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“Identity, Integration, and Boundaries” Explored at Geneva Conference

by Laurie Hawkes and Steff Oates

Such was the theme of the 2016 EATA Conference, which took place from 7-9 July in Geneva, Switzerland, after two days of examinations that yielded rich experiences for candidates and examiners alike. Some 320 transactional analysts were in attendance from all over the world: Eastern and Western Europe, North America and Canada, New Zealand, and elsewhere.

Sylvie Monin, project leader extraordinaire for this conference, welcomed delegates with emotion and joy. She introduced a wonderful Alp horn player who was in Swiss national dress and described that this horn is a symbolic instrument of Swiss folk music originally used to call people from the valleys and bring them together. Sylvie had chosen it as a sound to gather us from our varying countries.



In Geneva, participants gather to celebrate EATA's 40th anniversary and to symbolize opening up, reaching out to the world, and spreading TA's visibility.



A few successful examinees from Geneva: Matti Sannen (TTA-E), Henk Tigchelaar (TTA-E), and Betty Lutke Schipholt (CTA-O)

A number of British people were still reeling from the shock of Brexit (the vote for the UK to leave the European Union), which had been supported by a slim majority of their citizens just 2 weeks before. That gave particular relevance to the themes highlighted in most of the conference: exclusion, boundaries to exclude and push away, tolerance, acceptance, and openness.

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Before the first keynote, Leonard Doyle from the International Office of Migration (IOM) gave a brief, matter-of-fact, yet deeply moving talk about what it is like to be a migrant. By turning the Brexit catchphrase “Take Back Control” on its head in the run up to the forthcoming United

Nations Summit on Refugees and Migrants on 19 September, IOM intends to demonstrate that the answer to the migration crisis is indeed already a well-managed process. As Doyle said, the Leavers will not tell you, but those who have most successfully “Taken Back Control” of their lives are the very people who are on the move: refugees and migrants.

The first keynote, entitled “Europe Faced With the Crisis of the Reception of Refugees,” was delivered by Catherine Wihtol de Wenden, a political scientist jurist and first-class research director for France’s National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS). She showed, with clear diagrams, that migration flows in many directions and that much of it is actually internal (inside the same country or on the same continent). She indicated that international migration is particularly intense along the main economic, demographic, political, geographical, cultural, and environmental fault lines of the world. Alistair Moodie from Scotland posed an interesting observation with regard to the recent voting patterns in the EU referendum in Britain, in which attitudes to migration were extremely polarized. He suggested

that there were further fault lines in voting according to class and age.

The second keynote, entitled “Geopolitical Clinical Psychology: A New Approach Adapted to Planetary Changes and Emerging Identities,” was extremely moving. Françoise Sironi, a psychologist, psychotherapist, and associate professor in clinical psychology and psychopathology at the University Paris 8, showed the influence of history on people’s lives. This brings to mind what Berne (1972) wrote with regard to his discussion of script interventions: “No attempt is made to discuss all the factors which might affect the life course of the individual, but only those which are known at present to have a strong influence on the life plan” (p. 57). That is, the course of our lives depends not just on script and autonomous decisions but also on biology and history. It is not the same to grow up in a time of peace or a time of war, to have always slept safely in a crib or to have been dragged across the Mediterranean in a small boat with frightened parents who have left everything behind to try and survive. The ghosts of generations past also weigh on our fates.

Françoise Sironi introduced the idea of globality and geopolitics. She defined geopolitics as the area in



*Geneva keynote speaker
Françoise Sironi*



Geneva gala dinner in beautiful glass-walled room

which we may ask how we can integrate the geopolitical unconscious into our clinical practice. She suggested that the geopolitical factor has more to do with an ideology of control that induces collective violence, territories, classes, borders, and the imposition of identities (e.g., the migrants, the Eastern Europeans, the women, etc.) that reflect binary thinking. She called on us to consider multiplicity and complexity in ourselves so that we can accept it in others. We must move away from binary judgments so that a quality or desire may coexist with its opposite within us.

Multiplicity and complexity were certainly present throughout the Geneva conference. For example, a multiplicity of languages was exquisitely managed by a team of professional and volunteer interpreters. There was simultaneous interpretation for the plenary sessions, and in the workshops the interpreters were called “whisperers” because of the subtlety of their work.

The scientific committee had been, in some people’s experience, uncompromising in ensuring that

of these makes it difficult to comment on all of them in the space in this *Script* article, but we hope some will be expanded and submitted for an upcoming theme issue of the *Transactional Analysis Journal* on “Social Responsibility in a Vengeful World” (see page 12).

The conference gala dinner was held at Park des Bastions restaurant, a sumptuous setting that is a complete glass building, rather like a huge orangery in the middle of a beautiful park. During the evening, EATA President Krispijn Plettenberg presented the EATA Silver Medal to Leilani Mitchell for her contribution to TA in Europe, including her work with multimedia and her efforts in support of refugees in the Calais camps (see page 5).

conference proposals reflected the theme, but this attention to detail was greatly appreciated as delegates were immersed in a sea of reflective and challenging workshops. Unfortunately, the excellent quality and quantity

The closing plenary was an impassioned speech by Bill Cornell, who said he was thrilled with how the conference theme had been taken up by workshop presenters describing work in their communities, something he had not witnessed at a TA conference before. Picking up on the same themes, Bill called on us to notice how we are often trained not to hear the history behind acts of violence and disruption, perhaps because Eric Berne was stunned into political silence when his genuine interest in how psychiatry operated around the world drew the attention of and intervention by the FBI. Bill asked, “How does identity differ from script?” He recalled Françoise Sironi’s speech to understand grievances from the past that we displace onto ethnic others. With reference to recent and far too many atrocities, Bill was emotionally moved to speak of “how thuggery and violence are used to resist psychic pain” and how “behind every act of violence, behind every racist projection, is a history of grievance and suffering.” He spoke of how easy it is to judge if we only look at others’ behavior, but if we look at the history, then it brings us into the picture.



Geneva panel with (from left) Richard Erskine, Julie Hay, Maria Teresa Tosi, and Allen Adler

Bill also asked how we address this history in dyadic clinical situations as well as in teaching and organizational work. Our impact is evident when we work with individuals in the therapy/counseling room, classroom, and/or companies, but our influence could be far greater if we intervene at an association or group level. He hypothesized that had we had other governments in power in recent decades, the world today would be different, cultures would not have


been destroyed, many migrants would not be migrating. He ended with a heartfelt "We must DO something."

Particularly moving was Bill's personal thanks to Sylvie Monin, a PTSTA (C) from Geneva, who worked tirelessly as conference organizer to ensure the smooth running of this wonderful event. She also received deep appreciation from Krispijn Plettenberg on behalf of EATA and a

most deserved standing ovation. For conference participants, Sylvie's attention to detail meant everything seemed perfect, and what was in some ways a necessarily disturbing theme was, for the delegates, contained in a professional atmosphere with space, comfort, and time to talk.

So as we remember the extraordinary 2016 EATA conference in Geneva, we look forward to the 2017 World TA Conference in Berlin with the theme of "Boundaries: A Place to Meet, to Develop, to Define Identity." We hope to see many of you there.

Reference

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BOUNDARIES – A PLACE ... TO MEET ... TO DEVELOP ... TO DEFINE IDENTITY

World Conference for Transactional Analysis
Berlin | Technical University TU

July 27th – 29th 2017

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TA Conferences

2-4 September 2016:

Coimbatore, India.

South Asian Association of Transactional Analysts Conference. Contact:

www.saata.org

24-27 November 2016:

Auckland, New Zealand.

ANZTAA Conference. Contact:

<https://nztaa.org.nz/index.php?page=conference2016>

4-11 February 2017:

Port Antonio, Jamaica. USATAA Twentieth Winter Gathering.

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Leilani Mitchell (center) receives her EATA Silver Medal from EATA President Krispijn Plettenberg and conference organizer Sylvie Monin

Leilani Mitchell Honored with EATA Silver Medal

by Krispijn Plettenberg, EATA President

Crossing borders, promoting inclusivity, making transactional analysis visible for anyone who is interested—it is not often that awarding someone with the EATA Silver Medal for outstanding service to TA and our community coincides so closely with the zeitgeist (and this year's conference theme: "Identity, Integration, and Boundaries"). So it was with pride that the EATA Executive Committee awarded Leilani Mitchell, TSTA (P), of the United Kingdom, with the Silver Medal for her extensive work over the past years.

As a TA student, Leilani already made a point of going across borders, doing her CTA and TSTA exams and her TEW in different countries. Later, she volunteered to be the UK delegate for 4 years on the EATA Council. There, her passion to make TA visible took shape. It was her initiative in Bilbao in 2011 to start a communications committee in the EATA Council. A new website was launched, EATA became active on social media, and Leilani produced videos with members from all over Europe explaining TA, what it meant for them personally, and the benefits of TA for all four fields.

Back home, Leilani founded committees in the UKATA (which she chaired from 2012-2015) for safeguarding and diversity and social responsibility. One of her most visible international and inclusive initiatives was TA Tuesdays, where people all over the world can join a video conference conversation with a guest on various TA topics. (Available [here](#))

It is not just those initiatives that make Leilani's contributions so successful. Her enthusiasm, optimism, sense of justice, and use of a mix of old and new technologies are the key ingredients in how she gets things done. Her recent focus on work for refugees is proof of that. With a group of over 50 TA practitioners, she offers short-term support to volunteers working with refugees. She also raises funds and collects goods to send to refugees from her refugee donation warehouse.

Promoting and developing transactional analysis and constantly working on OK-OK relations between very different people resulted in Leilani being chosen as this year's Silver Medal recipient. But we hope her efforts do not stop here and that there will be much more to look for from her in the future!

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A Second Life for Our TA Books



Sally Cuénin

At the 2016 EATA Conference in Geneva, Sally Cuénin of Switzerland organized a wonderful effort to share TA books. There was an area where books were displayed along with this message: "A few retired members would

like to offer some of their TA books, which were precious to them and have inspired them. Have a look and take those that appeal to you! For each book, a symbolic contribution of one franc (or more) for the benefit of ASAT-SR [the French-language Swiss TA Association] would be appreciated." We think that is a wonderful idea and share it here in the hope that others will do the same at future conferences.

Webinar Considers Body-Level Experience in Psychotherapy

by Bill Cornell

For the first 2 weeks of February 2016, my book *Somatic Experience in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy* was the subject of an international webinar sponsored by the International Association for Relational Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy (IARPP). I was invited by the IARPP to lead a closed webinar in response to growing interest in learning how to work more directly with body-level experience in psychoanalytic and psychodynamic psychotherapies. Participants, covering a broad range of analytic perspectives, were from every continent and culture (social and professional)—including some active, vocal transactional analysts.

I was fortunate that Eyal Rozmarin, whose writings I knew from the journal *Studies in Gender and Sexuality*, agreed to be the moderator for the webinar. Eyal, an IARPP member, had moderated several IARPP colloquia and has had a long-standing interest in the sexual, gender, and cultural aspects of psychoanalysis, so I was confident he would bring an important voice to the discussion. It is the moderator's job to offer reflections on the themes emerging in the webinar and to maintain the focus of the discussions. Webinar participants

agree to confidentiality so as to ensure an environment for interchanges that are both open to the group and contained privately.

Routledge generously agreed to have two chapters of my book distributed for free to the webinar participants. I chose Chapters 1 and 6, each of which includes detailed case examples, in the hope of focusing the webinar on clinical decisions about when, how, and if to directly intervene at somatic, nonverbal levels. I was particularly interested in introducing the relational analysts to Reich's character theory.

As might be expected, issues regarding touch in psychoanalysis and psychotherapy came quickly to the foreground. As these issues and concerns emerged, I wrote this:

This area [touch] remains seriously underdeveloped in psychoanalytic approaches, from the perspective of a somatically trained therapist. It is my hope that our webinar will open a fuller discussion of the functions, potentials, and risks of touch in psychodynamic psychotherapies. Not all somatically oriented therapists use touch as part of their working style. Many do, and when



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they do, their choices are not intuitive or spontaneous. The therapeutic intention of touch, from a somatic perspective, is to inform client and therapist alike about nonverbal aspects of psychic organization, to bring sensate experience more into conscious experience, to facilitate the bridging of sub-symbolic realms into verbal domains, and to support an evolution of personal, bodily agency.

People entered the conversation from a variety of perspectives. I emphasized that touch was not a casual or intuitive intervention but one that required a significant amount of specialized training. I was delighted to then see the serious and reflective ways in which participants took up this discussion. The attitude of curiosity and reflection pervaded the whole webinar.

I was particularly satisfied by the interchanges regarding how Reich's character theory differs, expands, and challenges the assumptions of the relational models of psychoanalysis and psychotherapy. In the midst of this part of the group's discussion, I offered this comment:

Reich's therapeutic approach would now definitely be seen as a "one-person" model. The irony is that his whole conceptualization of the formation of character defenses was grounded in the relational—the impact of the familial, social, and political environments on the vitality and freedom of the individual. He addressed these issues forcefully in his political writing and work, but it didn't translate into the therapeutic environment.

Contemporary models of somatic psychotherapy definitely have "relational" orientations, sometimes too much for my taste. There is something I think very distinctive and important in character analytic models that supplements relational approaches. Reich's theory of character involved two deeply interwoven threads: bodily and interpersonal (relational). The interpersonal defenses managed the human environment so as to minimize the chances of relational intensities that could threaten to overwhelm one. The somatic defenses Reich saw as

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the internal environment—managing intrapsychic conflict. I think the systematic attention to intrapsychic conflict can get lost when we hold the center of our therapeutic attention and action to what is going on (or not) in the analytic relationship.

Once again, there were thoughtful reflections among the participants. So, too, as we inevitably moved into discussions of eros, erotic transferences, and sexuality. I then wrote:

It is the sad state of affairs for many adults that the only real touch they receive is in the sexual realm, so it's not surprising that clients (or therapists) may have a lot of confusion about what somatic excitement means. I routinely inquire about peoples' sexual histories and satisfactions at the beginning of the work. I need to know the history—which is also another important factor in being able to differentiate sexual from erotic elements within the therapeutic relationship. I want my clients to know they can speak about sexual matters over the course of our work. I speak directly and matter-of-factly about sexuality. There are very few clients for whom sexuality is not part of our work. Of course, this is another avenue for keeping the experience of the body in the

therapy room and the therapeutic process. ... Adult sexuality is complex—tender, comforting, loving, arousing, frightening, other-centered at moments, profoundly selfish at others, aggressive, playful, transgressive, giving, taking, noisy, quiet.

As the webinar conversations unfolded, there were several opportunities to bring in transactional analysis and Berne. About midway through the webinar, several participants were sharing their struggles with when and why to do (or not do) what, especially with regard to bringing attention to the body. I asked one of the participants if I could quote one of her comments for this article. She wrote:

My struggle is how to bring this bodily awareness, sensitivity, and play into my work. I feel a relatively free range of motion verbally, and I want to learn how to bring that feeling of a wide range of motion into my work as I incorporate the body. I came up professionally in the era of abstinence, nondisclosure, turning it back onto the patient. I am loosening this but how to train/educate myself, find my way into this wider arena of possibility. Thoughts???? How are others finding their way?

I replied:

As I read your interchanges here (and some of the others in the emails), I find myself thinking about Eric Berne and Wilma Bucci. Berne made the distinction between the different levels of the psyche in which trouble, trauma, and defenses are organized and carried: social,

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Keith Tudor, TSTA, a professor of psychotherapy at Auckland University of Technology in New Zealand, where he heads the

School of Public Health and Psychosocial Studies in the Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences, is passionate about aggregating transactional analysts who are academicians in higher education with the goal of promoting collaboration for research on TA applications in universities. He and Gregor Žvelc are seeking to establish a global network of transactional analysts who are employed in universities. This is a much needed venture to promote the prestige and standing of transactional analysts in universities. Those who would like to be part of this global network can contact Keith at keith.tudor@aut.ac.nz and/or Gregor Žvelc at gregor.zvelc@guest.arnes.si.

As Keith prepares for his inaugural professorial lecture series later this month, we wish him all success in his mission to promote transactional analysis in and beyond academia. (His lecture series can be found [here](#)) 📍

New Postal Address for the ITAA

Effective 1 June, the new postal address for the ITAA is
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Mail to the old address will continue to be forwarded until 1 August.



Karol Cavero writes that the TA training/formation group at the Instituto Psicológico de Desarrollo y Autorrealización (which she directs) in Lima, Peru, used their meeting in mid May to celebrate Eric Berne's birthday.

First row from left: Giovanna Ramos, Nella Bonilla, and Yovanna Chulla; second row from left: Tania Mera, Luz Encalada, Clara Diaz, figure of Eric Berne, Karol Cavero, Lizeth Ricaldi, and Gloria Chávez; and third row from left: Liz Chávez, Fernando Alarcón, Marolyn Aguilar, Eric Lozada, Paul Isla, Jorge Fierro, Marisel Casorla, Rocio Auqui, Ana Karina Montes, and Mariela Vicuña.

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psychological, or body-level (which Berne called tissue-level damage). These different levels of organization require different levels and modes of intervention. It takes time to recognize the level of trouble and defense. In Berne's thinking, when a person's defenses are located primarily within the conscious, social realm, verbal therapy is usually sufficient—there is already a reasonably intact and functional connectedness between mind and body, cognition and sensation, etc. At the second level of disturbance and defense, the transference

aspects of the therapeutic encounter and relationship will be crucial. At the third or tissue level, some means of accessing bodily experience will be necessary.

I was impressed (and relieved) that the interchanges during the webinar were remarkably free of competitive or combative posturing. There was no "mine is better than yours" but a serious curiosity about differing perspectives. I was deeply appreciative of the amount of volunteer time that IARPP members devoted to managing the webinar. It was a privilege to be a part of this level of professional interchange. 📍

ICTA Conference Focuses on “Work & Life Integration”

by K. A. Sebastian

It is with immense pleasure that I offer this report about the 43rd National Conference on Transactional Analysis held in Kochi, India, from 25–29 May 2016. It was held in conjunction with the anniversary of ICTA, which was founded in 1973 by George Kandathil, a Jesuit priest who began teaching transactional analysis in India in 1971 after becoming certified by ITAA. One of his trainers, Muriel James, laid the foundation stone for the ICTA, and today there are two building complexes where about 60 people can stay during residential TA training. We have three training classrooms, an office staff, and two Jesuit priests (who reside at ICTA) who conduct regular counseling and training. Our understanding is that this is the largest residential TA training facility in the world.

For the 2016 conference, participants came from five states in India, including New Delhi, Mumbai, Puna, Chennai, and Bangalore. There were 2 days of preconference presentations in four tracks: a TA

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ICTA meetings (and TA advanced training groups) begin with the ICTA anthem, a song based on a poem written by the great Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore and translated into the vernacular (Malayalam) by Fr. Kandathil. (From left): V V Stephen, General Convenor; Thresiamma John, ICTA Secretary; K. A. Sebastian, ICTA President; Justice Abraham Mathew, Chief Guest; Fr. Ephrem, SJ, Director Shanthigram; and Prakash C. Chandy

basic course, a comparative study of hypnotherapy and TA, theater skills and body work, and work-life integration, the last of which was also the conference theme. All received excellent feedback. Then, on the evening of the second day, the conference was formally inaugurated by the Honorable Justice Mr. Abraham Mathew of Kerala High Court. He is well versed in transactional analysis, and his inaugural address was interesting and enjoyable.

The first day of the conference began with a keynote speech by ITAA President C. Suriyaprasanth entitled “Life Is Beautiful: Are You Ready to Embrace It?” This was an excellent opportunity for participants to hear about the historical origins of work-life integration, and because he is a professor of management, Suriya was able to beautifully articulate the relevance of the conference theme for today’s world.



ICTA Conference participants on last day of 2016 conference

The second day opened with a keynote by Mr. V. P. Nandakumar, CEO and MD of Manappuram Group of Companies, which has a pan India presence with more than 3000 offices. It was an elegant speech that touched on the theme and the role of TA. His organization has initiated steps toward work-life integration, and he has committed to introducing TA for that purpose.

As usual, there were institutes around four tracks on all 3 days of the conference, with presenters including Dr. C. Suriyaprakash, TSTA, on "Ethics and Ethical Dilemmas"; Dr. Susan George, TSTA, on "Enjoying Life and Work Too"; Dr. C. J. John, psychiatrist, on "Saving Marriages in

Crisis"; Dr. Manoj, MD, on "Psychosomatic Diseases"; and Fr. Wilson Mulackal, SJ, on "Family Counseling." Other presenters included Dr. Muthiah Ramanathan, Dr. Krishna Murthy, Dr. Trupthi Jain, Dr. Manjula, Dr. V. V. John, and others.

On the evening of the second day, there was a cultural event and a boat trip to enjoy the beauty of Cochin. On another evening, the ICTA general body met. Finally, on the last evening participants said good-bye "until we meet again next year in Mumbai." We are thankful to everyone who participated and presented and to the ITAA for its cooperation. 



South Asian Transactional Analysis Conference

**2-4 September 2016
Coimbatore, India**

**IBOC Examinations:
31 August - 1 September 2016**

The annual ITAA Board of Trustees meeting and annual general meetings of the ITAA and the SAATA will occur in conjunction with the conference.

**For more information, visit
www.saata.org**



Suriyaprakash giving keynote address at ICTA Conference

Executive Committee Votes to Postpone Sending Ballots for European Regional Representative

The ITAA bylaws state that ballots for positions on the ITAA Board of Trustees are to be sent out within 60 days of closing nominations. The ITAA Executive Committee voted unanimously to extend this date from July 30 to no later than 15 October 2016 for the position of regional representative of European countries. This extension gives the board enough time to look into an official complaint that was brought to its attention, consider the basis of the complaint more fully, and make a determination. At the same time, because the latest the ballots will be collected is from 15 October through 15 December 2016, the vote will still be closed and counted before the new regional representative begins his or her term on 1 January 2017.

Dhaka Meetings and Exams Moved to Coimbatore

Based on safety concerns, the decision was made to relocate the 2016 SAATA conference planned for Dhaka, Bangladesh, to Coimbatore, India. The ITAA Board of Trustees will meet from 30-31 August at Vivanta by Taj Surya Coimbatore. The conference, exams, and ITAA annual general membership meeting (AGM) will be at the Hotel Park Plaza. The exams will be held 31 August and 1 September, and the AGM will be held on 2 August. A call for examiners went out on 13 July 2016, and we hope many of you will volunteer to help examine. For more information about the Coimbatore conference, visit saata.org.

New ITAA Research Award Established

The ITAA has long wanted to strengthen the emphasis on research within the international transactional analysis community. We do not have the funding to offer research grants but considered other ways we might encourage research. As a result, we are excited to announce that at the 2015 conference in Sydney, the board of trustees (BOT) approved setting up

a new ITAA Research Award to acknowledge and celebrate research in transactional analysis.

This award will not compete with the Eric Berne Memorial Award (EBMA) but seek to complement it in various ways. Unlike the EBMA, it will be open to anyone, not just members of the ITAA, and can be awarded to an individual or a team of researchers. Nominated work will also not be required to show the development and establishment of new theory but

ITAA Profit and Loss
January - December 2015

Income	Actual
Membership Dues	130,522.00
Contributions.....	3,089.00
SAGE/TAJ	29,289.00
Royalty	2,002.00
Product Sales.....	610.00
SGF/EBF Admin Income	2,000.00
Total Income	\$167,512.00
Expenses	
Outside Personnel.....	28,624.00
Taxes and Licenses	2,945.00
Legal	2,085.00
Operations	1,044.00
Web Development.....	7,745.00
Office Costs	6,720.00
Ballot Election.....	404.00
Board Expense.....	14,266.00
Awards Expense	593.00
Insurance	2,789.00
TAJ	59,906.00
Script	25,865.00
Staff Expense	110.00
Credit Card/Bank Fees Expense	8,034.00
Total Expenses	\$161,130.00
PROFIT	\$6,382.00

may focus on the effectiveness of current theory and practice. Research will be the necessary focus rather than simply an option.

The committee that will be working to establish the guidelines for this new award includes: Mark Widdowson, Biljana van Rijn, Susan George, Roland Johnsson, Anne de Graaf, and Enrico Benelli, with Diane Salters (VP Research and Innovation) as chairperson.

The aim is to have the criteria and guidelines ready for the BOT to approve in Coimbatore at the end of August. Once that is done, Diane will stand down as chair to ensure the independence of the award committee from the BOT.

The remaining committee members will choose their own chairperson and, if need be, invite other individuals to join as needed.

Anyone wishing to make suggestions about the guidelines for this award should send comments to Diane Salters before 21 August 2016 at disalters15@gmail.com.

Announcing a New TAJ Theme Issue

“Social Responsibility in a Vengeful World”

With the world in turmoil, in a new era of globalization, with an overwhelming sweep of migration and displaced families, with rising violence, wars, racism, intolerance, and fear of the other and difference, how do we as transactional analysts act in a socially responsible way? How do we encourage mutual respect in the face of growing anxiety, uncertainty, and insecurity and in the midst of multiple frames of reference? How do we facilitate integration of rejected minorities? How do we help individuals, groups, and communities to build their identities and find their bearings?

We invite practitioners in all four fields of application to take up this challenging and disturbing theme and to write about how these new times affect your thinking and your work as a transactional analyst. Please consult the submission guidelines [here](#) and send your contributions by 1 May 2017 to TAJ Managing Editor Robin Fryer at robinfryer@aol.com.

Coeditors Bill Cornell (wfcornell@gmail.com)
and Sylvie Monin (sylvie.monin@bluewin.ch)

New Editorial Board Members Sought

The *Transactional Analysis Journal* coeditors are looking for new members of the editorial board for the term 2017-2019. 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 robinfryer@aol.com by 1 October.

TAJ Theme Issues

“Gender, Sexuality, & Identity”

Coeditors: Brad McLean and
Bill Cornell
Deadline: 1 January 2017

“Social Responsibility in a Vengeful World”

Coeditors: Bill Cornell and
Sylvie Monin
Deadline: 1 May 2017

Please follow the submission requirements posted [here](#). Email manuscripts to TAJ Managing Editor Robin Fryer, MSW, at robinfryer@aol.com.

EXAM CALENDAR

Exam Date	Exam	Cert. Body	Location	Application Deadline
31 Aug-1 Sept 2016	CTA	BOC	Coimbatore, India	31 May 2016
10-11 Nov 2016	CTA	COC	Koln-Rösrath, Germany	*
10-11 Nov 2016	CTA	COC	Montpellier, France	*
24 Nov 2016	CTA	IBOC	Auckland, New Zealand	24 Aug 2016
9-10 Nov 2017	CTA	COC	Koln-Rösrath, Germany	*
31 Aug-1 Sep 2016	TSTA	IBOC	Coimbatore, India	1 Mar 2016
10-11 Nov 2016	TSTA	COC	Koln-Rösrath, Germany	10 May 2016
10-11 Nov 2016	TSTA	COC	Montpellier, France	10 May 2016
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