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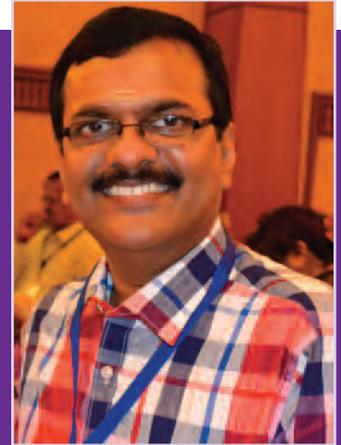
## **Connecting the Dots: Two Decades of Active Membership**

By C. Suriyaprakash

**B**eing at the Chennai conference in August was a déjà vu experience for me, but with a huge difference! My “tryst” with transactional analysis began in Chennai 18 years ago during the 1994 Institute for Counselling and Transactional Analysis winter conference. Little did I know then that it was only the beginning of my lifelong relationship with an international organization or that in the years to come I would take on roles in the ITAA that would help me discover myself and engage me in many of the operational decisions that would shape the association’s future.

In his 2005 graduation speech to Stanford University students, Steve Jobs described how the dots of life never connect by looking into the future, but when we look into the past, they all join perfectly. How true! I believe that nothing happens randomly; our decisions now will shape our future and join the dots when we look back. I see the beauty of the karma-dharma paradigm in what Jobs said, and with that thought in mind, I want to look back for a moment and join the dots about how, over the last two decades, the ITAA has enriched my life beyond what I could ever have imagined. I offer these reflections not only as a way to express my gratitude for all that has come my way through my service to the ITAA but also to encourage others to share in the riches available to those who become involved in this very special organization.

When *Script* Managing Editor Robin Fryer asked me to write an article for the newsletter as I came to the end of my two terms on the ITAA Board of Trustees



C. Suriyaprakash

(BOT), I began thinking about what it was that has kept me involved with the association for so long and beyond just being a member. My first official role in the organization was as cochair of the training standards committee (TSC) in 2001. I was awestruck by all that was going on to design the handbook, manage exams, and so on. It was my first exposure to the internationalism of our training and certification process. What a rich experience it was to come face-to-face with members’ requests for exceptions, especially knowing the unique issues faced by people from each region. This experience sensitized me to the diversity of experiences around the TA world, regardless of the one handbook we follow.

Then, from 2001 to 2006, I served as TSC cochair and as regional exam coordinator for India. I was a member of the task group to revise the TA 101 syllabus and later editor of the Training & Certification Council (T&CC) *Update*. I enjoyed attending the conferences in Sydney (2001) and Utrecht (2002) in my new

role on the T&CC. These gatherings offered me my first encounter with the ITAA community outside India. I sat through the board meetings in Sydney as an observer and for the first time witnessed firsthand what the ITAA was going through. Those were tough times. The fear and uncertainty about the future was palpable, and relations between the ITAA and the T&CC was at a dangerously low ebb. The ITAA was eating into its funds year after year, and the T&CC gradually became estranged from the ITAA because the BOT saw little value in training and certification and the T&CC asserted its constitutionally independent status.

In the decade after the Sydney conference, many people worked hard to improve relations between the ITAA and the T&CC and to develop a spirit of cooperation and collaboration with EATA. A clear service contract was put in place between the ITAA and T&CC and the Transactional Analysis Certification Commission (TACC) was strengthened in association with EATA and WPATA.

I got the opportunity to serve directly on the ITAA board in 2006 when I was elected vice president of operations and then as vice president of research and innovation in 2009. I even got to manage a presidential election as ad hoc chair of the nomi-



*Sunday roundtable meeting to discuss worldwide training and certification*

nations committee. As I contacted members during that process, I realized the joy and pride of being part of a vibrant global network of professionals. Then, when the need arose, I began chairing the Eric Berne Memorial Award committee as well. I served as a liaison to guide the development of our new website and coordinated the task group for restructuring the ITAA. I just became engaged in any responsibility that was a priority.

During my 6 years as a trustee, I witnessed the transformation of the ITAA from a state of despair, pessimism, and scarcity to the present state of hope, optimism, and abundance. Every crisis was turned into an opportunity to reinvent ourselves. Beginning two years ago, the BOT humbly acknowledged and embraced the changed reality in which the ITAA is no longer the “umbrella” association but one of many regional associations but with a uniquely international aspect. We boldly chartered a new vision of our organization as a worldwide network for transactional analysis enthusiasts and professionals. It takes lots of courage and grit to make such transformative decisions. The spirit of OKness, trust, and collaboration on the board over the last couple of years has made this transformation possible.

Among the historic decisions we made were to take *The Script* digital in 2011 and, beginning in 2013, to have the *Transactional Analysis Journal (TAJ)* published by a world-renowned pub-

lishing house. We also closed our office and reduced the time of our full-time staff member, Ken Fogleman. But thanks to Ken and to Janet Chin, our operations have continued without suffering major setbacks. In keeping with the times, we now have a dynamic website and a virtual office. Our financial health is turning a corner with the prospect of a balanced, if not surplus, budget not too far off. All of these developments have been challenging and some quite difficult, but they were guided by a clear commitment to do what is best for the ITAA.

The Chennai meetings were special to me on several counts, including the fact that the board meetings were my last as a trustee. In Chennai I agreed to continue my active involvement in ITAA for another year by taking on the role of chair of T&CC to integrate the training and certification system fully into the ITAA. I do not know how this will work out over the coming months, but several members have already come forward to serve on the TSC and the Board of Certification (BOC) as we work to shape the destiny of the T&CC in its new avatar. In my new position, and following a turbulent near breakdown in relations between the ITAA and T&CC over the last year or so, I oversaw the exams and Training Endorsement Workshop arrangements prior to the conference. It was the first time I worked as the CTA exam supervisor, assisted by Chitra Ravi, and thanks to Charlotte Daellenbach, who

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*Suriya (far left) with the group from the trainers' meeting in Chennai*

was the TSTA exam supervisor, and Sabine Klingenberg who assisted her, the exams were a big success.

The most fulfilling experience for me in Chennai was to see the spirit of the TACC revived at the worldwide training and certification roundtable called by the presidents of the ITAA and EATA. They and the chairs of their respective training and certification bodies, along with those of the Federation of Transactional Analysis Associations (FTAA, formerly the Western Pacific Association of Transactional Analysis or WPATA) agreed on forging collaboration and cooperation by putting in place a system for developing and sustaining a uniform universal training and certification standard while recognizing and preserving the diversity of processes in each region and the need in many of them for interim qualifications. I do not know how this will take shape, but I'm excited about the possibilities.

I feel a sense of having fulfilled my destiny as I leave the BOT, of having given back some to an association that has been working tirelessly and selflessly to benefit its members. I have a sense of karmic fulfillment as a result of taking on so many different roles and performing various functions based on whatever I thought was my dharma, that is, what was for the larger good and was within my nature. At every stage I learned an immense amount, often through suc-

cess and sometimes through mistakes. I had the pleasure of working with many good people and cherish the deep relationships I have built around the world over the years. I have worked with Claude Steiner, dined with Steve Karpman, admired the dedication of the likes of Bill Cornell, become friends with presidents Gianpiero Petriglieri and John Heath, and shared both good and tough times with Steff Oates and Robin Fryer. In the initial years of my transactional analysis training, it was ITAA members such as Fr. George Kandathil, P. K. Saru, Marijke Wusten, Julie Hay, Charlotte Daellenbach, and Elana Leigh who inspired me and played a major role in growing me into a better person and transactional analyst. I am a beneficiary of the Talent system of reduced fees for members in developing countries, without which it would have been almost impossible for me to accomplish what I have.

There is so much joy and learning to be gained by serving on various ITAA committees. I cherish the intellectual stimulation of processing the EBMA nominations, of being on the *TAJ* editorial board, and from working on the Muriel James and Hedges Capers Awards. Working on the scholarship grants committee and the Eric Berne Fund for Future provided unparalleled opportunities to make decisions in consultation with members from

across the globe. Attending conferences in Chennai, Bilbao, Montreal, Lima, Johannesburg, and Istanbul offered me rich experiences of learning about different cultures on all continents, something I never would have done otherwise and something that the ITAA especially can offer.

I am so grateful for the invaluable privileges that have come my way as a result of serving the ITAA, none of which were clear to me when I plunged into playing an active role 10 years ago. But when I look back now, I can join the dots. What a lovely kolam (patterns drawn with rice powder in front of houses in Tamil Nadu to signal prosperity and celebration) of life it has all made!

There is much more to be done to find and develop the ITAA's rightful place in the galaxy of transactional analysis organizations around the globe. It is going to take a lot of energy from members, and each of us needs to do our part, in small and big ways, to support and foster this development. It is a challenging yet exciting time in the ITAA, and the work, though not always easy, is always rewarding and most often fun. The treasures you will discover for yourself by becoming involved will far outweigh what you invest in time and energy. An association is, above all, its members. It may be that the ITAA, as the one founded by our euhemerus, Eric Berne, and as the "mother" of all the TA associations, has fulfilled the destiny of its original script. If so, then it is time we rewrite its script to charter a new course for its rebirth. The initial steps are already underway. We now need you to join the excitement! Taking off on the words of former US President John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what the ITAA can do for you, ask what you can do for the ITAA."

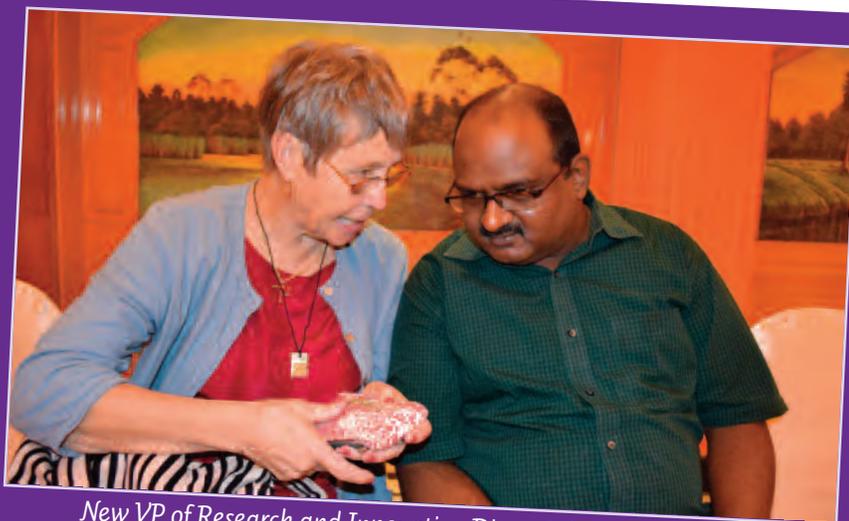
The ITAA needs you. Together let's rebuild a resurgent ITAA. 

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## Trustees Accomplish Important Work in Chennai

by Steff Oates

The ITAA Board of Trustees spent two full, hard-working days in the board meetings on 5-6 August 2012 just prior to the Chennai international TA conference. There were many exciting and important things to discuss. We were delighted to have in attendance *Script* and *TAJ* Managing Editor Robin Fryer, whose presence was invaluable in not only holding the history of the ITAA but often pulling together important threads of information and getting those involved in sharp-focused projects (such as moving the website to a new platform) with others working in adjacent areas (like the website content working group). Bill Cornell and Ann Heathcote attended the meeting on Sunday to present findings from the external publisher working group and to share the excitement about how this will benefit the ITAA. Board members were able to raise important questions, such as making sure that the *TAJ* remains as a member benefit. The meeting was chaired excellently by John Heath, and board members were facilitated to bring along particular areas of their expertise. For example, Mandy Lacy and Karen Pratt, fresh from a PTSTA/TSTA training group, brought their wisdom and experience to the meeting



*New VP of Research and Innovation Diane Salters consults with new Treasurer A. Geethan*

to help us diagram the implications of the proposed new structure for the Training and Certification Council. The Chennai meeting was a rich learning experience for all board members and a source of important decisions and actions that will benefit the organization as a whole. Below are the motions from the meeting.

- Susan George moved and Vladimir Gussakovski seconded that the BOT revoke the earlier board decision requiring the ITAA to hold the annual conference in North America every 3 years. *Motion carried unanimously*
- C. Suriyaprakash moved and Steff Oates seconded that the ITAA Guidelines be amended to read that the editorial board shall consist of coeditors and editorial board mem-

bers, the number, terms, and constitution of which will be determined by the editor(s) based on the current needs of the *Journal*. Recommendations for editor and editorial board members will be submitted by the editors for approval by the board of trustees. Guest editors may be appointed by the editors. An editor or any member may be removed for cause on the recommendation of the editorial board by a 2/3 majority vote of the board of trustees. *Motion carried unanimously*

- John Heath moved that the external publisher working group be authorized by the BOT to complete its deliberations with regard to the external publication of the *TAJ*, to make a final recommendation as to



ITAA Board of Trustees meeting in Chennai

which publisher they prefer, and to revert to the BOT by the end of September 2012 with a proposed contract. *Motion carried unanimously*

■ Karen Pratt moved and C. Suriyaprakash seconded that *The Script* newsletter become a member benefit for the first 2 months from the date of publication, after which it becomes available to the public. *One abstention, motion carried*

■ C. Suriyaprakash moved and Milly De Micheli seconded that the corporation (the ITAA) appoint a representative of the board of trustees to monitor the incorporation and organization of a California mutual benefit corporation to be known as the “International Board of Certification” or similar name accepted by the California Secretary of State, whose purpose will be as set forth in the proposed draft articles of incorporation and bylaws set forth as Exhibits A and B to these resolutions respectively. *Motion carried unanimously*

■ C. Suriyaprakash moved and Erich Kosloski seconded that upon the incorporation of the International Board of Certification, as contemplated in the attached hereto as

exhibits A and B, the initial designated directors be appointed according to such qualifications and criteria in the said exhibits. *Motion carried unanimously*

■ C. Suriyaprakash moved and Mandy Lacy seconded that a committee of members of this board known as the professional standards committee (PSC) assume the activity of establishing and publishing professional and training standards for transactional analysts and related educational objectives be established forthwith. *Motion carried unanimously*

■ John Heath moved that the BOT create a post of vice president of professional standards who will be authorized and empowered to lead a professional standards committee. *Motion carried unanimously*

■ C. Suriyaprakash moved and Mandy Lacy seconded that the president and secretary of the ITAA hereby are authorized and directed to deliver such certificates, instruments, notices, records, further assurances, and other documents or papers and to take such other action on behalf of the ITAA as may be necessary and appropriate to consummate the actions authorized by

the foregoing resolutions. *Motion carried unanimously*

■ C. Suriyaprakash moved and Karen Pratt seconded that all actions previously taken by any of the officers of this corporation with respect to any lawful actions of the corporation re-garding any of the foregoing resolutions are hereby approved, authorized, and ratified in all re-spects. *Motion carried unanimously*

■ John Heath moved that the post of vice president training and certification be eliminated.

*Motion carried unanimously*

■ Mandy Lacy moved and Steff Oates seconded that the BOT accept the contract of termination between Graeme Summers and the ITAA as tabled at the BOT meeting. *Motion carried unanimously*

■ Mandy Lacy moved and Vladimir Gussakovski seconded that A. Geethan be appointed as treasurer for the period of 2013-2015. *Motion carried unanimously*

■ Karen Pratt moved and Milly De Micheli seconded that Diane Salters be appointed as vice president research and innovation for 2013-2015. *Motion carried unanimously* 5

### Urgent Note on Membership Renewals

With recent website changes, it appears that many members have not received a reminder that their membership is up for renewal and so their membership has expired. We urge you to contact Steff Oates at [steff@xxist.com](mailto:steff@xxist.com) or Ken Fogleman at [Ken@itaa-net.org](mailto:Ken@itaa-net.org) if you are concerned this might be happening with your membership.

## Symposia Offer Intriguing Ideas on Organizational and Educational TA

We are pleased to present here two brief write-ups about the organizational and educational symposia held on Friday 10 August 2012 during the Chennai conference. The counseling symposium was covered nicely by Mick Landaiche in his article in the October 2012 *Script*, and while we have so far not received anything about the clinical symposium, we hope to have something for a future *Script*.

### Organizational Symposium

The organizational symposium began with an overview of current transactional analysis organizational theory in the morning. This “TA-O Today” was presented by Günther Mohr and Anette Dielmann and provided time for reflecting on and applying the concepts to participants’ own organizational practice and experience.

Examples of modern organizational transactional analysis include the structure-processes-balances-pulsation-model and the role-worlds model, both of which offer a base for TA application in organizations. The theme of the Chennai conference was “Life – Let’s Play,” and it was connected to the spiritual concept of Leela, in which the world of human beings is understood as a big play with the different characters each representing a divine part. We



Some of the leaders and participants from the organizational symposium in Chennai (from left): Thorsten Geck, Shirin Afraz, Anette Dielmann, Günther Mohr, Lucy Freedman, Sabine Klingenberg, and S. Kavitha

are responsible for recognizing our role and acting within it for the benefit of all. Organizations as systems process a similar idea. People connect to reach a larger goal than they can achieve alone. They fill different organizational roles while still having their personal roles in the “organizational game.” This results in challenges of change and integration, and with globalization and the acceleration of economic processes, we have entered a new epoch. However, transactional analysis in organizations is well prepared to succeed in meeting these challenges.

The afternoon of the symposium offered an open space in which well-known transactional analysis train-

ers—including Sabine Klingenberg, Lucy Freedman, C. Suriyaprakash, Servaas van Beekum, T. S. Radhakrishnan, and Thorsten Geck—discussed their current applications of transactional analysis in organizations. Participants were free to move like “bees” from one trainer to another to “suck nectar from different flowers.” Topics included the organization as holistic client, ethics in organizations, and leadership roles. Organizations can be viewed from different transactional analysis perspectives, including classical, systemic, psychodynamic, and integrative.

At the end of the symposium, participants shared what they had learned in terms of clear theory,



*Educational symposium plenary*

examples of TA applications, and the good mood of working together.

### **Educational Symposium**

The education symposium considered the topic of “Being an Educator: An Exploration of Our Inner Worlds,” which relates to that state of being that enables us best to enable others to learn. Giles Barrow, Marina Rajan Joseph, and Karen Pratt collaborated in designing the day. As they describe, “We began as a group of close to 30 people, meeting each other, getting a sense of individuals’ exposure to transactional analysis, and setting the scene using Ken Wilber’s integral model as the framework. This allowed us to position the day so as to look at our interior world, which supports what we actually do as educators in our connection with others in our exterior world. We then divided into three groups, with each group spending an hour with each trainer.”

Karen’s workshop was called “Enabling Learning Through Expanding the Integrating Adult.” The group explored both the polyvagal theory from neuroscience and the integrating Adult from transactional analysis and had time to reflect on when they felt most in the flow in their integrating Adult as well as what personal practices they used to support this.

Marina’s workshop was titled “Discovering Our Identity as Educators.” The session enabled participants to reflect on why they chose to be educators, dream about what they want to achieve as educators, reflect on their positive experiences as educators, and discuss ways of multiplying the positives. The session ended with ideas on supervision in educational work. The general response from the group was that they were clearer about their goals and had been able to obtain some direction on future activities.

Giles’s workshop was based on the work of Parker J. Palmer, an American educator who has written widely on the theme of soul and role. During the session, participants considered a sample of Palmer’s thoughts about how to explore their inner landscape as teachers. This involves connecting with the early teacher figures in our own experience before developing a personal metaphor for self as educator. A powerful dimension of the work is focusing on who the teacher’s vocation is intended to benefit. Participants were involved in discussion and personal work as a means of clarifying professional identity and purpose.

Karen Pratt writes, “At the end of the day we

gathered back in plenary and took time to speak in small mixed groups about the learning from the day. After some meditative music to bring everyone into the moment, people shared what had most impacted them during the symposium. As trainers our interest was piqued about each others’ workshops when we heard about the impact they had had on participants! In some intuitive way, what we prepared and offered individually (and from our different countries of the United Kingdom, India, and South Africa) seemed to create a powerfully cohesive experience for participants.”



*Giles Barrow (right) with group during the educational symposium*



*Small group led by Radhakrishnan (on left) during the organizational symposium*

## ITAA Members Honored in Chennai

**W**e recently lost two well-known ITAA members, Carla Vercellino and Emily Ruppert, who are acknowledged below. In addition, during the Chennai conference they were acknowledged along with three others who died in the past year (acknowledged in previous Scripts): John Gladfelder, Denton Roberts, and Fr. George Kandathil.

**Carla Giovannoli Vercellino**, Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst (psychotherapy), passed away on 30 May 2012 at the



Carla Vercellino teaching transactional analysis in the Turin Institute of TA she founded in 1977

age of 75 in Turin, Italy, where she introduced transactional analysis 35 years ago. Carla was among the pioneers of TA in Italy and founded the Istituto Torinese di Analisi Transazionale (Turin Institute of Transactional Analysis or ITAT) in 1977. From there she spread transactional analysis widely in northwestern Italy. She was also extremely active as an author with many books and journal articles published. Carla was a clever, enterprising leader and a model of integrity. She offered so much and with such generosity to our transactional analytic community that she really deserves our gratitude. Carla leaves a beloved husband and daughter, who are actively running her training institute, and hundreds of trainees, who are now successful practitioners or teaching members of the Italian transactional analytic community.

- Marco Mazzetti, Milan, Italy

**Emily Hunter Ruppert**, MSW, a long-time ITAA member, former member of the ITAA Board of Trustees, and Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst (psychotherapy), died on 24 July 2012 at the age of 72. The following are remembrances of her compiled by Dianne Maki and published in the Summer 2012 issue of the USATAA *Net* newsletter. We appreciate their permission to reprint them here.



Emily Ruppert (photo by Ravi Sethi taken in 2007 at the ITAA-USATAA Conference in San Francisco)

“Our beloved Emily died peacefully at home on Plum Island yesterday afternoon. Three of us sat with her, and I held her hand as she slipped away. I’m aware of profound sadness for our loss, but also joy in knowing that she lives on in each of us and what we have learned from her. Emily loved the old spiritual ‘Swing Low Sweet Chariot’: I looked over Jordan and what did I see / Comin’ for to carry me home? / A band of angels comin’ after me, / Comin’ for to carry me home.”

- Fern Ganley, USA

“Yes, she loved ‘Sweet Chariot,’ and I’ll always remember the song that seemed to typify her personality and spirit: ‘Hannah, the Vamp of Savannah!’ Happy trails, dear Emily, may

you now be cradled in the arms of the Goddess!”

- Pamela Levin, USA

“Emily studied with us in Evanston for several years and invited me to St. Louis many times to work with her clients. The last time I saw her work was in Jamaica; she had created a whole different way of intervening. Instead of telling the client what the client felt, Emily told the client what Emily felt, with wonderful results. I will miss her.”

- Morris Haimowitz, USA

“Emily . . . was a wonderful psychotherapist who particularly liked working with groups. She was very good at inviting people to be interested in what transactional analysis had to offer. I remember seeing her at an ITAA conference, swishing down the hall, a tall, gorgeous woman with a fabulous air of self-assurance. Later, we were both on the ITAA board. Emily was one of the leaders in creating the Gathering way of meeting. At the Jamaica [USATAA] Gatherings, she always agreed to lead one of the morning meetings, and every afternoon she could be found relaxing at the beach or playing in the ocean or river. Emily loved the evening parties and the chance to dance on the beach. When we created the TA module program for our Jamaican friends, Emily volunteered to be one of the instructors. I think what drew people to Emily was her confidence, her inquisitive mind, her enthusiasm, and her playful spirit. I miss her presence and will always love remembering her.”

- Valerie Chang, USA

“Emily and I were great friends, and I spent many happy times in her condo in Boston and her beautiful ‘Sea Cloud’ on Plum Island. I first

saw Emily at a national counselors’ convention where they showed a movie—this was before video—of her talking about the usefulness of TA. She was a young, gorgeous blonde, and I was very impressed. My second favorite part of Emily was her ‘take charge nature,’ which can be

positive or negative, depending on your take on it. My favorite part was her sense of humor and vociferous laugh. Many will miss her joyous, loving, smart, and playful being.”

- Felipe Garcia, USA

“Emily sponsored both Ian Stewart and me for TSTA in 1984. We started a special Emily group in England so she could come over two or three times a year to supervise us. The group became an intense development group; it still meets twice a year, though Emily stopped leading it about 10 years ago. In the evenings after the group, we would play charades (Emily loved to be dramatic) and sing songs for every letter of the alphabet (Emily sang with enthusiasm and gusto and nobody cared if she was out of tune). She taught us so much about group process and also how to live with zest, hearty laughter, fun, and adventure! Her ideas about child development and personality adaptations (Rebels and Sweethearts) are still part of the curriculum at The Berne Institute, so her influence lives on.”

- Adrienne Lee, United Kingdom



(From left) During Chennai plenary, Vann Joines spoke about John Gladfelter, John Heath asked for a moment of silence, Adrienne Lee spoke about Emily Ruppert, and Lucy Freedman talked about Denton Roberts

“We had many great times with Emily, delighting in her joy in life and her vivacity. She was a master therapist who had great influence, not through writing particularly, but through her personal communication.”

- Curtis Steele, Canada

“Emily and I met when we ran against each other for ITAA Vice President. She was so warm and welcoming that we became great friends. Her skill and intuition were extraordinary. When in her twenties, she had already been recognized for the remarkable work she did with groups, and she kept on getting better.”

- Nancy Porter-Steele, Canada

“I have very fond memories of Emily. She was one of my TSTA examiners in 1981 in Oaxtepec, Mexico, on the theory board. We were always happy to meet each other at conferences. She was there when I attended the USATAA gathering in Jamaica several years ago. I will pray for her soul.”

- Gloria Noriega Gayol, Mexico

# Nominations Sought for ITAA Awards

The ITAA invites you to consider nominating a worthy recipient for the **2013 Eric Berne Memorial Award** (EBMA). The following information and materials must be submitted to the EBMA Committee c/o C. Suriyaprakash (see column three for email). 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 high-

ly 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, 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 work published after December 2009** are not eligible for nomination at this point.

**The deadline for Eric Berne Memorial Award nominations is 1 December 2012.**

**Send nominations to C. Suriyaprakash at [suriya.sunshine@gmail.com](mailto:suriya.sunshine@gmail.com).**

### **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 2013.**

### **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, con-

cern, 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 2013.**



**The Robert and Mary Goulding Social Justice Award** was established by the ITAA Board of Trustees to honor the contributions of Bob and Mary Goulding and other ITAA members who have contributed to others in the world through the application and advancement of rededecision theory, therapy, and principles.

The Goulding Social Justice Award is designed to recognize individuals whose focus has been the advancement of humankind through utilizing the core principles of rededecision theory in their personal and professional lives. These core principles include: self-determination, person-

al responsibility, direct action, and affirming relationships.

Nominees will have contributed, in their own way, by any or many of the following activities: disclosing unfairness, challenging injustice, confronting perpetrators, questioning values that support injustice, enabling understanding and respect, encouraging equalitarian values, and facilitating awareness of institutionalized injustice.

**The deadline for the Goulding Social Justice Award is 1 January 2013.**

Any ITAA member may suggest another member for the Capers, James, or Goulding award 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.

**Send nominations for the Capers, James, and Goulding awards to ITAA Secretary Steff Oates at [steff@xxist.com](mailto:steff@xxist.com).**

### **New Editorial Board Members Sought**

The *TAJ* coeditors are looking for new members of the editorial board for the term 2013-2015. If you are interested in being considered for an editorial board position and would like a job description, please email your name, country, and a brief statement about your areas of interest/expertise and your experience in writing and/or editing to *TAJ* Managing Editor [robinfrayer@aol.com](mailto:robinfrayer@aol.com) by 15 November.

### **Upcoming *TAJ* Theme Issue**

#### **"Transactional Analysis and Groups"**

**Editors:** Jo Stuthridge & Francis Bonds-White

**Deadline for Manuscripts: extended to 1 February 2013**

Submission requirements:  
<http://itaaworld.org/index.php/transactional-analysis-journal/taj-submission-requirements>



## 2013 ITAA International Conference in OSAKA

*“Recovery, Rebirth, New Beginnings”*

**14-17 August Osaka, Japan**

**Keynote Speakers:**

**Trudi Newton, TSTA (UK), and Elana Leigh, TSTA (Australia)**

The program committee invites you to present your ideas, theories, applications, and integration of transactional analysis in a conference presentation. **For details on making a proposal, visit the conference website at <http://2013itaa.com>. Proposals must be received online no later than 10 February 2013.** Presentations should relate to the conference theme of “Recovery, Rebirth, New Beginnings.”

- *Chie Shigeta, International Conference Host Committee Chair, and Izumi Kadomoto, Academic Program Committee Chair*

The conference host committee urges you to come to Osaka to demonstrate updated transactional analysis theories and practices. Your presentation will be new and exciting for those in Japan who are interested in transactional analysis and may lead to expansion of transactional analysis here. And you will also have the opportunity to engage with our transactional analysis communities here and with Japanese culture.

- *General Secretary Tomoko Abe*

The conference venue, Osaka International Convention Center ([www.gco.co.jp/en/](http://www.gco.co.jp/en/)) is located on a sandbank surrounded by the Tosabori River and the Dojima River in the heart of Osaka City, with many walking and sightseeing spots nearby. The spacious center is equipped with updated facilities, and we are determined to do whatever possible to make every participant feel at home.

- *Venue Chair Naoko Toyoda*

Do you remember your first ITAA conference? You received your name tag and program and perhaps met

one of your TA gurus for the first time. You exchanged warm smiles and conversation with the person next to you at the keynote and maybe danced at the gala party. There was probably the excitement of encountering a different culture. We are preparing an authentic Japanese experience for you during the conference in addition to high-quality transactional analysis workshops. We are ready to offer “Omotenashi”—unique Japanese hospitality and entertainments. Register soon at <http://2013itaa.com/jp/index.html>.

- *Social Program Committee Chair Masumi Aonuma and Registration Chair Yoshiko Suzuki*

I had a wonderful time and gained unforgettable memories at the Maui and Montreal ITAA conferences largely due to the assistance of the volunteers. Now, it is our turn! In spite of our recent earthquake and tsunami disasters, we are excited about having this first international TA conference in Japan and will be ready to assist participants from both within Japan and around the world so that they all have a wonderful time in Osaka.

- *Volunteer Coordination Chair Chieko Tanaka*

