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Electronic Communication with Members: Your Urgent Attention is Needed

by John Heath



Along with virtually all modern companies, we in the ITAA have grown to rely more and more heavily on electronic communication. That means email. This has reduced costs, eliminated waiting times for post, and vastly increased our interactivity with members. The volume of paper mail, or "snail mail" as it is now known, has slowed to a trickle as the digital age has arrived.

However, this development has also brought changes in legislation. To protect members' rights, many legislatures have adopted laws that impose conditions on the right of membership organizations such as ours to transmit information electronically. The ITAA is an entity incorporated in California, and even though we have members all around the world, the corporation itself is a creation of California law and must follow the legal requirements of that state. These requirements are surprisingly exacting when it comes to how we may and may not communicate with you. In particular, we are now required to obtain explicit consent from individual members to electronic communication. This consent must be in the form of a signed document from you. The law says we cannot rely on tick boxes indicating agreement, emails expressing consent, or friendly custom and practice. We need you to tell us, directly and in a form that can be rendered into a tangible document, that you consent to the ITAA communicating with you electronically.

We have been trying to gather consent for some time now, but so far only about a third of our members have signed and returned this crucial document. We are aware that this is probably because people do not actually mind our communicating with them by email, but the law does not allow us to assume that. So, we must pursue obtaining signed consent forms now with vigor.

The form you need to fill out is on our website here . It is also printed on page 2 of this *Script* so you will recog-

nize it. Unless you know you have already submitted a signed consent form, please go online and print out a copy of the form. You will need to fill it in, sign it, and return it to the ITAA: (1) by post to ITAA, 2843 Hopyard Rd., Suite 155, Pleasanton, CA 94588, USA; (2) by scanning/emailing to ken@itaa-net.org; or (3) by fax to 925-600-8112. If you have questions or need help, contact Ken Fogleman at ken@itaa-net.org . If you are not sure if you have a signed consent form on file, you can check with Ken. Please do your part to keep communications to and from the ITAA flowing by sending in your signed consent form as soon as possible.

Old-style postal communication with all our members would now be ruinously expensive for the ITAA. We also think that it is not what most people want. Paper clutters up your desk and mostly ends up in the recycling bin. Please help us stay compliant with California law by completing and returning the necessary document with your signature on it. Do please note that an electronic signature on an email will not suffice. Also note that, if you wish, we are obliged to write to you by letter and ask for your consent. We ask you not to force us into this expense unless you really need to, in which case we will, of course, oblige.

We are urgently awaiting your response. Digital communication is absolutely essential to the future life of the ITAA. We want to introduce more membership consultation, increase interactivity, and eventually institute online voting. None of these innovations can happen unless you give us your consent to the electronic communication we already rely on. Please take the time to consent to this at your first possible opportunity, and thank you in advance for doing so.

John Heath is ITAA President and can be reached at johnheath1105@gmail.com .

CONSENT TO USE OF ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS BY MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS ASSOCIATION, A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

In accordance with California Corporations Code §§20 and 5079 and Article3, Section 8 of the bylaws of this corporation, the undersigned hereby agrees to the following:

1. The corporation may send meeting notices, annual reports, and all other materials to me by electronic transmission at the email address listed below.

2. The corporation may rely on communications sent by me to the corporation by electronic transmission from the email address or facsimile number listed below for any purposes, including action by written consent. I hereby certify that the corporation may reasonably conclude that I am the author of communications so sent.

Electronic transmissions may be sent by email as follows and received by email or facsimile as follows:

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This consent shall remain in full force and effect until I revoke it in writing and so notify the corporation in the manner specified above.

Date: _____

Member's Signature: _____

Member's Name Printed: _____

Member's Mailing Address: _____



In Paris: A March of Grief and Solidarity

by Laurie Hawkes

The motto of the French republic is "Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité" (Liberty, Equality, Fraternity). We certainly felt the meaning of those words on Sunday 11 January during the extraordinary march in the streets of Paris following the extremist massacres at the offices of the magazine *Charlie Hebdo* and at a kosher market a few days later. Some 50 political leaders from various countries joined in solidarity with about 1.5 million people from around France to march from Place de la République to Place de la Nation (another 3.5 million people marched throughout France). It was an unprecedented gathering. Nothing like it had been seen since the Liberation in World War II, when Paris was freed from Nazi occupation by much celebrated Allied forces.

I was honored to be part of the march. What was most exhilarating about being there was the spirit of togetherness. We weren't against anyone, only "contre la barbarie" (against barbarianism). People felt they were participating in a historic moment. So many I spoke to said, "I had to be here." Walking down the streets of Paris with neighbors and strangers alike soothed the trauma of the brutal attacks, gave us a sense of being able to do something rather than just sitting passively watching TV or listening to the radio and feeling powerless.

Another remarkable aspect of Sunday's march was its peacefulness. Unlike other marches in Paris in recent years, there were no "casseurs" ("breakers") tagging along to wreak havoc by destroying property and looting shops. Instead, there were people of every kind: young and old, every skin color and race, serious yet often smiling rather than angry, even some with hijabs (the head scarf that does not cover the face). People carried signs saying "I Am Charlie" or "Not In My Name" or "I Am Jewish" (carried by a young Muslim woman) or "I Am Police" (to honor the slaughtered officers) or "I Am Ahmed" (for the horrible murder of the policeman who was shot in the head while pleading for his life) or "I Am Free" or "Let's Love One Another" or "We Must Laugh" (for *Charlie Hebdo*).

This huge demonstration took place only 4 days after the tragic events that triggered it (which I'm sure my readers know well and so I will not detail again here). Seventeen people were killed, including Jews, Muslims, and Christians. In the aftermath, many Muslims expressed fears that people would ostracize them even more, and shamefully, some mosques were vandalized. But at the march itself, the presence of proponents of many religions as well as nonbelievers had, at least temporarily, brought us all together, even though some voices differed: "I cannot say 'I Am Charlie' because I never liked that kind of humor" or "I don't like them mocking the Prophet" or "Why make such a fuss over 17 dead when hundreds of thousands have died in Syria, Iraq, Palestine, Afghanistan?"

The events in Paris have been called by some "France's cultural 9/11." That honors the sense of shock experienced by the French people, even though in terms of numbers of casualties, the events are not comparable. However, the thought led me to look up the September-October 2001 issue of *The Script*, with so many moving letters from all over the world echoing the words "shock, terror, horror, compassion," similar to how many of us feel now in Paris and all of France. In that issue's editorial, entitled "Fierce in Reason and Compassion," Bill Cornell (2001)

pleaded with us to "wrap ourselves in tears and reason, not nationalistic diatribes" (p. 2).

I hope we in France can do something like that rather than wage war, even though words such as "war" are thrown out over and over again these days. In a passionate television interview given during the hostage crisis at the kosher market (available here), one of our major psychology authors, Boris Cyrulnik, said, "Let us not think of revenge, that is the goal of these terrorists." Rather than the war talk, I prefer the inspiring speech our prime minister gave to our parliament on 13 January, in which he proclaimed, "I don't want any Jewish person to be afraid in France! I don't want any Muslim person to be ashamed in France! Because the Republic is fraternal, it is generous, it is here to welcome each and every one!" At which point the entire assembly broke out in applause, an unheard of response (available here).



TA colleagues at the Paris march (from left): Jalila Pradel, Nicolas Hours, Olivier Ravault, Isabelle Crespelle, Didier Schedid (behind Isabelle), and Nathalie Lebailly. (Photo taken by Françoise Parrochia)

It is tempting to view the terrorists as barbarians, nonhuman, or no longer human. Yet bits of humanity apparently remained in them. The two killers at *Charlie Hebdo* spared a woman, Sigolène Vinson, who believes that was not just because she was female (they did kill the psychoanalyst Elsa Cayat) but because one of them had looked her in the eye and she held his gaze as long as she could. She feels certain that otherwise she would have been killed as well. And in the kosher supermarket, it would have been easy to shoot all the hostages, especially since apparently the terrorist wanted to be killed himself "as a martyr." But the gunman there spared many of them. As Cyrulnik said in the interview mentioned earlier, "They are not monsters, and they are not crazy. They are normal people who have been molded intentionally," as during the Inquisition in France or under fascism. Some form of intense influence (maybe even brainwashing?) appears to have robbed them of what we consider to be normal human reactions. And we, in turn, dehumanize them.

The reason given by the killers for their acts was the Muhammad cartoons, first published in 2005 by a Danish newspaper and then reprinted in 2006 by *Charlie Hebdo*. As transactional analysis therapists, we are taught to be sensitive to cultural frames of reference. I, for one, was never comfortable with those caricatures (nor, in fact, with much of the humor in *Charlie Hebdo*). To me, deliberately offending people's beliefs is both disrespectful and unwise. But this is France, a country of free speech (or so we like to think). And probably one of the worst offenses felt here was that the jihadists were trying to change our culture.

From a transactional analytic perspective, there seems to be a psychological game going on. *Charlie Hebdo* has always published irreverent caricatures. They might have stopped printing the Mahomet cartoons had they been sensitized to the pain those drawings caused real

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Muslims, who were shocked by such representations. (Any representation of Allah or the Prophet is forbidden, although at least one imam in France debates that, saying there is no such clear prohibition and Muslims ought to find their own way of turning around that kind of humor.) But when those at *Charlie Hebdo* were threatened, when a tyrannical force demanded that they give up their publication, being rebellious by nature, there was no way they would bend. And on the other side, tyrannical forces would not accept a magazine not bowing to their demands. The result is a stalemate or stranglehold.

There are so many levels at play in this situation that I cannot fully comprehend them all—I'm not sure anyone can. There is a cultural level (the anticlerical French culture of "bouffer du curé," which means "eating priests," a basic French rebelliousness left over from the French revolution), a religious level, a political level, a criminal level (there is a lot of money at stake in some Islamic movements and sociopaths who brainwash young people and send them off to sacrifice themselves and others), a psychological level (games), a human level, and probably others. This cannot be just about the cartoons of the Prophet, for one of the brutal massacres took place in a kosher supermarket, where four people were shot dead because they were Jews, a chilling reminder of what happened here some 70 years ago.

The young killers were all French citizens. They were born in this country. In the interview, Cyrulnik blamed us for abandoning these "children in psychological and social distress," leaving them to be grabbed up by manipulators and turned into mercenaries and fanatics. Such a situation, to him, can destroy a civilization, just as the Nazi party destroyed a beautiful Germanic culture. Our main weapon in fighting this plague, he believes, is education, culture, and theater. In ancient Greece, he reminded us, spectators were required to remain seated after a play was over so they could discuss the play and its meaning afterward. Given the terrible "drama" that has been unfolding in France, that is what we need for our "abandoned" children, Cyrulnik suggested. One of my French colleagues, Sylvie Nay Bernard, reminds us of the children's story *The Pied Piper*. When the citizens of Hamelin refused to pay him his due for leading away the town's rats, he returned and played his pipe to lure away all the children, never to be seen again. Sylvie asks, "When there is violence in our societies … is there some debt, some duty not kept or even denied?" (S. N. Bernard, personal communication, 12 January 2015).

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So, on 11 January 2015 in the streets of France's main cities, we had the beauty of communion. And perhaps some complacency. We from the Western nations were proclaiming that our culture will not be changed. On 14 January, the new issue of *Charlie Hebdo* was published, this time again showing the Prophet on the cover, a tear running down his cheek, holding a sign "JE SUIS CHARLIE," and proclaiming "Tout Est Pardonne" (All Is Forgiven). The million copies printed (versus the usual 60,000) sold out within minutes. [As of 24 January, 7 million had been sold.] To my French eyes, this is a gentle drawing. To other eyes, it is offensive. The debate goes on in my country and in many other places in the world. The day the latest *Charlie* issue came out, Europe 1 (a major radio station) asked in a program hosted by Wendy Bouchard, "Free expression—how far can it go?" And the following day the question was, "Can we, should we, set limits to humor in our country?" The philosopher and the journalist who were invited to speak on the second program both defended humor staunchly as part of the French spirit. However, the older journalist, François de Closets, concluded, "We can poke fun all we want at priests, rabbis, and imams, but when it comes to what is sacred to people, we must use infinite precautions."

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New TAJ Book Review Editor

By Steff Oates



We are pleased to introduce new TAJ *book review editor Ed Novak of Akron, Ohio, who is interviewed here by* TAJ *editorial board member Steff Oates of Mobberley, United Kingdom.*

Steff: Hi Ed, thanks for agreeing to be interviewed as the new book review editor for the *Transactional Analysis Journal*. I'm delighted to be able to talk some more with you after initially meeting last August in San Francisco. To begin, maybe you could tell us what excites you about this job.

Ed: Well, at the San Francisco conference—which was my first TA conference and a great experience for me—there was an aliveness to the group and an attitude of wanting to thoughtfully challenge and deepen theory and the ways we work with clients. This attitude has been coming through in the *TAJ* for quite some time, so becoming more involved in this process excites me a great deal.

Steff: I note from your website that you are a certified contemporary psychoanalyst, and I see from your *TAJ* articles that you are clearly au fait with transactional analysis. Tell me about your interest and training in TA.

Ed: Well, my first therapist was a TA therapist, and I spent well over a decade in transactional analysis therapy and supervision alongside learning about body psychotherapy. I took my 101 examination in the early 1990s with the plan of training in TA. Unfortunately, there were virtually no local TA resources or community in my area and not much emphasis on TA training in the United States. This situation dampened my enthusiasm, and somewhere along the line I felt discouraged from pursuing further TA training. During those years, *The Script* and the *Transactional Analysis Journal* were primary links for me to the transactional analysis community.

However, I remained active by independently studying TA, reading the *TAJ*, and receiving continued individual and group supervision with TA as a component. Later, I trained at the National Institute for the Psychotherapies in New York and became a Certified Psychoanalyst in Contemporary Psychoanalysis. Some of my psychoanalytic colleagues notice something different in the ways I work with clients around what they call *self states*, but they aren't able to identify what it is. I think it is because of the emphasis in transactional analysis on working with ego states. This has given me a structure for understanding how to work with different states of the self.

Steff: From my reading in *The Script* and *TAJ*, it is clear that you are an accomplished author and have yourself reviewed books. Do you have specific ideas and plans for how you would like to see book reviews in the *TAJ* developed?

Ed: I've had some good conversations with the *TAJ* team about that, and we are definitely hoping to broaden the book review section in various ways. We would like to have reviews and reviewers from across all fields and perhaps even some from outside the transactional analysis community, all as part of broadening *TAJ* readers' perspectives. We are also interested in the possibility of publishing more multiple-book reviews, where someone reviews

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two or more books on a particular theme.

Steff: What do you think constitutes a good book review, and what tips can you give prospective reviewers?

Ed: Well, I have experience of reviews of my own book (which is an essay on fishing), so I know the importance of a well-written review. For the *TAJ*, I think we want to provide readers with reviews that are written with an attitude of critical thinking. Suffice it to say that it is important to read the book and approach the task with an attitude of critical thinking combined with respect for how much work has gone into producing it. The review does not necessarily have to be positive, but it should be rigorous, thorough, and attend to what the book author is trying to communicate. Reviewers may even choose to grapple with issues raised in books being reviewed, that is, comment on or discuss content as well as style. A reviewer may think differently from the writer, and this may be good as it can lead to a lively review of how the book challenged the reader's thinking. Readers of the review need to get a good idea of what the book is about and whether they would want to read it.

Steff: How do book reviews work? Do people contact you with their interest or do you seek books to review?

Ed: Well, both/and. I would like people to feel free to approach me about a book they would like to review. There will also be books that come across my desk for which I will be seeking reviewers. Anyone who is interested in becoming a book reviewer can contact me. I will also put out emails and *Script* notices asking for reviewers of the books that are sent to me by individuals and publishers. Potential reviewers can respond if they see a book that excites them in some way. I will be working with the *TAJ* coeditors to negotiate space and themes appropriately.

Steff: I think we are fortunate to have you in this role, Ed, because you bring to it an appreciation for TA and at the same time some differences in your training and experience. I look forward to reading the reviews and enjoying your involvement in our community.

Ed Novak can be reached at edtnovak@gmail.com ; Steff Oates can be reached at lcfan@me.com .

TAJ Theme Issue

"The Practitioner's Vulnerability: Professionalism and Protection"
Guest Editors: Steff Oates and Ann Heathcote
Deadline: 1 January 2016

Please make sure to follow the submission requirements posted here. Email manuscripts to *TAJ* Managing Editor Robin Fryer, MSW, at robinfryer@aol.com

Update of List of Recent TA Books

The list of recent TA books edited by Bill Cornell and published in the July 2014 *Transactional Analysis Journal* has generated a good deal of interest, and we are now planning an update that will include books that, for one reason or another, were not on the original list.

Like the first one, this list will provide summaries and contact information regarding new books authored or edited by transactional analysts. The books we seek to recognize do not need to be specifically and/or only about TA proper but can also be publications that draw on TA or are about other topics by authors who are transactional analysis practitioners and members of a TA organization.

If you are such an author or editor, please let us know about your book. Send a brief summary of its contents (400-500 words), the name and city/country of the publisher, the year of publication, the number of pages, ordering information, the ISBN or DOI, and the price to wfcornell@gmail.com . If possible, send a copy of your book to Bill Cornell, 145 44th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201, USA. If your book is not in English, please provide a summary of your book in both its original language and English. And please be aware that if you want your book included, it is your responsibility to send the relevant information to Bill Cornell.

In addition, if your book has not yet been formally reviewed in the *Transactional Analysis Journal* and you would like it to be, please contact Book Review Editor Ed Novak at edtnovak@gmail.com .

For more information, please contact *TAJ* Coeditor Bill Cornell at wfcornell@gmail.com .

Important Notice Regarding Membership Renewal

Members are advised that they will no longer be able to pay their membership dues on an automatically renewing basis. This option has been suspended.

The ITAA originally established an auto-renewal system as a convenience for members and a way to reduce administrative costs. However, because of persistent operational difficulties, we have now suspended it. The Board of Trustees made this decision after a thorough investigation of the situation and concluded that any benefit we might hope to gain from an auto-renew option is outweighed by the risks and problems we have encountered.

All ITAA members, including those who have previously chosen the auto-renew option, from now on will need to visit the ITAA website annually to complete their membership renewal. We will remind you in advance of your individual renewal date and will maintain our offline joining and payment facilities for people who require those.

If you are in any doubt about your membership status or renewal options or need to check on anything to do with your ITAA membership, please contact Ken Fogleman at ken@itaaworld.org .

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused by the failure of the auto-renew system. We hope that when you renew your membership you will take the opportunity to browse our website and trust that you will find something of interest there. If you have feedback on the content of the website, or requests and observations regarding communication with members, please let us know. We welcome your comments!

John Heath, ITAA President

Izumi Kadomoto,
ITAA Vice President, Development

Feedback Sought on New Code of Ethical Conduct and Ethics Procedures Manual

On behalf of the ITAA Task Force for a New Code of Ethics, we would like to report that a new Code of Ethical Conduct and Ethics Procedures Manual has been submitted to the Board of Trustees for their approval. The task force was made up of Janice Dowson (Canada), Charlotte Daellenbach (New Zealand), Vladimir Gussakovski (Russia), Diane Salters (South Africa), and chair Vann Joines (USA). The chairs of the ethics committee, Gordon Law (UK) and Thomas Steinert (Germany) also gave important input, and a final edit was completed by Robin Fryer and Vann Joines.

This new code represents 2 years of work by the task force and seeks to move beyond being a set of rules of unacceptable behaviors in order to give members a context of values and ethical principles along with a process for going about making ethical decisions. It was adapted, in part, from the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists Ethics Code and the EATA Ethics Code and incorporates the values of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It also includes a grid for ethical assessment.

In line with best practice and the spirit of openness and participation, it is now time for members to give feedback. This is taking place through an online secure feedback survey that is found here . Both the current Code of Ethics and Manual as well as the revised edition are on the ITAA website here along with the link to the feedback survey.

Completing the survey can be done anonymously. Please provide your feedback by 28 February 2015.

ITAA is eager to hear your input, comments, and suggestions. Your feedback will be carefully reviewed and considered.

We hope that you will find it an outstanding new code for our organization. We look forward to receiving your comments.

Vann Joines,
Vice President Professional Standards

Mandy Lacy, Secretary

Invitation to Bid on the July 2017 World TA Conference

It is with great pleasure that the combined associations of ITAA, EATA, and FTAA invite your association to bid on hosting the 2017 TA World Conference, which will be held in Europe in July.

A tradition that began with the signing of a joint contract in 2007, the TA World Conference brings together the collaboration and cooperation of three of the worldwide transactional analysis associations. It is an opportunity to showcase your part of the world and to introduce your transactional analysts to a wide variety of keynote speakers, workshops presenters, authors, and key figures in the TA world. In the year of a TA World Conference, ITAA, EATA, and FTAA do not hold other conferences, thus promoting a wonderful opportunity in July for transactional analysts from other parts of the world to visit you.

To date, there have been three highly successful world conferences: the first in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 2008; the second in Bilbao, Spain, in 2011; and the third in San Francisco, USA, in 2014. The local associations in each area have been wonderful hosts to visitors from all over the world. With no competing conferences, the energy, enthusiasm, and willingness of the combined organizations to help raise the profile of TA in your region is a wonderful opportunity.

Please contact the EATA secretary at EATA@gmx.com to obtain the form for presenting a bid. We look forward to receiving your expressions of interest!

John Heath, ITAA; Rhae Hooper, FTAA; and Marco Mazzetti, EATA

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 (maximum 250 words) and digital photo to the nominations chair by 31 May.

EXAM CALENDAR

Exam Date	Exam	Cert. Body	Location	Application Deadline
8-9 Apr 2015	CTA	COC	Edinburgh, UK	*
7-8 Jul 2015	CTA	COC	Rome, Italy	*
28-29 Jul 2015	CTA	IBOC	Sydney, Australia	28 Apr 2015
6-7 Nov 2015	CTA	COC	Venue Louvain La Neuve, Belgium	*
13-14 Nov 2015	CTA	COC	Roesrath, Germany	*
8-9 Apr 2015	TSTA	COC	Edinburgh, UK	8 Oct 2014
7-8 Jul 2015	TSTA	COC	Rome, Italy	7 Jan 2015
28-29 Jul 2015	TSTA	IBOC	Sydney, Australia	28 Jan 2015
6-7 Nov 2015	TSTA	COC	Venue Louvain La Neuve, Belgium	6 May 2015
13-14 Nov 2015	TSTA	COC	Roesrath, Germany	13 May 2015
13-15 Mar 2015	TEW	COC	Lyon, France	*
13-15 Jul 2015	TEW	COC	Rome, Italy	*
2-4 Aug 2015	TEW	IBOC	Sydney, Australia	2 Apr 2015
5-7 Dec 2015	TEvW	COC	TBA	*
9-11 Dec 2015	TEW	COC	TBA	*
19-21 Mar 2016	TEW	COC	TBA	*
11-13 Jul 2016	TEW	COC	Geneva, Switzerland	*
2-4 Dec 2016	TEW	COC	TBA	*

* For CTA and TEW deadlines see the EATA Handbook or contact the EATA Supervising Examiner.

For more information about IBOC exams, see www.itaaworld.org .
For further information on COC exams, see www.eatanews.org/examinations/ .

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Key Dates

28-29 July: TA 101, Exams

29 July-1 August: ITAA Conference (starts the evening of 29 July **with a cocktail reception)**

2 August: Postconference Workshops

2-4 August: TEW

Key Information

Conference website: www.2015taconference.org

Preregistration (ends 28 February):
www.2015taconference.org/the-conference/pre-registration

Conference Facebook page (for frequent updates on conference preparation):
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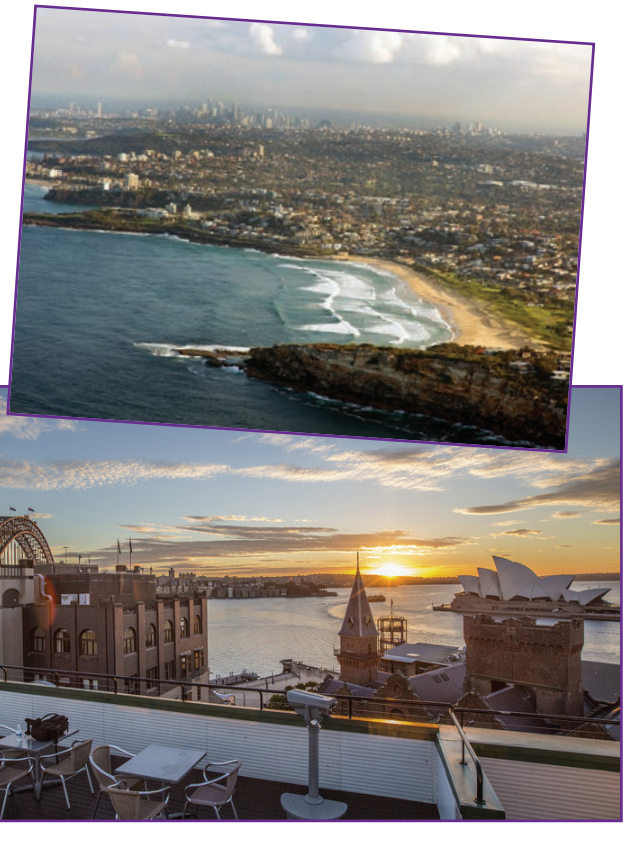

The UK National TA Conference will be held 10-12 April 2015 in Edinburgh, Scotland. Rita Harvey, chair of the conference marketing group writes, "We are delighted to invite you to the 2015 UK National TA conference, organized in partnership by the UK Association for Transactional Analysis and the Scottish Transactional Analysis Association. The conference will take place at The Carlton Hotel in central Edinburgh, with a full live and online program over 2½ days catering to practitioners in all fields. Our keynote speaker is Keith Tudor, and there will be 48 workshops organized by field of application, including an "Experienced Practitioner" stream with advanced and challenging discussions, hosted forums, and material chosen especially for CTAs, PTSTAs, TSTAs, and CTA trainers. Newcomers are welcome to join the Connection Group to meet new people, and trainees can take part in a mock exam. Social events will occur throughout the duration of conference, and there will be many opportunities to learn, mix, network, mingle, and enjoy the company of colleagues coming from all parts of the United Kingdom and many other countries. The online program, accessible from anywhere in the world via the Internet (live stream) begins on Friday 10 April at 9am GMT and offers four workshops and the keynote speech for a token fee. Join us in person or online and be part of our community!"

Website: www.uktaconference.wordpress.com

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Percorsi di Analisi Transazionale [Pathways in Transactional Analysis], a new online journal in Italian and English developed by a team of TSTAs and CTAs in psychotherapy, counseling, and education, was launched recently. This multidisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal is published by the PerFormat School of Transactional Analysis (Pisa-Catania, Italy). It will focus on transactional analysis theory, principles, and application in various fields, including psychotherapy, counseling, education, and organizational development. As Anna Emanuela Tangolo and Patrizia Vinella wrote on behalf of the editorial board, "We imagine our journal as an open and dynamic international space for dialogue and discussion."

Website: www.performat.it



Vann Joines (seated, center, second row) with group at workshop he did on 24-25 November 2014 at the office of Chieko Tanaka in Toyko, Japan



Vann Joines (standing, center rear) with participants of a TA 101 he gave on 1-3 January 2015 in Shenzhen, China



Tony White did two workshops in Slovenia and three in Serbia in November 2014 on "Human Self-Destructiveness and Suicidality" and "Therapy With the Adolescent Client." Here is Tony (seated, right of center) with participants from the workshop on adolescence in Novi Sad, Serbia.



H. D. Johns

Harry David Johns, fondly known as "HD," passed away on 1 December 2014 at the age of 92 in Rockville, Maryland, USA. An early member of the transactional analysis community, he was introduced to Eric Berne by Hedges Capers and became a lifelong TA adherent. He described his first contact with Berne in 1963 in an article for the "After He Said Hello" column in *The Script*:

> Eric acknowledged me, asked if I had read his books. I replied that I had. He asked me what I thought of them. Having been thoroughly indoctrinated in psychoanalytic theory at the Menninger School of Psychiatry, I said rather flippantly that I saw no reason to shift from Freud's structure to Adlerian ego psychology. He did not become defensive. Rather, he spoke of the group that met Tuesday evenings in San Francisco and invited me to join them. That was his "Hello": an invitation to a meaningful dialogue. My first visit altered the course of my life. (Johns, 2010, p. 3)

On his website, HD wrote, "I have three great teachers in my life: Jesus Christ, Sigmund Freud, and Eric Berne. I believe these three had a great deal in common. Transactional Analysis (TA), Berne's contribution to human wisdom, has not only informed my understanding of these three men, it has profoundly influenced my awareness of self and of human relating."

HD was born and grew up in Missouri, graduating from William Jewell College and Iliff School of Theology and then attended Yale University and The Menninger School of Psychiatry. He later earned his PhD from International College. A clergyman and psychologist, he served 22 years as a chaplain in the US Navy, retiring with the rank of Captain in 1974. HD's primary interest was in the mental health of naval personnel, as a result of which he established Clinical Pastoral Education in the navy and was instrumental in its taking root in the army and the air force as well. In the latter part of his career, he served as assistant to the Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for Human Resources, where he led in the establishment of counseling centers throughout the naval establishment.

In transactional analysis, HD became a Certified Member in 1968 and was active in establishing programs throughout the United States and in Italy. In the January 1973 *Transactional Analysis Journal*, he was mentioned as doing TA workshops and training in Mildenhall, England, and Frankfurt, Germany, in 1972, and in Athens, Greece; Yokohama, Japan; Rota, Spain; and Naples, Italy, in 1973. For years, he conducted workshops in the United States and Europe and led a continuing TA 101 course in Montgomery County, Maryland. Until his death, he continued his private practice in Rockville, Maryland.

HD wrote four books: *What I Need to Know About Living … I Learned From My Dogs, Serendipity: Discoveries Made While Doing Psychotherapy, From Fear To Fury,* and *A Child's Backyard Garden of Poems*. He also authored several articles on TA, including "Three Pots of Anger" (Johns, 1974).

A memorial service was held on 17 January in Bethesda, Maryland. Condolences may be sent to his daughter, Susan Johns Smith, at sjohnssmith@yahoo.com .

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Natalie Tyler

Natalie Tyler passed away on 25 September 2014. Condolences may be sent to her husband, John Tyler, at johnbtyler.ashland@gmail.com .