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## Online Exams a Big Success

by Sue Eusden and Jacqueline van Gent



New TSTAs: (upper row, left to right) Susie Hewitt, Nataliya Yehonska-Spencer, Marian Timmermans; (second row, left to right) Cholena Mountain, Annie Cariapa, Barbara Repinc Zupancic, Emma Haynes; (third row, left to right) Dina Kononova, Tess Elliott, Elly Voorend; (bottom row, left to right) Blanka Cepická, Katerina Bulhakova

**I**t has been a busy year for the International Board of Certification (IBOC). We have run four sets of exams online in 2021. In January, 16 people passed their Certified Transactional Analyst (CTA) exams, and in March seven certified to CTA. In May, five mock Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst (TSTA) exams were run to inform best practice for the full exams planned for September. At each set of exams, we learned more about how best to deliver this shift from on-site to online exams, and we are committed to continue to learn and improve to make the best experience for candidates, examiners, and our TA certification process.

Between 9-11 September, the IBOC ran both CTA and TSTA exams online. This was a large examining event involving 24 candidates, 64 CTA and TSTA examiners, and 27 people who volunteered to be part of audiences of supervisees in the TSTA exams plus exam supervisors and staff. In this article, we will share the outcomes for the candidates and recognize the work of everyone involved. Then we will take a few weeks, and a break, to reflect on the exams at a metalevel and prepare a brief report for the next issue of *The Script* with more information and reflections on the 3 days.

## Congratulations to New CTAs and TSTAs

**On Thursday 9 September, 9 transactional analysts passed their CTA exams:**

Sarmishta Mani, CTA (P), India  
 John Evans, CTA (P), New Zealand  
 Anisha Pandya, CTA (E), India  
 Komal Narang, CTA (C), India



*New CTAs: (upper row, left to right) Jane Scott, Jennifer Finney, Sarmishta Mani; (middle row, left to right) Tatyana Suntsova, John Evans, Anisha Pandya; (bottom row, left to right) Debi Davidson, Komal Narang, Anoushka Beazley*

Tatyana Suntsova, CTA (P), Kazakhstan  
 Debi Davidson, CTA (P), UK  
 Jennifer Finney, CTA (P), UK  
 Anoushka Beazley, CTA (P), UK  
 Jane Scott, CTA (P), UK

Cholena Mountain, STA (P), UK  
 Emma Haynes, TSTA (P), UK  
 Tess Elliott, TSTA (P), UK  
 Marian Timmermans, TSTA (O), Netherlands  
 Susie Hewitt, TSTA (P), UK

**Between 9-11 September, 13 transactional analysts were certified to various awards/certifications, including theory exam/TTA/STA/TSTA:**

Takayuki Muroki, (P), Japan (passed his Theory, Organization, and Ethics exam)  
 Dina Kononova, TTA (P), Russia  
 Blanka Cepická, TTA (P), Czech Republic  
 Katerina Bulhakova, TTA (P), Ukraine  
 Annie Cariapa, STA (P), India  
 Elly Voorend, STA (C), Netherlands  
 Barbara Repinc Zupancic, STA (P), Slovenia  
 Nataliya Yehonska-Spencer, STA (P), Ukraine

We congratulate all of these individuals wholeheartedly and wish them every success as they celebrate and go forward to integrate their latest professional achievement.

## Thank You

There were many people whose involvement in these exams made them possible. We thank everyone and recognize their contribution to these important first, online, full TA exams.

**Translators:** Some of the most central and underrecognized people in the exams are the translators. We thank all the translators who enabled us all to understand each other across language differences. We appreciate that they are really

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working for us all, not just the person who employed them.

**Exam team:** This consisted of four core people who supported us and contributed to the smooth running of the three days. Thanks to Deepak Dhananjaya, Caroline Donovan, Cathy McQuaid, and Mayke Wagner-Frobese.

**CTA examiners who worked so well to make the CTA exams possible:** Danijela Budisa Ubovic, John Savage, Alina Comendant, Mandy Atkinson, Seema Pradhan, Keiko Hoshino, Haseena Abdulla, Miek Hehenkamp, Mirjam te Slaa, Tin Vanderhoeven, Koenraad Bosschaerts, Traian Bossenmayer, Raguraman K, Prathitha Gangadharan, Satoshi Miyagi, Beatrijis Dijkman, Alistair Berlin, Alice Timmermans, Sabine-Inken Schmidt, Karen Lam, Graeme Summers, Grace Lam, Barbara Monk-Steel, Marion Umney, Janice Dowson, Tatiana Sizikova, Deepak Dhananjaya, and Maja Delibašić. Trudi Newton and Julie Hay were process facilitators.

**TSTA examiners, who took on multiple roles and worked to create different TSTA exams over 3 days:** Karen Pratt, Giles Barrow, Annie Rogers, Julie Hay, Suriyaprakash C, Tomoko Abe, Chie Shigeta, Sailaja Manacha, Chitra Ravi, Evelyne Papaux, Harry Gerth, Marion Umney, Trudi Newton, Michele D'Errico, Lin Cheung, Charlotte Sills, Cathy McQuaid, Izumi Kadomoto, Enid Welford, Marina Rajan Joseph, Piet van Haaster, Sashi Chandran, Moniek Thunnissen, Vladimir Goussakovski, Tatiana Sizikova, Sabine Blumenstein, Anette Dielmann, Susan George, Ragini Rao, Mandy Lacy, Linda Gregory, Jo Stuthridge, Steff Oates, Barbara Monk-Steel, Anne Tucker, Linda Hoeben, Jan Grant, and Marina Banic.

**Volunteers who gave their time as audience members and supervisors for the TSTA exams on Friday and Saturday:**

Danijela Budisa Ubovic, John Savage, Seema Pradhan, Keiko Hoshino, Haseena Abdulla, Miek Hehenkamp, Mirjam te Slaa, Tin Vanderhoeven, Koenraad Bosschaerts, Traian Bossenmayer, Raguraman K, Prathitha Gangadharan, Alistair Berlin, Rosario Chavez, Marguerite Sacco, Sheila Halliday, Aruna Gopakumar, Kathy Johnston, Elina Belyayeva, Maja Stepanovic, Nada Cukalovic, Monique Janssen, Karen Lam, Maja

Delibašić, Grace Lam, and Nicky Worrall.

Next year we will run CTA and TSTA exams online on 25-26 March and 23-24 September. The deadline for the March Training Endorsement Workshop (TEW) is now passed, but there will be another TEW next year on 4-6 November 2022. Please see the website for further details about how to apply.

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Jacqueline van Gent



Sue Eusden

## Special Appreciation to Sue and Jacqueline

We who participated in the September online IBOC exams as candidates want to express our deepest thanks and appreciation to

Sue Eusden and Jacqueline van Gent not only for their incredible, immense work in setting up and running the exams but also for the care and understanding they showed to each of us. Here are just three representative comments:

Jacqueline and Sue have been absolute rock stars!! Rocks because they, as a team, held the whole process of online exams with such strength and openness and stars because their warmth and kindness shone through so beautifully. Deepak and Caroline, and all who supported the exams—big thank you to all!

I so appreciate Jacqueline and Sue (and Deepak and Caroline) for making these exams happen, despite the many obstacles, and for making them such a nourishing, rewarding, and developmental experience. Their care, boundaries, structure, and groundedness made this one of the best educational experiences of my life.

Sue and Jacqueline have consistently been organized, supportive, and compassionate in their handling of the exam process. As candidates, we appreciate the hours of work they put in before the actual exams. I love the way they both retained their sense of humor throughout. Finally, the celebrations online were creative and validating of the candidates. Well done to both Sue and Jacqueline as well as Deepak and Caroline!

## Transactional Analysis Proficiency Awards for Teachers and Educators in Guatemala

by Piotr Jusik

### How Does TA Fit Into Guatemala?

TA is spreading across the world and finding its way to Guatemala, a diverse country with over 20 Mayan languages spoken and stunning nature, featuring tropical rainforests, mountains, valleys, beaches, and more than 30 volcanoes. Despite these lush natural resources, some parts of Guatemala suffer from an insidious combination of systemic poverty, illiteracy, and striking inequality. The shadow of a brutal 36-year civil war that only ended in 1996 and left more than 200,000 dead still looms over the country and affects the lives of many organizations, including educational institutions.

As a humanistic psychology, TA is in a good position to offer some helpful ways of being, although there are some considerations. Ever since the Spanish conquest in the 1500s, and very much until today, the indigenous Maya people were marginalized, which contributed to their sense of internalized oppression. When putting forward TA as a method of psychological work in



*The TAPA program ends with a celebration ceremony in which participants obtain their diplomas, with Julie Hay attending via Zoom.*

this part of the world, it is vital to do so with cultural sensitivity and the awareness of the neocolonial flavor that may creep into the training process. Achieving this sensitivity can occur through careful and attuned dialogue that creates a lot of room for Guatemalans to interpret TA in their own way.

After all, TA is a system that evolved in occidental individualistic societies, which is in stark contrast to the Guatemalan one, apparently the most collectivistic society in the world. Leaning into the basic philosophy of OKness is a starting point before any of the clever artistry of TA starts to do its magic. People first, theory and practice second!

## International Cooperation

Last spring, the first group of 20 daring teachers in Guatemala successfully completed their Transactional Analysis Proficiency Awards (TAPA) in 40 hours of training. Interestingly, the process was coordinated from the United Kingdom by Julie Hay, delivered in Spanish by a Polish TA counseling practitioner (me), and assessed by a Brazilian organizational transactional analyst, Sergio Caballero. The organization participating in the scheme was Tejiendo Futuros (Weaving Futures) represented by Ingrid Villaseñor. Tejiendo Futuros is a cutting-edge nongovernmental organization that supports the local population through holistic educational projects, community development programs, and even a sustainability eco-farm venture.

## Program Delivery

The learning process based on the TAPA awards enabled teachers to acquire a basic understanding and application of several TA concepts, such as ego states, transactions, games, and script—all embedded in their educational practice in rural Guatemala in the department of Sololá. Each course participant had to create an individualized portfolio containing written work, pieces of art, and a set of recorded discussions about their chosen TA concepts.

The teachers developed their interpersonal skills through a series of interactive workshops, initially in person. Then, when COVID hit, the delivery successfully moved online, though not without teething problems, to be honest! The participants increased their capacity to support learners and families facing quite challenging circumstances. They are more acutely aware of the forces that determine the quality of their

## All drawings by Enrique Márquez



*Ego states interpreted as the inner movie, a chest of memories, and the people we internalized*



*A graphic illustration of TA's basic philosophy of human capacity for OKness, thinking, and change*


*Human hungers: recognition, stimulation, and structure*





Reflection on the learning process is crucial to consolidate the newly found resources. Piotr talks with program participants.

relationships with pupils and parents. The teachers gained psychological insight into their own motivation and now understand what is important to them in their educational practice. Through learning TA in an experiential way, they also became aware of their values and how these determine their way of working.

In a nutshell, Guatemalan teachers honed their educational practice, which supports them in promoting autonomy in the classroom and thus boosts children's emotional literacy. 

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## Members' Forum

Dear ITAA Members,

My name is Jason Brennan, and along with my fellow TA colleagues John Fleming, Eithna Coen, Juanita Husbands, Jacapo Pozzerlle, and Colm Grogan, I would like to announce that it is with great pleasure we share with you the formation of a new TA association: The Irish Association of Transactional Analysis (TIATA). TA has officially landed in Ireland!

Recently we created a constitution and applied to the companies registration of Ireland for TIATA to be recognized as an official association. We also reached out to a number of contacts we have in Ireland, which were a mix of individuals studying TA, TA professionals, and people interested in TA. We have now formed an executive committee to begin preparing for our official launch in the coming months and



to develop a strategy to inform the Island of Ireland that TIATA exists, promote TA and its applications, and explore what the various avenues are to pursue TA training. We have created a website ([www.tiata.ie](http://www.tiata.ie)) and a contact email ([hello@tiata.ie](mailto:hello@tiata.ie)). We hope to hold our first annual general membership meeting (AGM) before the end of this year.

Our main aim is to be a hub for people, groups, and organizations interested in TA in Ireland, to bring them together to learn and share TA, and to broaden the understanding and

application of TA in Ireland. We are looking forward to the support and guidance of the ITAA and, of course, other TA associations worldwide. If you would like to become an international supporting member of our organization, we would very much appreciate your support. You can apply on our website.

We are always open for support and contact and invite any and all ITAA members to reach out to us to help support the growth of TA in Ireland and to help us along the way. We also look forward to participating in future conferences and, indeed, to being able to host something ourselves in the distant future.

Until then, Céad míle fáilte (one hundred thousand warm welcomes) from the "emerald isle" of Ireland.

Kind regards,

TIATA Executive Committee 

## Eco TA Focus Group

by Diane Salters

Some time ago, the ITAA Social Engagement Committee (SEC) reported on the establishment of various focus groups to highlight issues that they had identified as important.

One was climate change. The more the focus group talked about that issue, the more we realized that we cannot simply look at climate change on its own. Important as it is, it is nonetheless a facet of so much other ecological devastation caused by human actions. Within the Earth's system, all these things are interconnected, and we need to take a more holistic perspective. As a result, we decided to rename this group the eco TA focus group.

From the beginning, we agreed that we would not be a group that tried to be an activist pressure group. There are many good ones around that people can engage with and contribute to. Our role is primarily to focus on our own TA institutions and community to build awareness and make changes that will bring us more into alignment with current ecological challenges and how people are affected by them.

Our first questions are around our own ethics statement and train-

ing guidelines. How much do they reflect the nature of the current ecological disasters and sense of urgency about them? How do we help our colleagues and their clients to find a sense of agency in the face of overwhelming threat to many species on the planet, including our own? What is it like to be a transactional analyst with the Earth in mind?

At the moment, the focus group consists of Sunita Saini (coordinator)

(India), Diane Salters (South Africa), Giles Barrow (UK), Hayley Marshal (UK), and Isabelle Delannoy (France/UK).

We welcome ideas from members about what they would like to see as part of our role. Also, if there is anyone who would like to work on this focus group, please contact Sunita at [sunita.saini@gmail.com](mailto:sunita.saini@gmail.com). Our aim is to build a representative (geographically) and diverse team. 📍

### Upcoming 8 November SEC Webinar on Climate Change

The next United Nations climate change summit is taking place in October and November 2021, and the world media stage is getting ready for this significant meeting. To connect this important time with our TA community, the ITAA Social Engagement Committee and its Eco TA Focus Group invite you to a timely webinar on Monday 8 November at 9am UTC.

As climate activist Greta Thunberg has said, "I want you to act as if the house is on fire, because it is." What does this mean for us as transactional analysts? How do we think of this ethically? How do we hold social responsibility for our planet at the heart of our work?

You will receive an email notification of the registration process nearer the time. It will also be on our social media platforms. We look forward to meeting up with as many of you as possible to share and discuss this deeply important topic.

Victoria Baskerville, SEC Chair, can be reached at [victoriabaskerville@icloud.com](mailto:victoriabaskerville@icloud.com).

# Culture and Cross-Cultural Therapy

by Elizabeth Bradshaw

**I**mtiaz Dharker, 65, was in line to be the first Asian, Muslim, or Pakistani person and second woman to become UK Poet Laureate in the position's 350-year-long history. She has written about religion, identity, culture, and feminism. Born in Lahore to conservative parents, she moved to Glasgow as a child and studied locally. On Desert Island Discs (BBC Radio 4) in 2015, Dharker said: "I am a Pakistani Scottish Calvinist Muslim, adopted by India and married into Wales . . . Don't try to put me in a box . . . I'm a cultural mongrel."

I was impacted by Imtiaz Dharker's comments about her cross-cultural background ascribed to her upbringing in several countries. Here was someone who truly understood cultural influence, who has adopted neither the victim nor the persecutor role in relation to the different cultures she experienced. Rather, she integrated them.

I also thought of how cultural differences can impact the therapeutic alliance and how transactional analysis has addressed this. Berne himself wrote:

The writer has had the privilege of visiting mental hospitals in about thirty dif-

ferent countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the islands of the Atlantic and Pacific, and has taken the opportunity of testing the principles of structural analysis in various racial and cultural settings. Their precision and predictive value have stood up rather well under particularly rigorous conditions requiring the services of interpreters to reach people of very exotic mentalities. (Berne, 1961, p. 11)

## Mazzetti and TA as a Cross-Cultural Instrument

Berne's theory, transactional analysis, is deeply rooted in neuroscience and is species specific rather than culture specific. Mazzetti (2011) explained how transactional analysis was intended to be a cross-cultural instrument. Berne's structural

analysis of Parent, Adult, and Child ego states provides a hypothesis for which neuroscience is now providing evidence. The need for a sense of agency and decision making present in all cultures is recognised in the contract, discussed and agreed between client and therapist (p. 191). The philosophical principle of OKness enables therapists to respect the cultural worldview of the client, and their own understanding of their



*Elizabeth Bradshaw with her dog Clova, named after a Scottish glen*



problems, causes and explanations for their circumstance.

Strokes are described by Berne as a human motivational system, common to all cultures. Mazzetti (2011), while working with refugees, noted that strokes helped people to restore a positive sense of personal identity. In referencing the script, Mazzetti explained that he had not met anyone, from any part of the world, who was “not able to tell the story of their life, its crucial turning points, to make sense out of it, and, if necessary, change it” (p. 195). Of physis, Mazzetti was explicit in his view that in the transcultural sphere, we can trust this force that drives people to grow, progress, and do better. For therapists, the issue is forming an alliance with it. Mazzetti recognized that TA has traditionally acknowledged ethical dimensions and human rights across the transcultural domain (p. 197).

## Universalism, Cultural Relativism, and Ethnocentrism

In conclusion, Mazzetti (2011) described the most challenging aspect of working in a context in which the therapist and client are from different cultural environments as that of finding a balance between universalism and cultural relativism. A universalistic attitude means to believe that all human beings are the same, and the way to understand and heal them must, obviously, be the same too. However, there is an implicit risk of ethnocentrism: In this case, “our” system (whoever “we” may be) appears as “the” system. On the other hand, a relativistic attitude can lead to a general legitimizing of cultural differences, including gender inequality and/or dangerous traditional habits (e.g., female genital mutilation). Fortu-

nately, TA seems to be universalistic enough to function in quite different cultural environments (p. 196).

## Victimization and Intergenerational Injunctions

The sense of victimization that Dharaker avoided by embracing her cultural background was highlighted by Hargaden (2021) in a blog in which she described her own sense of unbelonging, otherness, loss of agency, and role of victim. What impacted me was the recognition that each victim has within them a persecutor. In the cross-cultural dimension, the victim of forced migration and/or historical or current crises retains an image of the perpetrator (their persecutor) but, in turn, having left that scene, retains a role as victim and in turn persecutes the historical or current perpetrator or former persecutor. For different cultures, the victim/persecutor reenacts the intergenerational battles of their antecedents via the injunctions passed down through the generations.


## The Therapeutic Relationship

In the therapy room, working with a client from a different culture, being able to mirror the client’s sense of otherness, enables that person to bring into the space a sense of self that can be brought into few other contexts. In this interaction, both therapist and client are changed. The therapeutic relationship is central to the cross-cultural encounter—and the key is the availability of the therapist to be transformed inside the therapeutic relationship.

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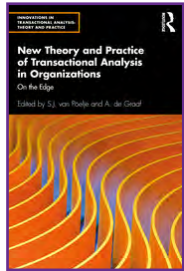
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## Keep Your Addresses Updated to Receive the 2021 TAJ Bound Volume

Remember to keep your address current in the ITAA database so you can receive the combined yearly, bound hard copy of the *Transactional Analysis Journal* if you are eligible based on your membership category. Even if your billing address remains the same, be sure to update any changes in your mailing address. Please check your account online and verify that all addresses shown are currently accurate. This will help us to make sure you receive your hard copy of the 2021 bound TAJ.

**Sari van Poelje and Anne de Graaf** have edited a new book titled *New Theory and Practice of Transactional Analysis in Organizations: On the Edge* (Routledge, 2022). The latest addition to the Innovations in Transactional Analysis book series edited by Bill Cornell and published by Routledge, it presents state-of-the-art thinking on using transactional analysis to change the structure, relationships, and culture in organizations. Van Poelje and de Graaf's book is arranged according to the three levels of organizations described by Eric Berne—structural, interpersonal, and psychodynamic—and expands on his concepts at each level. With contributions by an international range of authors, incorporating a selection of practical case studies, the book illuminates key themes, including group and team dynamics, psychological safety, emotion, and most foundationally, boundaries. Exploring the tensions of boundaries that can determine both the stability of a system as well as its innovative potential, the book provides a strong structural framework for TA coaches, consultants, and analysts as well as other professionals working with and within organizations. Available [here](#) for preorder to ship after 12 November. Watch upcoming *Scripts* for more on this addition to the Innovations series.



**Keith Tudor** has written a free-access e-book entitled *20/20 Vision, 2020*. In it he offers 20 papers that provide insight into his professional and personal life journey, how he structures his work, and how he thinks as an academic and a practitioner. The papers reflect Tudor's academic journey through the year and cover wide areas of his interests, including transactional analysis, psychotherapy training, literature, and reflections on academic work. The book also provides further understanding of TA through a review of changes in the field. The book can be downloaded [here](#).



Lieuwe Koopmans with translations of his book

**Lieuwe Koopmans's** book *This Is Me! Becoming Who You Are With Transactional Analysis* is now available in four languages: Dutch, English, Bulgarian, and Russian. The Russian translation is the tenth TA book published by Dmitry Kasyanov. In the book, Koopmans raises questions and gives practical examples and direction using TA to better understand complex psychological processes and to use as tools for personal and professional growth. He helps readers to look at how their past affects current behavior and to gain insight into their own reality and frame of reference. This is the basis on which the individuals can increase options for how to behave, treat themselves and others respectfully, and become autonomous human beings who can live in the here and now with love and awareness.

## TAJ Theme Issue

### “Ecological Transactional Analysis”

Coeditors: Giles Barrow, Hayley Marshall, and Sylvie Monin  
Deadline: 1 February 2022

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

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

## Get Your Online Conference Proposals Ready for Submission: The Deadline Is 15 November

The first online ITAA conference will be held 3-5 June 2022 on the theme of "Courage, Physis, and Resilience: Resources for a New Emerging World." It will run for 24 hours a day for those 3 days to cover all time zones. The scientific committee for the conference is choosing the appropriate platform through which you will be able to submit your proposals. We are keen to have a system that makes it easy for you to submit and ensures smooth running for the committee. You will receive the link for submitting proposals directly to your email address around 15 October. The link will also be in the November *Script* and posted on social media before then. Only the first 100 proposals will be reviewed, so start working on yours now so you can submit it as soon as the site is ready. We look forward to receiving yours!

*Alessandra Pierini, Cristina Caizzi, and Steff Oates*

## An Invitation to Become Active in Your Association

The ITAA Board of Trustees and its committees and task teams are involved in exciting initiatives, and we are constantly looking for new talent and energy to join us. You, the membership, are a crucial part of what we do! We have many different task teams and subcommittees, and

all of them can use input and energy from member volunteers.

So, please think about your areas of interest and talents and then let us know where your special abilities might be a terrific addition to our task team groups.

For example, the team organizing our first online conference is full of excitement and buzzing with activity. We need creative minds and enthusiasm to support us in making the conference a grand success!

If you would like to be more involved in the ITAA and play a larger role in the exciting things that are happening, please contact me, ITAA President Chitra Ravi at [chitra.seed@gmail.com](mailto:chitra.seed@gmail.com) or ITAA Administrator Susan Lockwood at [info@itaaworld.org](mailto:info@itaaworld.org).

We are eager to hear from you and to welcoming you deeper into the life of the association!

## Ethics Survey Coming

To all ITAA members: Very soon you will be invited by the ITAA Ethics Committee to participate in a short survey. As you have read in this newsletter, the ethics committee has started updating the Code of Conduct and the Complaint Procedure. Such a change can only succeed if the members of the ITAA fully participate in the thinking and decision-making process. The members of the ethics committee hope you will be willing to share with them your views on the proposed changes.

*Anne de Graaf and Jan Grant,  
ITAA Ethics Committee Cochairs*

## Award Nominations Sought

### *Eric Berne Memorial Award*

**Deadline:** 1 December 2021

Send EBMA nominations to committee chair Lis Heath at [lis.heath@gmail.com](mailto:lis.heath@gmail.com)

### *Hedges Capers Humanitarian Award ❖ Muriel James Living Principles Award ❖ ITAA Service Award ❖ Goulding Social Justice Award*

**Deadline:** 1 January 2022

Send nominations for the Capers, James, Goulding, and Service Awards to ITAA Secretary Rema K Giridhar at [rema.k.giridhar@gmail.com](mailto:rema.k.giridhar@gmail.com)

### *ITAA Research Award*

**Deadline:** 1 January 2021

Send nominations for the ITAA Research Award to committee member Rosanna Giacometto at [rgiacometto@gmail.com](mailto:rgiacometto@gmail.com)

See the ITAA website at [www.itaaworld.org/itaa-awards](http://www.itaaworld.org/itaa-awards) or contact the ITAA at [info@itaaworld.org](mailto:info@itaaworld.org) for details on making nominations for these awards.

## Wishing Fanita English a Very Happy 105th Birthday!

Fanita English will be turning 105 on 22 October 2021, and you are all invited to join her for a special



online open house, birthday party, and book launch on 23 October starting at 2 pm PST (21:00 UTC). For an invitation to the Zoom party, please contact Fanita's son-in-law Wayne Herkness at [herkness@gmail.com](mailto:herkness@gmail.com).

The book is Fanita's

biography, as written by and told to Sigrid Röhl. Originally published in German, it has been updated and expanded and will soon come out in English. Sigrid and Fanita will introduce the book, explain how to obtain paper and digital copies, and offer a reading from its vivid pages. There will also be time for conversation and cheering Fanita as she blows out the candles on her latest chocolate birthday cake! The winner of two Eric Berne Awards and the first ITAA Lifetime Achievement Award, Fanita continues to serve as an inspiration to so many in the TA community, so we hope you will join in celebrating her online. Those who are unable to attend may also wish to send her their greetings on her Facebook page. Watch *The Script* for further details about Fanita's biography, and for more about her life and work, visit the website created for her by Joachim Karnath at <http://www.fanita-english.com/>.

## We Want to Hear From You!

Due to the pandemic and other events over the past 18 months, we have had a great deal of unusual but important material to publish in *The Script*. As a result, there has not been room for the Keeping In Touch section of newsletter. We are now likely to have space again for that kind of news, so we encourage you to send us your short write-ups and photos about what you are up to: workshops, seminars, new books, local TA community events, webinars, and so on. Please send text in emails or as Word documents and photos as jpg or tiff images to *Script* Managing Editor Robin Fryer at [robinfryer@aol.com](mailto:robinfryer@aol.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

**Bill Cornell** recently published an article in the 6-21 issue of the journal *ROOM: A Sketchbook for Analytic Action*. Titled "Word, Voice, Body," Bill writes about how the experience through online communications (i.e., Zoom, Skype, etc.) during the pandemic have stripped "away so many of the domains of experience, the multiple facets of incarnate conversation." He reflects on the work of Vietnamese-American poet and author Ocean Vuong and an interview in which Vuong spoke about the nature of literature and language. Vuong's words reflected Bill's experience with his clients during COVID lockdown: "In psychoanalysis and psychotherapy at its best, our words convey a voice—a deeply personal voice, a voice that both listens and speaks from one's own body to the body of another, to land in the body of another, to take residence, to come more alive, to awaken, to challenge, to cherish

one another." The article is available online at <http://www.analytic-room.com/essays/word-voice-body-by-william-cornell/>

**Dmitry Kasyanov** has continued to donate a portion of the royalties for the book *TA in Business* by Kare Kristiansen and Pia Bylund, which was published in Russian by Meta-noia Publishing (directed by Dmitry). The three donations made in the last few years are in accordance with the will of the authors' heirs. Our thanks to them and to Dmitry for honoring Kare and Pia in this way.

## Welcome, New Members

### JULY 2021

Ashkan Anbarzadeh, Iran  
Samhita Arni, India  
Narmadha Arulselvam, India  
Eric Bittar, France  
Zorica Colic, Serbia  
Padma Gayetri V, India  
Nathalie Gispen, Netherlands  
Sven Golob, Germany  
Erwin Lopez Rei, Dominican Republic  
Stephen McLaughlin, United Kingdom  
Mahalakshmi Navin, India  
Joshua Okunlola, United Kingdom  
Emma Parsons, United Kingdom  
Nathan Place, United Kingdom  
Mircea Radu, Romania  
Kat Seiple, United States  
Tracey Séva, France  
Larissa Tyutenkova, Kazakhstan  
Sumedh Yadav, India

### AUGUST 2021

Navinder Barya, India  
Alexandra-Simona Maftai, Romania  
Louise Moss, United Kingdom  
Uma Saravanan, India  
Pratheepa Sivakumar, India  
Lut Slembrouck, Belgium  
Jeanette Wygoda, Germany  
Yujia Zhang, China  
Taeko Sasayama, Japan