

“New Life from Old Roots” in Lima

by Alejandro Vélez Arana and Joaquín Granados Rossi

The Republic of Peru was the site of the 2009 International Transactional Analysis Conference and the XXIX CONGLAT held 5-8 August in Lima. The theme was “New Life from Old Roots,” which referred to renewing in the here and now, based on Eric Berne’s original concepts in transactional analysis and ancient Inca and Hispanic cultures of the regions. It was organized by the Association of Psychology for Human Development (APDEH) and sponsored by the Latin American Association of Transactional Analysis (ALAT) and the International Transactional Analysis Association (ITAA). The conference was also supported by local academic and civil authorities, such as the universities of San Marcos, San Martín de Porres, Ricardo Palma, and Sacred Heart; the National Association of Psychologists of Peru; municipal government; the Mexican Institute of Transactional Analysis (IMAT); and the department of psychology and psychotherapy of the Ricardo Palma clinic.

The most outstanding men and women in the transactional analysis community came together for the Lima conference, including teachers, researchers, speakers, facilitators, certified and regular members, trainees, laypeople, and psychology students. This type of conference is a wonderful source of intellectual enrichment and human contact as well as a way to share our achievements, developments in transactional analysis, and methods of teaching and research. It also contributes to the exchange of ideas and



Members of the Lima organizing group celebrate at the banquet (from left: Armando Vera (web developer of conference, at table on left but unseen in photo), Alejandro Meza (coordinator), Alejandro Vélez (conference president), Angela Melgar (conference coordinator), Maryuri Medina (secretary), Claudia Celada (assistant), Gladys Salerno (secretary), Edward Mitchell (bookseller).

knowledge and enables a stronger development of transactional analysis in our respective countries and institutions.

This conference was the first time such a gathering had occurred in Peru, and it had special impact on the media and public opinion at a national level, before and during the conference. The major newspapers and other media in both Lima and the interior of the Republic offered stimulating news, interviews, and comments on the merits of transactional analysis. *The Daily Express*, in the Peruvian capital, devoted an interesting editorial to the conference and over several days

devoted two pages and pictures to the various activities that were part of the preconference agenda. E-mail, radio, independent newspapers, and television channels also joined the efforts of the organizers and sponsors of the conference to offer important highlights, interviews, journalistic notes, and favorable comments about transactional analysis.

In addition, the municipality of Jesus Maria (the central district of the Lima metropolis) officially declared 5 of our more than 50 renowned presenters to be “Illustrious Visitors”: Claude

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P. K. Saru receives her Muriel James Award from ITAA President Gianpiero Petriglieri

Acceptance Speech on Winning the 2009 Muriel James Award

by P. K. Saru

My esteemed colleagues who nominated me, ITAA President Gianpiero Petriglieri, members of the ITAA who are present here, members of the Muriel James Living Principles Award committee: a big thank you to all of you for being here to honor me. I felt it was only fitting that an Indian was getting this award this year because it was Muriel James who was instrumental in bringing transactional analysis to India. She trained Fr. George Kandathil, SJ, the first trained and certified transactional analysis professional of India and someone who is known as the “father of transactional analysis in India.”

As I stand here receiving this award, my experience is one of gratitude to all those who contributed to cocreate this moment for me and a meaning for my life and for what I do. This includes my gratitude to God, my parents, and my family, without whose support I would not be where I am, and especially my youngest brother, Ahamed, who is no more in this world, and my eldest sister, who have been pillars of strength in supporting me all along and who believed in me and my endeavors.

I am grateful to Fr. Kandathil, my guru and mentor; my trainers, Carlos and Saroj Welch, who gave me permission to be potent; Julie Hay, who encouraged me to be visible and powerful; Elana Leigh, with whom I spent many joyful moments of laughter, learning, and bonding; Fanita English, who was one of my nominators and who encouraged me and made me feel special many times; Adrienne Lee, who inspired me a great deal and whose influence was a turning point in my training process by her validation and acceptance of me and my style; Marijke Wusten, who traveled to India to support us as a powerful

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What Does It Mean for the ITAA to Be International?

By Rosemary Napper

In this article, Rosemary Napper, recently elected as president of the ITAA, begins a regular column in *The Script* with the intention of provoking thinking and stimulating debate among members.

What Makes the ITAA Different from Other Transactional Analysis Organizations?

The unique feature of the ITAA is that the letter “I” stands for international. For many members, our conferences are a great strength of our organization, events during which we can truly feel part of an international community. The ITAA conference, in Montreal, Canada, from 11-14 August 2010—celebrating 100 years since Berne’s birth in his hometown—promises to be a large and exciting gathering from across the world. We hope you will join us.

This year’s conference was held in Lima, Peru, in conjunction with the local organization, APDEH, and the regional Latin American organization, ALAT. At the final plenary there were 339 people from 24 countries, including 250 from Peru and 89 combined from Ireland, the

Netherlands, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Italy, Canada, Belize, Costa Rica, the United States, England, Australia, India, Korea, Spain, Serbia, Norway, the Philippines, and Guatemala.

This international sense of belonging is sometimes not easy to maintain. The high financial costs involved in participating internationally prevent some from attending conferences, despite the TAlent scheme to reduce charges for those from certain countries. And the current global financial recession meant that some members from even affluent countries, such as the United States and the United Kingdom, were unable to afford to come to Lima.

There are also sometimes difficult political boundaries to navigate: I have met students from Latin America who are already worried about whether they will get a visa to enter Canada next year because it has recently become much more difficult. This year at least one Latin American was turned away at the airport because he did not realize that he needed a visa for Peru.

Notice your reactions as you read the following. The ITAA currently has 1330 members from 58 countries. In 1994 there were almost 7000 members. I understand that there was a time when there were 20,000 members. In the last year,



Incoming ITAA President Rosemary Napper enjoys a moment in Lima with outgoing ITAA President Gianpiero Petriglieri

membership has dropped from Australia, Brazil, Canada, England, France, India, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Peru, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, and the United States. Almost all of these are countries where there is at least one local transactional analysis organization, and it is possible that changing economic circumstances mean it is difficult to afford the extra costs of belonging to the ITAA, especially if the additional benefits are unclear.

Membership has grown in the past year in Bangladesh, Iran, the Netherlands, Scotland, and

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Turkey. One of the tasks for the regional representatives on the board of trustees is to contact both nonrenewing members and new members and to explore reasons for joining and leaving so that we can respond to any patterns. One of the tasks of the board as a whole is to better clarify and emphasize the advantages of belonging to the ITAA. Among our most important features is that we are international. The question is how we best express the benefits of our internationalism.

How Do We Respond When We Meet Different Cultures?

My experience of such a cultural mix at the Lima conference was of enormous pleasure at exploring our similarities and differences in terms of transactional analysis theory, ways of providing training, standards of certification, and, more generally, in ways of life, sense of humor, and dancing styles! However, there were also moments of significant tension due to intrusions across cultural boundaries. In a multinational situation it can be difficult to assume that such intrusions are made without awareness of cultural differences, and even more so in a transactional analysis setting, where respect for others is a vital aspect of our dynamics. At best, such oversights are experienced as rude at an individual level, and more often they give rise to deep offense at the level of the cultural group. Indeed, such slights in our global history are frequently part of the roots of international conflicts. Because we are a truly international organization, there are frequent, unique, and sometimes uncomfortable opportunities to learn about, work with, enjoy, and celebrate cultural difference.

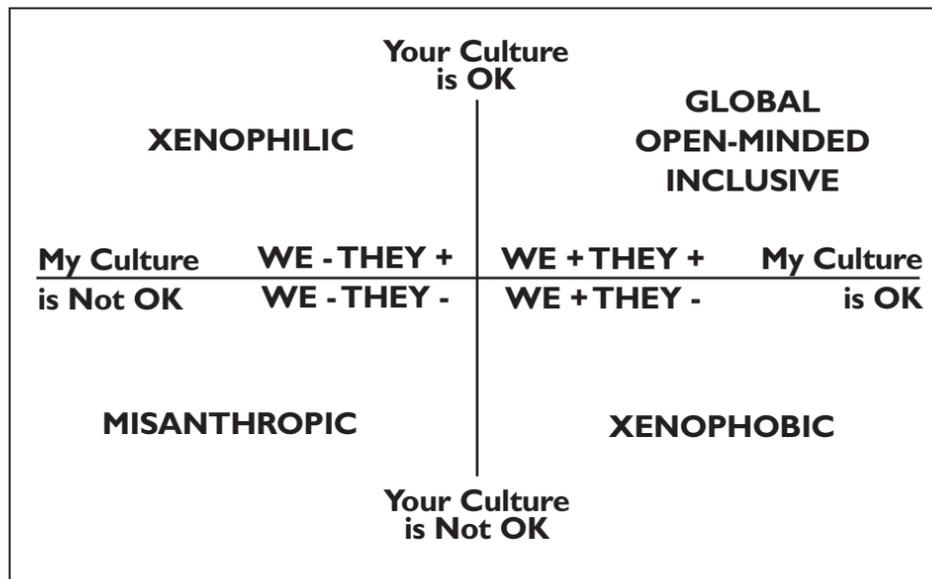


Figure 1. An OK Corral of Culture

How Do We Transact across Cultural Boundaries?

Eric Berne (1963) provided a valuable theory of culture that can be applied to communities, religions, organizations, ethnic groups, neighborhoods, and nations. Even conferences develop a unique, if temporary, culture of their own. Pearl Drego (1996) amplified this theory to show how such cultures are introjected and form a key element within the structural ego states of individuals. I have noticed at conferences how sometimes there is little awareness of the varying cultural protocols present and how such discounting of

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either the existence or the significance of these illuminates another theory from Berne’s book on organizations. He suggested that when there is pressure on boundaries, the result is either agitation or cohesion. Prejudice (which can escalate to xenophobia) against those of a different cultural group is often the outcome of cohesion; focusing on the not OKness of another cultural group can provide a sense of belonging. Some individuals or groups may respond to agitation by preferring and joining the pressurizing cultural group. The Mexicans call this “malinchismo” after La Malinche, the translator and lover of the invader Cortes, who is believed to have betrayed her indigenous community. British colonialism disparagingly refers to another form of xenophilia as “going native.”

The diagram above (Figure 1) is a variation of the OK Corral (Ernst, 1971) applied to thinking about how “we” relate to different cultural groups (“they”) and the resulting attitudes that are manifest.

It may be helpful here to give some examples relating to Figure 1. The public transactions that caused some people offence at the Lima conference were varied: the Peru organizers chose a Robin Hood approach to charging for the conference without notifying the ITAA or delegates; north American males interrupted a keynote presented by two women from other continents; a European intervened in the plenary session presented by a South American; despite there being translators available for all workshops, I was the only person who was not Latin American in the workshops I attended. And as an example of private transactions that can give rise to offence, I use myself as an example: From my British cultural frame of reference, I do not expect to be interrupted when deep in conversation with another, whereas I now understand that in a Latin

American frame of reference, it is normal and acceptable to interrupt both to greet and to begin another topic—and that my palpable irritation at such distraction is perceived as very rude. In the conference chatter, it was clear that these public and/or private interventions were regarded as inappropriate by some cultural groups and so stimulated or reinforced prejudices. At the same time, these actions, which caused some people offence, belie the notion of internationalism.

Perhaps we have some theory of practice to develop and to share with the wider world concerning how to maintain our own sense of group cultural identity both in terms of national or ethnic or gender cultures and as international transactional analysts and, at the same time, how to be open to, curious about, and inclusive of another group’s cultural identity. In our theory of practice at an individual level, transactional analysis has found ways to explain, diagram, and work with maintaining boundaries as an individual and at the same time be respectful of and open to other individuals. In my experience, transactional analysis as a group psychology has not developed theoretically or in practice to the same extent that it has as an individual psychology, yet the group nature of transactional analysis was one of its original defining features. In our twenty-first-century glo-

bal world, perhaps it is time to pay attention to these aspects, including how to be truly international.

Postscript: Serendipity

The day after writing this, I came across the following call by a Jungian (Paris, 2007):

A global exchange of psychological and philosophical insights is as much needed as the exchange of goods. Everywhere, all the time, with everyone on the planet, there is a constant need for the examination of values, of philosophies and of psychologies. The next psychologies will have to be “global” and inclusive of all cultures for the same reason that software capability needs to be upgraded constantly for global business to work. The actual need for assessment of psycho-cultural assumptions is as crucial as assessing global capabilities for business. (p. 105)

International transactional analysis is well placed to respond to this call.

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International Association of Relational Transactional Analysis Formed

A new transactional analysis organization, the International Association of Relational Transactional Analysis (IARTA), has been formed. The aims of this new association are to further clinical inquiry into the development of relational transactional analysis. It has grown out of a sense of passion and enthusiasm that we, the founders (see names below), have for promoting our clinical and consultative professional identities. While some of us fully intend to support and participate in other transactional analysis organizations, we thought it time to develop a TA organization that reflected the theoretical preoccupations of relational clinicians and consultants.

We wish to use our energy to increase our relational knowledge base, form bridges with other modalities, and provide a space in which theories and methods of relational perspectives—such as intersubjective, cocreational, object relational, self object transferences, and the role of the unconscious—can be debated and developed in an atmosphere of stimulation and curiosity within a dialectical frame of reference. Our aim is to encourage difference and debate, as we believe this process enlivens and contributes to depth of understanding.

You will find our Web site at www.relationalta.com, and you can find information there about joining IARTA as a member (membership is £30 a year). We are not restricting membership to transactional analysis people. Already integrative

and gestalt psychotherapists have shown an interest, and our intention is to collaborate with other interested parties no matter what denomination!

On the evening of 2 December, we will hold the official launch of IARTA at the Cavendish Hotel in central London. Places are inevitably limited, and details about how to ensure a place can be found on our Web site. We are delighted that Suzie Orbach, a renowned psychoanalyst and writer and one of the founders of the psychoanalytic relational school, has agreed to be the main keynote speaker for the evening. We are also expecting some of the contributors to the book *From Transactions to Relations*, edited by William F. Cornell and Helena Hargaden, to attend. In addition, we have an online colloquia booked for early in the spring and are busy planning a one-day conference for later in the year. We are also considering setting up an e-journal.

There are 10 IARTA founders, and each of us has written our biography and a description of how we understand relational thinking. On the Web site you will find that these 10 perspectives reflect a dialectical set of connections, for we are not linear in our thinking but have all developed our practices along the lines of contemporary relational thinking.

The founders are: Suzanne Boyd, Sue Eusden, Heather Fowle, Helena Hargaden, Ray Little, Rosemary Napper, Carole Shadbolt, Charlotte Sills, Keith Tudor, and Mark Widdowson.

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This new peer-reviewed e-journal will appear for the first time in summer 2010. Published by EATA, it will contain papers about high-quality empirical research using any scientific paradigm across the full range of transactional analysis applications. A wide variety of research is welcomed, including, but not limited to, pure as well as applied research; research that tests existing theoretical models within transactional analysis; research that tests the effectiveness of specific interventions and programs; outcome as well as process-oriented research; randomized, control group research designs; real life process research; and quantitative and qualitative research methods.

The journal has an international and multidisciplinary editorial board, and articles from different cultural contexts are encouraged.

The closing date for papers for the first issue is 31 December 2009, and early submissions are welcomed.

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Although the *IJTAR* will be in English, we expect to provide abstracts in a range of languages. There may also be support from the EATA Translations Committee for authors for whom English is not their native tongue.

You are encouraged to submit articles—this is our chance to put transactional analysis on the professional map and especially to demonstrate to regulatory bodies that we do, indeed, have research that supports recognition of the transactional analysis approach.

Feel free to contact *IJTAR* Editor Julie Hay at ijtar@adinternational.com or on Skype as *juliehay* for an informal chat if you want to discuss options—and also if you would like to get involved in other ways, because we will also be looking for more reviewers.

Script Editor's Note: *The Transactional Analysis Journal will continue to accept submissions of articles on all topics related to transactional analysis, including research.*

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Richard G. Erskine, Ph.D.

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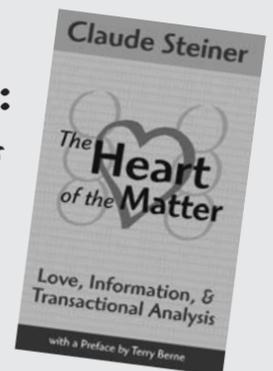
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Reflections on Research in the ITAA

By Moniek Thunnissen

As I reach the end of my 3-year term as ITAA Vice President of Research and Innovation and look back at these fruitful and interesting years, it seems that the theme of research has come more to the foreground within the ITAA and the rest of the international transactional analysis community.

Three years ago I began a research newsletter, through which ITAA members from all over the world could communicate with each other about their interest and activities in research. Although the newsletter was issued only a few times, it was an incentive for communication between colleagues around the subject of research.

A real accomplishment—with many thanks to the careful work of Robin Fryer—is the fact that the *Transactional Analysis Journal* is now listed with two of the more important worldwide search engines in the field: EBSCO and ProQuest. (The *TAJ* was already listed with PsychInfo.) This means that academics, researchers, authors, and others can access *TAJ* articles by searching on certain concepts, which will make transactional analysis more widely known and our literature more broadly available.

In recent years, there have been frequent, repeated discussions among the *TAJ* editors and members of the editorial board, as well as on the ITAA Board of Trustees, about whether or not *TAJ* articles should be available online. At this point, the general view is that the *TAJ* should still be available in hard copy either as part of membership or by subscription (although at least one article from each issue is posted online for free on the ITAA Web site). The *Transactional Analysis Journal* is one of the most valuable assets of the ITAA and one that the association has steadfastly supported financially (at considerable cost) and logistically for almost 40 years. Thanks to the enormous volunteer efforts of the coeditors and the editorial board, as well as the work of managing editor Robin Fryer, we have a high-quality, respected scholarly journal that has served as the primary vehicle for the development and dissemination of transactional analysis over four decades. As stewards of this legacy, we need to be thoughtful about how to support its future development. Although the entire worldwide transactional analysis community has benefited enormously from publication of the *TAJ*, the ITAA has been alone in footing the bill, a reality that must be taken into consideration as we seek ways to move forward while providing adequate and viable economic support.

Whether in the future the hard copy *TAJ* will be augmented or even replaced—partly or fully—by a digital version is a topic that will continue to be discussed, especially as the new ITAA Web site gets up and running around the end of this year. Making *TAJ* articles available to members through a members-only section of the Web site is one option, and members could possibly choose to receive either the hard copy or the digital version. Of course, PDFs of most past *TAJ* articles are already available through the *TAJ*disk produced by Graeme Summers.

There are a few additional initiatives in the area of research that I want to mention here.

In recent issues of *The Script*, research was an important theme. In the March issue, Liz Khalil described her inventory of all the TA research of the last 30 years. Her conclusion was that not much good research has been done on transactional analysis yet, although the available research suggests that transactional analysis is as effective as other approaches. She recommends a large-scale, audit-style survey of treatment outcomes in the United Kingdom and partnership with academic institutions. The May-June *Script* published reactions to her article by Claude Steiner and Bill Cornell as well as a follow-up comment by Liz herself. Also in May-June, Melchor Batista pleaded for us to change our script by joining the academic world as transactional analysts. Then in July, Mark Widdowson suggested amendments to the CTA written exam to make the data from these case studies useful as research data. It is encouraging to see such thoughtful and engaged debate about the role of research in transactional analysis.

Another example of the increased interest in research is the fact that at the ITAA conference in Lima, I was invited as one of the keynote speakers to give a lecture on research.

Within the European Association of Transactional Analysis (EATA), there have also been several recent initiatives in the area of research. The EATA Council launched an initiative to develop an online journal devoted to research: the *International Journal of Transactional Analysis Research (IJTAR)*, with Julie Hay as editor. The first issue is planned for summer 2010. The ITAA board welcomes this new journal and supports the collaborative interchange between the editorial boards of the *TAJ* and the *IJTAR*. Since the *TAJ* will continue accepting research submissions and publishing research articles, authors of research articles will have two journals to choose from when submitting their papers: the *TAJ* and the *IJTAR*.

Another EATA initiative is a special conference on research in Frankfurt, Germany, in December 2009.

All these initiatives and developments suggest to me that transactional analysis is back again—maybe not yet in the middle but at least back in the field of humanistic approaches within psychotherapy, counseling, organizations, and educational work. The fact that the ITAA is fulfilling its commitment to grant funds to the USATAA to revitalize transactional analysis in the United States is also a symbol of this process.

So, as I leave the board after my 3 years as vice president of research and innovation, I have high hopes for the future of transactional analysis.

Moniek Thunnissen is outgoing ITAA Vice President of Research and Innovation. She can be reached at m.thunn@xs4all.nl.



Moniek Thunnissen highlights TA research during her Lima keynote speech

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MEMBERS' FORUM

Debate on Novey Research Continues

Dear Editor:

In the March 2009 *Script*, a page 1 article appeared entitled "Transactional Analysis: 'As Effective as Other Approaches. . .'" (Khalil, 2009). I was surprised, first, because of the oddity and prominent placement of such a headline in our official newsletter, and second, because the article did not make reference to the Eric Berne Memorial Award-winning, replicated research in which Ted Novey (2002) documented the contrary, namely, that transactional analysis compared favorably (at a .001 significance level) with a number of other therapies, as demonstrated by two research projects involving almost 1000 clients.

Now we get a letter by Mark Widdowson (2009) that, after asserting that Novey's research was a "groundbreaking," "hugely important," and "significant" piece of research, goes on to rubbish its conclusions. Widdowson argues with the validity of the first trials because the questionnaires filled out by the clients/subjects were returned to their therapists, a potentially biasing factor. Fair enough. He grants that the second trials remedied that error by making the responses anonymous but continues to question the outcome because the initial 248 were added to the 684 of the second sample. Still, the second sample of 648 showed even better results than the first sample, an impressive replication.

Second, Widdowson discounts the results of the research because it "does not compare like with like" by comparing professions (psychologists, social workers, psychiatrists, etc.), without regard to method, with transactional analysts, regardless of profession. I see no problem with this; it demonstrates that therapists trained in transactional analysis are likely to be more effective than any professionals, regardless of methodology. Additionally, the study did, in fact, compare transactional analysis results with the results of psychoanalytic therapists with similar, significant results.

Finally, Widdowson claims that in spite of whatever the results, there can be "absolutely no evidence" for the claim that transactional analysis is superior to other approaches because "repeated meta-analyses suggest that there is little variance in therapeutic approaches" and that, since TA is presumably not unique in its approaches either, "there is little reason to suspect" that transactional analysis could be superior to any other approach.

I find this last argument unusually strange, especially coming from within transactional analysis. TA, as I know it, is unique in a number of ways: We have contracts, our focus on the analysis of transactions between ego states, game and script analysis, strokes, and permission and protection, to name a few (Steiner, 2009, pp. 234-236). There is certainly enough variance to plausibly suggest outcomes different from those of other current techniques. I find that my approach and the approach of others who are faithful to core transactional analysis principles differs dramatically from the approach of my colleagues not in TA, but they psychoanalytically or cognitively inclined.

There exists no flawless research, and Novey's (2002) research has its flaws, some of which he acknowledges in his article. However, his research is based on the refined methods and massive data used by the highly regarded *Consumer Reports* (CR), with consultation from Martin Seligman, PhD, a noted researcher and past president of the American Psychological Association, who pioneered CR's research on the effectiveness of psychotherapy.

CR is a nonprofit service that compares consumers' reports about products, including psy-

chotherapy, and generates highly useful and reliable consumer recommendations. Widdowson acknowledges the importance of such research, but (always a but) he feels the need to assert that it represents only one type of research data. Of course, there are other types of data, namely double-blind results that are virtually impossible to obtain flawlessly as well.

Client satisfaction is a valid and highly reliable measure of a product's effectiveness. The significance of clients' satisfaction regarding their therapy is not different from their satisfaction with their Toyota vehicles or Maytag appliances. I see no reason to distrust clients' Adult judgments of the effectiveness of their therapists. If I had to choose between two therapists—one a trained transactional analyst and the other a psychotherapy provider of any profession—and I had no other information about them, I would, with some confidence based on Novey's research, choose the transactional analysis therapist. Not a bad starting point, in my opinion.

Why discount Novey's research on such an unconvincing basis? Call me crazy, but I sense a tendency, located in Europe, and England especially, to push back on transactional analysis in order to make space for heavily psychodynamic approaches. Under the sympathetic eye of Bill Cornell, this tendency has colonized the expensive pages of *The Script* and the *Transactional Analysis Journal* with wordy and abstruse, psychoanalytic-like articles that essentially shunt Berne and his basic views to one side. Could it be that there is a need to assert that Berne's transactional analysis is not unique in its approach and has nothing special to offer? I am beginning to wonder.

Claude Steiner, Berkeley, California, USA

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Appreciation of Lima Conference

Hello All,

Very proudly, I want to express my joy and satisfaction about our close encounter at the Lima transactional analysis conference. On behalf of ALAT (Latino American TA Association), as its president and also as a member of the board of trustees of UNAT-Brazil (the Brazilian TA Association), I wish to acknowledge the contribution of the organizers and sponsors, which made our TA conference a successful event.

At the conference opening, I had the opportunity to say in my speech to all participants that my desire was that the transactional spirit postulated by Eric Berne should be present throughout our TA meeting on an OK/OK basis.

Congratulations to all participants from ITAA-ALAT-APDEH for the quality and depth of the transactional analysis themes presented in this conference. Our transactional analysis brotherhood/sisterhood is stronger than ever after this significant encounter. I know that Eric Berne's memory was celebrated in this event.

Special strokes for Ana Tholenaar and her competent translator team, who did a wonderful job. I hope that from now on there will always be Spanish translation at our conferences so our Latin America community can participate at more transactional analysis conferences.

I want to thank Joaquín Granados Rossi and Gloria Noriega for their efforts to foster the special bond between ALAT and ITAA from the initial proposal for this conjoint conference through signing the contract in Johannesburg until the effective realization of this gathering. I also want to say thank you, once again, to Alejandro Vélez of Peru and his collaborators, who made the transactional analysis conference in Peru such a success.

Antonio Pedreira, MD,
ALAT President (2007-2009), Brazil

Award Nominations Sought

Eric Berne Memorial Award

Nominations Deadline:

1 December 2009

Hedges Capers Humanitarian Award

Muriel James Living Principles Award

Goulding Social Justice Award

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1 January 2010

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New Life

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Steiner (USA), Stephen Karpman (USA), Gloria Noriega Gayol (Mexico), Antonio Pedreira (Brazil), and Gianpiero Petriglieri (Italy).

Peru has been a pioneer in training professionals for accreditation in transactional analysis. It has for more than 3 decades been devoted to the rigorous academic and scientific training conducive to promoting and disseminating knowledge, research, and the development of the discipline of transactional analysis as a way to foster harmony in the world.

Having been designated a multilingual conference (English, Spanish, and Portuguese), conference attendees had the valuable assistance of volunteer translators guided by Ana Tholenaar of the Dominican Republic. Several other important tasks were implemented by volunteer students as well.

During the 3 days of the conference, there were a variety of high-level technical and scientific workshops and presentations from transactional analysis practitioners from 20 nations and all continents. There were preconference institutes and a TA 101 course. The program itself was designed to be a well-balanced and attractive mixture of morning plenary sessions, workshops, meetings, and evenings with local cultural events and the closing banquet with much camaraderie and dancing. Morning plenary addresses were given by Gloria Noriega (Mexico) on "Transgenerational Scripts and Transactional Analysis"; Moniek Thunnissen (Netherlands) on "Research is Fun"; Gloria Noriega and Rosemary Napper (United Kingdom) on "How Vital Is the Life



Happy friends together at the Lima banquet (from left): Diana Rojas (Colombia), Alexandra Ramirez (Peru), Luz (Peru), Ketil Melhus (Norway), David Rojas (Peru), Marilyn Marx (Belize), Aleksandra Bubera (Serbia), Diana Perales (Peru), Amelia Davila (Peru), and Salma Siddique (United Kingdom)

Culture of TA?"; Mónica Levy (Brazil) on "Psychosomatic Therapy in the Area of Sexuality with TA"; Sary van Poelje (Netherlands) on "New Life from Old Vines for TA Associations"; and Claude Steiner (United States) on "Quo Vadis Transactional Analysis?"

In addition, the ITAA and ALAT conducted business on several fronts. The ITAA Board of Trustees met for two days (more on the results in a later *Script*) and the annual ITAA general membership meeting was held, during which P. K. Saru of India was honored with the 2009 Muriel James Living Principles Award. There was also the transition to a new ITAA president, as Gianpiero Petriglieri stepped down and Rosemary Napper took office. Both associations held certification exams, and those who passed the exams were presented and celebrated during some plenary sessions.

The conference was considered a success in many ways, not the least of which was in the ways it contributed to expanding transactional analysis in this part of the world. Nearly 200 people came, many of whom were professionals and practitioners of transactional analysis along with a good number of local university students. Many of these young people have limited financial resources, so having a conference like this in their own country, as well as reduced registration for students, was of significant educational value for them.

Alejandro Vélez Arana of Peru was president of the Lima conference and is the president-elect of the Latin American TA Association (ALAT). Joaquín Granados Rossi, CPA, of Costa Rica, is a member of both the ITAA and ALAT and has just finished his term as a member of the ITAA Board of Trustees representing the Latin American region.

IN MEMORIAM



Pio Scilligo

Pio Scilligo died on 3 July at 8:50 am in the infirmary of the Salesian University. He was 81 years old and for a year had fought against cancer. Pio died in peace, surrounded by love, and was buried in his home village of Formazza-Fondovalle, in northern Italy.

During his last year of life, Pio kept on working in order to finish and publish his last books. In fact, he could see his book on sociocognitive transactional analysis just published the day before he died. How moving for him and his friends to enjoy together this last accomplishment!

When Pio learned of his illness, he also dedicated his last energies to guaranteeing a smooth transition process for the various activities connected with the Institute for Research on Intrapsychic and Interpersonal Processes (IRPIR), which he founded in 1977, and the Institute for Training and Research for Educators and Psychotherapists (IFREP), which was founded in 1993, as well as to be in contact with all the friends, relatives, and colleagues who wanted to meet with him. Many people had the chance to say good-bye to Pio and to express to him their love and esteem and to receive his own love and appreciation in return.

Pio was born in Val Formazza, in a small village of Waltzer culture, but he was a real world citizen, having lived for years in China, California, and then Italy. His interest in transactional analysis developed in the 1970s, stimulated by the work of Bob and Mary Goulding, whose contributions he always respected. Pio thought that the rededication model underlay the proactivity and responsibility inherent in every human being, and he always liked its "moderate" constructivism. He also thought that the three ego states theory was, in its essence, an important concept to develop because it could mirror the complexity of human beings in relationship with others.

Since the early seventies, Pio worked to spread transactional analysis theory and training in Italy and to promote a vision of psychotherapy as a profession that required both a deep and ethical respect for the other and a solid cultural and scientific basis. Hermeneutic and scientific analysis were the two cornerstones between which he expanded his research, which was well documented in several articles and books. As an academic, he wanted to find a dialectic between scientific accountability and the richness of practice.

Pio was a supporter of the ITAA and had been personally involved in the European Association for Transactional Analysis (EATA) for several years in the 1990s as Italian delegate on the EATA Council and as Professional Training Standards Committee (PTSC) chair. He believed in the importance of internationalism, being open to exchange with different cultures while respecting the deep roots of individual culture.

Pio was a man who combined a profound humanity, a brilliant mind, an outstanding organizational capacity, and an authentic spirituality. He

has left a great legacy that many of us are eager to respect and develop. Thank you, Pio.

Maria Teresa Tosi, Rome, Italy

A longer article and more contributions remembering Pio Scilligo will be published in the October EATA Newsletter. Those who wish to send a personal remembrance of him can send their writings to Dave Spenceley (Web site) at (dave@ta-psychotherapy.co.uk) or to Jan Hennig. (newsletter) at editor-eatanews@gmx.de.



Fred Clark

Fred Clark, transactional analysis therapist and Methodist minister, died at his home in Cheshire, Connecticut, on 19 August after a year-long contest with pancreatic cancer. He had practiced as a psychotherapist and teacher of transactional analysis for 28 years and was well known as the registrar and contact person for the Eastern Region Transactional Analysis Association (ERTAA) in the USA. Fred helped to organize and run every conference and training event that ERTAA sponsored from 1986 through 2007. He was a precise and careful therapist and wrote several articles for the *Transactional Analysis Journal*, but those who worked with him may remember him best for his grand sense of humor and his willingness to tease results from confrontations. With a hand puppet he called Grover, Fred sometimes led a group session into happy and fun surprises. A favorite memory is Grover wheedling a repeated instruction out of Richard Erskine in a gestalt training group and then smirking "Got ya!" Because he knew, for months, that he was a terminal patient, Fred wrote his own obituary, which said in part, "Fred felt blessed to have time to both express his love and appreciation to others for their contributions to his life and to receive hundreds of messages expressing gratitude and love for him. He is remembered for his sense of humor, gentleness, wisdom, generosity, singing and playing his washtub bass, unconditional acceptance of all, and passion for justice. He was a raconteur with an extroverted personality who put even strangers at ease."

Then Fred wrote a sermon that he arranged to have me preach at a memorial service with lots of good music, shared with Jewish and Christian clergy and members of his beautiful family, on 30 August. Excerpts of that sermon follow:

"Rather than wait for someone to write my obituary to have the measure of my life taken, this gift of time allows me to ask myself, 'What have I contributed? What have I done or said that has been of value to others and our world? . . . What has your life been worth in terms of contributing to the healing of relationships and our world? Just by asking that question of yourself, you may find yourself motivated to get going on some different task or course. Let God's love be your guide. . . . However you look at your life, look for its purpose! Look for the mean-

ing beyond yourself. How has your life made a difference in the healing process? . . . And how can I make my life a part of the healing process now . . . and tomorrow? . . . So the time we have is now and tomorrow. Don't let yesterday drag itself into your life. Open your heart to God's love for you, and then let it out again. . . . I want to do my best to do my last task, that of dying, in the name of Jesus Christ. To do that, I need to love and be loved, just the way God set it up in the beginning. . . . To love and be loved. That's your task too. Don't get lost on the way."

If you wish to express your condolences to Fred's family, you can contact his wife, Harriet "Jeff" Clark, at 261 Spring St., Cheshire, CA 06410, USA.

Tom Nissley, New Canaan, Connecticut, USA

Carl Simonton

Dr. O. Carl Simonton, a radiation oncologist who was an early advocate of treating the emotional and psychological needs of cancer patients and who coauthored the popular 1978 book *Getting*

On Winning

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model for bonding and giving; and Charlotte Daellenbach, who also played a major role in shaping my evolution. It was my nephew, Dr. Unnikammu, who introduced me to transactional analysis; I have no words to thank him. But for him, I would not be standing here to receive this award. Last but not least, I want to thank my trainees and clients, who trusted me to touch their lives in many ways.

I am doubly happy that my primary nominators were my own colleagues: Mohan Raj and Suriyaprasak. This in itself speaks volumes about our mutual evolution and growth. Thank you, Suriya, for being here today with me. Thank you also to Susan George for being here today. She was also one of my early trainees and is now my colleague.

"Disseminating transactional analysis and training transactional analysis professionals emanated from my strong conviction about its worth, depth, and relevance in our unique contextual realities."

I am not a theorist but a pragmatic activist. My strength is that I model what I learn and integrate. I teach only what I believe in and live for. So disseminating transactional analysis and training transactional analysis professionals emanated from my strong conviction about its worth, depth, and relevance in our unique contextual realities. So, many times concepts and theoretical frameworks were only guidelines, and, in essence, it went far beyond that. The challenge for me was seeing its relevance in our Indian social and cultural structures and also the deep-rooted philosophy and spirituality of the East. When it worked for me, I spread it with passion, so much so that transactional analysis professionals in South India are fast growing in number. Recognition of that by the international community is very meaningful for me. I believe in Swami Vivekananda's philosophy: "An ounce of action is worth a ton of theory." I am proud to say that there is now a vibrant, competent, ethical group of professionals

Well Again, died on 18 June at age 66 after choking during a meal at his home in Agoura Hills, California. Carl was a friend to transactional analysis and used a good deal of our language in his teaching. Larry Grubb, Jane Hardwick, LaNelle Ford, and I all trained and worked with him in the 1970s and 1980s when he was in Texas. Many of you trained with him or worked with him elsewhere. In the past few years his work was better known in other parts of the world than in the United States, much like transactional analysis. A memorial service was held in Santa Barbara on 24 September, and additional services have also been held in Germany and Japan. For those who wish to make a tax deductible contribution in honor of Carl's life and work, please send to the Simonton Cancer Center, PO Box 6607, Malibu, CA 90264, USA. Your donation will go toward the Patient Scholarship Fund.

Charles Holland, Ft. Worth, Texas, USA

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in all specialities in South India, and soon, as in many other areas, India may become a superpower in the development and application of and research in transactional analysis.

Another challenge I took on was to take transactional analysis to the Islamic world. When I attended conferences in India and abroad, my observation was that Muslims are the least represented segment of humanity in this field. Being a Muslim, I wanted to make an entry. I first started in my own city, Calicut in South India, a bastion of Islamic conditioning socially and culturally. Being a Muslim and also a woman, it had to be a gentle entry. I knew radicalism would not work. So I started looking at the correlations between Islamic teachings and transactional analysis, and I am proud to say there is now a committed, enthusiastic group of trainees in Calicut, and 99 percent of them are Muslim. They are hosting the third national conference of South Asian Association of Transactional Analysts (SATAA), and I invite you all to come for the conference.

The next place I went to was Bangladesh, which is only an extension of India culturally and socially and also mostly Islamic. It is also a poor country, with many of psychosocial interventions needed. They were doing it in a haphazard way and wanted scientific training, so I got my opportunity. There is now an ongoing training group that has been active for the last 4 years, and many trainees there will be ready to take their Certified Transactional Analysis (CTA) exams by 2011.

I also had an opportunity to train in Iran, and my work there was well received. One trainee is in contract with me for CTA certification. I also did training in Turkey, where there is training going on with an ITAA-accredited trainer, and my input was welcomed for a wider perspective on theories and processes.

All this work is extremely meaningful for me, and I am sure there will be a strong set of professionals in all these countries very soon.

Another challenge we are looking at is getting transactional analysis training accredited by universities and also contributing to theory by synthesizing Eastern philosophy and spirituality with transactional analysis concepts.

Thank you all once again for being here and giving me this recognition.

If you wish to offer your congratulations to P. K. Saru, she can be reached at pksaru@vsnl.com.

TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

Further Thoughts on "What Is a TSTA?"

By Trudi Newton

In this column in the July 2009 *Script*, Steff Oates reported on the Trainers' Meeting at the 2008 Conference in Johannesburg. In a thought-provoking discussion, she noted, trainers talked about the role of Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analysts (TSTAs), asking, "How can you [examiners] tell when a candidate is a TSTA?" The qualities cited included: the capacity for reflection, the ability to talk through a TA lens on training and supervision, the ability to inspire and stimulate, having a philosophical and developmental approach, the capacity to help others create a professional identity, and the demonstrable ability to think about how one thinks.

Trainers also considered the question, "What is a Certified Transactional Analyst?" Here the answers were much more skills based. The person needs to demonstrate congruency, sensitivity, sophistication in working with theory, managing difference and maintaining an ethical attitude,

and meeting the core competencies for the person's field.

Several years ago, questions were raised in both the Training and Certification Council (T&CC) and the Professional Training Standards Committee (PTSC) about the need for "CTA-only" trainers. This came from widespread recognition that not all transactional analysis trainers want to train Provisional Transactional Analysis Trainers (PTSTAs). Many see themselves as training professionals in the field (mainly psychotherapy) and are content—in fact, enthusiastic—to do just that, without going on to "train the trainers."

Two results of these straws in the wind were (1) the proposal for a two-stage portfolio-based system for TSTA formation, with a "CTA-only trainer" stage after 3 years, initiated by a group in Germany and further developed by the PTSC and some separate research for TACC done by a task force led by Jan Coleman. Both identified a real need for the intermediate accreditation and considered how it could be met. The PTSC initiated a pilot for the portfolio method, but this eventu-

ally faltered as some participants in the group chose to revert to the traditional system.

As a further step to forward the option of an alternative to TSTA, the PTSC is now piloting a TEvW (Training Evaluation Workshop). Candidates must have been a PTSTA for 6 years and fulfill a series of requirements similar to those of a Training Endorsement Workshop (TEW) but at a more advanced level. The workshop in itself (plus endorsements, etc.) would accredit candidates as CTA-only trainers. The provisional document raises this question: "Should everyone go through this process and then those who wish to can go on to TSTA exam?"

Here I want to invite some joined-up thinking about our transactional analysis qualifications and accreditation and consider what it would mean to be a CTA-only trainer (apart from the obvious). What qualities and aptitudes would a group of examiners be looking for, and how are these different, if at all, from those of a TSTA as just proposed? If people enter the status of trainer through the TEW portal, do they go through that process differently if their aim is different? Would the TEW staff be looking for different qualities? Or do candidates do a TEW and then decide later where they want to go? Each has implications for how we administer our accreditation procedure.

T&CC, meeting this summer in Lima, thought that the questions of difference were significant enough to merit more time and thought, particularly around the question "what, then, is a TSTA?" While applauding both the recognition that we need to do something and the initiative and sheer hard work of creating the pilot TEvW, we felt we may also need to step back and think about how we see a CTA-only trainer and how we see a TSTA.

For example, what are the "extras" that a TSTA should demonstrate: qualities, aptitudes, capacities, and knowledge? If the job of a TSTA is to train PTSTAs, including to both CTA-only and to TSTA level, there are some implications. Perhaps we need to make the Level 2 aspect of the TSTA role more visible and preparation for that more explicit. How often, for instance, does a TSTA

candidate do an exam teach intended for PTSTAs? How much more of theory of teaching and of supervision do TSTAs need to have?

T&CC partially addressed these issues from another angle in debating how we might introduce continuing professional development (CPD) for trainers. Currently we have no requirement for ensuring continuing professional development, nor do we have a set of competencies for trainers as we do for CTAs. Over the next few months a task force will prepare some ideas for CPD for TSTAs, considering what is appropriate and how it will be accounted. Another need is for a Code of Ethics for trainers and supervisors of transactional analysis. This too will be developed, using some existing codes as a starting point.

Other matters from T&CC will follow, hopefully in the Update in the next issue of *The Script*. In the meantime, please send your responses to trudi.newton@btinternet.com.

Trudi Newton is ITAA Vice President of Training and Certification.

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Soo Hee Oh (second from right), the first CTA from Korea, celebrating her exam success in Lima with her family

First Korean CTA

Soo Hee Oh, PhD, of Seoul, Korea, passed the Certified Transactional Analyst oral exam on 5 August during the 2009 International Transactional Analysis Conference in Lima, Peru. She is the first CTA from Korea since transactional analysis was introduced there over 20 years ago. She was supervised by Vann Joines for the last 5 years and recently by Anne de Graaf and Bea Verzaal. Soo Hee Oh is director of the Korea Redecision Counseling Institute (KRCI) and has been working for Soongsil University in Seoul Korea as a lecturer, researcher, and counselor at the Student Counseling Center for the past 20 years. She also lectured on counseling, human behavior, and social work in the Department of Elderly Welfare at CHA University in Kyeonggido, Korea as a plural associate professor. As the first CTA in Korea, Soo Hee wants to improve and activate the Korean national transactional analysis association by teaching students who are interested in TA and collaborating with the ITAA.

Congratulations to Successful Examinees and TEW Participants

5 August 2009—
Lima, Peru

Soo Hee Oh, CTA (counseling), Korea; José Manuel Martínez Rodríguez, STA (psychotherapy), Spain

Training Endorsement Workshop—Lima, Peru

Aleksandra Bubera (psychotherapy), Serbia; Laurent Damiens (psychotherapy), France; Françoise Munoz (psychotherapy), France; Eric Rolland (psychotherapy), France



José Manuel Martínez Rodríguez (Spain), Joaquín Granados Rossi (Costa Rica), and Jesús Cuadra (Spain) at the banquet celebrating José's STA in psychotherapy.

EXAM CALENDAR

Exam	Exam Adm.	Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
CTA Exams	COC	13 Nov 2009	Germany	1 Aug 2009
	COC	13 Nov 2009	Paris, France	1 Aug 2009
	BOC	21 Nov 2009	Sydney, Australia	21 Aug 2009
	COC	7-8 Apr 2010	United Kingdom	1 Jan 2010
	COC	8-9 Jul 2010	Prague, Czech Republic	1 Jan 2010
	BOC	11 Aug 2010	Montreal, Canada	10 May 2010
TSTA Exams	COC	13 Nov 2009	Germany	1 May 2009
	COC	13 Nov 2009	Paris, France	1 May 2009
	COC	7-8 Apr 2010	United Kingdom	1 Oct 2009
	COC	8-9 Jul 2010	Prague, Czech Republic	1 Jan 2010
	BOC	11 Aug 2010	Montreal, Canada	10 Feb 2010
	CTA Written	All Regions (Non-Europe)	Your choice	Submit to Regional Exam Coordinator after paying \$50 fee to T&C Council
TEW	BOC	15-17 Aug 2010	Montreal, Canada	15 Apr 2010

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2009 CONFERENCE SCRAPBOOK



Some of the participants at the 2009 International TA Conference in Lima, Peru



(From left) Translator Carmen Bravo de Rueda (Peru), presenter C. Suriyapraksh (India), and translation coordinator Ana Tholenaar (Dominican Republic)



Jesus Cuadra (Spain) listens during his Lima workshop



Kathy Laverty (Australia, left kneeling) and Linda Wijers (Netherlands, also kneeling) with children's dance group members who performed at the Lima closing ceremony and translators standing behind them.



Successful Training Endorsement Workshop participants and trainers in Lima, Peru (from left back): interpreter David Rojas (Peru), C. Suriyapraksh (India, trainer), Lorna Johnston (Canada, trainer), Trudi Newton (trainer, United Kingdom); (from left seated): TEW candidates Françoise Munoz (France), Aleksandra Bubera (Serbia), Eric Rolland (France), and Laurent Damiens (France).



Alejandro Vélez (Peru) welcomes participants at the conference opening



(From left): Sonia Nogueira (A. Pedreira's wife), Antonio Pedreira, Margate De Boni, and Renato Morandi, all from Brazil



Carmen Bravo de Rueda (Peru) translates for Steve Karpman in his workshop



(From left): Lucia Gibu (Peru), Angela Melgar (Peru), Joaquin Granados Rossi (Costa Rica), and Maritza Caloggero (Peru)



(From left) Trish North (Canada), Mary Goodman (Canada), John Heath (UK), and Manon Plouffe (UK). Mary and Trish co-lead a preconference institute on Logosynthesis.

Thanks to Joaquin Granados Rossi, Steve Karpman, and Aleksandra Bubera for sharing their photos from the Lima conference.