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The Story of the Back to Berne Gathering 2024

by Lucy Freedman

How did a group of vibrant French-speaking and a smattering of North American TA people find themselves mixing and mingling for a week at the Pacific Ocean this August?

When ITAA publications managing editor Robin Fryer reached out to see whether we at the NATAA (North American TA Association) would help a French TA group find a venue for their "Back to Berne" event, we said yes and set in motion a rich international exchange. The French-speaking group, led by Jacques Moreau, TSTA-O, wanted to find a way to visit both Berne's gravesite in Pebble Beach and the Eric Berne Archive at UC San Francisco.

After a year of collaborative planning with Jacques, Isabelle Goldie, and Lucy Freedman, we welcomed 30 colleagues—15 from North America and 15 who came all the way from



Back to Berne in beautiful Monterey, California (from left): Annie de Oliveira, Lucy Freedman, and Mark Benker

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Steve Karpman receiving his M&M Award

France and Belgium with Jacques Moreau's "Groupe AT"—to the beautiful coast of Monterey Bay, California.

The setting was beyond marvelous, with views of the ocean from the large windows in our meeting and dining rooms. NATAA has a tradition of "Open Space" Gatherings in which we meet in a circle and organize our teaching and learning. Groupe AT's plans included time for supervision and seminars. At times, we thought the groups might meet separately, since not all spoke the language of the other group. We were not sure how it would all unfold and reminded ourselves to trust the process.

As it turned out, the commonalities were stronger than the differences. Several people were extremely helpful as interpreters. A feature of the presentation software was that there could be a running AI translation below the slide on the screen, which pleased some and aggravated others.

Our self-organizing led to both planned presentations and some that spontaneously arose. Felipe Garcia led off the facilitation, being very experienced from his career of leading groups and especially having played a key role in establishing the cooperative practices of NATAA's Jamaica Gatherings.

Workshop topics included functional fluency, personality adaptations, how practices differ in our two cultures, and varied topics such as survival decisions, logosynthesis, the process of forgiving, self-reparenting, using the enneagram in treatment, and memoir writing.

We had a remarkable time together. Early morning integral body practices on the beach, three communal meals daily, field trips together, glasses of wine and lemonade, flocks of pelicans and other birds going by, incredible full-moon nights at the ocean, OK-OK relating—none of it required translation.

The day trip to Carmel was a deep experience honoring Berne's legacy, led by Jacques, who had prepared us the day before with a workshop on how to use ritual. Outdoors on a beautiful day, everyone participated and created the ritual together, placing symbolic natural objects on Berne's grave.

Our archive visit was facilitated by Carol Solomon and supported by Cheryl Leong and Romy Graichen. We were able to meet and thank Polina Ilieva and her archivist team at the University of California, San Francisco, and recognize Gloria Noriega, who was on the Eric Berne Archive Committee. The event featured a cameo appearance by Jack Dusay, who explained all of transactional analysis in 3 minutes (ok, a



Three former ITAA Presidents at the Back to Berne event (from left): Gloria Noriega, Jack Dusay, and Lucy Freedman

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Back to Berne 2024 participants

little longer when being translated). Archivists had prepared an interesting exhibit of early TA materials. Seeing Jack was great for old-timers and a highlight for French visitors.

As we began to wrap up the week, and with the substantial help of Christopher Zimmerman, we were able to present the NATAA M&M Award (named for Muriel James and Mary Goulding) remotely to Steve Karpman, who graciously spoke with us over Zoom. His award was for his groundbreaking work on the drama triangle as well as many other creative contributions to the TA community.

We were very aware that the past General Coordinator of NATAA, Bob Hempel, had passed away the week before and was with us in spirit. Led by Brenda Schaeffer, we took time at our NATAA meeting to remember him.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to making this a memorable week for all.

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Jacques Moreau and Lucy Freedman, organizers of the Back to Berne event



PAC in front of Berne's San Francisco office at 165 Collins Street



Visiting the Eric Berne Archive at UC San Francisco

ITAA President Geck Gives Keynote at Japanese Conference

by Masumi Aonuma

In June 2004, the TA Association of Japan (TAAJ) held its 36th annual conference and welcomed ITAA President Thorsten Geck as the keynote speaker. In his virtual remarks, he embodied a cocreative dialogue with Japanese members. The theme of the conference was "Serene Mind, Wounded Mind," and the title of Thorsten's speech was "The Wounded Mind and Our Shared Responsibility."

Thorsten began by asking deep questions: "Are we responsible for everything that happens in the world? Can we feel responsible for what is happening on the other side of the world? Are we one global organism? Or is every person isolated and constantly trying to connect with each other? Or are we isolated and living on our own?"

These questions shook the hearts of participants. Together, Thorsten in Germany and the conference participants in Japan, began "looking and thinking from a helicopter" and "feeling with their own hearts," as Thorsten said. It seemed as if the participants onsite and online were one. I, who was participating via Zoom, was able to face the theme with a sense of security that flowed through the onsite venue.



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Thorsten talked about current conflicts in Europe, other conflicts in Asia, and rapid climate change all over the world. People facing these crises have a strong yearning for security. However, Thorsten said, we need to be aware of the fact that national borders, which create a sense of belonging, also create separation and isolation. And we should look at the complexity that leads to a society divided. This complexity dulls our thinking, understanding, and judgment. "This is contamination of the structure of the ego states in the cultural script, isn't it?" Thorsten said. His comments were convincing to us.

I realized that even though we see on TV horrific scenes in some regions and countries every day, we Japanese living on a faraway island often feel like those are "fire on the other side of the river," that is, someone else's misfortune. We hardly feel the heat of serious facts in real time, although we easily see those images on our smartphones. I was shocked

to become aware that what I was doing is what we call "discounting."

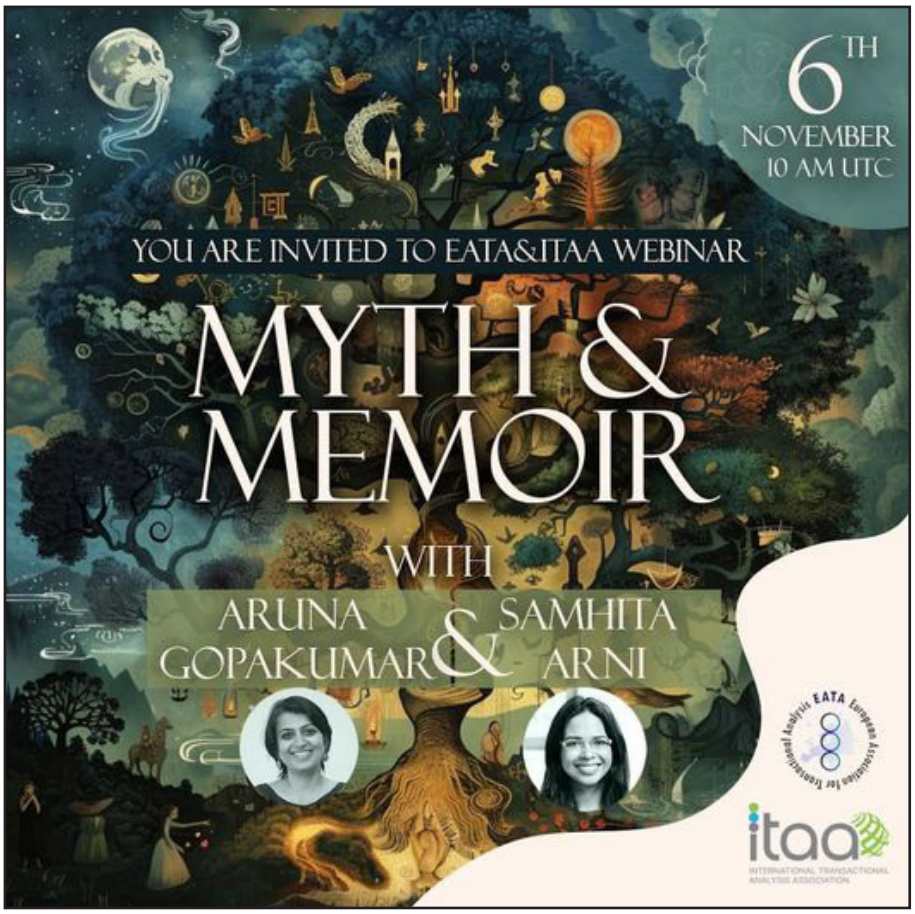
In the second half of his talk, Thorsten invited us to consider current world events (crises) from the perspective of social responsibility. Social responsibility refers to the obligation of individuals and organizations to contribute to the well-being of society. Thorsten said, "Social responsibility includes actions and decisions that go beyond personal or corporate interests and promote the common good." Social responsibility can be discussed from a variety of perspectives. The first perspective is our individual social responsibility. "Each individual has the power and responsibility to improve society through their own active involvement and conscious actions. Small everyday actions can have a big impact on society. This is the phenomenon known as the 'butterfly effect.' " I muttered to myself, "What are we actually doing? And what can I do?"

The second perspective is around corporate social responsibility (CSR). Thorsten explained, "CSR is a company's obligation to contribute to the well-being of society beyond legal and economic requirements. It includes environmental protection measures, fair labor standards, ethical behavior, sustainable production, and support for community projects. Companies that engage in CSR play their role within a larger social context and recognize that sustainable economic success is inextricably linked to social prosperity." I wondered to myself again, "Are the responsibilities that should be fulfilled in the workplace and community I belong to clear?" No doubt the entire audience was muttering the same thing to themselves.

In closing, Thorsten said, "It's the small things, the grassroots movements, that make us feel the impact. People who are active can experience the power of themselves, and that can have a healing effect." His tone was gentle but passionate, and we could feel his generosity and compassion.

Thorsten's keynote speech allowed us, the TA community in Japan, to consider how we can embody "the common good" and take action proactively at the organizational and individual levels and to explore or reaffirm the importance of the small contributions we can make. It was a truly wonderful moment.

I am grateful to the presidents of the ITAA and TAAJ for their cooperation. We, TAAJ, hope to be a close cooperative friend as before with the ITAA and TA communities. That will be one of our social responsibilities.





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We are excited to provide you with the latest updates on the 2025 World Transactional Analysis Conference (WTAC) 2025.

Accommodation Options: We have secured special rates for accommodations around the conference venue, with prices starting at just €63 per night. To streamline the booking process, we've created a one-page platform where you can update your stay dates and the number of guests. Secure your accommodation at the negotiated price by visiting the WTAC Accommodation Platform here .

Gala Party Tickets: Tickets for the optional Gala Party are now available for purchase on our ticketing page here . This unique event promises an authentic French experience with a touch of "petit je ne sais quoi." Enjoy a delightful blend of French gastronomy, cabaret, stunning architecture, and the lively spirit of a traditional "guinguette."

The ticket price includes transportation between the conference venue and the gala, drinks, food, entertainment, and a variety of surprises. For example, on arrival, you'll be greeted with a living champagne wall experience—ring the bell and enjoy a glass of champagne, à la française!

Workshop Proposals, Program and WTAC Website: Our Workshop Proposal Reviewer Team has completed the review of the many outstanding submissions we received. They did an amazing job! The Organizing Committee and Program Committee are now working diligently to assign time slots and conference rooms for all accepted proposals.

Social Activities: In addition to the conference sessions, we are organizing various social activities, including yoga, art sessions, healing singing bowl sessions, massages, and sensory experiences. We are also planning city tours for accompanying persons and families who are not attending the conference.

We are thrilled to have 467 participants registered so far! All of the Organizing Committee members are grateful for your trust, and we can't wait to meet all of you!

Jean-Luc Boyer
IFAT President & Conference Chair
WTAC 2025

The WTAC ticketing system is now open:
https://my.weezevent.com/world-ta-conference-france-2025

Registration Discounts Available

If you are interested in being considered for a discount voucher to use for registration fees for attending the Montpellier conference and are not yet a member of the ITAA but are from a TAlent 1 or TAlent 2 country, please email info@itaaworld.org with your full name, your country of permanent residence, and the country where you are currently residing along with your current mailing address.

There will be another TA Conference in Guatemala in February 2025. The conference will be organized in collaboration with ALAT (Asociación Latinoamericana de Análisis Transaccional), and while the official language will be Spanish, translation may be offered depending on who registers to attend. The conference will invite speakers to explore the evolution of the life script concept and to reflect on its application in therapeutic, educational, and personal practices. **The focus of the conference is multifaceted:**

- ***From Determination to Co-creation:*** reflecting on the shift from a deterministic interpretation of the life script to a more intersubjective and relational one
- ***Narrative as Transformation:*** Examining how life narratives can facilitate healing, personal growth, and genuine intimacy
- ***Script in Human Encounters:*** Delving into the power of personal stories to connect people on deeper levels
- ***Integration of Resources:*** Analyzing how life scripts can be a map that, in addition to limitations, also contains internal resources and strengths

Thinkers, therapists, educators, and facilitators are invited to share their knowledge, experiences, and reflections on how to transform life narratives through transactional analysis. Through presentations, workshops, and dialogues, participants will be inspired to reimagine human potential in the cocreation of freer, more authentic, and connected life stories. **For more information and/or to register, contact Piotr Jusik at** peter@iflowcoaching.com .

The South Asian Association of Transactional Analysts (SAATA) invites you to dive into a vibrant world of insights and connections at the 2025 SAATA Conference. Explore the dynamic interplay of thoughts, feelings, and behaviors through the rich metaphor of the "Kaleidoscope of Life." Celebrate the colorful diversity of individuals, community, and the natural world. **Join us in Chennai, India, at the Savera Hotel** (https://www.saverahotel.com) **from 19–21 September 2025.** The program committee invites workshop proposals and exciting new avenues for creative expression such as performances and installations. **Submit your proposal today!** Link to Proposal Form .

Conference Calendar

21-23 November 2024
TAAANZ International TA Conference
Wellington, Aotearoa, New Zealand

11–13 April 2025
UKATA National Conference
Swindon, UK
conference@uka4ta.co.uk

8–10 August 2025
World TA Conference
Montpellier, France

20-21 September 2025
SAATA Conference
Chennai, India

TAAANZ
Transactional Analysis Association of Aotearoa New Zealand

Transactional Analysis Conference November 2024—Wellington

Conference theme: Karangarua—Unity through diversity in relationship.

Join us in Wellington and be part of a transformative experience that bridges cultures and disciplines. At this international conference, we invite you to focus with us on whanaungatanga (relationships) and what happens when they are disrupted. Local and international speakers will lead us in an exploration of how transactional analysis can be used to help us build and maintain crucial relationships.

The conference will be preceded by an introductory TA101 course which will have a strong bicultural perspective (19th–20th November) and TA exams (also on 19th & 20th November). **Early bird pricing** applies until 15 July: **$525NZD for TAAANZ members** and $575NZD for non-members.

21st to 23rd November, Wellington, Aotearoa New Zealand

Te Raukura, Taranaki Wharf

To register, go to the TAAANZ website:
https://www.taaanz.nz/2024-international-conference

Huge Thanks to Steff Oates for Her Support of ITAA's Publications

by the TAJ Coeditors and Script Editor

As Steff Oates leaves the ITAA Board of Directors at the end of two terms as Vice President Research & Innovation, the editors of the *Transactional Analysis Journal* (*TAJ*) and *The Script* want to express our deepest thanks for all she has done over the past 6 years to support and help us in making the ITAA publications the best they can be.

Steff has been the main person to serve as the link between the *TAJ* and our publisher, Taylor & Francis/Routledge (T&F/R). As the head of the Routledge Liaison Committee, she has helped to manage contract issues with T&F/R, answered a constant flow of questions about reprint/translation permissions, addressed inquiries from members as well as the *TAJ* coeditors related to issues that are not covered in any manual or precedent, and been always available for consultation and input when both ordinary and sensitive issues arise.

As the VP under whose jurisdiction ITAA publications lie, Steff has also been a ready source of support and advice regarding issues related to *The Script*. She has also been generous enough to proofread each issue before publication and alert the editor and managing editor to any problems, errors, complications, or questions she found so they could be dealt with and/or corrected before publication.



Steff Oates with her ITAA Service Award in 2017

Steff has, of course, also been responsible for other aspects of ITAA's work, including the ITAA Research Award process, but we wanted to especially acknowledge what she has done for the publications. We will miss her enthusiasm, commitment, wisdom, and support more than we can say.

We are, of course, looking forward to developing a close working relationship with ITAA's new VP of R & I, Elvin Ayadin Keles, beginning with her attendance at part of the last *TAJ* coeditors' meeting.

Meanwhile, once again, our sincerest thanks and appreciation to Steff!

TAJ Coeditors Helen Rowland, Trudi Newton, Karen Minikin, Alexandra Gheorghe, Moniek Thunnissen, Traian Bossenmayer, and Jr-Earn Lam

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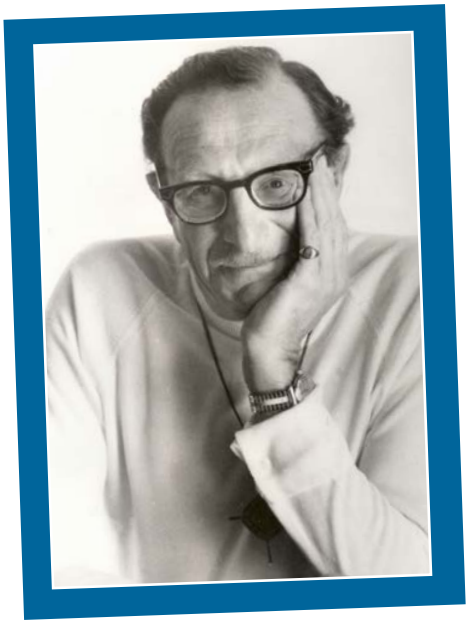

Nominations Sought for ITAA Awards

The ITAA invites you to consider nominating a worthy recipient for the ***2025 Eric Berne Memorial Award (EBMA).*** The following information and materials must be submitted to the EBMA Committee, c/o Lis Heath (email below). All documents must be submitted by email in electronic form (Microsoft Word or Acrobat PDF).

1. Name(s) of author(s) nominated

2. Publication citation: full reference for journal article, book, or publication in which the contribution being nominated has been published

3. Area of contribution: specify one of the following categories as the area in which you think the most significant contribution has been made: (a) theory, (b) research, (c) applications, or (d) other areas not covered by these

4. A brief title for the contribution: for example, the concept in theory, a descriptive title for the research project, the specific practice application, or a title for some other relevant area

5. A nominators' statement (1500 words maximum) supporting the nomination as an original and highly significant contribution to transactional analysis in the designated area. This statement must include discussions of the following:

- The originality and innovation of the contribution within transactional analysis
- The relationship to previous work in transactional analysis and related theories or fields of application, including research where applicable
- Evidence of the impact the contribution has had on the development of the field of transactional analysis
- Any other statements about the contribution that need to be considered by the committee in the opinion of the person(s) making the nomination

Each nomination needs to be supported by a single nominators' statement. If more than one individual is making the nomination, the nominating group will prepare a common statement and select a nominators' representative.

6. Individual, group, or organization making the nomination: Please supply the name, address, telephone number(s), fax number(s), and email address of the nominator (or nominators' representative) the EBMA committee may contact if additional information or material is required to consider the nomination fully.

7. Copies of the publication(s): One electronic copy of the article(s) or book chapter(s) in which the contribution being nominated appears must accompany the nomination. If the article or book chapter was written in a language other than English, then an English translation must be included, along with the publication(s) in the original language. No more than three articles and/or book chapters may be submitted.

8. Notification of the nominee: It is the responsibility of the person(s) making the nomination for the award to notify the author(s) of his or her intention to do so and to provide him or her with a copy of the written materials submitted to the EBMA Committee. The nominator is to verify to the committee that he or she has done so either by submitting a copy of the letter to the nominee or a statement to that effect. Without this verification, the nomination will not be accepted, except in those instances in which the award would be made posthumously.

9. Unpublished material and works published after December 2021 are not eligible for nomination at this point.

The deadline for Eric Berne Memorial Award nominations is 1 December 2024. Send nominations to Lis Heath at lis.heath@gmail.com ***. For more details on making nominations, visit*** here.

The ITAA Research Award was established to recognize an individual(s) or team who has made a major contribution to research in any field of transactional analysis. The recipient(s) need not be an ITAA member(s). The award is given for published and peer-reviewed research in any of the fields in which transactional analysis is applied, preferably in indexed or impacted journals. Nominated work may focus on the effectiveness of current theory and practice, but research will be the necessary focus rather than simply an option. ***Send nominations for the ITAA Research Award to chair Rosanna Giacometto at*** rgiacometto@gmail.com ***. For more information, visit*** this link ***. The deadline for the ITAA Research Award is 1 January 2025.***

The ITAA Service Award was established to recognize members of the ITAA who have made a significant contribution to the advancement of the ITAA and to its development as an organization that promotes transactional analysis internationally, supports its members, and offers a social benefit to the public. Honorees will be recognized for their commitment, the nature of their service, and the "I'm OK, You're OK" manner in which they conducted themselves in the process. The nominee will have demonstrated a generous spirit of service, responsibility, and effectiveness in his or her contribution to the life of the ITAA. ***The deadline for the ITAA Service Award is 1 January 2025.***

The Hedges Capers Humanitarian Award was established to recognize ITAA members who have made significant, enduring contributions to humanity in keeping with the ideals and ethics of the ITAA. These contributions are primarily seen as activities that promote the welfare of humankind, especially through the alleviation or elimination of pain and suffering. ITAA members who make such contributions often do so at the cost of personal risk and/or sacrifice. The humanitarian activities may form a lifelong pattern or be expressed in a single, widely noted occurrence. ***The deadline for the Capers Award is 1 January 2025.***

The Muriel James Living Principles Award honors ITAA members who have advanced the growth of transactional analysis by personal example as well as by contributions of an exceptional and lasting nature. Personal example involves consistently living the principles of transactional analysis, which includes, but is not limited to, clear Adult thinking, joyful creativity, compassionate ethics, and a lack of gaminess in transactions with others. Such a person models egalitarian relationships and promotes an "I'm OK, You're OK" atmosphere in both professional and personal arenas. The nominee will have demonstrated commitment, concern, and caring for both individuals and the world community and will be active in the international advancement of the principles of transactional analysis either professionally or personally. ***The deadline for the James Award is 1 January 2025.***

The Robert and Mary Goulding Social Justice Award was established to recognize individuals who have broadened the application of transactional analysis through their teaching, training, writing, and/or direct professional work in the promotion of social justice. The nominee will have advanced through professional work and personal modeling the core principles of the Gouldings' theory: self-determination, personal responsibility, direct action, and affirming relationships. The nominee will have contributed, in his or her own way, by any or many of the following: disclosing unfairness, challenging injustices, protecting unfair practices, confronting perpetrators, questioning values that support injustice, enabling understanding and respect, encouraging equalitarian values, facilitating awareness of institutionalized injustice, funding social movements, and even mounting public protests. ***The deadline for the Goulding Social Justice Award is 1 January 2025.***

Any ITAA member may suggest another member for the Service, Capers, James, or Goulding awards by submitting in writing a detailed nomination that includes the nominee's name along with a narrative account of the reasons the individual deserves recognition, attaching all relevant documentation. The guidelines for making nominations for all of these awards are posted online at http://itaaworld.org/itaa-awards. ***Send nominations for the Service, James, Capers, and Goulding awards to ITAA Secretary Rema Giridhar at*** general-secretary@itaaworld.com.

The Power of Language

by Keiko Hoshino

What kind of phrase or gesture do you use, if any, when starting a meal? Some of you might say a prayer or expression of thanks before eating. In Japan, we press our palms together and say "Itadakimasu."

This phrase is often translated as "I humbly receive this meal" or "Let's eat," but both translations only express a part of its meaning. The food in front of us gives us life, and this word includes a sense of gratitude for life as well as a sense of sorrow and apology for taking life away from nature. Then there is gratitude for all the processes and people who prepared the meal.

In Japanese, it is common to omit the subject and sometimes even the object in speaking. This can make the language ambiguous and hard to understand. The vagueness of subjects and objects, along with indirect expressions (a positive ulterior transaction), is one of the linguistic traditions that has evolved to facilitate peaceful communication. The way language is used naturally develops according to the environment, history, education, and related cultural background of the people who speak it. Language creates culture, and culture, in turn, nurtures language.

And I'm sure many of you have experienced how a single word can move people's hearts.

On the other hand, what is your first impression when you hear the word "complain"? For example, if a coworker says, "I'm complaining," you might instinctively become defensive. This is because the word "complain" implies negative emotions or the raising of difficult issues. We are often unaware of the kinds of emotions a single word can unconsciously trigger.

So how does the language used in TA influence us? Once we understand the meaning of the term "OKness," we can agree with that one word, saying, "Yes, that's it!" without needing to add more. In the culture of living TA, we are supported by the power of shared language. Based on the foundation of TA philosophy, we aim to "get on with" each other.

Currently, the ITAA Ethics Committee is dedicating significant time to focusing on the power of language in the philosophy of TA as they work on creating a new ethics manual. This is because language shapes culture and influences the human heart.



As beings who use language, we hope to harness its power for peace and to live happy lives. What is a word that makes you feel anxious? And what is a word that instantly puts you at ease?

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We Want to Be Easily Accessible to ITAA Members

by Thorsten Geck, ITAA President

To prevent private roles and voluntary engagement for the ITAA from continually intermingling, **we have set up new, official email addresses for Board of Directors members.** This also makes it easier to pass on information when a role is given up and a successor is appointed. We also hope that having these email addresses at hand will help you to easily contact us when you have questions, comments, or needs as an ITAA member.

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We very much look forward to hearing from you! And **if you have a question or concern and aren't sure to whom to direct it, you can always write to our office at Huntington Association Management at** info@itaaworld.org .

Welcome to New Members

AUGUST 2024

Zere Akhmetbek, Kazakhstan
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Stefan Kubli, Switzerland
Svetlana Majkic, Serbia
Kevin Martin, United Kingdom
Dragana Mjerimacka, Serbia
Jakub Palczynski, Poland
Zorica Paroski, Serbia
Teodora Pavlovic, Serbia
Vinícius Sgarbe, Brazil
Viktoriia Simakovskaia, Russia
Caroline Smith, United Kingdom
Karen Taylor, United Kingdom
Nelian Torenbeek, Netherlands
David Zdravkovic, Serbia

IBOC News

Exams in Person

The IBOC is organizing **CTA and TSTA in-person exams on 19 and 20 November 2024 in Wellington, Aotearoa, New Zealand.** We would still like more examiners to come forward to enrich these exams. If you are planning to attend and have not yet offered to be an examiner, please fill in the relevant Google form as soon as possible:

To be involved in TSTA exams: https://forms.gle/9A8ohosN2SmH-81gw8

To be involved in CTA exams or to be a volunteer in the TSTA exams as audience members or supervisees, go here.

TEW News

We have extended our TEW program to run twice a year again, and the places are filling. The April 2025 TEW is fully booked and closed for applications. Even though the November 2025 application deadline is 28 March 2025, we only have three places left for that workshop, so bookings are likely to close early. There are no bookings yet for April and November 2026. Please be aware of this as you plan your TEW going forward.

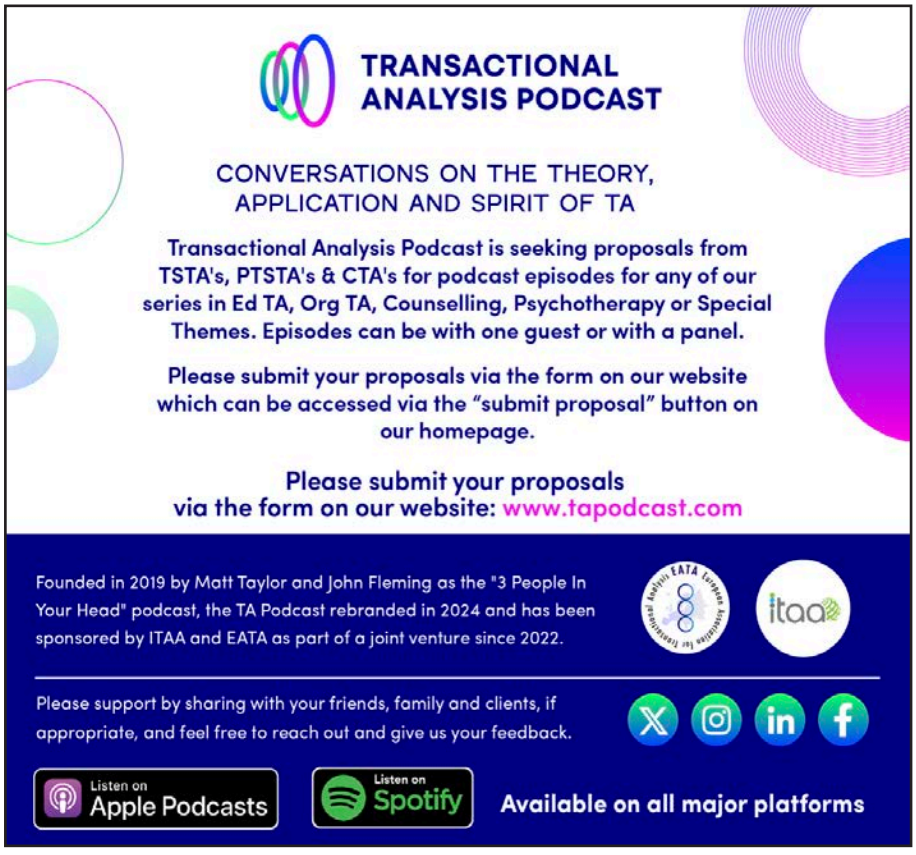
Haseena Abdulla & Sue Eusden, IBOC Cochairs

IBOC Exam Calendar

Type	Exam Date	Location	Application Deadline
CTA	3-5 Oct 2024	Online	Closed
TSTA	3-5 Oct 2024	Online	Closed
CTA	19-20 Nov 2024	Wellington, NZ	Closed
TSTA	19-20 Nov 2024	Wellington, NZ	Closed
CTA	27 Feb-1 Mar 2025	Online	27 Nov 2024
TSTA	27 Feb-1 Mar 2025	Online	27 Aug 2024
CTA	9-11 Oct 2025	Online	9 Jul 2025
TSTA	9-11 Oct 2025	Online	9 Apr 2025

IBOC TEW Calendar

Type	TEW Date	Location	Application Deadline	TPO Deadline
TEW	24-25 Nov 2024	Wellington, NZ	Closed	Closed
TEW	25-27 Apr 2025	Online	Closed	Closed
TEW	28–30 Nov 2025	Online	28 Mar 2025	28 May 2025
TEW	24–26 Apr 2026	Online	24 Aug 2025	24 Oct 2025
TEW	27–29 Nov 2026	Online	27 Mar 2026	27 May 2026



Ian Stewart

We are deeply sad to hear about the death of Ian Stewart, PhD, on 17 September 2024. Ian's contribution to the development of TA in the United Kingdom and Europe especially was enormous. We offer here excerpts from an obituary about Ian written by Mary Cox.



The TA world has lost one of its brightest stars. A world-renowned and respected trainer and teacher, Ian was the author of five TA books, one of which, *TA Today* (coauthored with Vann Joines) has become a virtually standard TA text and has been translated into 16 languages, including Arabic and Chinese. Ian led trainings and workshops across the globe and addressed numerous international conferences. At the same time, for many years Ian was an active leader and invaluable member of the TA profession in the development and establishment of transactional analysis, working to set standards and regulate training procedures. He was a committed and regular TA examiner and served on numerous committees, often chairing them and setting the direction for their essential work. . . .

Ian trained and qualified as a CTA and continued on to earn his TSTA (P). In 1994 he cofounded The Berne Institute with Adrienne Lee, TSTA (P). There he applied rigorous standards and his academic background to develop the training program that contributed to The Berne's success. Later he cooperated with Middlesex University to give students the opportunity to gain an MSc in transactional analysis psychotherapy.

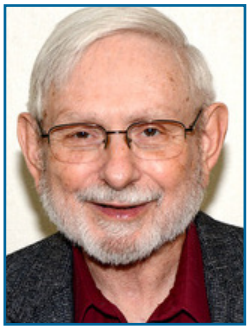
In 1998 Ian was awarded the EATA Gold Medal for "longstanding and outstanding services for EATA and/or to TA or the TA community." In addition to his illustrious career in TA, Ian was a recognized and highly appreciated player of folk music and a committed and enthusiastic Morris dancer. He was also an NLP Master Practitioner. . . .

Ian's last several years of life became increasingly blighted by Alzheimer's disease, which almost certainly led to his death earlier than might otherwise have been expected. He leaves an unfillable gap in the TA world and, indeed, in the wider world, having touched many different lives in many different ways.

We encourage Script *readers to also read/view the remembrance of Ian written by Adrienne Lee* here .

Bob Hempel

We were saddened to learn that former North America TA Association (NATAA) General Coordinator Bob Hempel died on 14 August 2024. He was involved with TA for over 50 years and the NATAA for the last 12 years, since his retirement from serving in various pastoral positions in churches, prisons, and hospitals.

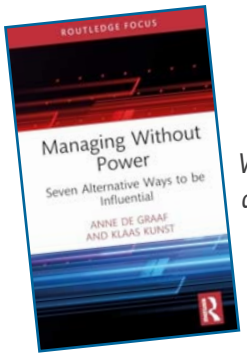


Bob was honored with the prestigious M&M Award (named after Mary Goulding and Muriel James) in April of this year for his many contributions to TA and the NATAA. In his remarks on receiving the award, Bob recalled his contact with Bob and Mary Goulding at the Western Institute for Group and Family Therapy in 1974 when he spent a month there. He mentioned borrowing the money from the bank and how it was the best investment he made in his life.

He also described how Denton Roberts "continued to serve as my life's guide until his death." After Denton died, Bob rejoined TA to "handle his grief work," and Vann Joines invited him to become Midwest Coordinator for the then USA TA Association. That started his 12-year journey on the Council. When the previous General Coordinator left suddenly, Bob stepped in and guided the organization through its transition to becoming the North America TA Association.

In the past year, Bob shared numerous stories about the TA people he admired. One of them was Natalie Haimowitz, with whom he studied for about 10 years. He described how "she taught me about precisely tuned empathy. You focus on the other person's circumstances and then you speak to them in their context." He also recalled how Natalie always carried balloons in her purse to give to children if they were crying: "The child would stop crying and the parent would feel relieved."

In addition to Bob's contributions to USATAA/NATAA, he was a good model of TA principles. He will be missed.



Recent Publications

We regret that because of a misunderstanding, some incorrect details were published about the following book. Here is the correct information:

Managing Without Power: Seven Alternative Ways to be Influential from Anne de Graaf and Klaas Kunst was published in May 2024 by Routledge. It is the English translation of the 2009 version in Dutch and is based on Claude Steiner's 1987 *Transactional Analysis Journal* article "The Seven Sources of Power: An Alternative to Power." In his recommendation for the original Dutch version, Steiner wrote, "I've been intrigued by the dynamics of power for all my life. … Power is almost universally and mistakenly seen as the capacity to control others." The book aims to be an invitation to a good and courageous conversation about the role of power in the private and public domains. In his article, Steiner offered critical comments on the self-evidence with which people take hierarchy and dominance for granted. In relationships, families, organizations and companies, societies, and even on a global scale, we almost seem to take power and impotence as natural phenomena. Managing without power makes it clear that power, and how it is used, is a matter of choice. It is no coincidence that Routledge saw merit in a translation at this time.



In response to global challenges such as conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza, the ITAA Social Engagement Committee planned a three-webinar series on "Avoidance & Engagement in a Disturbed World." Two of the series were held earlier this year, and we are now pleased to invite you to join us for the final and third part of the series on 21 October 2024, at 12:00 pm UTC. In this 90-min webinar, we will explore the community self: "Building Stronger TA Community Bonds to Hold Difficulties Together" with four inspiring speakers: Valerie Batts, TSTA-P; Marina Rajan, TSTA-E; Diane Salters, TSTA-P, and Keith Tudor, TSTA-P. Don't miss your chance to engage in meaningful discussion and to contribute your thoughts on fostering unity and support within our communities.

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