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Reflections on the Osaka Conference

by Steff Oates and John Heath

The 2013 International TA Conference in Japan was a great success in every respect. Attendance was around double what we might expect at a usual annual ITAA conference. The atmosphere was electric, and the conference organization was unsurpassed. It was a delight to be there.

Members of the ITAA Board of Trustees (BOT) arrived in Osaka a few days ahead of the examinations and the conference, so for us the buzz lasted a whole week. The conference organizers had ensured that rooms were booked for us in the convention center with appropriate technology such that Bill Holloway and Robin Fryer could join us for part of the time using Skype. This, of course, was not the same as having them there, but it went some way in aiding communication, especially with Bill, who is diligently preparing for reworking the ITAA

bylaws should the membership decide to move forward with this through the recent ballot. All BOT members expressed a deep sense of satisfaction at the end of the 2 days of meetings as well as excited anticipation of what is

to come, particularly with the new website and the newly established TA World Council of Standards (TAWCS) (see an upcoming *Script* for details on the latter).

The TA trainers' meeting was held the day after the BOT finished and was an opportunity to bring colleagues up to date with all the changes that have been made in the last year to ITAA accreditation services in light of the closure of the Training and Certification



John Heath and Steff Oates at the ITAA Annual General Membership meeting in Osaka

Council (T&CC) and the opening of the newly formed International Board of Certification (IBOC) and the professional standards committee (PSC). The changes were welcomed positively and

some colleagues even volunteered to work on the new committees. This is good news for the future success of our qualification system.

The Certified Transactional Analyst (CTA) and Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst (TSTA) exams came the next day, and these are always a mixture of excitement and hard work. The excitement comes from the opportunity for colleagues from all over the world to work together and learn from each other. The hard work comes from doing it well and seeing the process through to a good and reliable conclusion for those seeking professional qualification in transactional analysis. It is awesome how seriously we transactional analysts take our work. There can be no denying that it is a tough call to examine standards of competency, transparently and fairly, in a multicultural setting. But the challenge is also the thrill, and so it is a delight to sit on a board with people from different nationalities, all dif-

ferent from the candidate's and the translator's, and to find common threads of passion and commitment in the professional language that we share. Sue Eusden and Thorsten Geck did a sterling job of organizing the

boards and skillfully containing the vast range of emotions that abound at these times.

The conference opening ceremony began with a song written by Amanda McBroom and famously sung by Bette Midler: "The Rose." The lyrics include the following lines:

It's the heart afraid of breaking /
That never learns to dance. / It's the dream afraid of waking /
That never takes the chance. / It's the one who won't be taken, /
Who cannot seem to give, / And the soul afraid of dying /
That never learns to live.

And the song ends with a message of hope and faith by reminding us to:

Just remember in the winter /
Far beneath the bitter snows /
Lies the seed that with the sun's love /
In the spring becomes the rose.

These are such evocative words to begin a conference with the theme of "Recovery, Rebirth, New Beginnings." Some of us were moved to tears before the event had even begun!



C. Suriyaprakash celebrates with friends after being presented with the Muriel James Living Principles Award. (From left): John Heath, Suriya, Marco Mazzetti, and Susan George

Participants were then treated to an outstanding performance by Yamakiya Taiko (pictured in last month's *Script*). The primordial sound of the drumming and the vitalizing display of healthy aggression, precise coordination, and grace from these youngsters provided a magnificent and energizing start to the conference.

There were two keynote addresses and three special lectures treating us to an inspiring mixture of material, including Trudi Newton (fresh from running a mammoth TA 101) speaking on the power of story, Elana Leigh inviting us to honor the past as we move forward into the future, Norihiro Sadato talking about interpersonal relationships during early developmental stages, Mineyasu Sugita discussing relational issues from a uniquely Japanese perspective, and Osamu Kitayama on the integration of clinical experience and theory.

The workshop program was rich and varied. The kind hospitality offered

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by the Japanese organizers and their team of volunteers was much appreciated. It seemed that whenever any of us flagged from the considerable heat and humidity of Japan in high summer, a volunteer in a blue T-shirt popped up with a bottle of cool water. The workshops were supported by a number of volunteer translators who all took their jobs very seriously. Many presenters were touched by the care taken by the translators to build a good alliance with them, and this caused many of us to reflect on the complexity, delicacy, and importance of this role.

There were three awards made during the conference. The first was the Hedges Capers Award to Kursheed Ahmed for her excellent work with disadvantaged and oppressed people in Bangladesh. The second presentation was the Muriel James Living Principles Award, which went this year to C. Suriyaprakash, a popular and well-deserving recipient who was treated to an enthusiastic standing ovation. The third presentation made was the FTAA Goulding Award for Excellence, which was presented this year to Rhae Hooper for

her tireless work over many years in that region of the world.

The banquet was a truly Japanese evening. We watched an elegant and deceptively simple piece of classical Japanese singing and dancing that conveyed a complex narrative through the mixture of movement, costume, song, and music. The vocal lines, haunting and strange to Western ears, supported by two musicians playing on three-stringed guitars, added to the magic and mystery of the performance. After that we dined on traditional Japanese food, and some of us even mastered, or at least improved, our chopstick skills. The event was held in a large ballroom with big band dance music supplied, after dinner, by an impressive group of musicians. They gave some of the talented dancers we have in our community an opportunity to strut their stuff. A highlight of the evening's revelry was a group "rock-paper-scissors" tournament. Some of us thought that this was the best fun ever and are resolved to repeat it!



Two of the amazing volunteers who worked so hard to make the Osaka conference participants feel welcome and cared for (from left): Madoka Kaneshiro and Koki Matsumoto

The conference closed with speeches of thanks and mutual appreciation from the ITAA President and from our Japanese hosts. It would have been hard not to be moved by the atmosphere at the end of the gathering. The feeling of goodwill among us was intoxicating, and the genuine sense of our companionship was palpable. Our shared passion for transactional analysis and our mission to see it flourish for the good of people around the world was there to see and in plain view.

The 2013 ITAA Conference in Osaka left many of us in no doubt that transactional analysis is alive and doing very well indeed. 5

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Audience joins in to play rock-paper-scissors



Demonstrating rock-paper-scissors game in Osaka

“Recovery, Rebirth, New Beginnings”

by Chie Shigeta and Tomoko Abe

Appreciation

Both of us thank from the bottom of our hearts those who attended the 2013 Osaka ITAA Conference as delegates and/or presenters and who dedicated such great efforts to the successful results of this first international conference in Japan.

Invitation

This conference could not have happened without the invitation from ITAA President John Heath in late 2011. It seemed like a major challenge to become a conference host country because of the language barrier, although we have more than 100 ITAA members in Japan, many of whom had never been to an international conference. We were somewhat pessimistic when we speculated about the number of possible delegates, despite the size of the Japanese TA population. We also had concerns about whether people from outside Japan would come because it is a far-Eastern country

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and, to make matters worse, there was the terrible 2011 earthquake and post-quake radiation problems that we feared would make Japan a less attractive conference site.

Recovery

As we considered our concerns, we decided we needed to do some recovering ourselves. We started to think of our theme and contract. The first thing we did was that all of our host committee members agreed to hold the same image: hearing at the end of the event that “It was a great conference!” not only from delegates but from everyone who supported and helped put on the event. We also focused on the theme by praying for recovery from what we have been struggling with and new beginnings for growth in the Japanese TA community.

Keeping the theme and these images front and center in our work,

we scheduled the program and decided how we wanted to host the delegates in the spirit of *omotenashi*, a particularly Japanese and exquisite form of hospitality. The program book cover shows the conference theme symbols, such as a famous reconstructed Osaka Buddhist temple, an international voluntary rescue team, and cherry blossoms after the quakes as well as the bamboo forests in Kyoto where people find calm healing and power. We collected many photos of hands for the video used in the opening ceremony. Those hands represented forming connections. We planned a work-



Chie Shigeta (left) and Tomoko Abe received flowers, cards, and well-deserved applause at the gala dinner in appreciation for their tireless work to make the Osaka conference such a success



Keynoter Elana Leigh



Keynoter Trudi Newton



Special Lecturer Mineyasu Sugita



Special Lecturer Norihiro Sadato



Rhae Hooper receives the 2013 FTAA Goulding Award for Excellence in TA while Kathy Laverty (far left) and Mandy Lacy of FTAA look on.

shop in which we could think together about how to apply transactional analysis and how to live with TA during and after natural disasters. Furthermore, we chose a small wooden plate carved by some Japanese prisoners during their rehabilitation as a gift for all the workshops presenters.

Rebirth

The keynote lectures by Trudi Newton and Elana Leigh both approached our theme directly and offered suggestions. From Trudi we heard about what we have now, interpreted the meaning of it, and learned introspection, responsibility, and joy in retelling our stories. We believe that the delegates took this invitation with them and acted on it during the conference. Elana spoke frankly about how it is worthwhile to accept your past and make it your own, to cherish your own history, your family's, and the time continuity on Earth and in space. Not only the sufferers but also many delegates in the hall were moved to tears by Elana's comments, and the standing ovation afterward went on for a long time. (Details about conference workshops will be covered in next month's issue of *The Script*.)

During the conference, the ceremonies for ITAA's Muriel James Living Principles Award (to C. Suriya-

prakash) and the Hedges Capers Humanitarian Award (to Khursheed Ahmed) and the FTAA Goulding Award for Excellence in TA (to Rhae Hooper) offered Japanese delegates the opportunity to learn from the winners' contributions and about how humanistic transactional analysis has progressed in the world.

New Beginnings

We in Japan, living in a geographically small country, have benefited from hearing, contacting, and having dialogues with the TA world through the conference. We made our first step forward in sending ourselves vigorously out into the world. We hope to maintain this complementary transaction and are committed to doing so. Thus we have made our own "new beginnings" in August 2013. 📍

Thanks to the following for generously allowing us to publish some of their Osaka photos in The Script: Carol Solomon, C. Suriyapraakash, and the professional photographer engaged by the Osaka conference organizers.



Musicians playing 3-stringed instruments at gala



Banquet group enjoying the gala dinner in Osaka



(From left) Akiko Okano, Masuo Nagao, and Masako Wasada enjoying the gala



Dancing after the gala dinner

Osaka Photo Gallery Online

If you would like to see more photos from the Osaka Conference, there are almost 3500 of them online!

1. Go to <http://2013itaa.com/jp/report.html> (this page is in Japanese).
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page to find M's PHOTO; click on the blue URL <http://msphoto.info/>
3. In the middle of the page, find a rectangle with a dark blue background, click on ITAA.
4. In the upper left corner, in the empty box where you see "ID" type in itaa2013 (case sensitive).
5. In the empty box below that, type in the password: 815msp (case sensitive).
6. In the empty box below that, type in the security code (in red letters just above it, case sensitive)
7. Click on the Japanese letters just underneath the security code box and it will take you into the gallery.
8. To view photos by day, go to the list on the left side of the page and look for 814 (14 August), 815 (15 August), etc. Once in a day's photos, click on any photo to enlarge it. Once a photo is enlarged, there are arrows at the side to take you to the next or prior photo. To return to the photos by date, click on the return arrow at the top of your browser.

Our thanks to Tomoko Abe for her help in making this gallery of wonderful photos available to *Script* readers!

ITAA Board Works Hard in Osaka

by Steff Oates

The ITAA Board of Trustees (BOT) met for 2 days on 11-12 August just before the examinations and conference in Osaka, Japan. It was a highly productive and satisfying meeting marked by a shared spirit of cooperation and a true sense of teamwork.

To begin the meeting, President John Heath shared his view of the prior 3 years of his presidency and about moving forward with the revision of the bylaws pending the membership vote. The contract with SAGE Publications means that members can now access the TAJ archive from any computer rather than being restricted to one, as was the case with the TAJ disk. The International Board of Certification is established, a vice president of professional standards (VP-PS) appointed, and meetings arranged for the Worldwide Training and Certification Council. [Note that the WTCC was renamed the Transactional Analysis World Council of Standards (TAWCS) at meetings

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ITAA Board of Trustees in Osaka (from left): Marco Mazzetti, Susan George, Vann Joines, Karen Pratt, Milly De Micheli, Mandy Lacy, Diane Salters, John Heath, Steff Oates, A. Geethan, and Vladimir Goussakovski (not in attendance: William Holloway, Emily Keller, and Mohanraj, I A)

following the conference.] John thanked all who helped in the restructuring work over the last 3 years and, in particular, Mandy Lacy, who held the process with such skill.

The minutes of the last three meetings had all been approved by email, and these minutes were formally and unanimously accepted as a correct record. John offered appreciation to Steff Oates for keeping records that hold together the history of the ITAA and the BOT in the form of minutes of our meetings.

Regional trustees then offered short reports of activities in their regions. It was noted that there are vast differences between regions in terms of membership numbers and representation. John suggested that regional representation might benefit from a rethink. The hope is that younger members in all regions will help us to overcome the language barriers that we have experienced with an aging membership.

Each region is busy with its own activities. In some regions, specifically Brazil, there is no central TA organization, though communication between ITAA and UNAT (the Brazilian TA Association) is progressing well. Karen Pratt reported that the time is right to encourage more people to become actively involved in the South Africa TA Association (SATAA), though it was agreed that it is a challenge for people to join the ITAA when they are already a member of their local association and sometimes a regional association as well. Vann Joines delivered North American representative Emily Keller's report and stated that the TA practitioner program there is attracting many young people. The hope is that this program might lead the way in terms of interim qualifications.

Treasurer A. Geethan highlighted ideas for creating a zero deficit budget for next year. One way is to bring in

200 new members; another way is to fund raise. Geethan agreed to set up a fund-raising committee that would be tasked with raising funds for specific projects, such as putting the *TA Bulletin* on the website as suggested by Marco Mazzetti.

There was a lengthy discussion about new developments in the area of training and certification. Vann Joines, VP-Professional Standards, reported that the ITAA attorney has completed the work of forming the IBOC and has filed the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State in California. These have been approved, so the IBOC now exists as a Limited Liability Company (LLC) with the ITAA as the sole member and with Ken Fogleman's name and address as the person to receive service of process. The vice president of professional standards heads the professional standards division, which

was formed to replace the functions of the Training and Certification Council (T&CC). The VP-PS oversees the PSC and the IBOC, each with its own two cochairs. The VP-PS will also serve as the manager (not chair) of the IBOC. The T&CC currently consists of John Heath, Vladimir Goussakovski, Vann Joines, and C. Suriyaprakash. When the T&CC is closed, the revenue-generating functions will be under the IBOC whereas the PSC will set the standards and take issues to the BOT or the ethics committee. The main task now is to develop operational guidelines for the PSC and the IBOC that specify the roles and tenure of its members. Vann Joines has agreed to carry out this task with help from C. Suriyaprakash.

Vann expressed appreciation for Suriya's efforts to pull all the threads together. John strongly reiterated this point. Suriya will remain chair of the T&CC until it is dissolved and will continue to assist Vann in setting up operational guidelines and terms of reference.

Karen Pratt requested that as the new PSC is formed, account is taken of all four fields of application. Vann Joines agreed that he and Suriya will do that as they develop the guidelines for the PSC. Marco suggested that they make this a strong recommendation rather than a requirement. Diane Salters recommended that the diagram of the IBOC that was published in *The Script* and included in the board packet be put on the ITAA website. Steff suggested that it be updated to show clearly current practice in terms of which committees are under the remit of which vice president.

The focus then shifted to a rich discussion prompted by a paper from John on affiliate membership. It was agreed to establish a task group

(John, Steff, and Mandy) to look at the feasibility of these ideas.

The board, along with EATA President Marco Mazzetti, emphasized the importance of ITAA and EATA implementing a new way to cooperate and highlighted the important and significant contribution that the establishment of TAWCS will make. Marco suggested that ITAA consider that there is a growing population of young people in Europe who are interested in TA but who do not travel to world conferences that take place outside of Europe. Discussion centered on making links with members of the organizations in EATA. Diane suggested that we make *The Script* available to EATA members as a bridge between the two organizations. John recommended that this be for a trial period to encourage EATA members to be proactive in requesting access to further issues. After much discussion, it was unanimously agreed that while the purposes of the ITAA and EATA appear to be very different, each would benefit from working with and around those differences with a higher level of collaboration.

Mandy reported on the TACC/WTCC working party (subsequently retitled TAWCS), which was in the process of developing a constitution that went out as a first draft for external consultation in April. From the feedback, it was decided that more time was needed to develop the constitution to include qualifications other than CTA and TSTA and to consider the level of authority of TAWCS. A meeting was set to discuss this prior to the open meeting on 18 August. The BOT thanked Mandy for the excellent organizational work she did holding this process so skillfully since its inception in Chennai.

Susan George reported that during the current phase of website devel-

Award Nominations Sought

Eric Berne Memorial Award

Deadline: 1 December 2013

Hedges Capers Humanitarian Award

Muriel James Living Principles Award

Goulding Social Justice Award

Nominations Deadline:
1 January 2014

See the ITAA Web site at <http://itaaworld.org/index.php/about-the-itaawards> or contact the ITAA at info@itaaworld.org for details on making nominations for these awards. Send nominations for the EBMA to C. Suriyaprakash at suriya.sunshine@gmail.com. Send nominations for the other awards to Steff Oates at lcfan@me.com.

opment, priority has been given to membership issues. Ken Fogleman, Janet Chin, and Mick Landaiche have met with Giant Rabbit, and Mick has been trained to edit pages. When a web manager is appointed, he/she will also be trained to handle routine maintenance for the site. Susan emphasized that we need to have a cost analysis and that costs need to be stabilized. It was agreed that the fund-raising committee to be established by Geethan will identify specific projects, such as uploading the *Transactional Analysis Bulletins* and videos to the website.

Steff raised the issue from the content committee regarding the membership directory and listing of non-profit TA associations. The BOT agreed to contact the ITAA lawyer regarding the legal implications of listing TA associations whose website information we cannot interpret and whether listing a website implies endorsement and therefore makes us legally liable for the service the website promises to deliver.

Under the guidance of Giant Rabbit, the web committee has also begun to consider design options for the site (the “look and feel” of the website). This is being coordinated with the PR committee (Karen, Mandy, and Mandisa Mbaligontsi). The website content committee is also working on the information architecture, which involves where to locate what information based on the most frequent needs of site visitors as well as other communication factors.

The BOT expressed gratitude to those involved in the website design, recognizing that it is the public life of our organization. Thanks are due to Mick Landaiche, Carol Solomon, Robin Fryer, Niraj Singh, and Helen Rowland as well as to Janet Chin, and Ken Fogleman, whose input has been invaluable

with regard to the operational aspects of the background of the website and the background of the back office.

Diane reported that *The Script* is working beautifully thanks to Laurie Hawkes and Robin Fryer. There have been good reports now that members are able to access the *TAJ* online, but uploading the archives is taking longer than we anticipated. Robin is currently prioritizing getting the *TAJ* back on schedule.

Diane had been in touch with EATA regarding their research journal, the *International Journal of Transactional Analysis Research* (IJTAR), and encouraged the BOT to think about what we might do to encourage research. It was recommended that there be a link from the ITAA website to the IJTAR website. Geethan recommended that the regional representatives involve themselves in this project because research will have various cultural implications and differences. Marco agreed to take the idea of viewing the CTA written exam following the principle of a one-case research piece as a discussion to the TAWCS. Karen Pratt also suggested that this is something that the new professional standards committee could consider.

The 2014 World Conference is scheduled for San Francisco. The world conference standing committee also organized a meeting after the BOT meeting to consider reviewing the current contract for world conferences.

Vladimir Goussakovski reported that Brazil has indicated it would like to run the 2015 ITAA conference, which would serve as a way to move past difficulties between UNAT and the ITAA. New Zealand and Australia have said they would like to host the 2016 conference.

It was agreed that the development of an ethics code should now be the responsibility of the professional standards committee. A group was formed by Vann to consider a redrafting of the code in line with a recent request from EATA that their code have parity with ITAA's. Marco suggested that the EATA and ITAA codes operate under the same guidelines but with further developments in the ITAA code based on more cultural sensitivity. The new group will include Vladimir, who oversees the ethics committee, and Diane, who was part of the group that recently attempted to redraft the codes. This group should have a separate function from the ethics committee, that is, to act as a legislative rather than an executive group. Diane will step down from the ethics committee in order to join the task group. She asked that the working group that had presented the redrafting be acknowledged for the work they have done to date.

Mandisa Mbaligontsi, a trainee from South Africa, is working with Karen and Mandy on the public relations committee. Mandisa and the website content committee have been liaising, and Karen combined a questionnaire about the new website produced by Mandisa with one produced by Giant Rabbit and sent it to BOT members. Mandisa has also been administering our Facebook page, and many new people have joined, with 397 likes and 62 people active. The most active group is from India.

It was agreed that John will suggest wording for a letter of welcome to new trustees that outlines agreements in terms of attendance, fulfillment of duties, and expectations, including that the current person in a post should prepare his/her successor by handing over information. 

Congratulations to Successful Examinees

Here are the lists of examinees who passed their oral exams for Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst (TSTA) and Certified Transactional Analyst (CTA) in Osaka, Japan, on 13-14 August 2013 along with those who helped with exams in various ways.

Successful TSTA Candidates

Susan George, TSTA (P), Chennai, India
Izumi Kadomoto, TSTA (P), Nakano, Tokyo, Japan
Amanda (Mandy) Lacy, TSTA (O), Sydney, Australia
Annie Rogers, TSTA (P), Wellington, New Zealand

TSTA Exam Supervisor

Thorsten Geck, Hamburg, Germany

TSTA Process Facilitators

Thomas Ohlsson, Marco Mazzetti, Adrienne Lee, C. Suriyaprakash

TSTA Examiners

Chairs: John Heath, Sabine Klingenberg, Günther Mohr, Diane Salters, Adrienne Lee, Vann Joines, Marco Mazzetti, Elyane Alleyson, Elana Leigh
Examiners: Lis Heath, Carol Solomon, Kathy Laverty, Jan Grant, Thomas Ohlsson, Annika Björk, Roland Johnson, Tatiana Sizikova, Vladimir Goussakovski, Geraldine Lakeland, Theo van der Heijden, Milly De Micheli, Steff Oates, C. Suriyaprakash



Successful CTA and TSTA examinees in Osaka (from left): Danijela Budisa, Diana Deaconu, Keiko Ikeda, Mandy Lacy, Izumi Kadomoto, Yoshiko Kawai, Susan George, Kyoko Mitsunobu, Junko Naoi, Michael Harsh, Mariko Seki, Annie Rogers

Supervisees

Among those who served as supervisees were Angeliën de Bruijn, Yoshiko Suzuki, Kaoru Mitsuyama, Karen Pratt, Naoko Kidokoro Konakayama, A. Geethan, Ioana Cupsa, Ann Heathcote, and Yoshiko Suzuki

Successful CTA Candidates

Diana Deaconu, CTA (P), Bucharest, Romania
Danijela Budisa, CTA (P), Novi Sad, Serbia
Michael Harsh, CTA (P), Omaha, Nebraska, USA
Keiko Ikeda, CTA (P), Koshigayashi, Saitama, Japan
Yoshiko Kawai, CTA (P), Setagaya, Tokyo, Japan
Kyoko Mitsunobu, CTA (P), Shibuya, Tokyo, Japan
Mariko Seki, CTA (P), Tokorozawa, Saitama, Japan
Junko Naoi, CTA (E), Nara, Japan

CTA Exam Supervisor

Sue Eusden, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, UK

CTA Process Facilitator

Servaas van Beekum

CTA Examiners

Marco Mazzetti, Yoshiko Suzuki, Chie Shigeta, Ann Heathcote, Rosemary Napper, Karen Pratt, Rhae Hooper, Charlotte McLachlan, Kaoru Mitsuyama, Naoko Konakayama, Yoshinobu Kitamura, Ya-Ying Chen, A. Geethan, Vladimir Goussakovski, Steff Oates, Wataru Suematsu, Anna Chandy, Milly De Micheli, John Savage, Vann Joines, Kunihara Ogawa, Annika Björk, Kathy Laverly, Diane Salters, John Heath, Ulrika Wide, Ryoko Shimada, Masumi Aonuma, Servaas van Beekum

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Successful TEW Attendees

John Baxendale, United Kingdom
Hiroko (Ishii) Hikita, Japan
Rhae Hooper, Australia
Ikuko Kin, Japan
Miyagi Satoshi, Japan
Takayuki Muroki, Japan
John Savage, New Zealand

TEW Staff

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Christine Chevalier, France

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TEW participants in Osaka (from left): Rhae Hooper, John Savage, Satoshi Miyagi, Takayuki Muroki, John Baxendale, Hiroko Hikita, and in front, Ikuko Kin.



Osaka exam supervisors Thorsten Geck (TSTA) and Sue Eusden (CTA)



TEW faculty (from left): Christine Chevalier, Sabine Klingenberg, Katherine Murphy

Looking Ahead to the 2014 World TA Conference



For more information about the conference, visit www.2014worldtaconference.org or contact Conference Chair Lucy Freedman at 2014worldtaconference@usataa.org.

CTA/TSTA Exams: 5-6 August ❖ TEW: 10-12 August

As participants of the 2013 ITAA conference in Osaka, Japan, carry renewed energy and enthusiasm back to their communities across the globe, the 2014 conference committee is preparing for another inspiring event. The 2014 World TA Conference will be held in San Francisco, California, 6-9 August.

The conference will mark two golden anniversaries: It is 50 years since the first publication of Eric Berne's *Games People Play* and also the formation of the International Transactional Analysis Association

(ITAA). During those formative years, the transactional analysis community has grown from a small gathering in San Francisco to a global community. The 2014 conference theme, "TA Now! A Game Changer," is designed to blend the historical with the contemporary to inspire the future of transactional analysis.

The conference will be held at the San Francisco Airport Marriot Waterfront. The hotel overlooks the San Francisco Bay and offers 24-hour shuttle service to and from the airport and the BART transit station, that latter of which will take riders

to the historic downtown area of San Francisco.

The conference location and theme offer a chance to gather together and connect with our community and our roots. Over the years, transactional analysis has evolved. As the community has been challenged and enhanced by international expansion, so too has the theory. Despite this growth and some growing pains, the heart of our OK-OK philosophy remains the same, and given the games played out across the world, it is needed now more than ever. 5

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Celebrate Berne at November 2013 UK Dinner to Raise Archive Funds

Excitement is building about the Eric Berne Archive Celebration Dinner to raise funds for the Eric Berne online archive. The event will be held in Manchester, United Kingdom, on Saturday 9 November 2013 from 6:30 pm. TA folks and friends are invited to a six-course dinner, a raffle with many TA-related prizes, after-dinner speaker John Heath, and live music and disco for only £40 per person. All profits will be donated to the archive project, which is raising funds to digitize the University of California (San Francisco) Berne archive (see www.ericbernearchives.org) so it is available to all.

For more information on the dinner, contact Ann Heathcote at ann.heathcote@btinternet.com or Steff Oates at lcfan@me.com. We hope others will be inspired by this UK event to develop additional projects to support the archive fund. If you do plan an event or project, let us know!

