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2019 ITAA Service Awards to Sylvie Monin and Bill Cornell

We are pleased to announce that the ITAA will be awarding two Service Awards for 2019, one to Sylvie Monin and the other to Bill Cornell. The awards will be presented during the upcoming conference in Raleigh, North Carolina, USA. The following are edited excerpts from the statements submitted by each honoree's nominators followed by comments from Sylvie and Bill themselves.

Sylvie Monin, TSTA-C, is being recognized for her tireless work on behalf of facilitating better understanding and cooperation between the ITAA and EATA, for her efforts to gain appreciation and support for the *Transactional Analysis Journal* within EATA, and for her work to gain recognition for the place of counseling as a professional field within transactional analysis.

For many years, Sylvie has been an active member of both EATA and the ITAA. Five years ago she guest edited the groundbreaking special issue of the *TAJ* on "The Many Faces of Counseling," and the following year she became a coeditor of the *Journal*. Since then she has been an active voice in the evolution of the *TAJ*.



Bill Cornell, TSTA-P, has performed extraordinary services to the ITAA over decades, and the vastness of his contributions makes him a more than fitting recipient of this award.

Early on Bill was involved in long-range planning for the ITAA and served as a member of the ITAA Board of Trustees (1984-1991). He has an extraordinary way of using his service as a means of challenging the ITAA to remain an open, viable, and dynamic organization. For him, transactional analysis is not just a construct but a live organism constituted by the worldwide community of transactional analysts.

As editor of *The Script* from 1998-2009, Bill inspired and increased lively interchange in the newsletter. His editor's



Sylvie Monin

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Over that same period, Sylvie served on EATA's Executive Council. In July 2010, she began in a shadow position, and then in 2011 she became a member of the EATA Ethics Committee. The members of that group worked on the new ethics code and guidelines, which came into effect in 2012. That year, Sylvie was elected by the council as vice president. One of her responsibilities was the (new) task of bursary administrator. Sylvie also chaired and coordinated the 2016 EATA Conference in Geneva with the theme "Identity, Integration, Boundaries."

Through her position on the EATA Council, Sylvie worked relentlessly to build cooperation between EATA and the ITAA. She has been in a unique position because of her active involvement in both associations, and she has used it to serve as a bridge between the two. She had a

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pivotal voice in the decisions within EATA to financially support the publication of the *Transactional Analysis Journal* and to explore ways that EATA members might have more direct access to the *TAJ* in the future.

Sylvie's work within and on behalf of the ITAA these past 5 years emphatically meets the award's purpose to recognize an ITAA member who has "made a significant contribution to the advancement of the association and to its development as an organization that promotes transactional analysis internationally."

Nomination signed by William F. Cornell, Jo Stuthridge, Diana Deaconu, Helen Rowland, and Krispijn Plettenberg

When Sylvie learned of her award, she wrote, "Being a member of both the ITAA and EATA and being involved in both the *TAJ* team and EATA Council and Executive Committee has provided me with an invaluable sense of belonging. I'm so proud to be part of our TA community! It has been deeply stimulating, enlightening, and satisfying—even though at times also infuriating and frustrating—to engage in its further development and growth with international colleagues, with a vision and dream of ITAA and EATA becoming closer and perhaps forming a worldwide TA association. I am delighted to see the promising first steps toward such a collaborative future. I also am proud and deeply touched to receive this nomination

at the same time as Bill Cornell. His vitality, fierceness, ongoing trust and support, and deep engagement in the field of counseling have been an inspiration and in profound ways helped me to find strength and pride in my identity as a counselor. I have felt a drive to have the counseling field better recognized within the TA community, particularly in Europe where this specialization is still little known or acknowledged. The help of Bill and others has been an inspiration and provided me with the stimulation and courage to step out of my comfort zone and to open up to the wider world. I am deeply grateful for this award and extend my thanks to everyone who made it happen."

Bill Cornell

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columns were always interesting and stimulating, and the debates between various authors were thought provoking.

Honored with the EBMA in 2010, Bill has contributed enormously to the theory and practice of transactional analysis from, for example, his revolutionary ideas on script in 1988 to the integration of the body process with TA to the elaboration of contemporary TA methods in recent years to his most recent exposition on TA and other theories in his most recent books: *At the Interface of Transactional Analysis, Psychoanalysis and Body Psychotherapy* and *Self-examination in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy: Countertransference and Subjectivity in Clinical Practice*.

Bill has kept us aware of larger socio-political concerns and responsibilities both in the way he has lived his life and in his clear and robust statements, including his keynote speech at the 2006 Istanbul Con-

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ference, his *Script* editorials, many of his *TAJ* articles, and his teaching. He has been a constant presence at ITAA and other TA conferences over the years, showing his commitment to the worldwide TA community and the theory and practice of TA. For many years, Bill has also promoted TA and increased ITAA membership throughout the world, traveling to teach in Romania, Switzerland, Belgium, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, and New Zealand, to name but a few. He has made an invaluable and unique contribution to the development of many transactional analysts worldwide through his writing, training, and supervision, and he has supported local TA communities to grow and gradually engage more actively with other TA communities around the world.

Bill introduces and integrates into his work new thinking from contemporary psychoanalysis, body psychotherapy, gender studies, and beyond. He seeks to engage and challenge the TA community to continue to evaluate and evolve TA theory. In this way, he contributes to keeping TA relevant and progressive so it will remain a useful and meaningful theory well into the future. He has published widely across disciplines, always citing TA as his home theory, and in so doing has been an extraordinary ambassador for transactional analysis. At the same time, in both his writing and teaching, Bill always has an open, interested attitude. He does not present TA as the “best theory” or proclaim his own views to be superior. Rather, he consistently encourages the development and critique of transactional analysis theory.

Even though many of us know about some of Bill’s activities in the TA

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community and within the ITAA, few are aware of how much work he does behind the scenes. For example, it is not unusual for ITAA members to ask Bill in confidence for support in dealing with difficult situations, viewing him as a safe, nonjudgmental person who respects confidentiality, is supportive, and at the same time offers whatever help and advice he can to help resolve challenges. On another front, Bill has generously supported the Eric Berne Archives project with his participation and a large donation.

As one of the coeditors of the *Transactional Analysis Journal* from 2003 through 2018 (and now as a consulting editor) and as editor and coeditor of several TA books, Bill has helped countless authors achieve publication and spent endless hours helping authors for whom English is not their first language. He also assumed responsibility for ferrying the *TAJ* into a safe harbor after challenging times, leading difficult and complex negotiations with some of the world’s most prestigious journal publishers until finally arriving at an agreement with Sage Publications that resulted in positive financial benefits for the ITAA and excellent dissemination of the *Journal* on a worldwide scale. More recently, he once again led the way to an even better contract with Routledge/Taylor & Francis that includes a book deal for a series of TA books

(for which he will be the series editor). Finally, Bill has been key in discussions regarding EATA and the ITAA working more closely together, particularly in relation to the *Transactional Analysis Journal*.

Signed Charlotte Daellenbach, Diana Deaconu, Laurie Hawkes, Ann Heathcote, Marco Mazzetti, Edward Novak, Helen Rowland, Charlotte Sills, and Jo Stuthridge

On hearing about his award, Bill wrote to his nominators: “The ITAA has been my professional home since 1972. It has been a gathering of colleagues who have been a vital base for my independence on many levels. Few professional associations genuinely support independent thinking, but in the ITAA it has been nourished, enjoyed, and, as this award attests, celebrated. Those activities outlined so eloquently in the nominating statement are my ways of expressing my gratitude for what the ITAA and all of you have given me and my valuing of what we have to offer. This award comes at a time when I see the beginnings, both robust and fragile, of the ITAA and EATA working together in new ways. I cannot tell you how much this means to me and that you recognize this particular effort in nominating me and also as recognized in the other 2019 ITAA Service Award to Sylvie Monin. Thank you all!” 📧

Note: A video of the conversation between Bill Cornell and Laurie Hawkes that was the basis for the interview published in the February *Script* is now available online [here](#) .

New Membership Directory Underway: Make Sure You're Included!

by Diane Salters and Deepak Dhananjaya

As reported in December issue of *The Script*, the ITAA is building an online membership directory. We originally hoped that this would be open to anyone accessing the ITAA website. We now need to report that it will be open only to members and will be accessed through the members-only section of our website in 2019. This is based on legal advice that because the ITAA is organized as a US publicly supported charitable organization, we need to avoid the appearance of advertising or promotion of individuals as a professional association. We will, in the future, be looking at other options. In the meantime, we hope that this directory will serve as a useful way for our members to learn more about each other and as a means to facilitate contact between them.

Transactional analysis has spread worldwide, and interaction and communication will only become more international in the future. The ITAA is dedicated to promoting understanding and awareness of transactional analysis. We hope to foster the exchange of our members' views on TA resources, training, and ITAA services. We believe that the ITAA can facilitate the concerns and interests of TA practitioners/trainers/members from around the globe and, in the process, contribute to the growth of healthy individuals and societies.

The ITAA website already offers a list of TA associations around the world (<https://www.itaaworld.org/ta-associations>), but the new membership

directory will offer more direct information about individual members in all four fields of TA application.

A pilot registration has been launched, and in the first 2 weeks of December, 25 members completed their online registrations. If you want to be included in this directory, please sign up now. The procedure is simple: Access the registration page for the Google form at <https://goo.gl/umw6Cc> and enter your information regarding the 18 items listed. The URL can also be found on the ITAA homepage (<https://www.itaaworld.org>) in the "News and Announcements" section. This form is independent of the ITAA website, so you do not need to log in with your ID and password.

Once you are at the form, enter your name, membership level, contact information, field of specialization(s), certification, country, language, and a portrait, if you wish. Some items are required and others are not, so you can choose which to fill in. You are responsible for providing only the information you are willing to make publicly available.

There are some points to note: The ITAA will update the list every 3 months beginning in 2019, so please be patient while your information is uploaded. This is a members-only benefit, but the ITAA will not check information you supply for accuracy or completeness. You may supply and upload information only about yourself and your own membership. If we discover information that has

been uploaded to the directory is inaccurate, fraudulent, or misleading, we will require that it be amended or deleted. A member's failure to abide by the published rules of the ITAA, including its bylaws and Code of Ethical Behavior, may result in the member being prohibited from participating in the online directory, among other things.

The ITAA does not recommend or endorse any ITAA member for professional services. Commercial use of the ITAA online membership directory is specifically prohibited. Because the membership list is technically a corporate asset under California Corporations Code §6338 (a), without the consent of the board of trustees, the membership list may not be:

1. Used to solicit money or property
2. Used for any purpose that the user does not reasonably and in good faith believe will benefit the ITAA
3. Used for any commercial purpose or purpose in competition with the ITAA
4. Sold to or purchased by any person

Your use of and participation in the ITAA online membership directory signifies your consent to and acceptance of these rules.

Izumi Kadomoto, who started this process, has stepped down as vice president development, and Deepak Dhananjaya has taken up the role. We thank Izumi for her hard work and commitment to this project.

If you have any difficulties in registration, please feel free to contact Deepak Dhananjaya at deepak.dhananjaya@gmail.com .

Election for European Representative to the ITAA Board

The ballots for the election of the European representative to the ITAA Board of Trustees will be sent out around 15 March 2019. The deadline for return is 1 May 2019 by 5 pm PST. Only ITAA members from Europe are eligible to vote in this election. Ballots will be sent by email to those European members with consent to electronic transmissions forms on file, and postal ballots will be sent to the rest. If you are an ITAA member in Europe, please vote in this important election. If you have any questions, please contact ITAA Secretary Sumithra Sharatkumar at sumithrask@gmail.com .



New Partnership Agreement Between the ITAA and SAATA

by Susan George and Elana Leigh

Many members of the international TA community have visited the South Asia region, particularly India, and supported our development personally and professionally. This support has led to tremendous growth in the region. It became clear that we were ready to create a regional association that would attend to the particular professional and training needs of the region, so

in December 2006, the South Asian Association of Transactional Analysts (SAATA) was formed.

Over the last 4 decades, the South Asian region has played an active role in the ITAA. We have cohosted many successful conferences, hosted international trainers, and been actively involved on the ITAA Board of Trustees (BOT). With this background, SAATA was enthusiastic when discussions in the Partnership Organization Project were initiated in 2010 by John Heath. We had hoped to be one of the first partnership organizations, but this was not to be because of some national administrative issues.

We are pleased to say that these obstacles are no longer in our way, and we are now happy to be partners in this journey of fulfilling the mission and vision of the ITAA:

to promote awareness and understanding of transactional analysis, a psychology of human behavior, communication, and problem solving designed to enhance the life of individuals, groups, organizations, and communities, and to carry on other charitable and educational activities associated with this goal.

Today, SAATA is an international, nonprofit professional organization engaged in promoting global standards in transactional analysis practice, training, and certification by providing a platform for learning, research, and networking within the region and beyond. Currently, there are about 300 members, primarily from India and Bangladesh (with some previous and likely future members from the Middle East). One of the missions of SAATA is to synthesize Eastern philosophy and

Transactional Analysis Workshop: Exam Preparation and Supervision

Auckland, Aotearoa New Zealand
30 May to 2 June 2019

With Jan Grant, TSTA (C, E), Anne Tucker, TSTA (O),
and Keith Tudor, TSTA (P)

This workshop will cater to people training in any of the four fields of TA application and will provide supervision for all levels of exam preparation, including: starting and writing the CTA written exam, preparing for the CTA oral exam, preparing for the TEW, and preparing for the TSTA exams.

The precise programme of the workshop will be cocreated by the facilitators and the participants in order to cater to individual supervision needs. It will include supervision and teaching in the large group as well as in small groups, writing, and time for reflection.

COSTS: NZ\$985 residential; NZ\$940 nonresidential;
early-bird (before 29 March) NZ\$900


For further details about workshop, venue, and booking see:
<http://www.tatraining.co.nz/courses/ta-exam-workshop-auckland> .

culture into TA theory, training, and practice and to develop training and exam processes and a professional code of ethics that are relevant to the regional social, political, cultural, economic, and market conditions. Among SAATA's activities are annual multilevel learning events, conferences, workshops with regional and international presenters, a quarterly newsletter, and a biannual journal. For details about

these and other activities, please visit the SAATA website at www.saata.org.

SAATA and the ITAA look forward to working more closely by exchanging information through sharing of each other's newsletters and having SAATA formally represent its views and needs to the ITAA. In this way SAATA will be able to provide input that may influence ITAA's planning in a mutually beneficial way. This

is a true representation and goal of ITAA's mission and vision.

We invite you to visit [the project website](#) to learn more about SAATA and this partnership. 

Susan George is SAATA President; she can be reached at susangeorges1@gmail.com. Elana Leigh is ITAA President Elect; she can be reached at threech@bigpond.net.au.

Welcome to New Members

JULY 2018

Marina Balazev, Serbia
Ching-Mei Chen, Taiwan
Daniela Fiket, Slovenia
Groeikracht Geuze, Netherlands
Jean Paul Heusdens, Singapore
Elayne Lussenberg, Netherlands
Sushma M. R., India
Robert Neubert, USA
Veena Paul, India
Smita Potty, India
Emily Rowcliffe, UK
Chaithanya Vannarath, India

AUGUST 2018

Sai Kumar Chandran, India
Margarita Gralia Pulido, Mexico
Su-hyun Hong, Korea
Val Leveson, New Zealand
Hyeryoung Oh, Korea
Asha Okafor, Kenya
Jason Platts, Canada
Srichandana Pothireddy, India
Antoinette van Reekum, Netherlands
Fredric Suresh, Canada

SEPTEMBER 2018

Lin Cheung, UK
Ruth Cloherty, UK
Carole Gamble, UK
William Gomes, UK
Kyung Sun Kang, Korea
Meenakshi Kirtane, India
Guruprasad Krishnan, India
Sadhana Mishra, India
Matthias Muller-Mellin, Germany
Igor Parfenoff, France
Nienke Platenburg, Netherlands

Jessica Roosenburg, Netherlands
Sabine-Inken Schmidt, Germany
Bhavani Shankar, India
Olivier Sprangers, Netherlands
Sandra Stafuza Fernandez, Mexico
Sue Wong, UK
Alex Wright, UK

OCTOBER 2018

Michela Carmignani, Italy
Monika Cox, Netherlands
Remco de Ket, New Zealand
Jan Hill, UK
Nobutaka Hirabayashi, Japan
Dawei lv, China
Emilie Joubert, UK
Petrina Mousley, UK
Jermund Norberg, New Zealand
Lucy Power, UK
CD Prince, Ireland
Nisha Rao, India
Rowena Rheinberg, UK
Lenka Rochford, New Zealand
Celia Saunders, UK
IMT Vrenken, Netherlands
Sandra Wilson, UK

NOVEMBER 2018

Maida Beso, Bosnia & Herzegovina
Gadi Breier, Israel
Titus Bürgisser, Switzerland
Rob Conley, UK
Nada Cukalovic, Serbia
Gill Davies, UK
Laura Douglas, UK
Victoria Heemstra, USA
Wendy Huisman, Netherlands
Tanja Kernland, Switzerland
Marc Leenders, Netherlands
Janet Mair, UK
Mirjana Mamic, Bosnia & Herzegovina
Jennifer Merton, New Zealand
Arthur Ozoigbo, Nigeria

Deborah Piggott, UK
Mahmoud Sadeghi, Canada
Sara Sanders, UK
Chizu Tanaka, Japan
Sanja Topic, Bosnia & Herzegovina
Louise Tull, UK
Vicky Vaughan, UK
Leslie Wang, UK

DECEMBER 2018

Adiriano Anibaldi, Italy
Helen Ashworth, UK
Jelly Bijlsma, Netherlands
Olena Bogovarova, Ukraine
Danilo Bojovic, Serbia
Sladjana Cvjetkovic, Bosnia & Herzegovina
Tomoko Fujisato, Japan
Begonya Garcia, UK
Paul George, India
Shyamala Gopinath, UK
Dennis Griffin, USA
Miek Hehenkamp, Netherlands
Lisa Reilly, UK
Claire Stringer, UK
Anna Sukhanova, Russia
Vanja Tešanovic, Bosnia & Herzegovina
Dominique Vaquie Quazza, France

JANUARY 2019

Rawhia Abdel Aal, Egypt
Maggie Amin, UK
Joanne Brown, UK
Robin Crapper, Canada
Sophie Gidley, UK
Jelena Jovin, Serbia
Wiebke Köhn, Germany
Sandra Marschall-Hunger, Switzerland
Daniela Pasare, Romania
Ella Paolillo, Italy
Milana Poznic (Jesic), Seychelles
Maarten Putz, Netherlands
Zarina Sevalneva, Ukraine
Kaname Toyoda, Japan



“Promoting Equality and OKness: Healing the Divisions in Our World”

Cosponsored by the Southeast Institute, USATAA, and the ITAA

31 July–3 August | Raleigh, North Carolina, USA

www.usataa.org/conference/

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Mark your calendars for the exciting, distinctive upcoming conference on “Equality and OKness: Healing Divisions in Our World” from 31 July to 3 August 2019 at the Marriott Hotel in beautiful Raleigh, North Carolina! Last year in June I traveled through North Carolina, and I can tell you first hand that it is indeed a beautiful, historic location, with much to see and do. If you have an extra day or two, the Smokey Mountains’ Blue Ridge Parkway and Trail of Tears are well worth your time for their lush beauty and historical importance.

Please join with USATAA, ITAA, and the Southeast Institute for Group and Family Therapy (SEI) to celebrate 50 years of excellence in training in psychotherapy and social change at SEI.

We are delighted to present a diverse scientific program of engaging, knowledgeable keynote speakers and workshops, including such notable presenters as Steve Karpman, Gloria Noriega, Richard Erskine, Bill Cornell, and Sari van Poelje. You will find details about these presenters as well as our three keynote speakers—Graham Barnes, Valerie Batts, and Rokelle Lerner—in upcoming *Scripts* and on the conference website at <https://www.usataa.org/conference/>.

This conference will feature a uniquely inspiring, progressive, social-action-oriented TA 101 presented by a small, diverse group of certified TSTA instructors: Valerie Batts, Felipe Garcia, Graham Barnes, and Vann Joines. This special course presents TA core concepts and philosophical principles as they can be applied to social and cultural changes, equity, diversity, and inclusiveness. In recent historical moments, we are keenly aware of the relevance and usefulness of sociocultural applications in transactional analysis core theory and principles.

Valerie Batts and Felipe Garcia each received the 2018 Robert and Mary Goulding Social Justice Award for their

multilevel social justice initiatives for racial and gender equality, peace, and cultural awareness as well as their significant theoretical contributions. As founder of SEI in 1969 as the Fellowship for Racial and Economic Equality, Graham Barnes’s contributions include a study of the emergence of three schools of TA and script theory applications to white racism. Vann Joines received the Eric Berne Memorial Award for integration of TA with other theories. He remains a proponent of the Southeast Institute’s work for racial, economic, and social equity as a director and psychologist for over 40 years, including nurturing the conference’s thematic integration of social action with quality scientific programming and his cofacilitation of the TA 101 course for cultural and social change.

To further demonstrate these principles, plans are in the works for this 101 course to be presented as a quality online video training, available free and accessible to people at a distance through USATAA.

Please join us in Raleigh—I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones there!

Janice Dowson, TSTA-P
Raleigh Conference Program Cochair

Conference Updates & Announcements

Change of Date: Ellyn Bader and Peter Pearson will present “Lies, Deception, Passive-Aggressive Behavior, Unrelenting Hostility: Stimulating Change With Tough Couples Problems” as a preconference institute on Wednesday 31 July from 9am–5pm. Previously, it was scheduled as a postconference institute.

Early Bird Registration: Register now to secure your early-bird discount, which ends 30 April.

My Prayer for Yoshitaka Moronaga

by Yoshinobu Kitamura

I have been thinking deeply about Yoshitaka Moronaga, who “brought me up” in transactional analysis. He passed away on 31 January 2019 at the age of 95.

Mr. Moronaga had been engaged in transactional analysis since it was introduced into Japan. He studied

how TA was applied in order to develop Japanese organizations, leadership, and communication, and as an ITAA TSTA-O, he contributed to the development of Japanese TA by teaching new generations. He also served as a bridge between the ITAA and the Japanese TA communities by serving on the ITAA Board of Trustees and as an exam coordinator for the Japanese region.

I was taught by Mr. Moronaga for over 20 years, beginning in 1997. He taught me how to analyze and solve company problems and issues courteously, focusing on and respecting participants’ potential and abilities. He celebrated learning from experience, working hard to understand the essence of participants’ issues. He also taught me how important it is to read original texts, not just later ones. And he was a living example of speaking briefly and only using important words. I thank him for what he gave me, which serves as my foundation as a TA practitioner/trainer.



Yoshitaka Moronaga

I cannot say how much I learned from Mr. Moronaga at our monthly supervision sessions at his house. He always fulfilled his commitments with love and respect, even though I was only half his age. Through those precious hours, I came to understand what TA was really about.

Now I pray that his soul will rest in peace. 🙏

Yoshinobu Kitamura can be reached at yoshi-kita@nifty.com.

TAJ Theme Issues

“Normativity, Marginality, and Deviance”

Coeditors: Diana Deaconu and Helen Rowland
Deadline: 1 November 2019

“Concepts of Cure”

Editor: Helen Rowland
Deadline: 1 May 2020

“What Went Wrong and Why? Cathexis Theory and Reparenting Reexamined”

Coeditors: William F. Cornell and Diana Deaconu
Deadline: 1 November 2020

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

Email manuscripts to TAJ Managing Editor Robin Fryer, MSW, at robinfryer@aol.com.

Singapore and Australia TA Associations Joint Conference

by Jessica Leong and Tony White

The largest-ever TA conference to take place in Singapore saw the past, present, and future of TA converge in this bustling multicultural hub in Southeast Asia. The milestone gathering held on 23–24 November 2018 was themed “Honouring Our Traditions, Shaping Our Future” and was significant on numerous counts. Co-organized by the TA Association of Singapore and the Australian TA Association, the conference stayed true to its intent of ushering TA into the future while staying rooted to its rich history. An array of TA heavyweights, “next generation” thought leaders, and helping professionals from a variety of backgrounds keen to hone their TA insights came together for a shared learning journey. All together, 218 delegates attended, a serendipitous and auspicious reflection of the “Dog” year in which the conference was held. While most of the attendees were Singaporean, there was a notable contingent of TA practitioners from other countries—including Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, India, and Ukraine—adding to the cultural richness of the occasion.

Keynote presentations by Keith Tudor (New Zealand) and Mark Widowson (United Kingdom), both renowned for their invaluable contributions to TA’s contemporary body of thought/evidence, set a high bar at the beginning of the conference. Keith, respectfully drawing on the Maori heritage of his adopted homeland, eloquently and movingly described the harmonious blending of TA’s traditions and its future through its integrative evolution. Mark made an impassioned case for TA’s clinical potency and the need for academic rigor/research. He offered practical ideas on how TA could be more compellingly communicated to a new audience in the 21st century. Both speakers are prolific contributors to authoritative publications who have helped to crystallize the rich tradition of TA and in doing so have given compelling clarity to contemporary TA practice for future generations.



With a delicious chocolate cake and a rousing rendition of “Happy Birthday” at the start of the conference, the delegates commemorated the 30th anniversary of the TA Association of Singapore (from left: Tony White and Jessica Leong).

In keeping with the intergenerational spirit of its theme, the opening session of the conference also featured a panel of three up-and-coming TA thought leaders from Singapore: Cheryl Leong (TAP), Grace Lam (CTA), and Joel Chua (TAP). They offered their perspectives on how various social, economic, and digital forces might shape the not-too-distant future of TA. The panel discussion, titled “TA v2.018 and Beyond,” was moderated by Jessica Leong (TSTA), President of the TA Association of Singapore. “Upon our shoulders, a new generation of TA practitioners have risen. They will continue

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Workshop participants in Beijing in December 2018 with Maria Teresa Tosi (seated, fourth from left) and Professor Tian Bao (seated, third from left)

Maria Teresa (Resi) Tosi, PhD, TSTA-P, former EATA President and TEW coordinator-elect, was invited by Professor Tian Bao to run a 4-day workshop from 8-11 December 2018 in Beijing at the Capital Normal University Psychology College. The workshop's title was "The Lived and Narrated Script: An Ongoing Narrative Construction," and the topics included Bernean script theory and contemporary authors' developments of that concept; the narrative vision of script; narrative methodologies; and basic concepts of social cognitive transactional analysis.

There were 35 participants from diverse professional fields and with different levels of expertise who came from all parts of China. One participant, Zhou Sili, is one of the two Certified Transactional Analysts in China, trained by Thomas Ohlsson. Resi writes, "My experience in China was wonderful, and I confirmed again the importance and privilege of being connected with an international community of transactional analysts. The workshop participants were lively, curious, and deeply involved in the learning pro-

cess. I feel enriched by that relational process and honored to have had the opportunity to promote TA basic philosophy and concepts in an exciting new context. The cultural differences that emerged in the workshop were nourishment for everyone and a stimulus to developing an internal and interpersonal dialogue that enlarged our personal boundaries. I appreciated the interest of Professor Tian Bao in the research work on ego states put forward by the Italian team from the Lab for Research on the Self and Identity (LaRSI) in Rome, and I hope for future collaboration with Tian Bao's team. Scientific research is crucial for further development of TA.

I want to thank Tian Bao and to recognize how important his work has been for promoting transactional analysis in China for many years. He is inviting many TSTAs who are spreading TA knowledge. I also want to thank Zhao Yajuan for her careful organization of the event; my excellent translator, Jamie, a Chinese psychologist who is studying for her doctorate in Houston, Texas; and Leedia, a psychologist who was

a lovely guide for me. I wish Professor Tian Bao all the best as he continues with his pioneering work."

Sari van Poelje writes to share the exciting news that an English version of the Dutch *TA Magazine* has been published containing English translations of some of the magazine's most popular articles. Among them are the following: "Autonomy in Education" by Giles Barrow; "Autonomy Is Also Dependency" by Lieuwe Koopmans; "The Vital, Vulnerable, and Social Self," an interview with Richard Erskine; "How Much Self Exists Between Culture and Family Script," an interview with Gloria Noriega; "An Indian View on Self," an interview with Chitra Ravi; "Self in Development," an interview with Helena Hargaden; "Violence in Institutional Care" by Sonja Billmann; "Trauma Informed Parenting" by Mica Douglas; "Power and Powerlessness in Organizations" by Sandra Wilson; and "How TA Enriches Talent Spotting" by Betty Lutke Schipholt. To access the *TA Magazine* English edition, sign in at <https://www.professioneelbegeleiden.nl/tamagazine>.



As usual, the Ecole d'AT-Paris or EAT (Paris school of TA–psychotherapy) resumed the school year in the fall of 2018 with their back-to-school event. Shown are the members of the Séminaire d'Exploration des Motivations (SEM), who, over 2½ days, explored their reasons for wanting to become TA therapists. This year, everyone passed, so these are the happy faces of the people who will be continuing in the training (along with a few of the EAT trainers).

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to push the frontiers of TA as they carry Dr. Eric Berne's TA torch into the 21st century. Today, we have three TA practitioners representing a new era, who have come in to take a lead role as our panelists. We are excited just being here with them," said Jessica Leong and Tony White, the respective presidents of the TA Association of Singapore and the Australian TA Association.

Over 2 packed days, delegates were able to choose from 20 different workshops covering a rich array of TA approaches to perennial clinical topics such as depression, anxiety, and suicide. Also addressed were various family and social dynamics, emotional scripts in couples therapy, a cocreative approach to supervision, LGBTQI+ issues, spirituality, script formation and identification, and organizational and leadership applications of TA.

From the buzz and enthusiasm that flowed between the young and young-at-heart during the many discussions and workshops, it might appear that TA's best years lie ahead—in a future shaped in some small way by the inter-generational gathering of TA practitioners that took place in Singapore in 2018.

Exam Supervisor Needed for Raleigh Exams:

The IBOC urgently needs someone to serve as exam supervisor for 30-31 July 2019 TSTA/CTA exams in Raleigh, North Carolina. The job involves organizing the boards and being in contact with the candidates. You must be a TSTA in any field, be experienced as an examiner and chair of exam boards, and preferably have had prior experience as an exam supervisor. If you are interested/willing, please contact Thorsten Geck at iboc-manager@use.startmail.com.



Gloria Noriega with participants of a workshop she did in Lima, Peru, from 19-22 July 2018 on the function of the unconscious in the family tree and its influence on the choice of couple and other relationships



Vann Joines with participants in an advanced TA training workshop in Shenzhen, China, on 22-25 November 2018.

Vann Joines with participants from a one-week workshop on "Mastering Redecision Therapy" in Waikanae, New Zealand from 5-10 November 2018



Four new Certified Transactional Analysts from the Ecole d'Analyse Transactionnelle de Paris - Ile de France (from left): Ana Evangelista, Christine Maurice, Karine Danan, and Michael Baralle