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REGIONAL NEWS

2014 Romanian National Conference on Transactional Analysis

by Nicoleta Gheorghe



(From left) Anca Coman, ARAT President, presents the ARAT award for passing the CTA exam this year to Nicoleta Gheorghe

The Romanian Association for Transactional Analysis (ARAT) is relatively young but has already had a decisive role in the development of TA in Romania. Before the first national conference, which was organized by ARAT in 2007, those interested in TA in Bucharest and Timisoara, the two major Romanian cities where TA training is provided, had no structured opportunity to meet. Even the general assemblies of the organizations in each city were held separately. The decision to organize a yearly national conference with guests from outside the country, held alternately in Bucharest and Timisoara, provided great benefit to the growth of the association and the Romanian transactional analysis community.

The theme of this year's 8th Romanian National Conference, held 30 October to 3 November 2014 in Timisoara, was "Together Beyond Words." I expected that theme to increase the feeling of belonging and to create new bonds between the conference participants as well as between the training groups of the two cities. Having Steff Oates (TSTA-P), Sabine Klingenberg (TSTA-O), and Sari van Poelje (TSTA-O) as well as Romanian trainers Ioana Duma (PTSTA-P), Cristina Petrescu (CTA-P), Diana Deaconu (CTA-P), Nicoleta Gheorghe (CTA-P), Eugen Hriscu, Marina Vasile, Sorina Vrana, and Viorel Ciocan as trainer guests promised a learning experience with and beyond words.

In her preconference presentation entitled "Using All of Ourselves in Our Work," Steff Oates examined with us the importance of using our unique skills, interests, and essence in our work. We learned about the Boadella Hexagon, which shows how integration evolves by having access to six important realms of experience. As a group we linked this to TA theory and applications, and as a psychotherapist, I learned to use part of my inner resources in my work and that to per-



Steff Oates (right) with Mihai Iordache, who translated Steff's opening keynote and took the pictures shown here (many thanks to him!)

form better I need to have more inner space available for my clients. I can recover this space by using several instruments, including therapy, supervision, intervision, and theory.

Once the conference officially began, we could meet the organizers, Karina Heiligers and Alina Rus, and their team, including Andreea Ionescu, Amalia Gabor, Cristina Pop, Cristina Petrescu, Ada Rus, Anca Tiurean, Adriana Cozma, Calin Rus, Elena Tiron, Anca Coman, Sorina Vrana, Mihai Iordache, and Traian Bossenmayer. They were supported by their families, friends, colleagues, and a group of volunteers who are students of the Psychology Faculty of Timisoara West University. The hosts of the event, ARAT and Timisoara West University, have also hosted other TA national conferences in Timisoara as well as the 2004 EATA Conference. There was, therefore, good reason to celebrate and remember those past events. A special moment this time was when Sari van Poelje received a certificate of honorary membership that was awarded to her 10 years ago but handed to her in person only this year.

Steff delivered the keynote speech, which offered an opportunity to express ourselves and communicate with few words to create new bonds between the groups that were reunited at the conference: beginners and advanced professionals or people who have a nonprofessional interest in TA, people from the four TA fields, and participants from Bucharest, Timisoara, Arad, or other Romanian cities. The conference offered two sections: one of the special guests, Sabine Klingenberg and Steff Oates, and the other for trainers who are ARAT members.

In her first workshop, Sabine described the importance of feelings such as shame, blame, guilt, and responsibility, after which we as a group conceptualized them using TA and other theories and then created interventions. On the basis of self-reflection, exercises, and group members sharing their practical experiences and examples, we found a way to transfer these concepts to our work. For her second workshop, Sabine invited us to focus on the experience of having one's personal space "invaded" in the context of organizations, training, counseling, and psychotherapy. She offered a framework for thinking about the impact of abuse on both victims and offenders that allowed us to consider together how we can prevent dis-



Participants from Bucharest (from left): Irina Filipache, redactor of ARAT newsletter; Roxana Draghici; Monica Nastasa, editor of the ARAT newsletter; and Elena Tiron, organizer of the 2013 ARAT Conference in Bucharest

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Members of the organizing committee and volunteers and trainers

counting, abuse, and violation.

Steff facilitated two workshops during the conference. At the beginning of "Receiving the Protocol Level of Communication," we were encouraged to consider Berne's idea of protocol, especially in relation to working with clients who may appear resistant or unable to move forward. I learned that, for some clients, script may function as a defense for protocol, which revealed the importance of honoring unconscious communication. Steff's second workshop, "Togetherness in Difference," considered the challenge of belonging and separateness, including being an individual in a group and the challenges this may present. This opened for us many reflections connected to our Romanian cultural, historical, and TA group patterns.

In Sari's workshop, "Intuitive Coaching with TA," we practiced different techniques and exercises to enhance our coaching intuition. We focused especially on observing behavior, forming hypotheses about the patterns in which our clients are stuck, and testing the unconscious script narrative underneath.



Daniel Ciucur, former ARAT vice president, presenting Sari van Poelje with her award as an Honorary Member of ARAT

Parallel with Sari's workshop were workshops delivered by Romanian trainers that offered participants a wide spectrum of themes and ways of working. The seven workshops focused on the verbal and/or nonverbal level of the therapeutic relationship or on the dynamics between those two levels and treated the use of TA or non-TA concepts in a relational and experiential framework.

Sabine delivered the final keynote, and at that time we began integrating the things we had taken with us from the conference learning experiences as well as the new people we had met or the familiar people we now knew better and had reconnected with. We promised to meet each other again, being aware that the conference was, and will remain, a unique experience.

Because endings bring about many emotions, Sabine's postconference workshop, "Roller Coaster of Emotions: Emotions and Organizational Change," was a perfect match for those final moments. Based on TA and non-TA models, we reflected on and discussed some options for good change processes and how to accompany managers and coworkers on their emotional roller coaster during their process.

In the end, my expectations for the conference were fulfilled and even surpassed by the intensity and long-lasting impressions I took away. Many thanks to everyone who made the conference such a success.

Our thanks to Karina Heiligerskarina for her help with the photos.

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Important Membership Changes Announced

by Diane Salters and Bill Holloway

The ITAA Board of Trustees has been busy over the last couple of years getting our structures in line with certain bylaws with which we need to comply. In the process, it became clear that we needed to tidy up our membership classes. This seemed a great opportunity to rethink our membership structure altogether and see if we could come up with something simpler and more inclusive.

First, it seemed to us a discount for some members not to have voting rights. We thought all members should be voting members with the rights and responsibilities that go with this status. For example, many Associate Members have contributed enormously to the ITAA over the years. They will now have voting rights and a name change to "Supporting Members," which we think better reflects their contributions.

Second, several trainers requested that we extend the class of Student Member to include transactional analysis trainees (endorsed by a trainer/supervisor) rather than it being restricted to full-time university students. This is now implemented and offers a very affordable package for both TA trainees and full-time university students.

Third, in place of the plethora of other memberships, we now have one class of "Full Member." This will be open to anyone who wishes to join at that level. As more people become interested in transactional analysis and in receiving full access to the *Transactional Analysis Journal* and its online archive, many may want to be Full Members. They may not be IBOC-certified but may have comprehensive training in another modality, and we do not want to discount that training. Those members who wish to have their IBOC qualification listed after their membership can so request. Some members who were previously eligible only for Associate Membership may now become Full Members.

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Fourth, given the extraordinary longevity and amazingly active lives of many of our most senior ITAA members, it hardly seemed appropriate to automatically designate people as "retired' after a certain age. Instead, members can, when they consider themselves to be retired, apply for that status and become a Retired Member while still retaining their voting privileges.

Fifth, Honorary Member remains the same and is a membership offered by the ITAA (BOT) for services rendered to the organization and to transactional analysis.

Here are additional details of the classes of membership, the current dues, and corresponding services:

Full Member: This is now open to anyone who chooses to become a Full Member. This class effectively amalgamates Regular, Certified, and Teaching Members. Full Members have voting rights, and if they have IBOC-recognized certification, their appropriate designation (i.e., CTA/PTSTA/TTA/TSA/TSTA) will follow their name if so requested. Full Members pay a full fee ($160 currently) and receive full services and benefits as determined by the BOT. This class is for professionals who support the humanistic goals of the ITAA with digital access to the full *TAJ* back catalog.

Supporting Member (formerly Associate Member): These members have voting rights and pay a lesser fee ($110 currently) and receive limited services and benefits as determined by the BOT with digital access to the *TAJ* for the current and one previous year.

Student Member: This class is open to individuals who are students of transactional analysis with pre-Certified Transactional Analyst trainee status or who are enrolled full-time at a university. Applicants must provide endorsement by either a Provisional Teaching and Supervising Analyst, a Training and Supervising Transactional Analyst, or a uni-

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Call for ITAA Board Nominations

The following positions are open for nominations. *Deadline: 31 May 2015.*

Officers (nominations allowed from any region and elected at large by all ITAA voting members)

- Vice President Operations (2016-2018)
- Vice President Research and Innovation (2016-2018)
- Vice President Professional Standards (2016-2018)
- Treasurer (2016-2018)

Regional Trustees (nomination and election only by members of the region)

- North America (2016-2018)
- Latin America (2016-2018)
- Africa (2016-2018)

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 describing the function and selection criteria for each of the officer positions are available from Mandy Lacy at mandy@lacyconsulting.net . Nominees are encouraged to read and understand these before accepting nomination.

Send nominations to ITAA Nominations Chair Sumithra Sharatkumar at sumithrask@gmail.com . Those who accept nomination must email a written statement and digital photo to the nominations chair by 31 May. Statements should be a maximum of 250 words.

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versity. Student members pay a reduced fee (currently $90) and have voting rights and digital access to the full *TAJ* back catalog (without receiving a hard copy of the *TAJ*). Student members must join (or renew their membership annually) by completing a Student/Trainee Status Verification Form and by completing one of the offline membership forms.

Honorary Member: These are voting members who receive full service without fee for whatever period of time is determined by the ITAA Board of Trustees.

Retired Member: This is no longer automatic by age but can be requested at the time of the member's retirement. For a lower fee (currently $99) retired members have voting rights and digital access to the full *TAJ* back catalog. (Members who have retired may apply for a reduction in fee.)

We hope these changes in our membership structure will better meet the needs of our members.

Accessing the TAJ Online

As you know by now, we are delighted that the electronic version of the *Transactional Analysis Journal* is available online to ITAA members. To access the *TAJ* online to read full-text articles or to search the *TAJ* archive back to 1971, follow these easy steps.

To set up your online access:

1. Go to the SAGE Journals website at https://online.sagepub.com/cgi/activate/basic .
2. Under "Activate Your Membership Subscription (one time)," enter your ITAA member ID number (your ID is the 2-, 3-, or 4-digit number on the mailing label that comes with the print copy of the journal), select "International Transactional Analysis Association (ITAA)" from the drop-down menu, and click "Submit."
3. On the "Instructions" page, first verify that your name is displayed correctly. (If not, please contact SAGE at societymember@sagepub.com or call 1-800-818-7243.) If your name is correct, enter a username and password and click "Send Form" to activate your account. (Note: Do not click the "Transactional Analysis Journal" link until the confirmation process has been completed.)

To access articles:

1. After you have activated your account, go to the *TAJ* homepage at http://tax.sagepub.com .
2. Click the "Sign In" link at the top of the page to log in each time you start a new session.
3. To access the current issue, click on the journal cover or on "Current Issue."
4. To browse the archive, click "All Issues."
5. To search for specific articles, enter a title or other keyword in "Search this journal" or use the "Advanced Journal Search" link.

If you have any difficulties with this process, there are three options for obtaining assistance: (1) email SAGE at societymember@sagepub.com; (2) phone SAGE at 1-800-818-7243, ext. 7318; or (3) contact Steff Oates by email at lcfan@me.com .

Upcoming TA Conferences in Europe and Latin America

EATA Theory Development and Research Conference

9-11 July, Rome, Italy

Deadline for Proposals: 31 January 2015

On behalf of the European Association for Transactional Analysis (EATA), we are delighted to invite you to our first Theory Development and Research Conference organized by EATA with all the Italian Associations (AIAT, AUXIMON, CPAT, IANTI, IAT, IRPIR, and SIMPAT). "Beyond the Limits: Verifying the Development of TA Theory Through Research" is the theme, and the conference will be held at the Rome Marriott Park Hotel, 9-11 July 2015. The conference intends to be a meaningful opportunity for exchange and a forum in which to reflect on the state of the art of transactional analysis theory, its current stage of development and its strengths, and the directions and areas that can be explored in depth through research in the future. We will be pleased to receive your proposals for sharing your knowledge and ideas about TA application and theory. The official language of the conference is English. For details, please contact the scientific committee at scientificcommettee.chair@eataconference2015.com and/or find relevant conference information and submit your presentation or workshop proposal by downloading the forms from www.eataconference2015.com . The deadline for proposals is 31 January 2015. We looking forward to meeting you in Rome next July!

Laura Bastianelli, Scientific Committee Chair, and Alessandra Pierini, Rome Conference Chair

XXXII Latin American Congress of Transactional Analysis

30 September–3 October 2015, Lima, Peru

Deadline for Proposals: 31 January 2015

We are pleased to invite you to join us for the XXXII Latin American Congress of Transactional Analysis to be held from 30 September to 2 October 2015 in Lima, Peru. It is being organized with the support of the Psychological Institute of Development and Self-Help. As the organizing group, we recognize that transactional analysis has evolved and is constantly growing. We are also aware of the integration of TA with other schools and want this conference to be an opportunity to continue growing and updating our identity as transactional analysts. We invite you to participate as presenters and to share your experience as a transactional analyst to enrich the program and update TA as well as to share an experience of reunion and integration with the global TA community. Please submit your proposals by 31 January 2015 via email to conglat2015@gmail.com .

Organizing Team CONGLAT 2015:
Karol Cavero (President of Congress), Angela Melgar, Milagros Well, and Eliana Ayín

TA Conferences

9-11 July 2015:
Rome, Italy. EATA Conference: First TA Research and Theory Development Conference.
Contact: www.eatanews.org

29 July–1 August 2015:
Sydney, Australia. ITAA/FTAA Conference.
Contact: www.2015taconference.org

30 September–3 October 2015:
Lima, Peru. XXXII Latin American Congress of Transactional Analysis (CONGLAT 2015).
Contact: conglat2015@gmail.com .

ERRATA: In the December 2014 *Script* note about Steve Karpman's workshops in St. Petersburg, Russia, it was incorrectly stated that they were linked to the UK Institute of Developmental TA. In fact, although the local MIR-TA has had a link with the International Centre for Developmental TA because they have been organizing a program with visiting trainers who offer ICDTA (and ITAA/EATA/FTAA) qualifications, Steve's visit was arranged as a separate initiative by the MIR-TA founders. We apologize for the error.

OLD *TAJ*s AVAILABLE: Tice Elkins has a full set of the *TAJ* from 1971-2001 that he is willing to donate if someone will either pick it up (he lives in Roseville in northern California) or cover the cost of postage. For more information, please contact him at tice@rotaryrsvl.org .



Come together
the power of group dynamics

2015 Sydney ITAA/FTAA Conference

29 July - 1 August | The Menzies Hotel | www.2015taconference.org

Deadline for proposals: 1 February 2015

You Are Invited to "Come Together" in Sydney!

Come explore, learn, and play with us in Sydney at the 2015 ITAA/FTAA TA Conference. One of the world's most beautiful harbor cities, Sydney is representative of many diverse groups of people who choose as individuals, families, couples, and groups to travel, migrate, or steal away to this land down under seeking a new sense of identity under the group umbrella of the name *Australia*. This conference will be a living reminder of the importance and universality of groups and the ability and desire of individuals to survive, succeed, or just exist in groups.

Culturally, socially, economically, and spiritually, groups are essential to the fabric of society and to the theory of transactional analysis. The conference theme involves revisiting the core of transactional analysis: the work done by Berne with groups. It evokes many different perspectives, from individual integration/assimilation/identification relative to groups and the resulting relational dynamics to the evolution and development of individuals in educational and organizational settings. In the spirit of the group imago, the theme is inclusive of the four fields.

Whether in training, supervision, therapy, teaching, or coaching, groups and the analysis of group dynamics can be transformative.

Social Dreaming

For the third time at an international transactional analysis conference, a social dreaming matrix (SDM) will be offered as an early morning event in Sydney. According to Freud, dreams represent the royal road to the unconscious and reflect a working of the mind beyond categories that we associate with as ego or self. Dreams are beyond language, yet we use language to express them. Social dreaming using the matrix has been practiced since the early 1980s and has caught attention and imagination globally. The social dreaming matrix is a place out of which something grows, a womb, a place to question and to associate to dreams, which gives us the chance to move beyond the known and play together with the unknown. Dreams belong to the emergent life of the 2015 Sydney conference into which the participants dream. The primary task of the SDM will be to study the collective unconscious meaning by associating to one's own and other participants' dreams, which are made available to the matrix, and then making links and connections.

Director of the Social Dreaming Matrix: Servaas van Beekum, with other consultants to be announced



Keynotes

There is an inherent dilemma in the study of all group and individual dynamics: the pull of adaptation to the group versus the autonomy of the individual. All four Sydney keynote speakers—Andrew Samuels, Bill Cornell, Farhad Dalal, and Sari van Poelje—will address this basic tension and consider the dichotomy of individual and group, unresolved in Berne's time, to attempt a synthesis, a combination of figure and ground, of person and context.

ANDREW SAMUELS



Andrew Samuels is a Jungian analyst, a university professor, a writer, a political consultant, and a political activist. He invites interaction, not just describing but creating community and combining analysis and activism. His most recent book, *Politics on the Couch: Citizenship and the Internal Life*, is described as "an … account of the hidden psychology of politics and the hidden politics of the psyche." This and his other books, *The Political Psyche* and *The Plural Psyche*, bring together individual psychodynamics and community. He raises the issue posed by Winnicott's comment that "there is no such thing as a baby," asking if there can thus be any such thing as an individual. However, what then of autonomy, of individuals making a difference, a central idea in transactional analysis? Andrew seems to find an answer in Camus' existentialist aphorism: "I rebel, therefore we are." Individual dissidence, resistance, contrariness, and eccentricity find their expression in the context of the group.

BILL CORNELL



"GROUPS! We can't live with them, and we can't live without them. In every aspect of life, we are willing, unwilling, and often unwitting participants in groups—in families, with friends, throughout education and learning, at work, and among colleagues. As transactional analysts, we practice in a diverse range of applications, but group life is an inevitable part of working in each field of practice. Groups can be lifelong sources of belonging, identity, challenge, and enrichment. They can also be the arena for failure, exclusion, shame, violence, and vulnerability."

Thus Bill Cornell introduces his keynote, and, in his often poetic style, he goes on to describe groups as "objects of hatred, objects of desire, and the means toward powerful change." Bill is the 2010 winner of the Eric Berne Memorial Award, a coeditor of the *TAJ*, a prolific author, and a thought-provoking trainer and speaker. He is the author of *Explorations in Transactional Analysis: The Meech Lake Papers* and *Somatic Experience in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy: In the Expressive Language of the Living* (release April 2015).

FARHAD DALAL



A psychotherapist and group analyst, Farhad Dalal is an engaging speaker and inspired author who has written several political analyses of community. His first book, *Taking the Group Seriously*, argued against individualism and for the relational nature of human life. His second, *Race, Colour and the Processes of Radicalization*, focused on the causes of hatred of others in general and on racism in particular. His latest book, *Thought Paralysis: The Virtues of Discrimination*, is a constructive critique of equality movements. Currently, Farhad is writing a critique of cognitive-behavioral therapy. His main interest at the moment is the critical significance of ethics in human life as well as the practice and theory of psychotherapy. To Farhad, psychotherapy that reads individual dynamics in social phenomena is "both asocial as well as apolitical, which legitimates forms of practice that are also asocial and apolitical." He reverses this, suggesting a way of thinking that "leads to a reversal of individualism … claim[ing] that the social is prior to the individual."

SARI VAN POELJE



An organizational consultant with a long history in organizational development and transactional analysis, Sari van Poelje described her approach in an interview at the 2010 OD World Summit in Bucharest (www.youtube.com/watch?v=P10C3RP4ld0). Sari's thoughtful buoyancy and confidence encapsulates the conference's optimism that whatever our social context, whatever problems beset our societies, we can contribute in a way that generates harmony and synergy. As she has said, "For me, every crisis is an opportunity." Sari looks at teams, rather than individuals, in organizations: "We know that teams outperform individuals and that a focus on control limits an organization's capacity to be agile. In these turbulent times, it is important to transform our individual management focus to a team-agility focus."

The Friday Symposia: Application of Transactional Analysis in Groups

PSYCHOTHERAPY SYMPOSIUM: "Groups Past, Present, and Future?"

Presenters: Elana Leigh (chair), Bill Cornell, Farhad Dahal, Andrew Samuels, Keith Tudor, Jo Stuthridge



This symposium will create a group forum in which we, as a community, can reflect on, think about, and imagine the value of the group in varying settings within the clinical context. The day will be broken up into different activities, but primarily we will remain as one large group. As transactional analysts, we emerged out of a tradition that was group focused and moved toward more individual treatment. Does this mirror our larger community in perhaps becoming less community minded and more individualistic? How does this affect who we are as psychotherapists? *Symposium Chair Elana Leigh, BSc Social Work, MSc Integrative Psychotherapy, is a TSTA (psychotherapy) who has trained and supervised across a range of cultures for the past 26 years. She is active both nationally and internationally in bodies that maintain and advance training standards in psychotherapy and works as a psychotherapist in private practice as well as a supervisor and trainer in Sydney.*

COUNSELING SYMPOSIUM: "Awareness of Groups in Counseling Contexts: Couple, Family, and Culture"

Presenters: Jan Grant (chair), Rosemary Napper, Anna Chandy, Margaret Bowater



The symposium will open with a keynote by Jan Grant on "Counseling in Today's Society." Jan's article on "Short-Term Counseling Using Transactional Analysis" is one of the most Googled in the *TAJ*. Why is that? Since Eric Berne mostly worked in groups, what has happened to group therapy? These issues will be explored in the context of today's society and what clients want. The symposium will be interactive and provide opportunities to discuss work with families/couples, the influence of the group on the individual, and cultural issues. Attendees will be encouraged to explore their own counseling contexts, and each presenter will offer a workshop showcasing her interests, including working with dreams, couples, and the Cultural Parent. *Symposium Chair Jan Grant, BEd, MEd (Adult Ed), is a TSTA (education and counseling) and a Certified Imago Relationship Therapist. Jan has been in private practice for nearly 30 years and divides her time between her practice and teaching/supervising at the Australian College of Applied Psychology.*

EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM: "Educating Across All Groups"

Presenters: Rhae Hooper (chair), Karen Pratt, Jan Grant, Rosemary Napper, Susannah Temple



This symposium will address what it means to be an educator as a parent, a school teacher, a government or corporate trainer, or an adult educator. Participants will learn from a keynote speaker, interact with a panel, and work experientially in large and small groups. They will assess the tools and options offered to enhance their own practice as educators, adopt effective interventions, determine the learning of their audience, and understand their own patterns of communication. They will leave equipped with a model of positive communication and healthy interpersonal skills. The day will be interactive and offer opportunities to share and explore education across all groups in our communities and societies. *Symposium chair Rhae Hooper, LSDA (Ed), is a PTSTA (education) who worked in the corporate sector for 35+ years as a facilitator, coach, and trainer and also supervises trainers and educators. Rhae was president of the Australian Transactional Analysis Association and currently heads the regional Federation of Transactional Analysis Associations. She lives and works in Sydney.*

ORGANIZATIONAL SYMPOSIUM: "Groups at Work"

Presenters: Mandy Lacy (chair), Thomas Steinert, Servaas van Beekum, Sari van Poelje, C. Suriyaprakash



A panel discussion on current thinking, practice, and experience of group work and groups in organizations will be followed by group-focused activities as they relate to work with organizations, including group activities, learning, sharing, and presentations. The day will be interactive to provide attendees with opportunities to focus on working in and with groups and to discuss, explore, and learn about group dynamics, structure, power, and authority. Each presenter will facilitate aspects of the symposium. *Symposium Chair Mandy Lacy, a TSTA (organizational), is an organizational development, learning, and development specialist with expertise in leadership development, training, and change management. She holds a master's in learning science and technology and is doing her doctoral research at the University of Sydney in cross-disciplinary teams making sense of disruptive technologies.*

TA 101





Marco Mazzetti, MD, psychiatrist, TSTA (psychotherapy), and **Charlotte Daellenbach**, TSTA (psychotherapy), will teach a TA 101 course on 28-29 July 2015. The TA 101 is a comprehensive introduction to the theory and practice of transactional analysis, which can be applied in psychotherapy, counseling, education, and organizational consultation. The format will combine lecture, group discussion, experiential exercises, and fun.

POSTCONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

"Group Therapy: A Second-Rate Therapy?" with Farhad Dalal. This workshop will examine the state of group therapy in order to think about how to set up and maintain a group therapy practice. Broadly, the focus of the workshop will be divided into the why and the how.



"Transactional Analysis for Organizations at Work" with Mandy Lacy and Thomas Steinert. In modern organizational psychology, we work with change management tools, role development, and process architectures to link business to people mastering complexity and/or resistance and engagement. This workshop will cover the "must-know-concepts" of organizational transactional analysis. We will work with the systemic development cycle that integrates business elements, that is, like structures, processes and customer orientation, and pure organizational dynamics in a mirroring learning set-up.





"Cocreativity In, Through, and of Groups" with Keith Tudor and Graeme Summers. The *co* in cocreative acknowledges the transactional, international, mutual, joint, and cooperative as well as partnership. That the term contains the word *creative* is an intentional reference to what is, can, and should be original, imaginative, intuitive, and spontaneous about the encounter between human beings and in groups. With this in mind, this workshop will work with cocreativity in, through, and of groups.





Tentative Conference Schedule

PRECONFERENCE

Sunday-Monday 26-27 July
ITAA Board of Trustees

Tuesday-Wednesday 28-29 July
Trainers' meeting and examinations
TA 101 with Marco Mazzetti and Charlotte Daellenbach

CONFERENCE

Wednesday Evening 29 July
Keynote by Andrew Samuels
Welcome reception, cocktail party and entertainment (inclusive)

Thursday 30 July
Early-morning programs (walks; social dreaming)
Conference opening with keynote by Farhad Dalal
TA associations presidents' meeting (lunch)
Conference workshops
ITAA annual general membership meeting

Friday 31 July
Early-morning programs (walks; social dreaming)
Keynote by Bill Cornell
Four symposia on "The Application of TA in Groups"
Women's gathering
Organized (optional) evening social activities

Saturday 1 August
Early-morning programs (walks; social dreaming)
Keynote by Sari Van Poelje
Eric Berne Memorial Award
Conference workshops
Evening reception, gala dinner and dance

POSTCONFERENCE

Sunday 2 August
TA World Council of Standards meeting
Postconference workshops
- "Group Therapy: A Second-Rate Therapy?" with Farhad Dalal
- "Transactional Analysis for Organizations at Work" with Mandy Lacy and Thomas Steinert
- "Cocreativity In, Through, and of Groups" with Keith Tudor and Graeme Summers

Sunday 2 August–Tuesday 4 August
Training Endorsement Workshop



code: 150726 ATA. This rate is valid from 26 July to 4 August 2015 for a standard room at $155 (room only). A full buffet breakfast in the Carrington Restaurant is available for $25 per person per day. Please note the rate is based on availability at the time of booking.



CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

The conference will be held in the heart of Sydney at The Menzies Hotel, which was selected because of its reputation for warm hospitality and traditional, friendly service and its modern comfort and style. Famous attractions such as the Sydney Opera House, The Rocks, Sydney Harbour Bridge, Darling Harbour Precinct, and The Royal Botanic Gardens are all a short stroll away. The hotel also has the luxury of direct rail access to the airport and easy accessibility to other public transport. The Menzies offers an array of dining experiences (including two restaurants, two cafés, and four bars), an indoor heated swimming pool, a spa, a sauna, a gymnasium, an onsite newsagent, an internet center, and 24-hour room service.

For details, visit www.sydneymenzieshotel.com.au .

BOOKING YOUR ACCOMMODATION

You may contact The Menzies Sydney during business hours directly on + 61 2 9299 1000 or via email to h2977-re@accor.com to book your own accommodation with the discounted conference rate. To receive the rate, make sure to mention the conference and quote the following

ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION

Given that the venue is central to Sydney and accessible by all modes of public transport (it is practically on top of Wynyard Railway Station), participants have a greater choice of accommodation. Click here to see a selection of alternative accommodation in and around Sydney's central business district. You can also Google "accommodation near Wynyard Railway Station, Sydney."

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Visiting Sydney



SIGHTSEEING AND DINING

Gorgeous Sydney Harbour is a 5-minute walk from the conference venue, which is in the heart of this beautiful city. The city's key offerings are within walking distance, fine dining is available at world-renowned restaurants, and numerous parks dot the city. A free central business district shuttle moves around the city daily. Sydney restaurants and cafés deliver some of the best fresh food and produce in the world, with cuisines from Africa, Asia, China, Europe, Mexico, and India available. And in the last few years, Sydney's café culture has undergone a mini-renaissance in which the preparation of coffee has become a sacred art emphasizing ethically sourced beans, small-batch roasts, and alternative brewing methods. We are working on several cultural, gourmet, and local events and activities for participants to enjoy. Watch *The Script* and the conference website.

OPERA HOUSE, HARBOUR, AND THE HARBOUR BRIDGE

The iconic Sydney Opera House, a UNESCO World Heritage Masterpiece, is a short walk from the conference venue. Drink and eat at the bars located around the Opera House or just marvel at the architecture (tours are available). During conference week, experience Puccini's *Turandot*, Elijah Moshinsky's lavish production of *Don Carlos*, or Sir Simon Rattle conducting the Australian World Orchestra for two electrifying concerts in the Sydney Opera House with special guest mezzosoprano Magdalena Koûená. Experience the beauty of Sydney Harbour by catching a local ferry or just walk around while viewing the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Walk over the bridge to Kirribilli, one of the city's most established, affluent neighborhoods. As well as a scattering of Georgian and Gothic-revival houses and mansions, it hosts several small cafés and restaurants and one of Sydney's best chocolatiers: Coco Chocolate.

THE ROCKS

This tourist friendly area is right on the doorstep of The Menzies. There are high-class restaurants, historic pubs, curio shops selling Australiana, and rustic cafés galore, but now local artisans also sell their independent wares from pop-up shops, troubadours busk from corners, and burlesque performers set up their red-light delights in the many alleyways and coves. The Rocks Friday-night markets are thriving as are street festivals devoted to music, coffee, beer, and light installations.

GOING THE OTHER WAY

Walking away from the harbor, it is only 500 meters to the Pitt Street Mall, home to two of Australia's most famous department stores and many other shops. The Strand Arcade is the only arcade built in Victorian Sydney that remains today, a majestic beauty in the middle of Sydney's central business district. And then there is the Queen Victoria Building, with its elaborate Romanesque architecture, stained glass windows, restored arches and pillars, and intricate tile floors all filling a city block with retail shops, artisans, and restaurants.

GALLERIES, ZOOS, AND BEACHES

Walk to the National Art Gallery to view internationally acclaimed art works along with a permanent Aboriginal art exhibition, and the Museum of Contemporary Art is just across from the Sydney Opera House. There is a small zoo in the heart of the city that houses some of the unique animals that call Australia home, or catch a ferry across Sydney Harbour to Taronga Park Zoo, with its breath-taking views of the city. By bus from the city center, visit world famous Bondi Beach, known for its long stretch of sand and surf. Seafood lovers head east to Watsons Bay with its relaxed beaches and delicious fish and chips as well as fancy seafood, or take a leisurely ferry ride north to Manly, where there are many eating destinations by the water.

WEATHER

Layers, an umbrella, and a light rain jacket are a good idea in July as Sydney finishes winter and moves into spring. And since you will want to walk this beautiful city, bring comfortable shoes. The average temperatures will be 9-17 degrees Celsius and 49-61 degrees Fahrenheit.

