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## **Important Workshop in Kochi to Consider the Future Role of the ITAA**

by Diane Salters

**W**hen the ITAA was originally established in 1964 by Berne and his colleagues in San Francisco, the use of “international” in its name was more a dream than a reality. As transactional analysis grew in various parts of the world and local associations emerged, most of their members became members of the ITAA as well. As those national and regional institutions developed, they sought greater autonomy.

Even so, the ITAA today remains the home to many transactional analysts around the world and plays a significant role in the whole worldwide TA community through its production of the *Transactional Analysis Journal* and its provision of examination and accreditation through the International Board of Certification (IBOC), which cooperates closely with EATA’s Council of Certification (COC). The ITAA also plays an important role in putting on both world and locally sponsored conferences around the globe. And



recently the ITAA has begun partnership arrangements with local, regional, and specialized TA associations to further the cooperation and collaboration between various organizations in the global TA community.

In spite of this significant history and role in the TA community worldwide, the ITAA currently faces challenges both in membership recruitment and finances. We have decided to see those

challenges as another opportunity to reassess our role. Among the questions we are asking are these:

- How can the ITAA be most relevant both to our members and to the TA community globally?
- How can we work with other TA associations to build alliances that streamline our structures and services in a way that reduces competition and builds cooperation?
- How can we contribute to the internationalism of our worldwide TA community while valuing local contexts and differences?
- How can we best serve all fields and all approaches according to their practitioners' needs?
- How can we work together with other associations to create professional and flexible worldwide training and accreditation requirements for various contexts?
- How can we best sustain and develop the *Transactional Analysis Journal*, of which we are all so proud?

To address these questions, the ITAA Board of Trustees has established a working group comprised of John Heath, John Oates, Elana Leigh, Christine Kalin, and myself to seek ways in which we can best ensure a sustainable and relevant role for the ITAA in the years ahead. In the process, we are talking with other associations and seeking their input. Several have shown an interest in creating a partnership with the ITAA that will both serve their members and contribute to the development of TA internationally.

Diane Salters is ITAA President; she can be reached at [disalters15@gmail.com](mailto:disalters15@gmail.com).

At the ITAA conference in Kochi, India, this August, we will be holding a workshop entitled "The Future of the ITAA and Its Role in the Worldwide TA Community." There we will present our ideas as they have developed at the time. Prior to that gathering we will also be seeking opinions and ideas from our own members and others. The workshop itself will be open to anyone who is interested.

Quite what will emerge remains to be seen, but I have every confidence that our members and the TA community will embrace changes that allow the international perspectives of our worldwide community of TA practitioners to continue to be best served.

We encourage you to attend the Kochi workshop if you can, and short of that, to send us your input and ideas via email. [S](#)

## Welcome to New Members

### SEPTEMBER 2017

Lizet Bommell, Netherlands  
Claire Daplyn, UK  
Renate Klein Gebbinck, Netherlands  
Marc Heusser, Switzerland  
Julien Mamelli, France  
Madhuri P, India  
Marva Sherman, UK  
Je Bong Yu, Korea  
Cecilia Van Zyl-Knab, Germany  
Tove Vrbnakova, UK

### OCTOBER 2017

Binsdu Alias, India  
Majid Bahrami, Iran  
Mark Blough, USA  
Cezara Dasu, Romania  
Maria Di Pietro, Australia  
Rachael English, UK  
Andrea Graham, New Zealand  
Gordon Hobday, Australia  
Aateke Jansen, Netherlands  
Katie Kocik, UK  
Ana Kozomara, UK  
Sachiko Matsuo, Japan  
Denise Mukadam, UK  
Jack Nuijten, Netherlands  
John Oates, UK  
Angela Perez Burgos, Spain  
David Rawson, UK  
Sister Abegail Thomas, India  
Anton Vakula, Russia  
Bas van Dijk, Netherlands  
Montse Vilardell, Spain

### NOVEMBER 2017

Attiya Bokhari, UK  
Lindo Cherian, India  
Caroline Hall, UK  
Michelle Hyams-Ssekasi, UK  
Lilian Kelly, UK  
Zerina Memic, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Marko Minic, Montenegro  
Keith Morton, UK  
Nicholas Palliser, UK  
Mrugal Pere, India  
Aruna Ravi, India  
Kerry Sheffield, UK  
Elinor Williams, UK  
Sara Young, UK  
Eva Zieglerova, UK

### DECEMBER 2017

Everardo Gutierrez Enriquez, UK  
David Keyworth, New Zealand  
Sunitha Nathan, India  
Anjali Puri, UK  
Julia Tolley, UK  
Geneviève Vaudan Vutskits, Switzerland  
Lifeng Wang, USA  
Xinwei Zhao, China

### JANUARY 2018

Everardo Gutierrez Enriquez, UK  
David Keyworth, New Zealand  
Sunitha Nathan, India  
Anjali Puri, UK  
Julia Tolley, UK  
Geneviève Vaudan Vutskits, Switzerland  
Lifeng Wang, USA  
Xinwei Zhao, China

## Proposed Bylaws Amendment

At its meeting on 26 February 2018, the ITAA Board of Trustees approved a proposal to amend the ITAA Bylaws in a way that will change the terms of office for the president. It also approved a proposal to limit the number of successive terms of service of all trustees other than the president.

The existing bylaws, in Section 8.4 Terms of Office, state:

8.4.1 Except for the president, president-elect and the past president, trustees will

serve for a three-year term of office.

8.4.2 The president may serve on the Board of Trustees for a maximum of four successive terms as follows: One year as president-elect, three years as president, one year as past president and one three-year term as a trustee, either before or after serving in the presidential series of terms in office.

8.4.3 The president-elect shall serve a one-year term, during the third year of the term of the president.

8.4.4 The past president shall serve a one-year term following completion of the third year of [the] presidency.

When amended, as shown in the underlined type, the bylaws will state:

8.4.1 Except for the president, president-elect and the past president, trustees will serve for a three-year term of office. Regardless of the class in which a Trustee belongs, no Trustee shall serve more than two successive terms as a member of the Board of Trustees.

8.4.2 The president may serve on the Board of Trustees for a

maximum of four successive terms as follows: One year as president-elect, two years as president, one year as past president and one three-year term as a trustee, either before or after serving in the presidential series of terms in office.

8.4.3 The president-elect shall serve a one-year term, during the second year of the term of the president.

8.4.4 The past president shall serve a one-year term following completion of the second year of [the] presidency.

The proposal to limit the term of service of trustees had existed in earlier versions of the bylaws. It was inadvertently not included in the revision in 2015 and by this amendment will be restored.

The proposal to reduce the term of service of the president from three years to two years will permit the president to better attend to the needs of the position by having greater assistance throughout the entire term as president. It will also provide better transition of the position.

Any member wishing to comment on or object to this amendment may do so by contacting the ITAA office, which will refer the comment(s) to the board of trustees. 

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**A**s an ITAA member, you can sign up for an alert to let you know when a new issue of the *Transactional Analysis Journal* is available online. Just go to the TAJ homepage on the Routledge/Taylor & Francis website at <http://tandfonline.com/toc/rtaj20/current> and click on “New content alerts” and “Transactional Analysis Journal” and “Select All” below that. Make sure to also choose how often you want to receive alerts by using the menu on the far right of the page. (Be aware that if you later return to the page the boxes you checked may be blank, but if you see a note that says “Your email alert settings

have been updated,” you should still receive the alerts. If you have any problems setting up alerts, please contact Jacqui Tearle at [Jacqueline.Tearle@tandf.co.uk](mailto:Jacqueline.Tearle@tandf.co.uk).)

And just a reminder that you should have received an email in December 2017 providing you with instructions for how to set up your account to access the TAJ online. If you did not, please contact Jacqui Tearle at [Jacqueline.Tearle@tandf.co.uk](mailto:Jacqueline.Tearle@tandf.co.uk).

And make sure to add “@tandfonline.com” to your safe senders list so emails from Routledge/Taylor & Francis do not go into your spam folder.

“The Importance of Research in Transactional Analysis for Transactional Analysts” by Mark Widdowson

“Games Abstainers Play” by Dmitri I. Shustov, Olga D. Tuchina, and Tatiana V. Agibalova

“The Seven Suicide Decisions: Reassessing the Gouldings’ Work to Include Suicidal Ambivalence and the Homicide/Suicide Dimension” by Tony White

These are followed by two book reviews:

*Understanding and Treating Chronic Shame: A Relational/Neurobiological Approach* by Patricia A. DeYoung and reviewed by William F. Cornell

*Unrepressed Unconscious, Implicit Memory, and Clinical Work* by Giuseppe Craparo and Clara Mucci, Editors, reviewed by Edward T. Novak

Finally, the January issue closes with a wonderful Letter to the Coeditors from Fanita English, who offers some of her thoughts about the October 2017 theme issue of the TAJ on “Gender, Sexuality, and Identity.”

We hope you will enjoy this issue, our first with Routledge/Taylor & Francis. The coeditors would love to hear your thoughts; please send them to managing editor Robin Fryer at [robinfryer@aol.com](mailto:robinfryer@aol.com). 

### TAJ Theme Issues

#### “Transactional Analysis and Existential Perspectives: Religion, Faith, Spirituality, and Beyond”

Guest Editor Anne de Graaf and Coeditor Sylvie Monin  
Deadline: 1 May 2018

#### “Transgenerational Trauma”

Coeditors: Jo Stuthridge and Helen Rowland  
Deadline: 1 November 2018

Please follow the submission requirements posted [here](#).

Email manuscripts to TAJ Managing Editor Robin Fryer, MSW, at [robinfryer@aol.com](mailto:robinfryer@aol.com).

### The January 2018 Issue Is Available Online

The January 2018 issue of the *Transactional Analysis Journal* (Vol. 48, No. 1) went online in December. It contains an interesting variety of articles on a range of topics. Following the “Letter from the Editor” by Bill Cornell and the introduction of a new coeditor and new editorial board members, there are five articles:

“A Body of Knowledge: Somatic and Environmental Impacts in the Educational Encounter” by Giles Barrow

“A Model of Informed Physical Contact in Psychotherapy” by Edward T. Novak



## 2018 ITAA-SAATA Conference

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### Inaugural Social and Cultural Program

16 August, Evening

The inaugural ceremony and cultural program of the ITAA-SAATA conference will feature the flavors of Kerala. We greet you with Namaste, which combines two words: *Namah* and *te*, which means “bow” in the Sanskrit language. Thus “Namaste” means I acknowledge your presence with deep respect.

The conference theme, “Dance With Culture,” honors the culturally rich heritage in India with its multiversity of languages, religion, festivals, music, dance, clothing, food, movies, and so on. Culture entails how people dress, speak, the food they eat, the way people worship, and the art forms they use to entertain and communicate various occasions. For instance, at harvest time we have certain folklore to communicate the joy of togetherness and victory.

We are keen to explore the culture of the world through the frame of transactional analysis. We begin with the symbol of Indian culture, a



Bharatanatyam

with Indian classical music. Her hand and facial gestures are codified sign language that recite a legend, spiritual idea, or religious prayer. The dancer deploys turns or specific body movements to mark punctuations in the story or the entry of a different character in the play or legend being acted out through dance. The footwork, body language, postures, musical notes, tones of the vocalist, aesthetics, and costumes integrate to express and communicate the theme.

Mohiniattam is an Indian classical dance form that evolved in Kerala. It showcases a graceful, gentle, feminine form of dancing. Mohiniattam derives its name from the word “Mohini,” a female avatar of Lord Vishnu. Conventionally a solo dance performed by female artists, it presents a play through dancing and singing in which the song is customarily in Manipravala, which is a mixture of Sanskrit and the Malayalam language.

This mega event by the ITAA-SAATA conference is going to be held in India after 6 long years. You

Pooja. This will depict the hospitality and generosity of Indian culture. We will then explore Indian culture through south Indian forms of classical art performances. We will discover through Puranas (mythology) and poetic verses about love, devotion, and virtues spread with the strength of human beings seeking peace as its dharma (mission) using Bharatanatyam and Mohiniattam.

Bharatanatyam is traditionally a team performance art. The artist in Bharatanatyam is dressed in a colorful sari, adorned with jewelry, and presents a dance synchronized



Mohiniattam

will witness arrays of feasts from the platter. This conference will serve not only an intellectual feast but also the cultural, celebrations, health packages, tour packages, and so on. Make this feast yours by grabbing the opportunity.

(References about these dance forms were collected from [www.cultureindia.net](http://www.cultureindia.net).)

## Morning Interest Groups

Each morning, before the conference plenaries, there will be five interest groups on offer. Each group will meet three times, once each morning of the conference.

### “Mythmaking” with Aruna Gopakumar

Heroes and kings, gods, goddesses and mortals, battles, tricks, challenges, flying elephants. ... Who doesn't like a good story? A culture's mythology casts light

on its shared unconscious. Every culture's pantheon of mythic characters was the super-family that individuals were born into. These creatures were as familiar as their parents, grandparents, siblings, and extended family members. In these three theater-based sessions we will explore stories from Indian mythology and examine how they influence our culture and, therefore, us. In the sessions, we will enact and reenact several myths and see which expectations coded in the stories are still alive culturally. Which of these expectations are no longer relevant to us given our perceptions and the times we live in? What struggles do these cause for us? What are our ideas of heroes and villains? Good and evil? Indulgence and restraint? Power? Gender roles? Individualism versus collectivism? Drama, play, and fantasy allow us to take risks. As you enact the roles of the mythical characters and transform them, you experiment with who you can be. Roles can be altered, freely making it a liberating experience. We can be mythmakers.

*Aruna Gopakumar is a CTA (P) and a psychotherapist who works with individuals and groups. She is also a practitioner of psychodrama, playback theater, theater of the oppressed, and improvisational theater. She founded Navigati, which has over 20 senior facilitators and over 500 clients. Aruna has conducted over 4000 workshops and done 2700 hours of coaching with organizational leaders.*

### “Your Body Is Talking, Are You Listening?” with Jayashree KV

An old saying goes, “If you listen to your body when it whispers, you won't have to hear it scream!” How often have we ignored a niggling pain until it became unbearable? Is

the disturbing cough trying to tell you something? Are you listening? Louise Hay believed that we contribute to every illness in our body. The body, as with everything else in life, is a mirror of our inner thoughts and beliefs. Our body is always talking to us, if we will only take the time to listen. True healing involves body, mind, and spirit. Cure of any illness can happen only when the emotional and spiritual issues that surround the illness are addressed. In this morning interest group, participants will learn how to listen to their body and translate the stories coming from it.

*Dr. K. V. Jayashree is an internationally certified “Heal Your Life” teacher and coach. With her medical background and as a teacher of Louise Hay's philosophy, she has been studying the connection between the body and mind and beliefs, illness, and healing. Her programs are empowering, joyous, and motivating as people access their inner wisdom and create lasting positive transformations in various aspects of their lives.*

### “A Step Into the Golden Present” with Karuna G

As George Bernard Shaw said, “We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.”

Laugh. Run. Roll. Drag. Push. Pull. Get sneaky. Or even a bit cheeky. All is fair not only in love and war, it's more so in play. To play is a way of life for the child. And that is why they are so full of promise and hope. Filled with light and lightness too. True to the saying that “Truth is one; paths are many,” many masters across many lands have echoed one experience in different words: “Life is but a play.” Philosophical it sounds, yet how true it is if one can look



Inaugural dancer Soumya Satish

into the unfurling of life. Fritz Von Bothmer developed a movement program built on this very picture. The fundamental philosophy is that the body needs to develop the capacity to hold the “light” of life. And this capacity is best developed unconsciously through play and mindful movement. These two capacities would, with time, unfurl into a spiritual capacity to “play” with life. In the 3 days, we shall step into the golden present and simply play. Enjoy the games (with a small “g”) from different cultures and the mindful movements of Bothmer exercises. Games that will make one go all out into the field and movement that will bring one mindfully into oneself—to connect, experience and expand.

Karuna is a graphic designer turned teacher. After working with young children using a Waldorf-type approach, she was inspired to pursue Bothmer gymnastics, a physical education program based on Rudolf Steiner’s philosophy. Karuna currently runs Ananda, a playground for children that has games at its heart and that she hopes

to expand to adults soon. She finds TA and anthroposophy to be an interesting combination: one simplifies life and the other adds life to that simplicity.

### “The Dance of Mandalas” with Prasad Naveen

A mandala is a complex abstract design that is usually circular in form. In fact, “mandala” is a Sanskrit word that means “circle” and also “a container which holds the essence.” Some Vedic texts refer to it as “the area of an aura.”

Mandalas generally have one identifiable center point from which emanate an array of symbols, shapes, and forms. Mandalas can contain both geometric and organic forms. In this workshop, participants will learn how to draw mandalas, which will help to enhance the intuitive ability to see/sense the world around them. Drawing a mandala by itself could be a meditative experience that draws us into our inner core of being.

Prasad Naveen, an artist since childhood, has been drawing mandalas for the last 4 years and exploring the connection between mandala art, Eastern philosophies, and the psyche. He began facilitating training programs in “Ankur” by aligning his personal experiences, passion, and insight during his



spiritual practice and meditation. Driven by his passion to transform, he uses a combination of unique Eastern tantric techniques in his workshops as well as TA, NLP, gestalt, dance, and art therapy techniques to facilitate change.

### “Movement and Body Awareness” with Mrinalini Sharma

Martha Graham said, “The body says what words cannot.” Healing, helping, and holding begins with the self, and in the self it begins with the body. Bodies speak through their movement and their stillness—languages unique to each one of us that we only begin to hear when we move and then stop and listen and move again. Welcome to a morning of moving, listening, and learning about your own deepest language. The sessions will integrate movement and stillness practices from yoga, Pilates, and dance. There will also be opportunities for free movement to invite the body to speak in its own tongue. Comfortable clothing is a must. You can carry a notebook if you like to write down reflections.

Mrinalini is an advanced TA trainee who works extensively with the body in her psychotherapy practice and personal life. She has integrated her understanding of body, size, and psychology, particularly impasse theory, to create a process-based workshop called “Body Boundaries,” which has been well received. Movement and bodywork have been the avenues for deeper exploration for her, and she brings that to the individuals, families, and groups she works with. She is an avid yoga practitioner and loves to swim. ☺

## **Election to Be Held for Latin America Regional Representative to the ITAA Board of Trustees**

There were two nominees for the Latin America regional representative: Michelle Thomé and Rosario Chávez. There will thus be an election for that position, and in keeping with the ITAA bylaws, only ITAA voting members from that region will vote. Ballots will go out to those members no later than 19 March 2018 and will be due back no later than 3 May 2018. If you have not yet sent in a consent form to allow electronic transmissions from the ITAA, please do so immediately. The form can be found [here](#).

### **Nominees for the Regional Representative for the Latin America Region**

#### **Rosario Chávez**

It would be an honor to belong to the ITAA Board of Trustees as the representative of Latin America. I believe that I can put myself at the service of the ITAA by contributing with my experience in organizational consulting in several Latin American countries. For 15 years I have been personally and professionally connected with transactional analysis. I was born in Peru, where my children and the rest of my family are. My husband and I currently live in Madrid because of my work



as a project director currently leading a transformation process in a multinational company with a presence in Latin America. This gives me the opportunity to visit frequently the various countries of the region and to attend the ITAA Board meetings as required. I have had the opportunity to work in the Project Management Institute (PMI), a nonprofit institution that promotes standards for the development of projects worldwide. In addition, for 18 years I participated as a volunteer in the Salesian Family Pastoral in my children's school. Because of my experience, I believe that I can facilitate communication and connections between the ITAA and the TA communities that are currently reemerging in Latin America as well as promote TA among the new, emerging generations of young people who are particularly interested in the theories of Eric Berne and in study groups with an openness to knowledge, flexibility, and interest in developing spaces and options for human development.

#### **Michelle Thomé**

My greatest desire as a regional representative would be to contribute to aligning the local processes of educational training within Latin America with the ITAA model. This way TA practitioners can work in the global economy across borders. I also want to encourage colleagues from my region to participate actively in the international meetings. Then Latin America can contribute to shaping TA theory and practice throughout the world. I intend to act as an active communication channel between the ITAA and the regional associations, promoting the union between all our countries. I believe that these activities and conviviality with the international TA community will also contribute to both our mutual development as transactional analysts. Since my first contact with transactional analysis in 2013, I have advanced in theoretical knowledge and personal and professional relationships, especially when I increased my international connections. Of course, I "married" TA locally on the first date! Working as a systemic coach, I use TA instruments with clients with significant results. I am currently on the board of UNAT-Brasil, the association that brings together transactional analysts in Brazil. I am responsible for their communication activities, such as the monthly journal *Opções*. I would like to develop an email newsletter in Spanish and Portuguese for all Latin American transactional analysts (even if they are not ITAA members yet) and encourage another Latin American ITAA conference (the last one was in Lima in 2009).



## New and Returning Trustees to Join the ITAA Board in August

Since there was only one nominee for each of the following positions, these individuals will take up their new roles or continue their current ones at the end of the Annual General Membership meeting in Kochi this coming August.



### President-Elect: Elana Leigh

In accepting the nomination for president-elect, here are some of my thoughts. The ITAA holds the history and evolution of transactional analysis and has represented the parent organization of the international transactional analysis community offering a home for members in the world. Many national and regional organizations are today strong and flourishing, which reflects the success of the metaphorical parent. Its work is perhaps mostly done and its legacy strong. However, the process of letting go of the “children” does leave the “parent” with many questions about its meaning and role in the life of the global TA community. Being transactional analysts, we work with the principle of healing the past in the present to ensure a healthier future. It is this belief system that informs me when I consider where and who ITAA is today in 2018. Who we were and what was needed from the association is possibly no longer true today, leaving us asking some pertinent questions: Who are we today and what is required of

the association? How do we honor and hold history without strangling new life? How can history be held with integrity and reverence and not resentment? In these challenging times, it is essential we find the courage to ask these questions and explore options, however difficult they may be. I have been a member of this association since 1983, have served on the board and the training standards committee and have been the TEW co-coordinator for many years. I have been a TSTA since 1998 and since 1992 a trainer at both the CTA and TSTA levels as well as training in many countries. My desire and intention in standing as president-elect is to lead the ITAA with integrity and to facilitate decisions for the good of our members, ensuring ITAA’s relevance. In doing this, I would hope to integrate old and new ways, potentially helping to be part of the journey in moving the ITAA out of any repetitive patterns and paving the way for a paradigm change that has integrity with regard to the past, present, and future.

### Vice President Operations: Chitra Ravi

I am honored to be nominated for the position of ITAA Vice President Operations. I had the privilege of being on the board as the regional representative for India/Asia from 2015–2017 and have also been the cochair of the International Board of Certifica-



tion since 2012. Both of these roles gave me experience in holding key positions and contributing to the ITAA, and I have enjoyed the exposure and learning that I have gained in the process. In my role as the regional representative, I was able to address significant issues, answer queries, and solicit suggestions. As IBOC cochair, I have been involved in taking some difficult yet important decisions, often balancing safeguarding the policies and procedures of the Training and Examinations Handbook and the IBOC office with exploring what was required contextually by an individual’s needs. I have found both roles very satisfying. I am, therefore, excited to be nominated for the VP Operations position and look forward to undertaking the responsibilities and opportunities that role will entail. I know it will involve even great responsibilities, but I am confident that I can draw on many resources and individuals to help me carry out my duties to the best of my abilities.

### Vice President Research & Innovation: Steff Oates

I served as ITAA Secretary from 2009–2014 so I am very aware of the workings of the Board of Trustees and the executive committee. During that time, I was involved in the process of the *TAJ* moving to an external publisher. Since the end of my term as secretary, I have remained involved,



## “Transactional Analysis in Psychotherapy in the 21st Century”

### Special Issue of the *International Journal of Psychotherapy*

by Biljana van Rijn

We are working on developing a special issue on transactional analysis with the *International Journal of Psychotherapy (IJP)* (<http://www.ijp.org.uk>), a publication of the European Association for Psychotherapy (EAP). The title is “Transactional Analysis in the 21st Century,” and it gives us an opportunity to present our contemporary thinking on theory, practice, and research to the professional field outside our own community. The special issue is scheduled for March 2019.

We are now opening a call for papers. Please submit your papers to me, Biljana van Rijn, at [tdrc.chair@eatanews.org](mailto:tdrc.chair@eatanews.org) by 15 June 2018. The papers should be 5000-6000 words in length and focus on theory, clinical practice, and/or research. An initial selection will be made by the production team, which includes members of EATA and ITAA: Biljana van Rijn, TSTA (editor); Bill Cornell, TSTA; Resi Tosi, TSTA; and Gunther Mohr, TSTA.

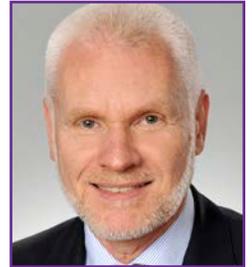
Following this, papers will undergo a blind peer review by TA authors and *IJP*. Submissions should be original papers, not published or submitted elsewhere. They should be of good academic standard and follow *IJP* guidelines (see [here](#)).

especially with our publications, which are an important area of responsibility for the VP of R&I. I have been coeditor of *The Script*, have coedited three *TAJ* special issues, and have had a number of articles published. I remain a member of the *TAJ* editorial board and have recently been involved in supporting authors whose first language is not English in their writing for the *TAJ*. I have also been involved in writing for and soliciting articles for the French-language journal and am very interested in collaboration with TA organizations who publish in their own languages. As secretary, I managed the awards committee and so am well aware of the awards processes, including the Eric Berne Memorial Award and the more recent ITAA Research Award. I am used to regularly producing reports about team and committee activities and would enjoy working with and representing the editors of the *TAJ* and *The Script*. I have a passion for

disseminating the TA literature and to that end have coauthored a *TAJ* article with a psychoanalyst. I would very much like our journal to achieve wider coverage in intellectual circles across our four fields of application and beyond.

### Vice President Professional Standards: Thorsten Geck

I am from Germany, and since 2012 I have been a Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst in the field of organizations. I am fascinated by the high standards of training and examination within our community. I believe it represents a unique system that helps us as professionals to establish a thorough structure when it comes to training psychotherapists, educa-



## Transactional Analysis Conferences Worldwide

**3 March 2018:** Penrith, United Kingdom. Cumbria TA Conference. Contact: [www.tacumbria.co.uk](http://www.tacumbria.co.uk)

**27-29 April 2018:** Liverpool, United Kingdom. UKATA National Conference. Contact: <http://www.ukataconference.co.uk/>

**11-13 May 2018:** Vienna, Austria. 38th DGTA Conference. Contact: <https://www.dgta-kongress.de/workshop-registrierung/>

**5-6 July 2018:** London, England. EATA/IARTA Theory Development and Research Conference. Contact: <https://eata2018.london/>

**17-19 August 2018:** Kochi, India. ITAA-SAATA Conference. Contact: [www.saata.org/conference2018/](http://www.saata.org/conference2018/)

**3-4 November 2018:** Lyon, France. First Tri-National French-Language TA Conference (IFAT/ASSOBAT/ASAT-SR). Contact: [info@ifat.net](mailto:info@ifat.net).

## Important Information and Reminders for Members . . .

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- When paying your ITAA membership dues, please click on the "ITAA Membership Join or Renew" link and not the "Donate" button. Click on the "Donate" button only for making a donation to the Eric Berne Fund, the Scholarship Fund, or the TAlent fund. If you have any questions, contact Ken Fogleman at [ken@itaa-net.org](mailto:ken@itaa-net.org).
- If you have forgotten your password to [itaaworld.org](http://itaaworld.org), go to Member Login and click on the "Reset/Forgot Password" tab. Once you get your new password, you can reset it to something you will remember.
- If you have received a TA certificate from a group other than the IBOC in the last few years, please email a copy of it to [iboc@itaaworld.org](mailto:iboc@itaaworld.org). We would like to be sure our files are up to date.
- For full information about IBOC and COC exams, check the ITAA website at <http://itaaworld.org/training-and-certification-transactional-analysis>.

tors, and consultants. This sophisticated structure for the education and development of practitioners—both personally and professionally—stands for protection of clients and client systems as well as an ethical approach toward them and the problems they are facing. When I became a PTSTA, I was interested to contribute to that developmental structure. I serve as a regional group coordinator for written exams with EATA, and when I was approached to take over the job of chair of ITAA's certification committee, the IBOC, I was honored to fill that job. With the Professional Standards Committee (PSC) and the International Board of Certification (IBOC), we in the ITAA have powerful committees to maintain and improve our standards of training and examination. I took over the position of VP for Professional Standards 3 years ago and would love to serve the international community in that role for a second term. My interests will include bringing associations' training and examinations bodies together so that we as a global community of TA professionals can continue

## Book Reviews and Reviewers Wanted

The *Transactional Analysis Journal* is looking for book review submissions. Books published within the past 3 years are preferred, and reviews are limited to 1,000 words. We are looking for reviews that offer readers a solid critique that reflects substantially on the book rather than one that is primarily an endorsement. For more details or to discuss a possible book review, please contact TAJ Book Review Editor Ed Novak at [edtnovak@gmail.com](mailto:edtnovak@gmail.com).

to share our mutual interest in high standards in order to serve our clients in the best possible ways.

## Treasurer: John Oates

I am a chartered accountant (Institute of Chartered Accountants



in England & Wales - ICAEW). After qualification in 1975 with what is now PwC, I specialized in IT and Business

Systems. In the mid-1980s, I joined what is now RSM (UK) in Manchester as partner in charge of IT, managing the firm's own systems and providing IT consultancy services. During this time, the business grew substantially. I have been a member of the Technical Committee of the ICAEW's IT Faculty since 1989, chairing it for 7 years, and then chairing the faculty itself for the maximum 4-year period. I retired as a partner in RSM in 2011, remaining as a consultant for 2 years. I continue to conduct software reviews for the ICAEW's IT Accreditation Scheme, helping me keep up to date with the fast changes in the software industry. I have a number of voluntary roles. I am treasurer of a local group supporting the Ffestiniog Railway in North Wales, where I have volunteered since 1969. I am Director, Business Systems at Ffestiniog Travel, being influential in upgrading their systems, putting most of them in The Cloud. I am chairman of the Mid Cheshire Rail Users Association (400+ members) and chair of the Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership. My wish is to see ITAA's systems run slickly and for the executive and board of trustees to have appropriate information to inform their decisions as the ITAA develops.

## Regional Representative N. America: Michael Harsh

I am a psychotherapist in private practice in Omaha, Nebraska, and have been in practice since 1997. My background includes a BA in Philosophy, a Juris Doctorate, an MA in Christian Spirituality, and an MA in Counseling. I have used transactional analysis for



over 20 years, and my training has included classical TA, rededication therapy, relational therapy, developmental theory, and personality adaptations. I trained with Vann Joines, Mary Goulding, Fanita English, and others. Early in my career, when participating in an intensive program as both a therapist and a client in a rededication workshop at the Southeast Institute for Group and Family Therapy, TA struck a chord with me because of the changes it made in me and others as well as how TA therapy works as a collaborative, “I’m OK, You’re OK” process. I have obtained a TA Practitioner Instructor certification from the USATAA, a certificate in rededication therapy from the Southeast Institute, became a Certified Transactional Analyst in 2013, and am now a Provisional Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst in Psychotherapy. I currently serve as the North American representative on the ITAA Board of Trustees and as an at-large member of the USATAA Coordinating Council. I see an international TA organization as vital to the health of TA and as providing a sense of camaraderie to TA practitioners. I look forward to continue contributing to a North American and worldwide expansion of TA.

## Regional Representative Africa Region: Alex van Oostveen

Having already served one term in this role, I feel excited at the prospect of further opportunity to contribute to the international transactional analysis community. I also feel more confident in my understanding of how things work and that I can add to the effectiveness of the board of trustees. I am aware of the ITAA’s current challenges and feel that the way I work and my creativity will serve the association well in



working to resolve both internal concerns and external engagements. My personal passions in the role are to improve the quality of membership relations and increase awareness of transactional analysis in the African context. Because the ITAA is the only transactional analysis association that serves the entire African region and the individual nations within it, I feel responsibility as a resident to actively support the association’s strategies and activities here. My intention as ITAA Africa representative would be to promote and support the use of transactional analysis in all levels of society so that it may act as a catalyst and mechanism for Africa’s beautiful people to think, feel, and behave with awareness, self-worth, mutual respect, and authenticity. 5

## EXAM CALENDAR

Exam Date	Exam	Cert. Body	Location	Application Deadline
21-22 Mar 2018	CTA	COC	Haarlem, Netherlands	*
25-26 Apr 2018	CTA	COC	Liverpool, UK	*
3-4 May 2018	CTA	COC	Padua, Italy	*
8 Jun 2018	CTA	IBOC	Dunedin, New Zealand	8 Mar 2018
3-4 Jul 2018	CTA	COC	London, UK	*
15-16 Aug 2018	CTA	IBOC	Kochi, India	15 May 2018
1-2 Nov 2018	CTA	COC	Lyon, France	*
8-9 Nov 2018	CTA	COC	Köln-Rosrath, Germany	*
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24-26 Mar 2018	TEW	COC	Amsterdam, Netherlands	*
20-21 Aug 2018	TEW	IBOC	Kochi, India	20 Apr 2018
1-3 Dec 2018	TEW	COC	Zagreb, Croatia	*

\*For CTA and TEW deadlines see the EATA Handbook or contact the EATA Supervising Examiner.

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