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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year 2013

by John Heath

It is mid-December as I write, and, as usual at this time of year, I am in the midst of the pre-Christmas frenzy of domestic activity. There is an endless list of jobs to do, things to buy, and arrangements to make. Lis and I are blessed with a large and growing family. We have grown-up children, their partners, and grandchildren who will all arrive to swell our household of two to a bursting point of sixteen during these short days of celebration. Before we know it, the darkest days of the northern hemisphere winter will be gone, and we will be looking at the long, slow return of the light. The holiday season preparations can be exhausting and often are tedious, but they are always worth it in the end. Above all, they are an act of love, and that's what makes them worth the while.

I can't help thinking, this year above all years, that there is some parallel in that account of the rather commonplace experience of pre-Christmas stress to the current build up in the ITAA. We've had a fantastic 2012. There have been some wonderful achievements, notably the Chennai conference, which was imbued with such an atmosphere of hope and goodwill. Mostly though, the year was characterized by a lot of very hard work, mostly behind the scenes and mostly carried out by a few dedicated individuals. It's been a bit like getting ready for Christmas!



The new ITAA aspires to be a community of psychologically minded people who talk to each other about matters of mutual concern and ensure effective cooperation and a worldwide perspective on the serious business of professional and academic standards. There are three strands to moving forward with this. The first is the website, which is up and running but continues to have teething problems and needs constant attention. The second is the new body to take over from the Training & Certification Council and the reincorporation of some of its former duties into the ITAA. The third is the deal with a commercial partner to take over production and distribution of the *Transactional Analysis Journal (TAJ)*. These things will, without a doubt, revolutionize the ITAA. The website

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will deliver better communication possibilities with and between members. The new arrangements for quality assurance and accreditation of professional standards will keep us in a key position alongside other transactional analysis organizations in the move toward a fully globalized, qualified psychological community. The new deal for the *TAJ* will extend the reach of our scholarly journal, vastly improve member benefits in accessing it, and is a major initiative in keeping transactional analysis in the frame academically.

These things are worth working and waiting for. The members of the board of trustees, the staff of the ITAA, and the members of key committees and working parties amount to some 25 to 30 people in all. Most of them serve in an entirely voluntary basis, and those who are paid work much harder than the contractual minimum would require. I have no way of knowing what it was like in the ITAA in former years, but I do know that in the year just closed, everyone has given their best and better. I cannot imagine that we could have done more, given the resources and the realities. The summary of outcomes from our recent board of trustees telephone conference, compiled by Steff Oates and found on page 3 of this *Script*, will give you a feel for the range of issues currently being addressed.

And so, as we approach the beginning of 2013, it falls to me as spokesperson for the band of hard-working people who run this organization to wish you, the members of the ITAA, all the best for a very happy and prosperous year to come. I hope that your membership and participation in the life of the ITAA will be a part of your plans for 2013. We are hopeful of a resurgence in membership numbers once the benefits of the new deal for the *TAJ* become more widely appreciated. Meanwhile, though, we very much need the faithful to stay with us and keep us viable. These are innovative times and inevitably expensive, so we need our income to continue to be strong.

Finally, I have to tell you that we have been experiencing some trouble with our website and especially with the facility for renewing memberships. This has seriously affected our cash flow at this vital time. If you are not sure of your membership status or whether your dues are up to date, please

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check. If you are still in doubt, email Ken Fogleman at ken@itaaworld.org and ask him. Above all, PLEASE pay us your membership dues if you find that they are outstanding.

With best wishes to you all for the year to come! 5

Welcome to New Members

NEW MEMBERS	MEMBERSHIP SPONSOR
JULY 2012	
David Watkins, USA	—
AUGUST 2012	
Andrea Broadhurst, New Zealand	—
Linda Lim, Singapore	—
Radhika Prasadhha, India	—
Grainger Weston, USA	—
Claude Neal Vipperman, USA	—
SEPTEMBER 2012	
Eva Acs, Hungary	—
Sandor Antal, Hungary	—
Rajasee Das, India	—
Peter Eichenauer, Germany	—
Sarah Goddard, Australia	—
Marcia Guimaraes, USA	—
Bobby Leggett, USA	—
Rocio Lopez de Diego, Spain	—
Unnikammu Moideenkutty, Oman	—
Girija S, India	—
Milica Tomovic, Serbia	Zoran Milivojevic
Catherine Wotherspoon, Australia	—
Jules Wynn, UK	—
Naohito Yamada, Japan	—
OCTOBER 2012	
Clare Howlett, UK	—
Gert Janse van Rensburg, Canada	—
Kenichi Miyama, Japan	—
Denise Mukadam, UK	—
Sunanda Nag, India	—
NOVEMBER 2012	
Matthew Beverley-Stone, New Zealand	—
Jeremiah Fitzgerald, Canada	—
Nadica Hegedus, Serbia	—
Marie LeBlanc, Canada	—
Carita McCallum, South Africa	—
Amber Rampley, UK	—
Hitomi Terashima, Japan	—

Summary of the ITAA Board Teleconference

by Steff Oates

On 29 November 2012, all members of the ITAA Board of Trustees (BOT) managed to connect with each other by telephone, thanks to a new teleconference company. There were relatively few difficulties with line quality compared to more frustrating recent calls, and it was a joy to hear colleagues' voices and their updates about the actions with which we were tasked in Chennai last August. I am pleased to report that the majority of actions were completed and those that have not yet been are well underway.

Our new treasurer, A. Geethan, reported that he had familiarized him-

self with ITAA's financial status and had increased budget expenditures for legal expenses given issues related to the creation of the International Board of Certification (IBOC) and the transition of the *TAJ* to SAGE Publications. John Heath said that given all the exciting changes underway, we are likely to overspend in 2013, but the improvements will provide more income eventually.

Bill Cornell provided the board with a good summary of the work of the external publisher steering group, and a new working group with Bill Holloway, Diane Salters, and Steff Oates was established to clarify categories of membership, partly so that SAGE would have full information about who receives the *TAJ*.

The BOT is also waiting to hear from Erich Kosloski (a previous board member) regarding his work on reviewing the bylaws.

Vladimir Goussakovski reported on negotiations over conference bids for the 2014 World TA Conference from Russia and the United States. A decision is imminent.

Karen Pratt reported that the work of the public relations working group is in progress, including deliberations about who may write for the website.

John Heath reported that he and Mandy Lacy, along with much appreciated help from Robin Fryer, are in the process of working out an annual beginning salary, terms and conditions, and a job description for the managing editor's post. Robin has been, until now, self-employed as a consultant to the ITAA. This project has involved consultation with Geethan, who has built the salary and tax costs into the budget.

Susan George has received proposals from three potential web developers and consulted with people who have found one to be particularly suitable. Further negotiations regarding costs will occur soon.

With regard to the formation of the International Board of Certification (though the name of it is not yet finalized), the ITAA lawyer has completed her recommendations, and these will be sent to the BOT for a vote.

New and/or returning members of the *TAJ* Editorial Board were approved by the board.

It was agreed that another meeting would be beneficial at the end of January or the beginning of February 2013. 

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An Open Letter to Eric Berne

by Cristina Caizzi

As an Italian transactional analyst in the field of psychotherapy, I am honored to have the chance to tell you, Dr. Berne, that I think your approach is revolutionary. The sense of self-responsibility together with the OK position, which I view as the core of your theory, have great value for me as a therapist because I work with refugees. Many of them have suffered persecution and even torture. When I first see them, many seem empty, powerless, with no energy, thoughts, or emotion, as if they are ghosts walking in limbo with no identity. I discover every time how important it is for them to feel recognized, how precious it is to let them feel they are OK, worthy of respect, capable of thinking, and empowered. Being in a relationship in which they feel they are equal and not powerless in another's hands, in which they exist and for this reason alone are important—to them that is usually a totally new experience. Feeling stroked for their strength and capacities helps them to find new motivation to survive, to thrive, and to relight their fire.

This basic philosophy of transactional analysis was the first thing that struck me when I started reading your books. It seems so obvious to say that all human beings are OK

and capable of thinking and deciding for themselves, but often it is not. The OK stance means that all human beings are worthy of love just because they exist and have the potential and will to grow and realize themselves. In this sense, the “I’m OK, You’re OK” existential position is connected to the concept of physis, which you (Berne, 1947) defined as “the force of Nature which eternally strives to make things grow and to make growing things more perfect” (p. 68). This philosophy highlights the positivity of human beings and views individuals as having the power to determine their well-being. This is why I believe your philosophy is so revolutionary: It means that good, positive relationships among people can serve as activators to help them regain their personal power. They may then become powerful tools for change.

I have had this experience in my own life. I changed thanks to an encounter with Pio Scilligo, a special man who helped me experience what it means to become a “princess” (Berne, 1964), how it feels to be in an OK-OK relationship and be respected and valued. Before meeting him, I lacked self-confidence and thought that I was nothing special. When I was 15, I remember a teacher telling my



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mother, “Cristina is without infamy and without praise.” From that moment, I felt that I was never enough, that my life would be banal, that I would never do anything special. I wasn’t happy, until Pio uncovered my potential and taught me not to accept things just because somebody said them.

In 2004 I became a Certified Transactional Analyst. Since then, I have worked in private practice and also within the project Invisible Wounds in Rome, which has as its goal healing victims of torture. I also married

We would love to hear how Eric has spoken to you. Please send your brief articles to column editor Pam Levin at perfectbones@pacific.net.

a very special man with whom I have three beautiful daughters. Definitely not a banal life!

I continue to study your writings because I always discover new ideas that deepen the meaning of your concepts and bridge theory and practice. For example, I find that people who go through traumatic experiences, even in adulthood, often develop somatic symptoms that are the bodily expressions of deep psychological issues resulting from the trauma. Thus, I started to reconsider script and protocol. I understand from your definition that protocol is the first draft of the script (Berne, 1961, 1964), the original set of experiences that becomes the basis for future script formation. Developmentally, it is first formed when the baby is very little, and then, after more experiences, it eventually becomes the final script.

I have observed that people react to stimuli at different levels. One level is understandable, that is, recognizable through the therapeutic work. The client can identify and put into words script processes from the Adult ego state. Another level is more somatic, especially when an acute or cumulative trauma occurs. At this level, clients are not able to verbalize what is happening to them. Sometimes their reaction can only be observed and felt in the transference relationship with the therapist and is totally unconscious for the client. As Cornell (2008) wrote, "Protocol[s] are not just part of the developmental history or sim-

ply archaic forms of knowing. Rather, they remain an integral aspect of every human being throughout life. Moreover, we establish new protocols as we experience and organize new things in life" (p. 101).

I believe that protocol and script should not be seen merely as developmental stages in the formation of the final script. Instead, they are both always present but at different levels of consciousness. I believe that protocol is unconscious and at a neurophysiological level, linked to the activation of the limbic system. Script is preconscious and linked to the activation of the neocortex.

Your work, together with Cornell's writing on this issue, has been particularly important to me for understanding how a traumatic experience (such as torture) can impact and change script, even at the level of protocol.

These theoretical reflections are still in progress for me. I am convinced

TAJ Theme Issues

"Transactional Analysis and Groups"

Editors: Jo Stuthridge and Francis Bonds-White

Deadline for Manuscripts:
extended to 1 February 2013

"Transactional Analysis, Childhood, and Adolescence"

Editors: Marco Mazzetti, Gudrun Jecht-Hennig, Dolores Munari Poda, and Ann Heathcote

Deadline for Manuscripts:
1 July 2013

Please follow the submission requirements posted at <http://itaaworld.org/index.php/transactional-analysis-journal/taj-submission-requirements>

my journey into transactional analysis will never end. Personally, it is a lifelong discovery of myself, and professionally, it reflects my desire to improve my clinical practice by connecting it to a better understanding of theory. So, thank you for all the excitement and enthusiasm I feel in deepening my understanding of the concepts you proposed. And thank you for founding a community that has grown so large and vibrant and in which I feel so involved and connected. I feel a fire inside me that pushes me to go on, to read, study, write, and share my ideas with others. I have also discovered how exciting it is for me to train new transactional analysts, so I am now working toward my certification as a Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst.

I no longer hide myself or believe that my ideas are not worthy of being shared. I think that if everyone in our community shares their own reflections, transactional analysis will always be alive. I believe this is your legacy: a transactional analysis that is continuing to grow and develop.

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Call for ITAA Board Nominations

The following position is open for nominations:

Regional Trustee (nomination and election only by members of the region): Europe (2014-2016)

Deadline: 31 May 2013.

Nominations require the name and consent signature of the nominee (it may be yourself), the name of the person making the nomination, and the name of the person seconding the nomination. To be eligible for nomination, trustees may not have already served two consecutive terms of office in any position on the board. Position statements (charters) that describe the function and selection criteria for each of the officer positions are available in the Guidelines (part of the official documentation) on the ITAA website at www.taworld.org. Nominees are encouraged to read and understand these before accepting nomination.

Send nominations to ITAA Nominations Chair Sumithra Sharatkumar at sumithrask@gmail.com.

Those who accept nomination to the above position must email a written statement and digital photo to the nominations chair as soon as possible and no later than the 31 May deadline. Statements should be a maximum of 250 words.

Election Procedures: As per the ITAA bylaws (revised 1996), if there is no more than one candidate per position, there will be no ballot, and the results of the election will be announced in *The Script* newsletter. Unopposed candidates will take up their positions following the annual general meeting (AGM) in August 2013. If there is more than one nominee for a position, a ballot will be sent to all voting members within 60 days of the close of nominations. The deadline for return of ballots is 60 days from the date of mailing. The results of the election will be announced to the candidates within 30 days after the election results are determined and to the voting membership as soon as practical thereafter. The winning candidate(s) will take up his or her position on 1 January 2014.

If you have not already submitted a Consent to Use of Electronic Transmissions so that you are eligible to vote electronically in the case of a ballot, we urge you to do so right away by visiting <http://itaaworld.org/index.php/about-the-itaag/consent-form-electronic-transmission>.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Theme Issue of the TAJ on “Loss, Death, and Dying”

*For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind
and to melt into the sun?*

*And what is it to cease breathing but to free the breath
from its restless tides, that it may rise and expand and
seek God unencumbered?*

Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing.

(Gibran, 1926/1991, p. 109)

The themes of loss, death, and dying have served as inspiration for great literary, artistic, musical, and cultural works. The scope for this theme is wide and deep, crossing cultures, age groups, and different types of loss. It is also pervasively present in all four fields of transactional analysis. Practitioners of any field may be called on to accompany others, whether they be clients, therapists, pupils, teachers, supervisees, trainers, employees, or consultants, in the profound human process of loss, death, dying, grief, transition, and/or working through and moving beyond.

We invite you to write about theoretical, methodological, ethical, and experiential aspects of loss, death, and dying. When writing this invitation for papers, our thoughts went to a range of binary possibilities, including: life and death, presence and absence, aliveness and deadness, withdrawal and reentry, and loss and regeneration.

Please see the TAJ submission requirements at <http://itaaworld.org/index.php/transactional-analysis-journal/taj-submission-requirements>. Send your manuscripts to managing editor Robin Fryer at robinfryer@aol.com. The deadline for submissions is 1 January 2014.

We passionately invite you to contribute to our themed edition of the TAJ on “Loss, Death, and Dying.”

*Steff Oates, Guest Editor, and
Ann Heathcote, TAJ Coeditor*

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2013 ITAA International Conference in OSAKA

“Recovery, Rebirth, New Beginnings”

15-17 August Osaka, Japan

Osaka International Convention Center

Preconference Institute 14 August and Postconference Institutes 18 August

Call for Proposals: <http://2013itaa.com>, Deadline: 1 March 2013

WELCOME

Happy New Year to all of you! The 2013 ITAA International Conference in Osaka is only 8 months away, and committee members are all working in full force. Japan is truly blessed with its four seasons. It is winter now with lots of snowfall in some areas, yet there are places in southern Japan where the winter is so mild that you can almost enjoy swimming. By the time of the conference, it will be summer, the season of bright sunny days. But rest assured: The conference venue, hotels, public transportation, and taxis are all air conditioned. Summer is also the season of various festivals and a myriad of beautiful and exciting fireworks. You may wish to enjoy some of these festivities while you are in Japan. Don't miss this opportunity: Schedule your trip to Osaka for this summer now. We are working with utmost care in the planning of various events through which you can enjoy and experience Japan and its culture while also satisfying your desire to learn more about transactional analysis. Each and every one of the committee members welcomes you to Osaka!



Mineyasu Sugita



Chie Shigeta

*Mineyasu Sugita, Conference Chair, and
Chie Shigeta, International Conference Host Committee Chair*

CONFERENCE THEME

On 11 March 2011, Japan experienced the great east Japan earthquake followed by a major tsunami. At present, with countless helping hands, the affected areas are in the process of reconstruction, and life is being reawakened there. Restoration, revitalization, and new departures are processes we conduct in our minds as well. Thus our choice for the conference theme: “Recovery, Rebirth, New Beginnings.” The program committee invites you to present your ideas, theories, applications, and integration of transactional analysis in a conference presentation related to the theme. Many Japanese TA people are expected to attend the conference, most of whom have not attended an ITAA international conference before. They will be eager to learn the latest transactional analysis applications in all fields. For details on making a proposal, visit the conference website at <http://2013itaa.com>. Proposals must be received online no later than 1 March 2013. Before you go to the call for proposals page, please register your conference participation first.

KEYNOTE SPEECHES

TRUDI NEWTON (United Kingdom) will speak on “New Beginnings, New Stories: Restorying Our World, Rebuilding Our Future” on Thursday, 15 August. Trudi is an educational Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst who works internationally to facilitate radical approaches to learning and community development. She served on the Training and Certification Council for several years, three as chairperson. Trudi was awarded the 2011 Muriel James Living Principles Award for her long-term achievements and is a recognized leader in the educational field of transactional analysis.



ELANA LEIGH (Australia) will speak on “Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush: The Myth of Newness—Illusion, Despair, and Hope” on Saturday 17 August. Elana is a Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst in the field of psychotherapy and an integrative psychotherapist who has educated and supervised in the disciplines of counseling and psychotherapy across a range of cultures for the past 30 years. She is distinguished for her profound knowledge and understanding of culture and professional training. She works with transactional analysis specialists around the globe. Elana is always passionate about the process of relational integration in all its forms, including in educating trainee psychotherapists in becoming ethical practitioners.



SPECIAL LECTURES

NORIHIRO SADATO (Japan) will speak on “Introjection of Early Relationship: From the Viewpoint of Neuroscience” on Friday 16 August. Dr. Sadato, PhD, MD, is a professor at the National Institute for Physiological Science/ National Institute of Natural Sciences of Japan. His fields are diagnostic imaging and system neuroscience, and he is the leading researcher on brain function in humans. He says that imaging of the brain can offer a foundation for constructing psychological models of development.



OSAMU KITAYAMA (Japan) will speak on “Omote and Ura: Two Sides of Us: A Psychoanalytic Viewpoint” on Saturday 17 August. Dr. Kitayama is a psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, an honorary professor at Kyushu University, and former president of the Japan Psychoanalytical Association. He continues to teach clinical psychologists and psychiatrists and practices psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic psychotherapy mainly at his office in Tokyo. His journey to explore clinical language in Japanese has been respected by many Japanese professionals, and his contribution to the development of psychoanalysis in Japan is considerable.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Three or four panelists, including Noriko Takahashi, TTA (Miyagi, Japan) and Yasuhiro Suto (Fukushima, Japan), will discuss “Stepping Forward Together: Using Transactional Analysis to Be Me During Difficult Times” on Thursday 15 August. This panel discussion will be organized by Noriko, the president of TAAJ (the TA Association of Japan), and will offer space to think about the role of transactional analysis in relation to disasters of various kinds. We human beings must sometimes live with overwhelming experiences, such as earthquakes and other disasters. This panel discussion invites the audience to explore how we cope with difficulties both professionally and personally using transactional analysis.

PRECONFERENCE INSTITUTE

TRUDI NEWTON, TSTA (United Kingdom), will offer a 2-day TA 101 on Tuesday and Wednesday 13-14 August.

POSTCONFERENCE INSTITUTES

VANN JOINES, TSTA (United States), will offer an institute entitled “How to Work with the Different Personality Adaptations Using Redecision Therapy” on Sunday 18 August. The theory of personality adaptations identifies six universal, core adaptations that individuals develop in their family of origin in order to survive psychologically and meet the expectations of their parents and other authority figures. Each of these adaptations has a specific way (thinking, feeling, or behavior) for meeting the



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SOCIAL PROGRAM

We are working to plan special events for transactional analysis people coming from around the world. There will be a gala party on Saturday evening at the Rihga Royal Hotel, which is adjacent to the conference venue, complete with a live Japanese big band and a large dance floor. We also hope to offer opportunities for participants to experience Noh, a performing art with minimal plot



and Japan's oldest form of musical theater. We may also find time for playing Japanese drums, through which you can feel the sound of the soul.

FOODS

From the dishes of the common folk to sophisticated Japanese eateries and Western-style restaurants, Osaka is a city of "eat till you drop." The key feature of Osaka food is the delicious fish stock used to bring out the essential goodness of the ingredients. Konamon Gourmet refers to locally based food, such as Okonomiyaki pancakes, Takoyaki (octopus dumplings), noodles, and so on.

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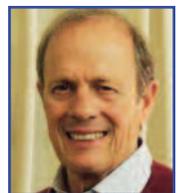
world, a target area for growth and change, and a trap area to avoid in order not to get caught in the client's defenses. Each adaptation also has specific identifiable script behaviors. Redecision therapy is a highly effective approach in helping individuals change and reclaim their power and autonomy. When combined with the theory of personality adaptations, it provides an even more effective means of targeting therapy in the way that works best with each unique individual. This institute will both present this theory and demonstrate it in clinical work with participants.

KAREN PRATT, PTSTA (South Africa), will offer an institute on "Leaders as Coaches: Creating New Life Plans" on Sunday 18 August. This workshop is a more developed version of the institute Karen offered in Chennai in August 2012. Participants will learn basic coaching skills to enhance their already existing roles as teachers, managers, trainers, and anyone working with people. They will learn listening and questioning techniques that will enable people to think for themselves and to begin to



develop new, life-enhancing scripts. The work will be based on transactional analysis theory as well as appreciative inquiry principles.

JOHN DUSAY, TSTA (United States), will offer an institute on "The Theory, Practice, and Techniques of Ego State Energy Change as Symbolized by the Egogram" on Sunday 18 August. This workshop will consist of dramatic demonstrations of couple and individual therapy with adequate time allowed for questions and answers as well as theoretical concerns. This is basic transactional analysis. While the theory is simple and easily understood, deep layers of emotional suffering are uncovered. This is opposed by nurturing forces, logical thinking, and appropriate compromise that are all available in the patient. The therapist's strategy is to catalyze and enhance these forces, thus leading to a positive outcome. Resistance to change will be addressed. The adaptation of this therapeutic method to suit participants' own personality and practice will be demonstrated and discussed. The workshop is designed for the enthusiastic beginner as well as to offer a stimulating review for the seasoned veteran.



Osaka and Nearby Areas



Osaka is Japan's third largest and second most important city, with a population of 2.5 million. It is known as the "Aqua Metropolis" and has been the economic powerhouse of

the Kansai region for many centuries. In the middle ages, it prospered as a sea- and land-route terminal for pilgrimages to temples and shrines such as Kumano, and gradually from that a city emerged. Japan became unified under warlord Toyotomi Hideyoshi at the end of the sixteenth century. He built Osaka Castle and a new town when he realized its convenient location, which opened to the sea and prospered along the river.

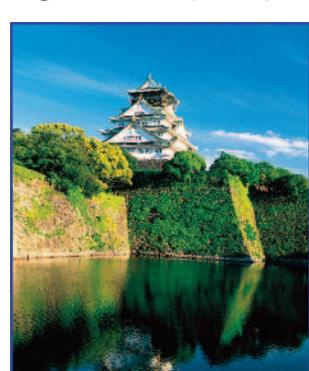
Among the important sights in the area are:

DOTONBORI:

Best seen at night and one of Osaka's most popular tourist destinations, this street runs parallel to the Dotonbori canal. It is a popular shopping and entertainment district and also known as a food destination, with some restaurants remaining open 24 hours. At night it is lit by hundreds of neon lights and mechanized signs, including the famous Glico Running Man sign and the Kani Doraku crab sign.

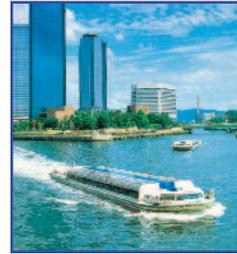


OSAKA CASTLE:



Construction of Osaka Castle was begun in 1583 by Hideyoshi Toyotomi, who aimed to unify Japan as a nation. Two years later, the main tower was completed and used as a command post. This was burned down after the Toyotomi clan was killed in 1615, and although it was rebuilt during that period, it was struck by lightning in 1665 and again reduced to ashes. It

remained in ruins for 266 years, until it was rebuilt in 1931 to once again grace the Osaka skyline, this time with the help of public donations.



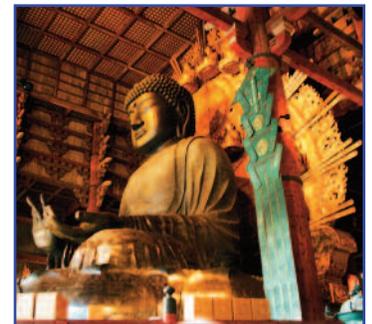
OSAKA SUIJO BUS AQUALINERS: Passengers of these water craft can take in the historic sites of Osaka and enjoy passing under a number of bridges. There are four aquabus piers between Osakajo Koen and Yodoyabashi.

NEIGHBORING CITIES

KYOTO: A beautiful city with a rich heritage, it was the capital of Japan for over 1000 years. Surrounded by forests and natural beauty, Kyoto has a tranquility that is conducive to a quiet stroll through its historic streets, which are lined with stately buildings.



NARA: The oldest capital in Japan, Nara boasts many beautiful sites, such as Asuka, where Buddhist culture first became established in Japan, and the expansive Nara Park. There are also beautiful walkways around the base of the mountains and places such as Hase, Murou, and Yoshino, the latter of which is famous for its cherry blossoms. Yakushiji is one of the most famous imperial Buddhist temples in Japan and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



TOURS

NIGHT TOUR OF OSAKA: 15 August, 18:30-22:10.
Limit 30 people, closed when full

FULL-DAY TOUR OF KYOTO: 18 August, 8:30-18:00.
Limit 40 people, closed when full

For details and to register for tours, see <http://2013itaa.com/index.html>

Conference Schedule

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
11 Aug Sun 12 Aug Mon	ITAA BOT Meeting		
13 Aug Tues	Preconference Institute: TA 101 ¹		
	Training & Certification Coun.	Trainers' Meeting Briefing	BOC Exams (TSTA)
14 Aug Wed	Preconference Institute TA 101		Welcome & Celebration Party
	BOC Exams (CTA, TSTA)		
15 Aug Thu	Opening Keynote Speech	Panel Discussion	ITAA AGM
	President's Meeting ²	Workshops & Presentations	
		Poster Sessions (by JSTA ³)	
16 Aug Fri	Plenary	Workshops & Presentations	Night Tour ¹
	Symposium (JSTA ³)	Lectures	
17 Aug Sat	Plenary Keynote Speech	Workshops & Presentations	Gala Party ¹
		Lecture Closing	
18 Aug Sun	Postconference Institutes ¹		
	Worldwide Training & Certification Roundtable		
		TEW	
19 Aug Mon 20 Aug Tue	TEW		

The registration desk opens from afternoon of 14th (Wed) to noon of 17th (Sat); 1 = Extra fees and separate registration needed; 2 = The President's Meeting starts at 11am; 3 = JSTA (Japan Society of TA) Annual Congress

EXAMS

Examiner Training:
Tuesday, 13 August

TSTA exams:
Tuesday, 13 August (evening), Wednesday,
14 August (deadline: 13 February 2013)

CTA exams:
Wednesday, 14 August (deadline 13 May 2013)

TEW:

Sunday-Tuesday, 18-20 2013 (deadline: 17 April 2013)

Write to T&CC at admin@ta-trainingandcertification.net closer to the exam dates for further details.

Also see ta-trainingandcertification.net for all details.

Training & Certification Council: Tuesday, 13 August

**Worldwide Training and Certification Council
Roundtable:** Sunday 18 August

THE CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference venue, Osaka International Convention Center or Grand Cube Osaka, will offer an excellent setting for the 2013 conference. For more information on the center, see <http://www.gco.co.jp/en/>.

All workshop rooms will contain a white board and white board pens (black, red, blue) and chairs (the number depending on the size of the room). If presenters need the following equipment, they can indicate that when they fill out their call for proposals: flip chart (how many?), projector and power cable, and/or broadcasting equipment such as a microphone. Presenters who plan to use a computer and presentation data need to provide their own equipment. If they will be using PowerPoint, they should send their data by 30 June to complete the operation check, even if the presentation is not finished. On the day of their presentation, they should go to the room 15 minutes before to verify the connection to the projector.



REGISTRATION

Online registration is available at <http://2013itaa.com/index.html>.

Early-bird preregistration deadline (15% discount): 30 April 2013; preregistration (10% discount) deadline: 15 July 2013

OFFICIAL CONFERENCE LANGUAGES

The official languages of the conference will be English and Japanese. Translation will be provided for keynote speeches and other main lectures. Presenters who need



translation should indicate that when they submit their proposals. The conference organizers would also like to hear from anyone who is willing to pro-

vide help with translation; please indicate which languages you can translate.

There will be at least two options for translation:

1. Volunteer translators from the nonprofit Osaka Foundation of International Exchange (OFIX, see <http://www.ofix.or.jp/english/index.html>) at no cost to presenters. The organizing committee will pay transportation costs for these volunteers.
2. Part-time volunteer translators who will register as conference participants. They will not be professional translators but will know and are interested in TA and other psychologies. They will be available at no cost to presenters.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Visit the website at <http://2013itaa.com/index.html> for information about hotels and to register for accommodations.



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