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Life – Let’s Play: The Spirit of Leela Blossoms at India Conference

by Suchitra Ramkumar

The 2012 ITAA-SAATA Conference was a great learning experience. Preparing for it entailed much coordination and planning by a team of volunteers from Poornam, the hosts, supported by the members of SAATA and the ITAA. Organizing any event is like riding a rough road full of potholes. Sometimes we arrive at the destination

arrived at the venue on opening day full of good cheer and enthusiasm.

August is a sweaty and humid month in Chennai, but the days of the conference were blessed with salubrious weather. The much-awaited rains arrived and the weather cooled down. Chennai, as a city, is 373 years old this year and has a rich cultural history. Conference participants were given a glimpse of this at Kalakshetra, where we witnessed folk dances from all over India and the classical dance form of Bharatanatyam. The audience was enthralled by the grace and rhythm of the dancers. Even for those of us from Chennai, watching performances at Kalakshetra is a great treat! The morning support groups on Friday and Saturday, which offered chanting and yoga, were also planned to give participants a flavor of Indian practices that can energize.

The structure of the conference included keynote speakers on all three days followed by presentations and symposia. In all we had about 40 workshops and presentations. The preconference TA 101 provided an opportunity to be introduced to transactional analysis, and four day-long institutes were held the day after the conference in order to provide more in-depth exploration.



Suchitra welcomes participants on the first day of the Chennai conference

with a sigh of relief and looking forward to a good rest as the speakers talk on, sometimes we arrive with energies still intact to explore the destination. I can honestly say on behalf of the volunteers for this conference that we all



Chennai conference organizers and volunteers celebrate their success (from left): Front row: Suyarekha, Sumitra, Pavana, Sujatha, Renuka, Jayashree, and Shweta. Second row: Suriya, Ramya, Ramakrishnan, Suryakumar, Susan, Radha, Meena, Anandh, and Rama. Standing: Suchitra, Murali, Jayanthi, Pavitra, Sunandini, Babu, Lakshmi, Sreanand, Vijay, Nishant, Sarfaraz, Ravichandran, and Mohan.

The keynote speakers were remarkable as much for their humility and authenticity as for their erudition. The richness and depth of the intellectual menu offered in the workshops was mind boggling. Here was an experienced teacher and practitioner, here was an insightful thera-

pist, here was anticipation of experiential learning, here was a good speaker, here was a person with a new idea, here was a blend of transactional analysis with other learning—participants wanted to be in many places at the same time, which was clear from the many scratches on the sheets put up to register for the workshops! The conference was a great validation of the vibrancy of the transactional analysis community around the world and especially in South India.

gratulated the Eric Berne Memorial Award winners, Marco Mazzetti and Rosa Krausz. And we had a lovely introduction to the 2013 ITAA International Conference in Osaka, Japan.

The seeds that Eric Berne planted have grown and flourished into shady and fruit-bearing trees with flowers of variegated hues around the world. As we come to the end of our Chennai experience, we relish the fact that the journey continues! 🍀

Suchitra Ramkumar served as cochair of the scientific program committee for the Chennai conference and put together the conference program. She is a doctor who has taught for many years and is in training as a counselor. Suchitra is also the recipient of the first SAATA Diploma in Transactional Analysis. Email her at suchitra.ramkumar1@gmail.com.

The over 330 participants ranged from students and trainees in psychology, transactional analysis, and allied fields to experienced practitioners to people who were being introduced to TA for the first time. Everyone found something to satisfy his or her learning wishes. That was amazing!

We also heard about the remarkable Eric Berne Archives project and con-

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Reflections on Some of the Chennai Presentations

by Radha and Team (Radha, Jayashree, Anandh, Nishant, and Rama)

The following offers a few thoughts about some of the speeches and workshops we attended during the Chennai conference in August 2012. We have tried to capture the lovely and cherished aspects of the conference in the best possible way: as a team. We thank the transactional analysis community for giving us this wonderful opportunity.

one that is in its place, one in his head, and one in his gut. Every word came from his heart and went right through to the heart of the audience. He seemed to have built a foundation with all the mistakes he has ever made and constructed a lovely structure above it that will not shake but instead sway beautifully, like a tree that is rooted well.

process in supervision to bring about a breakthrough at a stuck point in therapy. This provides a better understanding of and way to be with the client, and a supervisor can also use this model to work with the therapist.



Marco Mazzetti thanks those who helped him along the way to his EBMA

Beginning with **Marco Mazetti** and his keynote speech on the first day of the conference, titled “Our Mistakes and Our Life: Let’s Play,” we feel that he has three hearts:



Presenter Cecelia Waldekrantz Piselli (right) and Script Editor Laurie Hawkes in Indian dress

Cecelia Waldekrantz Piselli’s workshop on “Let’s Play with Our Bodies in Supervision” was a wonderful model for using transference and countertransference in supervision. It highlighted the value of using bodily reactions and gestalt



Bill Cornell presenting in Chennai

Bill Cornell’s “Play at Your Own Risk” considered many risks faced by therapists during the work as well as how therapists can become aware of them and move ahead with ease even during times of uncertainty. As therapists, we visit the deeper and unknown areas of ourselves along with our clients, areas that we may not have visited before. This can become a point of fear or stuck-

ness, but the therapist can tread these areas while still being in full contact with the client by being aware of intrapsychic processes and by just being in the present moment.



Servaas van Beekum giving his keynote address

The keynote speech by **Servaas van Beekum** on “Let’s Play with the Unconscious” was a dive into the deep ocean of the unconscious. He provided a visual display of how we can see our unconscious as a whole with so many contents and how each one of the parts can be explored to the deepest levels so that we can become more and more available to ourselves.

The clinical symposium on “Let’s Play,” chaired by **Sue Eusden**, had a totally different structure and flow to it. In the morning, four panelists—Bill Cornell, Shyam Bhat, Marco Mazetti, and Chitra Ravi—talked about the cultural aspects that they have faced in their work and how therapy can be different due to these cultural differences. The important thing is to be sensitive to and aware of these cultural differences. Sue Eusden brought up the salient aspects of relational transactional analysis during the afternoon session and highlighted the central-



Clinical symposium panelists (from left): Sue Eusden (chair), Shyam Bhat, Bill Cornell, Marco Mazzetti, and Chitra Ravi

ity of relationship in therapy, the importance of engaging with the client, and the uncertainty and curiosity in the process. It was an experiential and interactive symposium and a treasure for us to keep.

within him about this topic and how years of working with this model has helped him to work with clients effectively and also to become the person he is.



Shyam Bhat presenting his model of Integral Self Therapy

The third day’s keynote speaker was **Shyam Bhat**, who talked on “Neither This, Nor That: An Introduction to Integral Self Therapy.” IST is the model he developed to bring together his life experiences and learning from both the East and the West. He and his presentation exemplified the clarity and integrity



Theo van der Heijden uses a diagram to illustrate a point in his workshop

Theo van der Heijden’s workshop on “Third-Order Symbiosis” presented a simple, easy way to understand our own symbiotic behavior and to become aware of this process overall. Once we are aware, we can acknowledge and work from awareness and, at the same time, use the process to enhance relationships.

Special Election Results

As of the deadline for return of ballots on 16 August, the membership vote on the extension of John Heath's presidency yielded 135 votes (a quorum): 134 for and 1 withheld. This election was held because the call for nominations for the position of president-elect (which appeared in each *Script* from January to May 2012) yielded no candidates. As a result, the executive committee, with the approval of the board, asked John if he would be willing to stay on for an additional 2 years. He agreed, and the results of the special election mean that he will now continue as president until the general membership meeting in 2015. Our thanks to those who participated in the election by voting and to John Heath for his willingness to continue to serve.

Steff Oates, ITAA Secretary



Vann Joines discusses healing trauma with advanced integrative therapy

Vann Joines's institute on "Healing Trauma with Advanced Integrative Therapy: An Energy Approach" was an eye-opener into how we can train and trust our unconscious to help us in every action. This model also was demonstrated in the session by his work with the client. The simplicity and effectiveness of dealing with trauma demonstrated how powerful our unconscious can be and how it is the biggest resource we have to overcome any kind of trauma in our lives. 5

Radhakrishnan is one of the chairs of the Chennai conference, and Jayashree, Anandh, Nishant, and Rama are all in his advanced TA training group and working toward CTA. Jayashree is a psychotherapist, Anandh uses TA for diagnostic purposes and learning, Rama is a beginning psychotherapist with experience in the corporate world, and Nishant is a budding psychotherapist who works as an area sales manager. They were all involved in helping to organize the Chennai conference and can be reached at jayashree_sm@yahoo.com.

A Note of Thanks from the ITAA President

by John Heath

I am writing this from my hotel room on my mobile phone as I am on holiday in India following a wonderful and heart-warming conference in Chennai. There is so much to say about what was achieved there and so many people to thank for the part they played that I cannot possibly do it justice here. I will return to those themes when I am fully back at work again and have better equipment at hand.

Today though, 18 August, I cannot let the moment pass to get something into the September issue of *The Script*, even if it is being typed on a hand-held phone. I have just heard that the ballot asking members to agree to a waiver of our bylaws so that my term as president could be extended until 2015 has been successful. Of the votes cast, all were in favor except one, which was returned as a nonvote. I am both humbled and delighted by this news. It is a resounding endorsement of the work that the ITAA Board of Trustees has undertaken in the last 2 years. I am resolved to complete the work we have begun and will do all I can to ensure a successful future for the ITAA. I am confident that we shall achieve our mission and feel the excitement of opportunity and the warm glow of hope for our organization even as I type these words.

I am overflowing with things to say, but for now, given the fact that my wife, Lis, and I are still on the road, I am content just to say thank you: to friends who have encouraged me, to colleagues who have worked with me, and most importantly, to the members of the ITAA, whose affirmation at the ballot has handed me the privilege of serving them for 3 more years.

Thank you all.

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Lis and John Heath in Chennai

My First Taste of India: The ITAA Conference in Chennai

by Steff Oates

The theme of the ITAA conference in Chennai was “Life – Let’s Play.” It was based on the Sanskrit term *Leela*, which means “the play of God.” There is, in this, a deeper meaning concerned with freeing ourselves from obstacles and fear. As I understood it, the task for those of us going to the conference was to find spontaneity and creativity in ourselves and with each other.

For me, the challenge began with flying alone to India, which was quite an adventure. *Leela* seemed present even on the plane as the gentleman sitting next to me struck up a conversation and asked why I was visiting Chennai/Madras. I explained that I was coming to an International Transactional Analysis Association conference. He was

quite interested and soon realized that a good friend of his was attending the conference as well. We exchanged numbers and he offered his help should I need it while in Chennai. He also gave me some friendly advice about how I might find the airport rather overwhelming, very “noisy and busy,” with hundreds of people holding up placards for individuals who were just arriving. In spite of his cautionary comments, I already felt welcome, thanks to Vindy!

Then, lo and behold, the first person I saw on entering the immigration area was our very own Robin Fryer (*TAJ* and *Script* managing editor) waving me to join her in the very long line for customs. At 4 am in the Chennai airport, it was good to have

a buddy with whom to look for our placards among all those being held up and then to share the shuttle ride to the conference venue at the Hotel GRT Grand. In spite of the early hour, we were greeted there by about a half dozen hotel staff with chilled juice, a moist towel with which to clean our hands, and a garland of



President John Heath and Secretary Steff Oates at the board of trustees meeting

the most beautiful smelling jasmine. It was a lovely and notable beginning to our time there.

Robin and I had arrived several days before the conference in order to attend the board of trustees meeting, which held the promise of two extremely busy days with an agenda as long as your arm. As we worked over the next two days around the largest conference table any of us had ever seen, from time to time music, drums, and dancing could be heard outside as wedding processions passed. We also heard celebrations many nights because apparently it was Krishna’s birthday week, yet even the people whose hotel rooms



Steff receiving her bindi and jasmine flowers before the conference opening plenary

looked over the shrine where there was loud music and dancing beginning around 5:30 am found it hard not to enter into this playful spirit.

The board meetings on Sunday and Monday required intense concentration as there were vital issues to address, such as the evolution to a new training and certification structure and consideration of bids from external publishers for the *TAJ*, to name just two. As I prepare to type up the minutes now that I am home, I can see that Leela was at play in the board meetings too. What might have been contentious issues were decided on with utmost cooperation, and it was delightful to see Mohan, the India/Asia trustee, and Mandy Lacy, the Australasian trustee, in action for the first time. We really have an inspiring group of individuals on the board right now! As we ended the meeting, it was sad to say good-bye to Suriya (tears were shed by a number of us) and to Vann, Vern, and Erich, all of whom were ending their terms on the board. Vann will be replaced by Emily Keller, Vern by A. Geethan, and Erich by Bill Holloway, individuals we very much look forward to working with in the future.

On Tuesday, making our way to the exams required the services of the tuk tuks (a small mode of conveyance that is ubiquitous on the streets of Chennai) and some skills at bartering for a price, gratefully learned from Giles Barrow, who bartered with the drivers with utmost respect and fun. Riding in a tuk tuk, which holds barely the driver and one to three passengers, was a great adventure. The drivers navigate the Chennai traffic with ease, despite the fact that the rules of the road there were quite beyond anything we could fathom. And while I admit to some lingering thoughts about health and safety, I have to confess to some envy as I watched women in the most beautiful flying saris sit sidesaddle on the back of a moped with a child on each knee while the driver had a child in front of him too (with few helmets in sight), a type of freedom that would not be countenanced in Britain.

The exams, as always, made me very proud to be part of the transactional analysis community. Charlotte Daelenbach has said that examining is an act of love, and I could see and feel the commitment that we all shared to assessing the examinees and maintaining standards in training. I was amused in one exam to see the candidate skillfully using the traffic in Chennai as an example to demonstrate the importance of the Adult ego state.

At the Thursday morning opening plenary, we were greeted by people from the conference committee with wonderful jasmine posies for the women to put in their hair. The smell



ITAA President John Heath (left) presents the 2012 Muriel James Award given posthumously to Father George Kandathil and accepted by ICTA President M. V. Kunjachan

of jasmine that filled the room was truly glorious. In addition, our foreheads were decorated with a bindi (a small dot of red powder) placed in the area said to be the sixth chakra, “the seat of concealed wisdom.” Apparently in Vedic times, the bindi was created as a means to worship one’s intellect. What a wonderful start to a three-day conference!

Marco Mazetti then gave an inspiring and amusing speech called “Our Mistakes and Our Life—Let’s Play” in which he spoke of how important it is to realize the significance of our mistakes with clients and, if necessary, to make a true apology. He amused us with tales of fighting pirates and witches with his children in the middle of one night, which made him not so alert at work the following day.

That evening at the official opening ceremony, the Muriel James Living Principles Award was presented posthumously to Fr. George Kandathil. After several other speeches, we were treated to traditional Indian music and dancing by the Kalakshetra troupe, and people were so enthralled by the presentation that they didn’t seem to mind (or weren’t even aware) that their shoes (left

TA Conferences Worldwide

6 October 2012: Edinburgh, Scotland. Scottish Transactional Analysis Association Conference. Details: www.scottishta.org.uk/staacconferences.htm

10 November 2012: Leeds, United Kingdom. North Eastern Transactional Analysis Conference. Details: www.netac.org.uk

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outside upon entering the outdoor pavilion) were floating away in a large puddle created when monsoon-type rain began to fall. As the rain subsided and we left the venue, no one seemed the least bit perturbed about the shoes, and some of us found retrieving them quite an adventure.

On Friday morning, Servaas van Beekum gave the keynote speech at the plenary. In "Let's Play with the Unconscious," he used the metaphor of snorkeling in the pre-conscious and deep-sea diving with regard to working with unconscious processes, something I will continue to refer to in my work. This was followed by four symposia, all of which went very well. I can only comment on the clinical symposia, during which I think I found my most exciting challenge of the whole conference. Dr Shyam Bhat suggested that "the therapy room may, at times, be the only place free of transference," an idea I love and will continue to play with for some time to come.

At the gala dinner on Friday night we were presented with more delicious Indian food, and I was surprised at how much I could eat (not being a lover of hot and spicy food). My abiding memory of that night, however, will be of the participants' and organizers' (yes, I mean you, Suriya) joyful expression in dancing to the Indian band.

Upcoming Exams

CTA Exams in Dunedin, New Zealand, will be held on 15 March 2013. The deadline for applying is 15 December 2012. For more information, contact exam coordinator Judith Kime at judith.kime@xtra.co.nz.

Saturday began with Dr. Bhat's inspiring plenary keynote entitled "Neither This Nor That: An Introduction to Integral Self Therapy." His model could perhaps best be described as a transpersonal psychotherapy in which personal identity is considered to be part of a larger whole. As in the clinical symposium the previous day, Dr. Bhat again challenged my frame of reference, always a good sign for my clients.

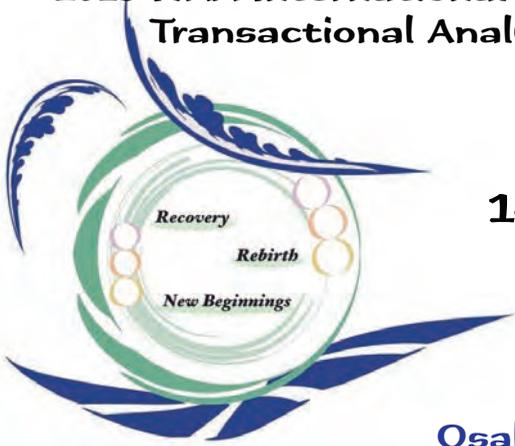
Space does not allow me to do justice here to the amount of work that went into organizing the Chennai conference or to the work of all the presenters. It seemed to me that every workshop had many eager

and enthusiastic participants. I do know that in those that I co-led with Ann Heathcote and Lis Heath, there was a joyous playfulness and a sharing of intellect from across the fields and continents.

This ITAA conference will stay in my heart, mind, and body for quite some time. It stimulated so many aspects of me, including my intellect and all my senses, and I feel a deep sense of gratitude to the colleagues who organized and participated in this wonderful gathering. Thank you to all! 📍

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On Receiving the Eric Berne Memorial Award

by Marco Mazzetti

Marco Mazzetti and Rosa Krausz both won Eric Berne Memorial Awards in 2012. Unfortunately, Rosa was not able to attend the Chennai Conference in person, but her nominator, Erich Koslowski, accepted the award on her behalf and played a video of her acceptance remarks. Those and a longer acceptance article by Marco will be published in the January 2013 issue of the Transactional Analysis Journal. Meanwhile, we are pleased to present here the thank yous made by Marco in Chennai.



Marco Mazzetti joins previous EBMA winners Vann Joines, Rebecca Trautmann, and Bill Cornell as well as EBMA Committee Chair Suriyaprakash C.

The joyful moments of my life are usually infused with a sense of gratitude, first of all for life itself, which is often so generous, and then for all the relevant people who helped me to enjoy these special moments. That is what I am feeling today on receiving the 2012 Eric Berne Memorial Award in one of the most joyful moments of my professional life. Receiving an award established in memory of Eric Berne has special significance for me. I am deeply grateful to him because his ideas have changed my life, beginning when, at 19 years old, I entered my therapist's office for the first time; because I had my horizons widened when I started reading his books; and because, more than 30 years later, I am still learning from

him. So, the first person to whom I wish to express my deep gratitude is my euhemerus, Eric Berne, this trustworthy and long-term companion in the journey of my life.

I wish also to thank the illustrious colleagues who nominated me for the award: Jim Allen, Isabelle Crespelle, Fanita English, Ann Heathcote, Dolores Munari Poda, Alessandra Pierini, Nancy Porter-Steele, Charlotte Sills, Curtis Steele, and Milly De Micheli, who organized my nomination and liaised among all the colleagues and friends who so generously supported me. When Milly told me about the group of people who were nominating me, I felt so proud and happy and grateful! And my heart was feeling "Well, I've already received the Jim Allen Award, the

Isabelle Crespelle Award, the Fanita English Award," and so on. Among them, I want to say special thanks to Charlotte Sills; I had the pleasure of serving under and learning from her when she was chair of the EATA Professional Training Standards Committee (PTSC). She encouraged me to write and generously and carefully edited (with her wonderful love of the English language) several of my articles for the *Transactional Analysis Journal (TAJ)*.

I wish to remember at this precious moment in my life one of those who deeply influenced my training as a transactional analyst: my beloved CTA and TSTA sponsor Silvia Attanasio Romanini. In addition to learning a lot from her competence as a practitioner and supervisor, her



Erich Koslowski (right) accepts the 2012 Eric Berne Award on behalf of Rosa Krausz from EBMA Committee Chair Suriyaprakash C.

main legacy to me has been her wonderful model of generosity, respect, and love for others' freedom and for the differences of ideas and her refinement and nobility of soul that I witness and admire each time I am with her.

A great learning moment in my life, and a meaningful step to this award, was the supervision section of my TSTA exam. It wasn't exactly a success. Three members of the board passed me (with some difficulties) and one deferred. I went home quite irritated with the person who deferred me and with the unpleasant feeling of not being a good supervisor. For this reason I started to study, learn about, and reflect on supervision, as I felt the need to improve my skills. The article for which I am receiving the EBMA began during that period. After some months, I didn't feel so angry with the "disagreeable" lady who deferred me, and a few months later I had an insight about her: I understood how generous it was of her to be willing to appear unpleasant in order to be loyal to the profession and honest in her feedback to me. I felt a deep thankfulness to her and can say now that this colleague, Nelly Micholt, was one of the per-

sons from whom I have learned the most about being loyal and honest. By the way, I'm also very grateful to the three board members who passed me that day!

A special thank you is due to the training institutes that offered me the opportunity to work as a trainer: the Seminari Romani di Analisi Transazionale (Roman Seminars of TA) in Rome, where I began my training activity almost 20 years ago; the Centro di Psicologia e Analisi Transazionale (Psychology and TA Center) in Milan, where I have spent 15 years and gained most of my experience as a teacher and supervisor; the Istituto Torinese di Analisi Transazionale (Turin Institute of Transactional Analysis) in Turin; and the Metanoia Institute in London, where I was invited to train more recently.

The group of colleagues working at the Invisible Wounds service for recovery of torture victims, run by the Health Department of Caritas in Rome, which I was invited to found, run, and supervise 7 years ago, are among those I wish to thank. Working with them was one of the most rewarding professional activities I have experienced in my life. I wit-

nessed there the pleasure of being part of a loyal, affectionate, intimate, and clever group, where writing has always been supported and encouraged and where I gained sound experience in highly complex supervision. Special thanks to the head of Caritas Health Department, Salvatore Geraci, a veritable doctor and friend and a model of integrity.

I also offer a deep, sincere thank you from my heart to the TAJ staff. Robin Fryer, the actual soul of the ITAA publications, supported my writing from the beginning with her encouraging warmth and her generosity in taking care of my troubled English. After receiving my drafts back, reworked by her, I couldn't trust that I was the author of that splendid prose. In fact I wasn't, and her help was (and is) often of immeasurable value for me. I wish to praise here also the hidden work of the editorial board. These colleagues who serve as editors, coeditors, and reviewers for the articles sent to the *Journal* contribute a service of tremendous relevance for our TA community. Among them, I wish to especially remember the coeditor who was in charge of the article for which I won this award: Ann Heathcote. At the time I wrote it, we had not yet met, although we became friends years later. But I remember quite well her warm support in helping me to discover and understand that the reviewers' feedback was not blaming but praising and supporting and to find the best way to use their suggestions to improve the paper.

Beside this experience, the feedback I received over the years from the reviewers was always useful and often fundamental. My gratitude for their hidden, anonymous service to our community is equal only to their generosity.

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The same generosity, made by hidden, not publicly acknowledged, and anonymous work is also a characteristic of the EBMA committee members and staff, led by the generous and refined person of C. Suriyaprakash. They fully deserve my thankfulness and admiration.

Finally, I want to thank those to whom I dedicate my Eric Berne Memorial Award: my wife Ulrika and our three children, Sofia, Alice, and Niccolò, who patiently tolerated and tolerate a husband and dad who is very often very busy.

In closing, I wish to tell you a short story about the most absorbing clinical case I had to take care of in my life: myself. I was a depressed child and have vivid memories of crying alone in my bed at the age of 8 or 9. I was a teenager in danger who manifested a number of suicidal behaviors, such as driving my motorbike without a helmet in a crazy way, and I still have the scars from that time on my body. I was a troubled young adult who finally met a transactional analyst, and after the first therapy session, walking home, I understood what I wanted to do in life: become a transactional analyst. At the same time, I was thinking that, sadly, it would never be possible, because I was a too disturbed guy. So, the final "thank you" is for you, transactional analysts, on behalf of your patients, me included. Thank you for making it possible that a depressed child, an endangered teenager, and a troubled young adult could recover, could live his life to its fullest, and could eventually receive the Eric Berne Memorial Award. 📍

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Congratulations to Successful Examinees from Chennai



New CTA Gunasagari Rao (center) with Chitra Ravi (left) and P. K. Saru (right)



New TSTA Annie Rogers

Successful Examinees

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CTA (P),
Crowborough, UK

Thorsten, Geck,
TSTA (O),
Hamburg, Germany

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TSTA (P),
Woollahra, Australia

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TSTA (P),
Wellington, New Zealand

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CTA (O),
Coimbatore, India

Gunasagari Rao,
CTA (P),
Manipal, India

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TTA (P),
Wellington, New Zealand

Diane Salters,
STA (P), now TSTA (P)
Simon's Town, South Africa

Many thanks to those who made the exams possible:

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CTA Exams

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CTA Exam Assistant Supervisor: Chitra Ravi

CTA Exam Process Facilitator: Servaas van Beekum

CTA Examiners: Lucy Freedman (chair), Marina Rajan Joseph, Mandy Lacy, Karen Pratt, John Heath (chair), A. Geethan, Sailaja Manacha, Izumi Kadomoto,

For the rest of the list of examiners and photos of the other the new CTAs and TSTAs, see page 12

Annette Dielmann (chair), Ya-Ying Chan, Annie Cariapa, Ann Heathcote, Laurie Hawkes (chair), Mohanraj I. A., Chitra Ravi, T. S. Radhakrishnan

TSTA Exams

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TSTA Examiners: Joanna Beazley, Sashi Chandran (chair), Tatiana Siskova, Rebecca Trautmann, Bill Cornell, John Heath, Adrienne Lee (chair), Sue Eusden (chair), Sabine Klingenberg (chair), Vladimir Guskovski, Lis Heath, Moniek Thunnissen (chair), Giles Barrow, C. Suriyaprakash, Steff Oates, Günther Mohr (chair), P. K. Saru, Laurie Hawkes, Milly De Micheli (chair), Annika Björk (chair), Servaas van Beekum (chair), Roland Johnsson (chair), Annette Dielmann, Marco Mazetti, Theo van der Heijden

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From left: Lucy Freedman, new CTA K. Raguraman, R. Rishi Krishna (Ragu's son), R. Prabavathy (Ragu's wife), Karen Pratt, Marina Rajan Joseph, Mandy Lacy, I A Mohanraj, and C Suriyaprakash. Lucy (chair), Karen, Marina, and Mandy were on Ragu's exam board; Mohan was his supervisor; and Suriya was his secondary supervisor and the CTA exam supervisor in Chennai.



New TSTA Thorsten Geck



New TSTA Kathy Laverty (left) with her supervisor Charlotte Daellenbach



New TSTA Fran Parkin with SAATA President P. K. Saru, who was on Fran's exam board



Suriyaprakash C., CTA Exam Supervisor, with Diane Salters, who had just successfully completed her STA exam to become a full TSTA