrative transactional analysis in various places in Spain. Richard has been involved for 8 years with our TA community in Bilbao, and his ideas and way of relating have provided the foundation for those of us in the conference organizing group.

There is not much more to say other than that our 2011 Transactional Analysis World Conference is finished now and we are left with our wonderful memories. About 500 participants shared knowledge, skills, and scientific excitement as well as some special social times. We have all grown in many ways by organizing and attending the conference. We had wonderful keynote speakers (Richard Erskine, Maria Teresa Tosi, José Manuel Martínez, James Allen, Natalia Ojeda, Gloria Noriega, and Davide Ceridano) and stimulating symposia leaders and keynote speakers (Keith Tudor, Charlotte Sills, Liselotte Fassbind-Keck, Bea Verzaal, Jean Illsey-Clark, Karen Pratt, Günter Mohr, Thomas Steinert, Heather Fowlie, and Anette. Dielmann). All the symposia and workshop presenters generously provided for our community the possibility of learning and engaging in discussions about TA methods and theories and in so doing opened new paths for our personal and professional learning and growth.

My gratitude goes to you all. Gracias a todos y a todos los que con vuestro trabajo y dedicación habeís hecho posible este congreso! Thanks to all of you who provided your dedicated work and have made a success of this conference! Eskarrik asko guztioi! Merci! Dankesen! Grazie a tutti!

Major Awards Highlight Bilbao Conference

The following outstanding individuals were honored in Bilbao for their contributions to the international transactional analysis community.

In her remarks introducing **Concha de Diego**, EATA President Sabine Klingenberg said, in part, "It is particularly significant honoring Conchita here in Bilbao because she set up a TA training in this beautiful city over 20 years ago. For many years, she has represented TA in many places throughout Spain, always demonstrating and communicating to others a profound respect for TA theory, philosophy, and practice. She particularly encouraged and supported her trainees to travel to and participate in EATA and ITAA conferences at a time when it was unusual for Spanish people to go abroad. This World Conference would not have taken place here without her teaching, dedication, and commitment. Conchita is a woman of great generosity, with a sharp and brilliant mind. Her students describe her teaching as joyful, unexpected, and interesting. Conchita took a stand in a culture in which, certainly in the realm of teaching, it was a man's world. Finally, we honor Conchita for her excellent intuition and her sense of humor."



Concha de Diego being honored with her EATA Gold Medal



Richard Erskine (left) receiving a gift from Sabine Klingenberg in honor of his EATA Gold Medal. Igor Fernandez (right) serves as translator.

Regarding **Richard Erskine**, who also received the EATA Gold Medal, Sabine said, in part, "Richard came to Europe in 1974 to teach TA at two universities and to establish TA training programs at two psychotherapy training centers. He persuaded the ITAA to form its international relations committee, which had as its purpose to spread TA internationally and to organize a conference in Europe. The first European TA Conference took place in 1975 in Villars, Switzerland, and at that meeting Richard and others sowed the seeds for the formation of EATA. Over the past 35 years, Richard has attended almost every European conference and has continued to support TA training in 17 countries in Europe. Richard is a passionate, creative, and enthusiastic theoretician, teacher, and psychotherapist." In his acceptance remarks, Richard said, in part, "Thank you for this Gold Medal Award, which I want to share with Tom Frazier, Mary Goulding, and Ted Novey, who were on the original ITAA international relations committee and helped rally people to attend the first European TA conference.

Out of the more than 50 people attending the organizing meeting for a European TA Association, we formed a steering committee composed of one member from each country. They were Michael Ready (UK), Ramond Hostie (Belgium), Arnold von Westerling (Netherlands), Lynn Lindstrom (France), Constance Robinson-Rose (Switzerland), Elizabeth Schnector (Germany), and Carlo Moiso (Italy). It is a pleasure to share this honor with such distinguished colleagues."



John Heath describes reasons Trudi Newton is well deserving of the Muriel James Award

In announcing ***Trudi Newton's*** Muriel James Living Principles Award, ITAA President John Heath remarked, in part, "Trudi was nominated by colleagues from her native UK as well as from Australia, Canada, and South Africa. She has held a number of prominent positions in the TA world and is a lifelong supporter of social equality and the empowerment of the individual in her work, her politics, and her personal life. She really lives the principles of OK-OK relating and personal responsibility that are at the heart of our TA theory and practice. Trudi has been a leader in establishing the educational field of TA application in the UK and elsewhere, especially South Africa. She has been an inspiration to a whole generation of educators and also has the kind of presence and integrity that reaches well beyond her own field and sets an example for all transactional analysts. And as if that were not enough, she is also an elegant, graceful person with the kind of softly spoken serenity that melts the heat out of any conflict. She is a truly worthy recipient of this honor." In accepting her award, Trudi said, in part, "Thanks to everyone who was part of nominating me for this award. It was good to see some of my history through your eyes. And it reminded me of a time (nearly 25 years ago) when I was a new trainee and had just joined the ITAA. I remember reading in *The Script* about the James Award and thinking, 'That's what a TA award should be. I wouldn't mind getting one of those.' That is a true story, which makes this moment even more special."

Finally, in introducing ***Donna Marie Perry*** for the Hedges Capers Humanitarian Award, John Heath said, "Donna Marie is being honored for her significant and abiding contributions to work with vulnerable individuals and groups in many different settings. Her nomination was supported by people from the UK, USA, Canada, and India, and here are a few of their comments: 'She never gives up on anyone' and 'Her concern for those suffering the stigma of poverty and rejection has marked her life both before and after TA training.' Others listed her many achievements, all accomplished without recompense, apart from the support of her order. She set up of a community for adults with developmental difficulties in Calgary, reestablished a center for the poor in Toronto, worked in a community for people with severe mental illness in India, set up a charitable trust offering psychotherapy and training to poor and disenfranchised people in Calgary, and took part in the Alliance Against Human Trafficking. There is surely no one more deserving of this award." In her comments, Donna Marie said, in part, "This is a tremendous honor for me and I thank those who nominated me. I also want to thank my sister, who has come to celebrate with me on behalf of my family. I grew up in a family of pioneers who gave to and supported others because it was essential for survival and then became a way of life. Becoming a social worker supported my ideals of social justice. Members of my community, Faithful Companions of Jesus, were also pioneers in Canada and have supported me financially, spiritually, and emotionally through all my, sometimes, hair-brained ideas. What I have done is what our sisters are doing throughout the world every day in answering the needs people suffering from disasters or who are refugees or trafficked persons."



Donna Marie Perry and John Heath after she received her Hedges Capers Award

The Challenge of Easy Days

by John Heath



My posting this month will be short. It's August now and that has always been the traditional holiday month for me. This year is no exception. Indeed, having had the conference in July, the holiday period is more than usually domestic this year. As I write, the house is quiet after a morning of family buzz. My 2-year-old granddaughter has finally accepted that a midday nap would be a good idea, and she is now sound asleep. Granny and I are exhausted, having entertained her with a dance around the kitchen to the tune of "The Camptown Races." It was a huge success, and she kept urging us on with "again, again!" Fortunately, mummy returned in time, before the energy of the old folk gave out, and all was returned to the natural order. It still takes me by surprise how physically demanding it is to parent little children, and yet there was at least a decade in my life when I did that every day.

> *"I even find myself daring to experiment with the idea that the ITAA is emerging from some dark place into a new period of hope and optimism."*

My little family story is a reflection of my state of mind as I write to members this month. I am feeling a kind of glow of satisfaction that is truly of the present, but it is all the more delightful because of the warmth of nostalgia that colors it. And then there's a darker, less easily defined coloring; something, I suspect, to do with the challenge that hope brings.

The Bilbao conference was a great success for the ITAA as readers of last month's *Script* will know. I've been bowled over by some of the feedback. I even find myself daring to experiment with the idea that the ITAA is emerging from some dark place into a new period of hope and optimism. Certainly there's a lot of hope and optimism being expressed and that is a curious challenge. It takes courage to be optimistic, especially for someone like me who has more decades of life behind than in front of him. Many of our members are at a similar point in the chronology of their lives, as the age profile of our membership will testify. I wonder what it means for us as an organization to have a membership of predominantly older people.

Speaking personally, I've seen many good ideas come and go, and I've experienced many disappointments in the quest for a better world. It's much easier for me to be cynical now. In an ordinary life, there's so much more evidence to support that position. But the easy way is also the lazy way. The investment in life is not really for me any more. I've built my castles in the air, and most of them collapsed or at least needed radical redesign. But they kept me going in the right direction, and somehow, along the way I built a life, a real life, not a

fantasy. And now as my 2-year-old granddaughter sleeps away the demands of a morning's fun, I keep my hopes and dreams alive for her and for the long and satisfying life that I trust lies ahead of her.

I know myself to be living, as William Wordsworth said, "in years that bring the philosophic mind." I am not blinded by the "innocent brightness of a newborn day," lovely as it is. I am stirred by the capacity of good people to keep bringing forward the best of themselves. This is what has revived the ITAA. That, and the knowledge that it's not really for us that we do it. We do it for all that might follow after us. We hope.

John Heath is ITAA President. He can be reached at johnheath@itaa-net.org .

Ken Fogleman Appreciation Fund



At its meeting in Bilbao, the ITAA Board of Trustees decided to invite people to contribute to a fund in honor of Ken Fogleman to thank him for his many years of service, including all the work he did to facilitate the smooth closure of the ITAA office last June. Some donations were collected at the conference, and if you would like to participate, you can do so by logging onto the ITAA website at www.itaa-world.org/index.php/ken-fogelman . The deadline for donations is 15 October 2011.

Additional Thanks

A Special Thank You

Eskerrik asko! Adiskide berriak! Leku interesgarriak!
Guri Congreso AT Bilboan oso atsegin zaigu!
Eskerrik asko, eskerrik asko!

Curtis Steele and Nancy Porter-Steele

Editor's Note: *We understand that the above, written in the Basque language, translates roughly as, "Thanks very much! New friends! Interesting places! We like the Bilbao TA Conference very much! Thanks, thanks."*

Our thanks to Laurie Hawkes, Curtis Steele, Ravi Welch, Maite Aurre, Jan Hennig, Joaquín Granados-Rossi, David Newton, C. Suriyaprakash, Steve Karpman, Ann Heathcote, and AlexSandra Bubera for sharing their photos from the Bilbao conference.

The Road Ahead: A Dialogue between John Heath and Lucy Freedman

In San Antonio, during the USA TA Association (USATAA) conference 27-29 October, there will be a rare opportunity to peer into the plans and workings of the ITAA, especially as they relate to the future of transactional analysis in the United States. ITAA President John Heath will join USATAA Council member Lucy Freedman at the Saturday morning plenary for a conversation that should be both informative and thought provoking.

The ITAA has been going through a process of transformation led by the board of trustees, including the North American representative, Vann Joines. Some TA people in the United States are members of both ITAA and USATAA; some are members of one and not the other. It is clear that there are greater possibilities for collaboration and synergy than have yet been realized.

Against this backdrop, Lucy and John will discuss three questions:

- What do you see as the future of TA training?
- What will be the relationship between ITAA and USATAA as well as with other regional/national organizations?
- What are ITAA's plans regarding the transactional analysis "brand" worldwide?

We expect this event to be an authentic, exploratory dialogue with real implications for where we go from here. If you are interested in attending, please see the USATAA conference website for more information: http://www.usataaconference.org/ .

Bilbao Conference Album



Jo Stuthridge



Mario Salvador in his workshop



Group at the gala dinner



(from left) Maurizio Martucci, Mattheo Zanovello, Jésus Cuadra, and Rosana del Moral



Jean Illsley Clarke and her husband with ceremonial guards



Belen López and Mercedes Pedreira



Enjoying Bilbao



Stefan Sandstrom and Julie Hay



Enara Aurre, Sabine Klingenberg, and Maite Aurre



Thomas Steinert



Nelly Micholt and Christine Chevalier at the gala dinner

Bilbao Conference Album



(from left) Tali Sanchez, Maite Pi, Itziar Martinez, Iker Ardines, and Joane Barberena before gala dinner



Successful CTA examinee Ulrika Widén (center) with exam supervisors Sue Eusden (left) and Jill Hunt



Ann Heathcote arrives for the gala dinner



Jim Allen with a bouquet given to him by conference organizers



Elyane Alleysson and Corinne Laurier



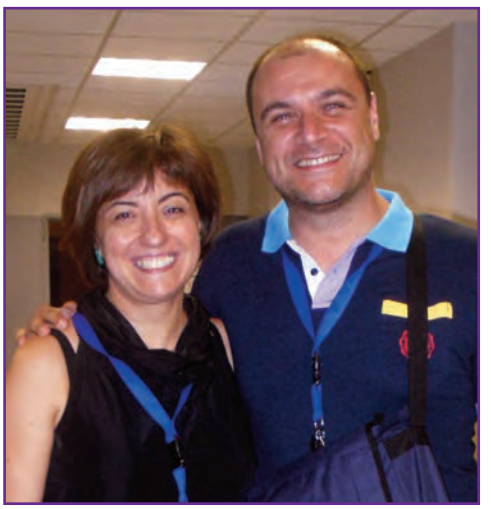
Manon Plouffe and Kathy Laverty at the gala dinner



Bill Cornell during his Bilbao workshop



(From left) Susan George, Sharda Jayaraman, A. Geethan, P. K. Saru, and C. Suriyaprakash



Amaia Mauritz Etxabe, conference organizer, and Michele Zarri, volunteer translator

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Celebrating the signing of the 2012 Chennai conference contract (from left): Vladimir Goussakovski, P. K. Saru, Anne de Graaf, Lorna Johnston, John Heath, C. Suriyaprakash, and Susan George

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The program committee encourages proposals about innovative applications of transactional analysis as well as proven applications. Please design your presentations in keeping with the conference theme: "Life—Let's Play."

Proposals must be received online through www.itaaconference.com no later than 31 January 2012. The following are required to submit a proposal:

- Title (Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr.)
- Surname/Initials
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- Phone/Fax/Mobile
- Email
- Copresenter(s) name and credentials
- Presentation title
- Biographical sketch (50 words)
- Abstract (100 words)
- Photo (attach a jpg file of your picture)
- Endorsed by (in case of TA trainees and non-TA presenters, recommendation from a CTA/PTSTA/TSTA is desirable; give name and email of the endorsing transactional analyst)
- Format: Lecture *or* panel *or* discussion *or* experiential *or* other
- Area of application: counseling *or* educational *or* organizational *or* psychotherapy *or* all fields
- Duration: 1½ hour *or* 2 hours *or* 3 hours
- Presentation Level: beginner *or* intermediate *or* advanced *or* all
- Size Limit: 30 *or* 40 *or* No Limit
- Seating: theater *or* circle *or* classroom
- A/V aid required: flip chart *and/or* white board *and/or* LCD projector
- Recording permission: Some presentations may be recorded. Do you wish to give the conference permission to audiotape your work and for the conference to sell the tapes/podcasts? Yes or No

Congratulations to Successful Examinees

In Bilbao, Spain, just before the World Transactional Analysis Conference, there was a successful and crowded session of exams, with candidates and examiners from both the Board of Certification (BOC) and the Council of Certification (COC). Below are the results.

5-6 July 2011, Bilbao, Spain

Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analysts
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Kathie Hostick, TSTA-P
Kerri Warner, STA-P
Martin Bertok, TSTA-P
Diane Salters, TTA-P
May Senior Johnson, TTA-P
Nada Zanko, TSTA-P
Emanuela Lo Re, TSTA-P
Theo Van der Heijden, TSTA-C

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Liesbeth de Jong, CTA (O)
Fabienne Bride, CTA (C)
Matteo Zanovello, CTA (P)
Maria Ulrika Widén, CTA (C)
Robert Hill, CTA (P)
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Aitor Mauriz Etxabe, CTA (P)
Alicia Pelavo Lara, CTA (P)
Beatriz Martin Cabrero, CTA (P)
Feli Pérez de Onraita Ortiz, CTA (P)
Izaskun Andollo Hervàs, CTA (P)
Montse Vilaldrell Llargués, CTA (P)

Process facilitators: Trudi Newton and Bernd Kreuzburg

Exam supervisors: Jill Hunt and Sue Eusden (CTA exams), Alessandra Pierini and Marco Mazzetti (TSTA exams)

Many thanks to the generous examiners:
Adrienne Lee, Alison Ayres, Anne De Graaf, Anita Mountain, Barbara Monk-Steel, Biljana Van Rijn, Carole Shadbolt, Dorte Landman, Elana Leigh, Eva Sylvie Rossi, Evita Cassoni, Giorgio Cristiano Cavallero, Gloria Noriega, Günter Hallstein, Heather Fowlie, Ian Stewart, Jenny Thomas, Jesus Cuadra Perez, John Monk-Steel, Lis Heath, Lorna Johnston, Maria Assunta Giusti, Marijke Arendsen Hein, Milly De Micheli, Mo Felton, Maria Teresa Tosi, Nelly Micholt, Oddmund Teigen, Sabine Klingenberg, Sari Van Poelje, Sigvard Persson, C. Suriyaprakash, Susanna Ligabue, Suzanne Boyd, Tatiana Sizicova, Jo Stuthridge, Ulrike Mueller, Vann Joines, Vladimir Gussakovski, Wilwertz Houdji, P. K. Saru. Michele D'Errico, Marion Wade, Mandy Lacy, Ulf Hedqvist, Evelyne Papaux, Brigitte Muller, Jean-Luc Bazin, Karen Minikin, Matti Sennen, Marion Umney, Raffaela Barbon, Donna Marie Perry, Paolo Maggio, Daniela Cannavale, Christiane Froidevaux, Monica Guarise, Lieuwe Koopmans, Sander Reinalda, Rossella Pedone, Kerri Warner, Frances Townsend, Natasa Cvejic Starcevic, Susan George, Maria Luisa Cattaneo, Torsten Hemlin, AlekSandra Bubera, Lynda Tongue, Steff Oates, Susanna Cesarini, Karen Pratt, Deborah Robinson, Simona Ramella Paia, Laurie Hawkes, Giles Barrow, Kathy Laverty, Hilary Spenceley, Olivier Montadat, Stefano Iapichino, Pascale Theobald, Jacqueline van Gent, Bruno de Raemy, Alexandra Piotrowska, Sylvie Monin, Barbara Revello, Josten Vergert, Kerstin Stockhem, Ya-Ying Chen, A. Geethan, Joost Levy, Mary Goodman, Gregor Žvelc, Coral Harrison, Milena Rosso, Salma Siddique, Eva Acs, Koen Bosschaerts, Anette Dielmann, Navenka Miljkovic, France Brécard

EXAM CALENDAR

Exam	Exam Adm.	Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
CTA Exams	BOC	29 October 2011	Nelson, NZ	29 Aug 2011
	COC	10-11 Nov 2011	Louvain-la-Neuve, Belg	10 Aug 2011
	COC	17-18 Nov 2011	Neustadt, Weinstr., Ger	17 Aug 2011
	BOC	7-8 Aug 2012	Chennai, India	7 May 2012
TSTA Exams	COC	10-11 Nov 2011	Louvain-la-Neuve, Belg	10 Aug 2011
	COC	17-18 Nov 2011	Neustadt/Weinstr., Ger	17 Aug 2011
	BOC	7-8 Aug 2012	Chennai, India	7 Feb 2012
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	Aug 2012	Chennai, India	Apr 2012

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Make Sure to Vote by 28 September for ITAA Vice President of Development

Ballots have been sent either by email or post to all ITAA voting members.

If you have a consent to electronic transmissions form on file with the ITAA, you should have received your ballot by email. Please print it out, fill it in, print your name legibly on it (for verification of membership), and return it to the ITAA by one of three ways: scan it and send it by email to itaa@itaa-net.org, fax it to 925-600-8112, or mail it to ITAA, 2843 Hopyard Rd., Ste. 155, Pleasanton, CA 94588, USA.

If you received your ballot by mail, please fill it in, print your name legibly either on the ballot or the envelope, and return it to ITAA either by fax or mail (see above for fax number and address).

If you have not yet filed a consent to electronic tranmissions form, we urge you to do so either by going to the ITAA website at www.itaa-net.org or by faxing in the form from the July 2011 *Script*.

TA Conferences Worldwide

1 October 2011: London, UK. 2nd International Association of Relational Transactional Analysis (IARTA) Conference. Contact: www.relationalta.com

27-29 October 2011: San Antonio, Texas, USA. USATAA Conference. Contact: www.usataaconference.org .

2-5 November 2011: Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. Latinoamerican TA Conference/30th Conglat Mexico 2011. Contact: Martha Silva, Conference Logistics (marthaisilva@ yahoo.com.mx); José M. Tafoya, Chairperson (email: iaoptimo@gmail.com); website: www.amatsc.org.mx .

11-12 November 2011: Singapore. 4th International TA Conference (TAAS). Contact: www.staa.org.sg/conf2011.htm

8-11 August 2012: Chennai, India. International ITAA/SATAA Conference. Contact: www.itaaconference.com .

Update on Australasia Region

The Australasian region has been going through organizational change in readiness for implementing a regional federal body of which the Australia and New Zealand Transactional Analysis Associations will be the first members.

Until now, the Western Pacific Association for Transactional Analysis (WPATA) held the Australasian regional operations for many years. Over the last 2-3 years, both New Zealand and Australia adopted new constitutions, and the regional federal body has its own constitution. This new body, currently known as the Federation of TA Associations, is yet to be registered. Both Rhae Hooper, former chairperson of the Australian association, and Mandy Lacy as the chair of the New Zealand association, are researching the best options for where to register this body and the organizational processes to bring the regional federal body into action.

In the meantime, the Australian TA Association (ATAA) is temporarily holding the operations and the training and certification processes from WPATA until the regional federal body emerges with a permanent name, location, and workforce to take up all the regional work. The intention is that the regional federation will operate similarly to the European Association for Transactional Analysis (EATA), with countries being members. It will also continue its training and certification role as an equivalent organization to EATA and the ITAA.

The current chairs of the New Zealand TA Association (NZTAA) are Mandy Lacy and Al-Freed Saboonchi; the current president of ATAA is Jo Frasca.

At the Australasian conference being held in New Zealand in late 2012, we hope to announce the next stages and phases of the Federation of TA Associations and will keep the international transactional analysis community up to date with these as they happen.

New TAJ Coeditor and Editorial Board Members Sought

The TAJ coeditors are seeking to expand the team by adding a fourth coeditor. We are also looking for new members of the editorial board for the term 2012-2014. If you are interested in being considered for either the coeditor or an editorial board position and would like a job description, please email your name, country, and a brief statement about your areas of interest/expertise and your experience in writing and/or editing to *TAJ* Managing Editor robinfryer@aol.com by 1 November.