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CONFERENCE WRAP-UP

Osaka Conference Brings Together Large Gathering

by Naohito Yamasaki

The 2013 ITAA Conference in Osaka, Japan, was held from 15-17 August, with over 650 people attending from within Japan and 24 other countries around the world.

The preconference events included an ITAA Board of Trustees Meeting on Sunday and Monday, during which important association business was taken care of by officers and trustees who flew in from seven countries. Details of their work and decisions will be summarized in a future issue of *The Script*.

Beginning concurrently with the board meeting on Monday and carrying over into Tuesday, there was a 2-day preconference TA 101 course taught by Trudi Newton. To our surprise and delight, over 100 delegates joined the course, one of whom had taken a previous TA 101 over a decade ago and came back for a second time! Reports are that participants' expectations for the conference were heightened once they touched on material from the newly updated TA 101 presented so well by Trudi.

On Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday, exams for Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst and Certified Transactional Analyst were held with good success.





The official conference opening ceremony took place on Thursday morning 15 August. It began with



Osaka TA 101 participants with instructor Trudi Newton (seated, second row center)

the strong drum beats of Yamakiya Taiko, the members of which came all the way from Fukushima, where the devastating earthquake hit in 2011. The conference theme, "Recovery, Rebirth, New Beginnings" was much in our minds and hearts as we recalled that event and those who suffered as a result. ITAA President John Heath then declared the official opening of the Osaka conference.

The 3-day conference presented two keynote speeches, three special lectures, one symposium, approximately 50 workshops, and 20 poster sessions. The event was partially sponsored within the context of the 38th Annual Congress of the Japanese Society of Transactional Analysis. Many of the session and workshop themes reflected the fact that transactional analysis is committed to the deepening of human connection and the healing of wounds, as was mentioned by President Heath in his opening remarks on Thursday.

The closing ceremony was held late on Saturday afternoon. Many conference attendees entered the hall still full of excitement from the workshops and sessions they had attended. They all gathered together, transactional analysis enthusiasts from all over the world, to



ICHC chairs receiving thanks from conference participants for their work in putting on the stellar Osaka Conference (from left in front): Ms. Chie Shigeta, Chair; Ms. Tomoko Abe, Secretary General/Cochair; Ms. Izumi Kadomoto, Academic Program Chair; Ms. Yoshiko Suzuki, Registration Chair; Mr. Shoichi Ebana, Support Organization Coordination Chair; Ms. Naoko Toyoda, Venue Chair; Mr. Yuzuru Yoshida, Treasurer; Mr. Masaru Fujiwara, Public Relations; Ms. Chieko Tanaka, Volunteer Coordination Chair; Ms. Masumi Aonuma, Social Program Chair; and Ms. Ryoko Shimada, Language Coordination Chair

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acknowledge that the time had nearly come to say good-bye. Toward the end of the ceremony, the International Conference Host Committee (ICHC) committee chairs who had worked so hard to organize this successful conference were introduced and given long and hearty applause from the audience. This was then extended to honor the volunteers who had also supported the conference in so many different ways. It was a stirring moment when the conference delegates and the organizers came together and the "Everyone is OK" concept and caring for others were celebrated.

There is much more to be said about the conference, and we look forward to sharing more stories and photos with *Script* readers in coming issues. For the moment, we just want to thank everyone who participated. It was a remarkable experience and one we in Japan will remember for a very long time to come.



Volunteers receiving applause from Osaka conference participants in appreciation of their contribution to making the event so successful



Osaka conference copresenters enjoyed a meal together before giving their workshop (from left) : Karen Earn Lam (Singapore), C. Suriyaprakash (India), Kuniharu Ogawa (Japan), and translator Akiko Nitta (Japan)



(From left) Carol Solomon (USA), Mariko Tarui (Japan), and Ann Heathcote (UK) in Osaka representing three areas of the TA world.



Sue Eusden (left) pins "I Passed" ribbon on Danijela Budisa (right) after she successfully completed her exam to become a Certified Transactional Analyst

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Dare We Get Involved?

by Jean-Paul Godet

In the past year, two events have struck me as being of great importance to France: the death of Stéphane Hessel and the Cahuzac case. For readers outside of France, I offer a few words of explanation.

Stéphane Frédéric Hessel was a French diplomat, an ambassador, a World War II resistance figure, a writer, and a political militant. At the ripe old age of 93, he wrote the famous little book, *Indignez-vous!* [Be Indignant!], which was translated into 34 languages and sold 4 million copies in less than a year. It also inspired the name of the movements of rebellious "indignados" around the world, including Occupy Wall Street. To Hessel, the seed of involvement is indignation.

Editor's Note: *Remember to submit your articles on "TA and Social Responsibility" for the special January 2014 issue of the* Transactional Analysis Journal *on that theme to honor the 50th anniversary of the founding of the ITAA. We are also looking for shorter articles on that theme for upcoming* Scripts. *Please consider writing for one or the other publication or both!*

Jérôme Cahuzac is a French political figure who was forced to resign in 2013 from his job as Minister of Finance. When he was suspected of not reporting Swiss savings accounts to the tax authorities, he blatantly lied to Congress, swearing he was innocent. Only later, when undeniable evidence was forced on him, did he finally admit to lying and resign.

Both of these men caused a wave of media reaction. As a citizen of France and someone who holds public office, I felt touched and shaken. My training as a transactional analyst led me to wonder about the meaning of these events, and I particularly questioned the concept of autonomy.

Society Is the Theater of Games

A finance minister being caught red-handed, that is no ordinary twist of events (a crossup in the game). A game is unfolding before our eyes, a game with all of society!

The media are constantly informing us about power games and people vying for the best spot. Recognition needs are exacerbated by a quest for gain and notoriety. Democracy suffers from forms of oligarchy organized within political parties or influential economic forces (lobbies, multinational businesses, etc.). The psychological games or power games played by a few spill over into bigger stakes at the level of a whole city, a whole region, an entire nation. In these games, the crossups can take the form of strikes, layoffs, internal warfare, and more. They result in much human suffering, often in a very public way. Rescuers and Persecutors are drawn en masse. Just read the commentaries on internet forums, and you will see many hasty conclusions and inaccurate interpretations. The public and private spheres merge. Persons and roles become mixed up.

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Beyond Appearances: Society's Weak Spots (Berne's "Gimmicks")

There is an old Chinese saying that goes something like this: "When the wise man points at the moon, the fool looks at his finger." Let us not confuse symptoms and problems. Our attention should not focus entirely on the lies. Of course, it is only natural, as human beings, to be shocked and appalled by the lies, but we should not be naive. Regardless of how often people may swear to God or on the Bible, the Quran, or whatever else one may hold sacred, lies will always exist. A just and equitable democratic society requires solid protections for both individuals and groups. For humans will always be human, with resources, limitations, weaknesses, and defenses, both archaic and conscious.

In the Cahuzac affair, what is shocking is not so much the lie but the lack of control. Of course, one is presumed innocent unless proven guilty. Nevertheless, there ought to be a genuine search for the truth. Referring to Berne's theory of organizations, the State apparatus must recover its full potency, without allowing any confusion between one individual's weak spot (Mr. Cahuzac's denial) and society's weak spot, which I see as institutional laxism in the face of multiple political and economic influences. The Persecution lies not in our exercising control as such, which is a legitimate and protective necessity, but in the absence of meaning and ethics in the controlling. Tomorrow's democracy must give back credibility to politics and politicians or else demagogues will take over, seducing disappointed and embittered populations who are tired of seeing their fundamental needs forgotten. Society-level power games will be played out even more at the third degree, and they will multiply on a larger scale.

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An Alternative Path: Autonomy and Involvement

Berne defined autonomy as the recovery of three qualities: consciousness, spontaneity, and intimacy—to which Marie-Christine Seys (a TSTA in education) adds responsibility (Seys, 2006). I believe that being autonomous and responsible necessarily leads us to become involved.

Hessel invites us to look at our society through several lenses: social injustice, the gradual deterioration of our environment, and the power of money. He reminds us that it is urgent to do "something different, in a different way" in order to battle economic, human, and social failures. Hessel invites us to become involved.

Can a transactional analyst become involved? From the beginning, when we train as transactional analysts, engagement and commitment are present. We must adhere to the ethics codes of ITAA and EATA. Candidates for certification are expected to demonstrate an OK attitude that takes the other's reality into account.

Choy's (1990/1992) winner's triangle offers three dimensions, which to me are a good road map for involvement:

- **Full awareness of one's own and the other's vulnerability:** It is possible to feel and express one's vulnerability without taking on a Victim role. Likewise, it is possible to hear, see, and account for someone else's vulnerability without labeling him or her as a Victim.
- **Caring for the other:** Intimacy invites us to welcome the other and listen to him or her. Mutuality is necessary for human growth into adulthood. I cannot exist while ignoring others, their existence, and their living conditions. Generosity is not the same as Rescuing, and compassion is not the same as pity!
- **Self-affirmation:** Being responsible can lead to indignation.

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Global Learning to Encourage Global Thinking

by Anna Chandy

Have you explored your cultural "wiring" as a therapist, trainer, and/or trainee in transactional analysis? I am a Provisional Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst in the counseling field from Bangalore, India, and I have a keen interest in understanding individuals and groups as they move from one developmental stage to another. The cultural aspects of that development are of particular relevance since I live and work in Bangalore, one of the fastest developing cities in both India and the world. As the IT hub of India, multinationals have a huge presence here, resulting in a heterogenous, diverse population.

In my experience as a life coach, therapist, and trainer, both individuals and groups often experience feelings of stuckness, inertia, and being rudderless when they seem to have completed a developmental stage and yet are not aware of it. At these times, they require support, playful challenge, and an infusion of energy to promote the awareness, movement, recognition, and direction required for the next stage. In my own life, I have experienced these feelings on my PTSTA journey.

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With this perspective in mind, I took the opportunity to visit Oxford, England, in April 2013 and participate as a cotrainer and learner with Rosemary Napper for 10 intense days. I trained and simultaneously learned with a group from diverse cultural backgrounds. This was the first time I had done training outside of India. We were three trainers: Sylvia Schanner from Austria, Rosemary from the United Kingdom, and me from India. The participants in the group of trainees were mainly citizens of several ethnicities from the United Kingdom, the United States, and Brazil. To me, ethnicity is the "hardware," the deeply embedded psychological wiring that binds individuals to their systemic cultural roots; citizenship is the "software," the multilevel relating language and coding individuals or groups learn and develop to fit into, engage with, and create belonging to the environment in which they have taken up residence. Hardware resides in the unconscious; software is mainly conscious.

As an Indian, my hardware had some transgenerational contaminations of which I was unaware and that surfaced during my time in Oxford. In my country, I am a successful individual, self-assured and independent. My clientele are from various walks of life and different



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countries. Many international clients have shared with me that I was recommended to them as an independent progressive professional to whom they would be able to relate because I have traveled outside of India.

In Oxford, while I was training individuals from another country, I internally felt inadequate and nervous. Upon self-reflection, I realized that my systemic transgenerational psychological position of being not OK was the force behind the feelings. I was in Oxford, considered to be the heartland of colonial politicians, and the buildings there reminded me of colonial history, which had an impact on my hardware. Although I was born much after Indian independence was achieved, my hardware still carried the impact of preindependence days experienced by my forebearers.

I required the playful challenge, infusion of energy, and support from individuals whose hardware is different from mine for insight by which to deconstruct an aspect of my psychological framework. In my environment this opportunity most likely would not have arisen, because although we Indians are diverse, especially in our software, our hardware is very similar.

In both CTA and PTSTA training journeys, at different developmental stages, I think needs such as these arise for most trainees. I think and believe that a trainer from a different environment with different software, hardware, and frame of reference will enrich trainees' experience and development. This is especially true given the changing world we live in, where it is crucial that we are global and not parochial so that we relate, engage, and negotiate from a position of "we-ness" rather than "I-ness."

I think multicultural, multisetting training, with the objective of learning globally to encourage global thinking, will benefit all of our trainees, trainers, and clientele. With this in mind, another group of trainees from Bangalore and Delhi will be visiting Oxford to experience, observe, and learn both individually and collectively in a setting diverse from theirs and taking online tutorials from trainers from three nationalities (UK, Australia, and India). We are hoping trainees from other parts of the globe will join us to represent varied frames of reference and thus broaden and deepen the experience for us all.

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> Confrontation can be benevolent. Revealing an injustice or a potential danger is not the same as betrayal. The law tells us that complicity can make us an accessory in crime. So involvement can imply self-affirmation. An involved person is apt to receive criticism, even sometimes violent retaliation. Therefore, one needs courage and boldness because there may be fighting and even violence. It is up to us transactional analysts to make the fights constructive and meaningful.

To Each His or Her Own Involvement

In opening with my comments about Hessel and Cahuzac, I may seem to be inviting people to take on militant or political action. As important as these may be at times, they are not the only ways to get involved.

In transactional analysis, we can say our work is involved if as coaches, trainers, or psychotherapists, for instance, we take an unambiguous position about an ethical failure, when we dare to take sides to defend and care for a vulnerable and fragile person, when we dare to take the measured risk of encouraging clients who are hesitant and frightened and support them toward progress and success by offering adequate encouragement.

In other frames of reference, there are many forms of involvement, including writing, painting, sculptures, films, and so on.

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Keeping in Touch



Aragon TA Association group with Richard Erskine. Jesus Cuadra is standing on the far right, Mario Salvador is kneeling on the left in the second row, and Richard is on the left in the last row.



Richard Erskine (seated in middle of front row) with Singapore group

The Aragon Transactional Analysis Association of Spain has recently completed a 12-year series of courses with Richard Erskine. Since 2002, most of the members of this group have met each year for a 5-day theory course and experiential workshop and a 3-day supervision group. Most of the people in the group are Certified Transactional Analysts. The group is sponsored by Jesus Cuadra and Mario Salvador, both of whom are ITAA Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analysts (psychotherapy).

Bill Cornell has a chapter entitled "Lost and Found: Sibling Loss, Disconnection, Mourning, and Intimacy" in a new book out this year. *Intimacies: A New World of Relational Life* is edited by Alan Frank, Patricia Clough, and Steven Seidman and published by Routledge. Bill's chapter is set in the deeply personal context of his sister's death, during which he and his brother and sister finally confronted a history of family lies and secrets. Bill discusses the importance of sibling intimacy and the gradual replacement of "vertical" relationships with parents and other authorities with "horizontal" relationships with siblings and peers. Lauren Berlant says of the book, "Intimacies is both a surprising and unsurprising book. It is unsurprising because it engages central discussions in anthropology, sociology, psychoanalysis, and philosophy organized by how to understand the knots, projections, and inconstancies of the intimate ties on which we rely. It is surprising because the essays are so intimate."

Richard Erskine conducted a supervision group in Singapore in March 2013. The group, sponsored by Jessica Leong, the Director of Executive Counselling and Training Academy, was composed of experienced transactional analysts who wanted to improve their skills in the use of a relational and integrative perspectives in their counseling, psychotherapy, and organizational consulting.



Tony White with two of the organizers of the Ljubljana workshop. On the left is Jana Šušteršic, and on the right is Helena Poûun. The other organizer, Darja Poljanec, is not in the photograph.

Tony White ran two workshops in Cornwall, England, in May 2013. One was on "The Suicidal Client" and the other was on "Working with Different Emotions in Therapy." He also ran a workshop on "The Suicidal Teenager" in Ljubljana, Slovenia. He also writes to say that his book *Working with Suicidal Individuals* is now available in 281 college, university, and training institute libraries, and his book *Working with Drug and Alcohol Abusers* is available in 196.



Gloria Noriega (center) at the Mexico City launch of her new book on codependency



Gloria Noriega has a new book out entitled *El guión de la codependencia en relaciones de pareja: Diagnóstico y tratamiento* [The Codependency Script: Diagnosis and Treatment]. It is based on the theory and practice of transactional analysis and published by Ed. Manual Moderno. It was written in Spanish and soon will be available in Italian.

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K Mamata Krishna, India	—
Taranjit Nair, India	—
Mahmoud Rashidi, Iran	—
Andre Rocha Cançado, Brazil	—
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Also see ta-trainingandcertification.net for more information.

A Historic Moment



by John Baxendale

Claude Steiner overcame poor health and an 11,000-mile round trip from California to attend what he called a "historic event" on 4-5 May 2013 in London. The Wealden Institute's second International Seminar celebrated the legacy of Eric Berne and brought together speakers and delegates from across the United Kingdom and Europe, Turkey, Iran, Australia, South Africa, and the United States. Claude's presence at the seminar was, of course, one of the most exciting features of the already exciting two-day event. Many transactional analysis students were present and said how proud they were to have met Claude, whom they will inevitably be quoting in their written work!

The breadth and depth of how transactional analysis is applied around the world was a strong underlying theme: Adrienne Lee (England) offered a broad introduction to the many approaches developed within transactional analysis, Diane Salters (South Africa) showed how TA can be applied with compassion to social justice and healing communal wounds, Tony White (Australia) offered a personal insight from the other end of the spectrum, Shirin Afraz (Iran) demonstrated how transactional analysis can be applied in conjunction with hypnosis, and Joanna Beazley Richards showed how Berne has been proven right through cutting-edge research in neuroscience and trauma. John Baxendale, also from the Wealden Institute, raised everyone's energy by focusing on Berne's energy theory, and Mil and Rik Rosseau (Belgium) and Fatma Torun Reid (Turkey) offered exciting insights into how TA works with groups, first with organizations and then in family therapy.

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All eyes, however, were naturally on Claude Steiner as he gave his keynote addresses, first on the legacy of Eric Berne and the following day on how transactional analysis is branching out across the world. As one of the pioneers of transactional analysis, Claude reflected on his experience of working with Eric Berne and on his own contribution to TA theory and practice over the years since then. He was able to clarify the original thinking behind the need for TA and for key concepts such as "I'm OK, You're OK," which have been reinterpreted over time.

Wealden Institute has preserved this second International Seminar on video for the Wealden Institute archive and for the benefit of students of Wealden College. A clip of this is available on YouTube at lgXiIP2nKT8.

Following the seminar, Wealden Institute is proud to have made donations to the Eric Berne Archive fund and the Eric Berne Fund for the Future.

The third seminar of its kind will be at the same venue on 4-5 October 2014 on the theme "TA, Faiths and Beyond."

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Writing to Manage Memory and Overload



by Tony White

Over the years I have had people who want to write ask me, "How do you start?" I don't understand that question. The problem for me is not how to start but how to stop!

In my early twenties, I began studying psychology at university and discovered that I had all sorts of ideas about the material I was reading—different ways of looking at it, or combining different ideas about the same subject to arrive at a different conclusion, and so forth. I have never read a book from cover to cover, particularly psychology books. I only read sections at a time that are of current interest. Then I go to another book or journal article on the same topic and read what they have to say. I may end up reading a whole book, but only over time and in whatever order interests me.

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After some time in school, I found that I was getting overloaded with ideas in my head and actually went through a bit of a bad patch in this way in my early days at university. So I started writing my ideas down. These musings were not assignments I had to do for my degree or preparation for some exam; they were outside the requirements of any formal study.

So, writing serves two functions for me. First, it provides me with cathartic relief. The actual process of writing about an idea out gets it out of my head. Second, I can then let the idea go. I developed this sense of a large 3D spider web, like a matrix, with all the ideas connected to each other. Each idea has a number of links (like the 3D web) to other ideas. They are all categorized, and each category is linked to other categories.

When I first started getting these ideas, I didn't want to forget them because then the link would be lost. I discovered that if I wrote them down, I then had a record and that part of the matrix would not be lost. I could always refer back to it without having to try to keep it in my mind.

However this created another problem. As time went on, what I had written started to mount up. This was before computers, so I soon had a pretty big pile of papers. What was I going to do with them? Eventually, I ran a series of seminars and produced a volume of writing for each. I ended up with nine volumes.

Then the Internet arrived, which was, for me, like being a child let free in a candy store. The Internet is all about writing, and now what I write can easily be recorded and presented to the world. And so I do, in various forms, including articles, books, and blogs.

For me, writing is an important and rewarding part of my life and one I hope to nurture for many years to come.

Tony White is a Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst (psychotherapy) and a registered psychologist in private practice. He has been working as a transactional analyst doing psychotherapy for all of his 30-year career. He won the Goulding Award for Excellence in Transactional Analysis in 1988 and the award of High Commendation at the British Medical Association 2011 book awards for his transactional analysis book on treating the suicidal client. In 2013 he had another book published on the transactional analysis approach to treating addiction. Tony can be reached at agbw@bigpond.com .

Robert Massey

by Sharon Massey

It is with sadness that I write to let you know that Robert F. Massey, PhD, passed away on 27 June, 18 days after his 70th birthday and 9 days after our 41st wedding anniversary. The cancer that he and his medical team had contained successfully for over a year via a stem cell transplant underwent an aggressive transformation this spring. The end came swiftly, its timing unexpected.

Robert had been looking forward to the possibility of participating in a gene-splicing study at the US National Institutes of Health, for which his medical team had recommended him. Unfortunately, the rapid acceleration of the disease made that impossible.

Robert, or Bob, as he was known to many in the ITAA, became a certified member of the ITAA in 1977. He served in several positions in the association, including as a member of the board of trustees and the *TAJ* editorial board. He was a frequent contributor to *The Script* and the *Transactional Analysis Journal* and taught workshops on marriage and family therapy at numerous transactional analysis conferences.

Robert was pleased to teach through the entire 2012-1013 school year at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey, where he directed a doctoral program in family psychology and both a master's and a postmaster's program in family therapy over much of the past 20 years.

A funeral mass was celebrated for Robert on 5 July at the Old Mission in Santa Barbara, CA, on the grounds of which he had attended St. Anthony's High School as a Franciscan seminarian. He is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Santa Barbara, facing the mountains where he used to enjoy hiking, earlier as a Boy Scout and later as a seminarian.



Sharon and Robert Massey

At the international TA conference in Osaka, Japan, in August, Vann Joines shared the news of Robert's death at the ITAA annual general membership meeting. Vann said, "People were as shocked as I was and remembered him fondly." In an email after she heard about Bob's death, ITAA Vice President of Research and Innovation Diane Salters wrote, "Robert, Sharon, and I spent many times talking 'social' TA and issues of justice and equality. He was a very committed person and a lovely man. I will miss his intellectual rigor and input into our conferences and journal as well as his human presence."

There is a site for those who wish to post a memorial message under Robert's name at the Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapels in Santa Barbara: www.armitagewiggins.com . People may also contact me at sharondavismassey@gmail.com .