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# Servaas van Beekum Honored with 2015 Eric Berne Memorial Award

*by Thomas Steinert*

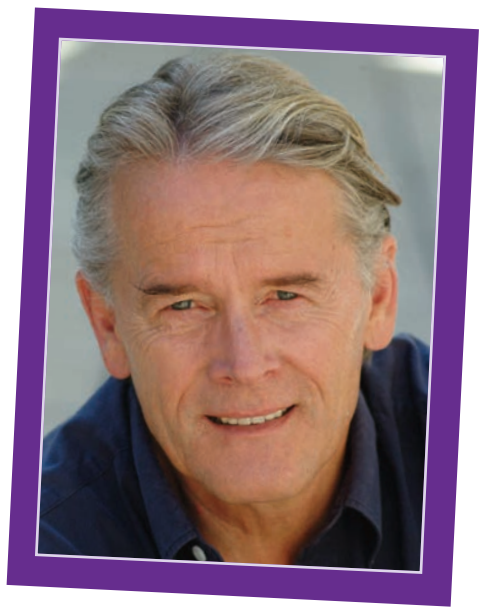
We are pleased to announce that Servaas van Beekum is the recipient of the 2015 Eric Berne Memorial Award (EBMA) for his writing on the important topic of unconscious processes and their role in all fields of application in transactional analysis.

The three articles specifically cited in his award are:

"The Therapist as a New Object" from the April 2005 *Transactional Analysis Journal* (SAGE link to article)

"The Relational Consultant" from the October 2006 *Transactional Analysis Journal* (SAGE link to article)

"Supervision as a Metamodality and Multiarea Activity" from the April 2007 *Transactional Analysis Journal* (SAGE link to article)



The nominated articles and the specific concepts cited are prime examples of the author's ongoing efforts to extend the borders of transactional analysis in theory and practice and are relevant to all four fields. They also demonstrate the use of relational transactional analysis in coaching and organizations as a unique approach. Each article explores the conceptualization of unconscious processes and dynamics as vital mechanisms for increasing awareness and knowledge of self, clients, and groups across a broad variety of contexts.

In his article "The Therapist as a New Object," van Beekum undertook a kind

## Just In . . .

As we go to press, we have just received the good news that Gordon Law of the United Kingdom has been named as the recipient of the 2015 Muriel James Living Principles Award. We congratulate him on the honor and encourage readers to watch the next *Script* for more about him and his award.

of rapprochement between transactional analysis and aspects of psychoanalytic theory and technique. "The Relational Consultant" built on previous work by Mitchell (1989) and Hargaden and Sills (2002). The EBMA-award winning work done by Hargaden and Sills was mainly directed at psychotherapists, whereas van Beekum extended the relational concepts and methodology to the field of organizational consulting. The questions raised in his article on the therapist as a new object have been echoed and addressed again and again in the transactional analysis literature since his contribution (see Cornell, 2008; Fowlie & Sills, 2011; Novak, 2008; Little, 2006, 2011; Pierini, 2008).

In their statement, the nominating group wrote:

> Of particular interest is van Beekam's exploration of how transactional analysts can work with the unconscious group process, offering a variety of lenses useful in observing and comprehending group dynamics. [He] also opens up important theory from outside the transactional analysis spectrum into our awareness in a way that bridges the worlds of psychoanalysis, systems thinking, and group analysis within a TA frame. . . . What is, perhaps, most compelling and valuable about van Beekam's writing is that he brings unconscious dynamics into a more conscious and clearly articulated frame of reference in the theory and practice of transactional analysis. Whether we explicitly raise the awareness of unconscious process with the individuals with whom we are working—or take this awareness to supervision or ignore it—it becomes harder to ignore the likely reality that it will emerge in a transference, a parallel process, or a possible rupture of the working relationships. Van Beekum convincingly argues that these dynamics will be present and unavoidable whether we work in individual psychotherapy and counseling, family systems, groups, or organizations. This is the potency and challenge that van Beekum has woven throughout his work as the very essence of transactional analysis that is applicable across the fields.

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The EBMA is given for a major contribution to transactional analysis that is highly original and innovative and that represents a major advance in the theory or practice of TA. We especially recommend van Beekam's articles to trainees in all four fields. The works are easily available to members via the *TAJ* archive with SAGE Publications (see links above). To provide more context for the articles, we also recommend the Letter from the Coeditors written by Bill Cornell and Carole Shadbolt in the April 2007 *Transactional Analysis Journal* (SAGE link to article).

We are grateful to the individuals who nominated van Beekum for the EBMA: Bill Cornell, Mandy Lacy, Charlotte Daellenbach, Michele Novellino, Bernd Schmid, Günther Mohr, Kathy Laverty, Rhae Hooper, and Diana Shmukler.

We also extend our appreciation to all those who participated in the 2015 EBMA process, including the other nominees and nominators.

We congratulate Servaas van Beekum and express our thanks for his brilliant work!

*Dr. Thomas Steinert, EBMA Committee Chair, on behalf of the entire EBMA Committee. Thomas can be reached at itaa@thomas-steinert.de .*

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# Transactional Analysis: Legacy and Evolution in Europe

*by Laurie Hawkes*

On Friday 27 March, an EATA-sponsored colloquium of transactional analysis trainers and supervisors took place in Paris. The president of the Institut Francaise d'Analyse Transactionnelle (IFAT), Catherine Gérard, originally wanted to bring together French-language trainers (TSTAs, PTSTAs, CTA trainers, and CTAs involved in teaching). Then IFAT and DGTA (Deutschen Gesellschaft für Transaktionsanalyse, the German TA Association) decided to work together to create a joint event, focused on our transactional analysis legacy and its evolution in Europe.

After Catherine Gérard welcomed us and introduced the event, Prof. Dr. Henning Schulze, conference coorganizer, spoke for DGTA, quoting Goethe several times and expounding on the motto for the day: "What you have inherited from your fathers, you must earn in order to possess."

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The morning continued with two keynote speeches. Ulrike Müller (TSTA-P) graciously read her speech in French, which was a generous gesture. Her considerations about "Philosophy Beyond Psychology" emphasized how Berne blended theory with his philosophical view of humanity. The pursuit of happiness was not the goal of psychotherapy for Berne, and in fact, despair was viewed as a necessary phase of therapy. The wound must bleed in order to heal. And, at best, humans do not achieve autonomy but must courageously decide and redecide about it day after day, facing reality and relinquishing illusions.

Then we had what was to us French people a real treat: the return of José Grégoire (TSTA-P), who retired a few years ago but could not resist sharing his thinking and vast culture with his TA colleagues. Several years ago, José wrote a fascinating book about the theory of ego states with a depth that is deeply respected here. In his presentation at this gathering, he showed us a spiral-shaped model about the way interpretation (a constant and universal human activity) builds on personal



*Sylvie Monin*

work, concrete experience, conceptual theory, and centered thinking, each of which opens up to a higher level, including creativity. His talk, titled "Thinking and Experience: From Transmitted Theory to Created Theory," received a massively positive response.

After a short break, we split into three groups for workshops about aspects of teaching and supervision in transactional analysis. I attended the one led by Sylvie Monin (PTSTA-C) from Switzerland, who shared her

way of teaching the concept of script through transformations of the script matrix. There followed a short but rather intense debate about whether script is a positive, structuring resource, as Sylvie contends, or a pathological construction that requires psychotherapy. Some people thought this would depend on which field of application is concerned, but the matter remains open.

The first of the other two groups was led by Anette Dielmann (TSTA-O) on "The Systemic Approach in Ongoing TA Training." For the second group, because Hans Joss was taken ill, two other TSTAs (E) stepped up: Jean-Paul Godet and Jeannine Gillessen.

After lunch we resumed with two more keynotes. First, Klaus Sejkora (CTA trainer-P) delivered a storytelling speech (in beautiful English!) about his own fall into "I'll never get this f … exam!", a conclusion reached by a number of trainees at some stage or other of their training and that became the title of his talk. In order to take students' scripts into account in his training plan, Klaus uses strokes and observes students' stroke patterns, particularly whether they can receive conditional positive or negative strokes or turn them into unconditional strokes. The discount matrix is another way he tracks trainees' progress toward a clear understanding of their needs for therapy, for more learning, and so on.



*Catherine Gérard and José Grégoire*



*Annie Dufreney*

Then Jean Maquet (TSTA-P) asked, "How can we teach transactional analysis while fostering personal, critical thinking in our students?" To him, there is an ethical stake in fostering permission to think in our trainees so that they, in turn, will respect their clients' experience. An avid Berne reader (he leads an ongoing "Reading Berne" study group in Paris), Jean shared his own critical study of Berne's book *Transactional Analysis in Psychotherapy*, describing both the richness and the discrepancies in Berne's writing. For instance, he pointed out how Berne often seemed to oscillate between two poles: one where he was developing highly innovative theory and the other where he seemed to be mainly promoting TA with amusing, simple language. Jean stressed that a diagram is not the same thing as thinking, and metaphors are not thoughts. He suggesting an experiment for trainers: teach a TA class without drawing anything. A refreshingly iconoclastic position!

After another short break, we went into three groups again. Henning Schulze (TSTA-O) led one on "From a Theoretical to a Practical Orientation," in which he offered an intriguing "overturned accounting matrix" and a "stroke cube," and Jeannine Gillessen (TSTA-E) spoke about the development of emotional awareness. In the group I went to, Annie Dufreney (PTSTA-P) and Corinne Laurier (PTSTA-O) led us to wonder, "How can our TA heritage be carried

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*Klaus Sejkora*

on and enriched?" They worked with metaphors and pictures (but not circles!), and after a short interactive talk, set us up in three subgroups in which we were asked to produce drawings symbolizing ways of tending the walls and foundations of the TA "house" to keep it in good shape or the trainer of the future who can keep our theory alive. Annie and Corinne insisted that we must use modern means to keep our "house" updated, perhaps with MOOCs (massive open online courses) or other such innovations. I was reminded of what Lin Cheung wrote in last month's *Script* about livestreaming a TA conference in order to bring it to the whole world.

After a short, warm conclusion, with heartfelt thanks to the organizers, translators, and speakers, many participants went on to share a boat ride on the Seine and a festive dinner in Paris. Nevenka Miljkovic (representing EATA) had explained at the beginning that EATA wanted to aid such events in order to bring national associations and fields of transactional analysis closer together. I would say this day reached that goal as trainers from several countries and from the various fields came together with interest and openness.



*Jean Maquet*

## Transactional Analysis Conferences Worldwide

***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

***3-4 October 2015:***
La Rochelle, France.
National IFAT Conference. Contact: www.ifat.net

***7-9 July 2016:***
Geneva, Switzerland.
EATA 40th Anniversary Congress. Contact: www.eatanews.org

## *TAJ Theme Issues*

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

**"The Sense and Nonsense of Research in the Human Sciences"**
Coeditors: Bill Cornell and Mark Widdowson
Deadline: 1 July 2016

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



*Past and present members of the IFAT Board (back row from left): Valérie Salama, Catherine Gérard, Stan Madore, Myriam Chereau, Corinne Laurier, Nicole Pagnod Rossiaux, Huguette Laneque, Benoit Lizee, Isabelle Chevry, Thierry Desnos, and Dominique Basarte; (front row from left) Agnès Petit, Dominique Vaquie-Quazza, and Marie-Dominique Baudry. Absent from photo but on the board: Laurence Mouillet.*

# IFAT General Assembly Highlights 2014 Activities

*by Catherine Gérard*

As is the case for all of our national (or international) transactional analysis organizations, the general assembly of the French TA Association, Institut Francaise d'Analyse Transactionnelle (IFAT), is an important time when members come together to take stock. Our recent general assembly (GA), which occurred on 28 March 2015 in Paris following the IFAT-DGTA Colloquium, had a good showing, with around 50 members present and as many represented by proxy.

The IFAT Board of Trustees was happy to share their actions for 2014 in three main areas:



*Catherine Gérard*

- *Structuring IFAT's internal activity:* We outsourced some secretarial tasks to a competent professional service.
- *Developing communication with the membership and the broader public:* Our website has received more traffic since it was renovated and regularly updated with animated news items. We also organized a conference and a colloquium, and the French language journal, *Actualités en Analyse Transactionnelle*, which had been discontinued, is back on track and available to many thanks to a partnership with the web publisher Cairn.info. *Actualités* means news, but it is not a newsletter but a bona fide journal, with original French articles and articles translated from the *Transactional Analysis Journal* and sometimes from the German journal.
- *Reinforcing organizational partnerships:* We set up a cooperative relationship with European national French-language associations (ASSOBAT for Belgium, ASAT-SR for the French-speaking part of Switzerland, and IFAT for France). A 1-day colloquium for trainers was organized jointly by IFAT and the German national association (DGTA), and bonds were strengthened with EATA, which provided financial support for the colloquium and for reviving *Actualités*.

The membership was enthusiastic about the report and generally about the dynamic board headed by Catherine Gérard. The report was approved unanimously, and the financial report was also validated by all 106 votes.

As Catherine leaves the helm, she will be replaced auspiciously by the new president, Nicole Pagnod Rossiaux. And this year ushers in our first national conference in 7 years! It will take place on 3-4 October 2015 in La Rochelle, France. All participants are welcome!

*Catherine Gérard can be reached at catherine.gerard.lgc@gmail.com . Our thanks to Christophe Millet, a TA trainee from Reims, France, for the photos.*

Come together
the power of group dynamics

# 2015 Sydney ITAA/FTAA Conference

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

## Key Information

**Conference website:** www.2015taconference.org

**Conference Facebook page (for frequent updates on conference preparation):** www.facebook.com/pages/ITAA-Conference-2015-Sydney/298228757035196

## 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

### Focusing on Groups

With the conference theme drawing transactional analysis back to a focus on groups, the group process of the conference can be expected to be a central theme. There are plenary sessions each day, and a mixture of 3-hour workshops, 1.5-hour papers, and a few 45-minute talks. There are no fewer than ten 3-hour workshops; you can only go to two because of concurrent sessions, but what a choice! Thomas Ohlssen, Gordon Law, Steve Karpman, Vann Joines, Ken Mellor, Rosemary Napper, Diane Salters, Trevor Armitage and Leonie Aitken, Sharon Massey, and a collective of Sydneysiders headed by Henry Luiker are all offering workshops on group themes.

In addition, a full day is devoted to symposia in all four fields of transactional analysis.

Two papers will use movement, with Sissy Lykou presenting on nonverbal dialogue and Sailaja Manacha discussing the transformation, in women, of fears into strengths. Chitra Ravi will present on Richard Erkine's model of person-centered group process, and Izumi Kadomoto will look at the exclusion of criminals and delinquents.

There will be an extensive menu of models of group functioning: Tatiana Sizikova and Margarita Sizikova on the empathic group imago, Milly de Micheli and Vittorio Soana on a working method for conducting a group of social counseling, Ragini Rao on creating positive group dynamics, Margaret Bowater on working with dreams in small groups, and Brad McLean on "in-ness and out-ness" through the subjectivity of homosexuality.

For those preparing for exams, Fran Parkin will talk about facing certification, and, sharing the session with her, Thorsten Geck will explore the uncertain business of making tapes.

The Eric Berne Archives will be brought to life by Carol Solomon in a short session and, with Anne Heathcote, in a lunchtime presentation. Paralleling the lunchtime session is a TA association presidents' meeting.

And, of course, there are no less than four wonderful keynote speakers: Andrew Samuels, Farhad Dalal, Sari van Poelje, and Bill Cornell.

### Registration and More Information

Register now to secure your place at an event that promises to inspire, inform, and help you stay ahead of the game, regardless of your field. Go to the website at www.2015taconference.org to register, learn more about the program and speakers, and obtain the special conference code for discounted accommodation at the venue.

# International Webinars: A New Formula for Autonomy

*by Julie Hay*





*Arman Navasardyan (left) is an Armenian who logs in from the Sudan, where he is part of a humanitarian project. Hülya Üstel (right) participates in the webinars and organizes a group of Turkish students, one of whom is in the USA.*

The Psychological Intelligence Foundation CIC, a nonprofit educational company, has now completed the first months of their new international webinars in developmental transactional analysis. Run to allow plenty of group discussion and participant interaction with the presenter and each other, these webinars have so far attracted audience members from Armenia, Belgium, Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden, Sudan, Turkey, and the United States—and trainers from even more countries.

These sessions run as four 3-hour webinars each month, mirroring an equivalent 2-day workshop in the United Kingdom, with each session covering a different aspect of a topic that represents one of the modules on PIF programs that can lead to Certified Transactional Analysis (CTA) standing as well as to a postgraduate certificate/diploma or MSc and/or various other professional qualifications as coach or manager. Supervision may be provided during group sessions but is also available online at other times.

Comprehensively referenced workbooks are issued, and there is an option for those who miss a session, or whose Internet connection is problematic, to listen to the recording and submit homework based on the activities completed by participants during each session. Both webinars and workshops are run as open events, and participants are encouraged to design an individual schedule of attendance. Most choose to attend either the Friday series (twice a month) or the Saturday series (once a month), although some are attending both. Summer schools are being planned, and participants are encouraged to attend transactional analysis workshops run in their own countries to supplement the online learning. Credits may also be awarded for prior transactional analysis study and application.

Among the topics covered in the webinars are professional intervention, individual development, interactions and relationships, process skills, group processes, organizations and institutions, applying TA in context, practitioner skills, and developing skills in others.

The program is led by Julie Hay (TSTA-O, E, P), Neurolinguistic Programming (NLP) Trainer, Chartered Fellow of CIPD, and Chartered Manager of CMI. Other members of the team include Lynda Tongue (TSTA-O), Sandra Wilson (TSTA-O), and Bill Heasman (PTSTA-O) in the United Kingdom; Mil Rosseau (PTSTA-E) and Koen Bosschaerts (PTSTA-E) in Belgium; Ulrika Widen (PTSTA-C) in Italy; Madeleine Laugeri (TSTA-O) in Switzerland; Bogdan Serbanescu (PTSTA-O) in Romania; and Anne Tucker (PTSTA-O) in New Zealand. In addition, Joost Levy (TSTA-O) leads a faculty in the Netherlands that includes Anne de Graaf (TSTA-O), Marian Timmermans (PTSTA-O), and Bea Verzaal (PTSTA-C) in the Netherlands and Lorna Johnston (TSTA-O) in Canada, Fritz Mautsch (TSTA-O) in Germany, and Servaas van Beekum (TSTA-E, C) in Australia.

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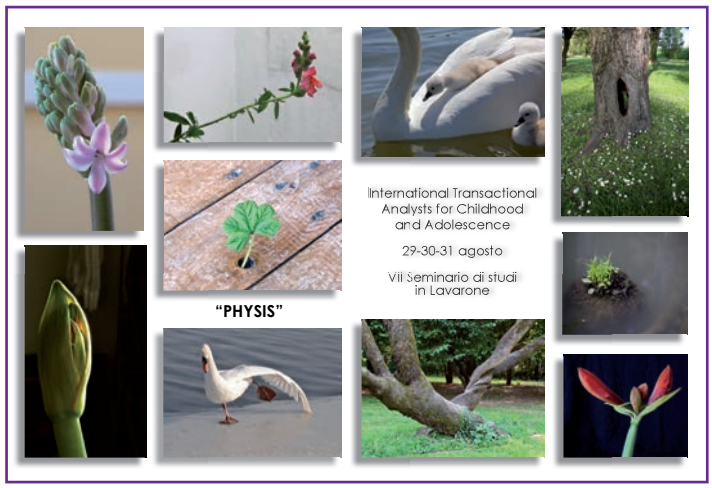
*Cinzia Leoni*

***2014 ITACA Seminar:*** The International Transactional Analysts for Childhood and Adolescence Seventh Study Seminar was held in the beautiful Italian town of Lavarone on 29-31 August 2014. It gathered together practitioners working with children and adolescents in the fields of education, counseling, and psychotherapy. For the first time, this year the seminar offered continued education credits for some of these professions. The seminars were dedicated to Petruska Clarkson, and speakers addressed the following issues: "Physis: The Vital Thrust That Allows Each and Everyone to Grow, Change and Evolve" and "Discoveries, Integrations, and Confrontations: Petruska Clarkson's Transactional Analysis." The contributions ranged from theoretical papers to reports on experiences and case histories. Speakers came from different countries and represented different areas of expertise. This provided participants with a wealth of knowledge and experience in a climate of mutual respect, interaction, and participation. Cinzia Leoni, a psychologist, psychotherapist, and seminar participant from Mantua, Italy, writes, "Thinking of Petruska Clarkson and physis, I would like to stress the amount of time dedicated to scientific research that confirms the dedication of colleagues at EATA, ITACA, and the transactional analysis schools to follow new vital impulses so that transactional analysis can continue to grow in a fruitful dialogue with different scientific traditions worldwide. I also want to thank all those who made this event possible and especially Ines Genovesi for the pictures that accompanied us on this journey." Planning is now underway for the 2015 ITACA Seminar, which will again be held in Lavarone, with the focus on "The Balance of Love in the Work of Ferdinando Montuschi" and "Multiple Roles in Relationships with Children and Adolescents." For more information, visit the ITACA website here .




***Laurie Hawkes*** celebrated the publication of her recent book with a "bookstore evening," which she describes as "a great way to keep in touch with people and let them know about transactional analysis. The bookstore near my office, La Librairie des Orgues, was kind enough to organize a book-signing party for my seventh book, *Petit traité de lucidité sur soi-même et sur les autres* [A Little Treatise for Gaining Insight About Yourself and Others]. They gave me time for a little talk about lucidity or seeing clearly, a quality I like tying to the Adult ego state. I also talked about expectations, the main thread of the book, which is so easy to tie to our notion of script. Afterward, 12 of us remained for a festive supper, including three kinds of hamburgers (one of them vegetarian), in honor of this American-French author." Laurie encourages any members who are book authors to see if they can arrange a similar event in their area—it's good PR for TA! And if you do, please let us know about it and your book.



*Laurie Hawkes with Olivier Colombel, an advanced trainee who went through the Paris TA School's entire curriculum and added other skills (coaching and couple counseling); he now works as a psychotherapist in private practice in Paris. The photo was taken by his 7-year-old son, Alexandre Colombel, a budding photographer.*

# Margaret Turpin

*by Adrienne Lee*



Margaret Turpin was 90 years old when she died on 1 Feb 2015. She was a Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst (P), a TA therapist and trainer, and a doctor in general practice in London, and when she retired, she moved to Barbados to be with her family.

Margaret was a small, quiet woman with a bright mind and a wry sense of humor. She was a dedicated promoter of transactional analysis in the United Kingdom, and together with Dr. Michael Reddy, a psychologist and Jesuit priest, she was one of the first Teaching Members in the UK. She trained in transactional analysis with Warren Cheney, a psychotherapist from Berkeley and a prominent early member of the ITAA.

I was privileged to find Margaret in the early 1970s and to attend some of the Sunday TA training workshops that she ran in her home in North London. In 1973, she and Michael Reddy—together with Alan Byron, Paul Brown, Laurence Collinson, and David Porter—formed a group to found the Institute of Transactional Analysis (ITA), the first British TA association. I joined this enthusiastic, inspiring group as a founding member with Prof. John Allaway, Gordon Law, Mary Cox, and Jenny Robinson in 1974 and was impressed by Margaret's determination to make transactional analysis respected in the UK and acceptable to the medical profession. She invited many psychiatrists and doctors to those early workshops and taught transactional analysis with professionalism and gravitas.

I respected Margaret's integrity and what Michael Reddy calls her "ability to enjoy herself and her dry pragmatism"—an interesting mix! She helped to organize the first annual ITA conference in Heythrop College in London in 1974, where the ITA was launched. She was also a strong support for Michael in his determination to establish transactional analysis in the rest of Europe and his initiatory role in the formation of the European Association for Transactional Analysis (EATA). These were exciting, innovative times, and Margaret's calm reliability and sound integrity were an important contribution.

My colleague Ian Stewart and I decided to become accredited in transactional analysis, and we trained with Margaret as our sponsor and supervisor in the early 1980s. We dared not bring her any client work without showing that we had sound contracts. She always said that we could not be transactional analysts if we didn't have a bilateral contract!

Margaret was a major influence on the development of TA in the UK. Ian and I still quote her and carry the light of her wisdom to our trainees—particularly about contracting! When she retired, Margaret created a bursary fund in the ITA (now the UK Association for Transactional Analysis) for the training of transactional analysts in the UK, so her influence lives on despite the loss of her presence. Transactional analysis in the UK owes gratitude and appreciation for the calm, solid rock of TA that Margaret Turpin established. Thank you, dear Margaret.

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**Deadline for Return of Ballots: 1 June 2015**

# We Need Your Vote on Amendment/Restatement of the ITAA Articles of Incorporation

*by John Heath*

By now you will have received a ballot either by email or post asking for your vote on important changes to update the ITAA Articles of Incorporation. We hope you will read the materials carefully and return your ballot as soon as possible.

Over the last 5 years, the ITAA has been pursuing a policy of reform and restructuring. Part of this reform has been a review of our Articles of Incorporation, which is the legal document that defines the identity and purpose of the organization, and the bylaws that are related to it and set out how the organization operates. This is a complex task, and we are lucky to have had the input of Bill Holloway, a former ITAA President and now our Latin American trustee. Bill has spent many hours combing through the bylaws and historical documentation and, with the support of the Board of Trustees and the benefit of legal advice, has come up with proposed new Articles of Incorporation. This must be in place first before we can construct new bylaws.

*John Heath is ITAA President and can be reached at johnheath105@gmail.com .*

The ITAA is legally established in the State of California as a nonprofit public benefit corporation. The original purpose of the corporation was set forth by Eric Berne in 1960 when the San Francisco Social Psychiatry Seminars (SFSPS) was established as an educational corporation. The name of the SFSPS was changed to The International Transactional Analysis Association (ITAA) in 1965. Though the ITAA has grown and expanded its activities, the original purpose remains on record.

The board of trustees has determined that the original description is no longer representative of the interests and activities of the association and therefore needs to be modified. Additionally, the ITAA is approved as tax exempt by the tax authorities of California and the United States, and to maintain that status we need to operate in a way that is in keeping with our legally defined purpose. Our documentation must stay up to date with our actual activity because continuation of an antiquated purpose statement could create legal problems.

The original 1960s paperwork set out the purpose of the ITAA as "the study of mental illness and psychiatric or emotional disorders." Our newly stated purpose is much broader and is stated as "to promote awareness and understanding of transactional analysis, a psychology of human behavior, communication, and problem solving designed to enhance the lives of individuals, groups, organizations, and communities." There are other changes as well, mostly to do with defining our purpose in more modern legal language.

We need you to vote on whether or not to adopt these proposed new Articles of Incorporation. Please consult the ballot materials you were sent and/or visit the ITAA website homepage at www.itaaworld.org for a link to the statement of the new Articles of Incorporation along with a ballot form, an appendix that includes the current Articles of Incorporation, and the "Consent to Use of Electronic Transmissions" form.

On the subject of consent forms, thank you to those of you (now in the majority) who have signed and returned your "Consent to Use of Electronic Transmissions." This is a legal requirement in California, where we are registered, and will make our work much easier. If you have not returned this form yet, I would be grateful if you would sign and return it by post with your completed ballot.

Thanks for your participation in this important consultation.

# Welcome to New Members

**FEBRUARY 2015**

Roy Abrahamian, Brazil
Asha Counselling, India
Bonnie Calcagno, USA
Pauline Clare, UK
Andrea Dondi, Italy
Sonja Graf, Switzerland
Kianoosh Habibi, Iran
Neil Keenan, UK
Katherine McQuade, UK
Motoko Miyagi, Japan
Pramod Mooriath, India
Vasudev Nagaraj, India
Catherine Parker, UK
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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 Trustee (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) and the names of the person making the nomination and the person seconding it. To be eligible, trustees may not have already served two consecutive terms in any board position. Officer nominees should read the charters describing the function/selection criteria for officer positions available from ITAA Secretary Mandy Lacy at mandy@lacyconsulting.net . Send nominations to nominations chair Sumithra Sharatkumar at sumithrask@gmail.com . Nominees must email a written statement (250 words maximum) and digital photo to Sumithra by 31 May 2015. If you have not already submitted a Consent to Use of Electronic Transmissions so that you are eligible to vote electronically in case of a ballot, we urge you to do so immediatly by visiting here .

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| Exam Date | Exam | Cert. Body | Location | Application Deadline |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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 | * |
| 7-8 Jul 2015 | TSTA | COC | Rome, Italy | 7 Jan 2015 |
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| 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 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 | * |

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