In 2011, as a result of my personal interest and together with Isabelle Taquin, TSTA (P) from Belgium, we started a transactional analysis journey in Bulgaria. I invited her to lead a TA 101 in Sofia to gauge interest among Bulgarians in TA. We had no expectations, especially given that the most popular therapeutic modalities in Bulgaria at that time were psychoanalysis, the Lacanian school, the Jungian school, neo-Reichian therapy, positive psychotherapy, psychodrama, and cognitive and behavioral psychotherapy. But the Bulgarian psychological community was hungry for the new and curious and motivated to learn. It was a spring day honoring Slavonic literacy and culture when Isabelle began the first TA 101, a day committed to education, training, and culture. Thirty people came to the event and were the first to show interest in certified training in transactional analysis in Bulgaria. Neither I nor Isabelle expected such great course attendance. Transactional analysis was welcomed with enthusiasm and passion.

After another three TA 101 courses were given, we understood that our adventure was turning into a serious project. People wanted to continue their training. TA’s accessibility combined with its thoroughness, as well as Isabelle’s skill in working with the process, attracted many. She soon invited two colleagues from Belgium—Béatrice Godlewicz, PTSTA-C, from Belgium. (In the second row, third from the left is Béatrice, then Elena Nikolova, then Marina Stoycheva-François. This group started the training in 2012 and finished in 2015. Most are professionals who already practice TA.

The Development of TA in Bulgaria

by Elena Nikolova
Participants of the 4-year training program (first row from left): Sibilia Jahangiri, a psychologist now living in the USA; Maya Mihaylova, a clinical psychologist who works with addicts and victims of violence; Sezgin Bekir, the general secretary of BATA and a doctoral student at the Bulgarian Academy of Science; Milena Manova, famous in the Bulgaria psychological world and a positive psychotherapist and author who works with children and adults; (second row from left): Dessislava Ivanova, a psychologist who works with special needs children and in private practice; Svetlana Velkova, a clinical psychologist who works at Solidarnost association for addicts and is a doctoral student at Sofia University and works with adults and children; Valentina Nikolova, a clinical psychologist who works with children and parents and is currently in Italy; Isabelle Taquin; Elena Nikolova, a psychologist, TA trainer, and president of BATA; Anna Kabakova, a clinical psychologist with a private practice who uses a systemic approach; Sylvia Tsvetkova, a professor at Pleven University who works in private practice with children and adults; (third row from left): Oksana Horvat-Stancheva, a doctoral student and positive psychotherapist who has her own practice; Iliyana Alexandrova, a psychologist in private practice who works with various individuals, including women with cancer; Aneta Jecheva, a clinical psychologist and systemic therapist who works with families and children and does trainings in schools; and Reny Mineva, a psychologist who works in human resources.

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By 2013, two TA groups had started their long-term training, and we decided to establish the Bulgarian Association of Transactional Analysis (BATA), the purpose of which is to set professional standards and to cooperate for the popularization of TA in Bulgaria. In 2014, BATA was the host of the European Association for Transactional Analysis (EATA) Outreach Program in Sofia. The successful event drew about 60 participants and included a seminar by then EATA President Marco Mazzetti on “Transactional Analysis: From Our Roots to Relational Dynamics” and another by EATA Vice President Sylvie Monin on “The Script: A Resource Rather Than a Pathology.”

In 2015 BATA joined EATA. We are now applying for membership in the Bulgarian Association for Psychotherapy, which is a member of the European Association for Psychotherapy. This is necessary so that transactional analysis will be recognized as a legal psychotherapeutic modality here. The basic-level training, including the TA 101, has continued along with long-term training accompanied by supervision for
In her introduction to the Bulgarian edition, Isabelle wrote about how, with this book, readers would have a chance to learn the original therapy and the basic concepts developed by Eric Berne and others as well as the newest developments in the field. It can be the guidebook for all professionals and trainees on their way to becoming transactional analysts.

Another favorable circumstance fostered the publication of Brécard and Hawkes’s book: Jean-Marie François, the husband of the translator for our trainings, has a publishing house in Bulgaria called Publishing House ARS Sofia (http://ars-sofia.net/). This family company was established in 2000 and specializes in notes, fiction, psychological literature, and philosophical literature. The translator of the book, Marina Stoycheva-François, has perfect French and is also a psychology graduate. Hence, our team was formed: Isabelle Taquin, the scientific consultant; Marina Stoycheva-François, the translator; and me, Elena Nikolova, as organizer and a practicing transactional analysis editor. The book was published in June 2015 to positive, enthusiastic reviews and reactions.

Currently, my school for psychological consultation and training, Metamorphozia, which is the organizer of the transactional analysis trainings in Bulgaria, is preparing a new long-term training group. We expect it to begin in 2017. My first group of trainees has completed its 4-year training and is in the process of signing TA certification agreements. One more long-term training group is in the third year of training conducted by Béatrice Godlewicz (PTSTA-C) and Françoise Platiau (PTSTA-P). Plans for the next couple of years include long-term courses, several TA 101 courses, and workshops with lecturers from Belgium, Slovenia, Sweden, and Holland. I hope that one day we will have the privilege of welcoming France Brécard and Laurie Hawkes, the authors of Le grand livre de l’analyse transactionnelle, to Bulgaria.

At this point, over 170 people from Bulgaria have passed the TA 101. Having Le grand livre de l’analyse transactionnelle in Bulgarian will help increase that number as well as be of tremendous value to those who already practice TA and their clients. We are all grateful to have the translation so that we can become better at understanding and practicing transactional analysis.

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In Memoriam

Fr. Frank Nunn

by Annie Cariapa

Fr. Hank Nunn passed away peacefully on 31 July 2016. He was for 35 years the director of Athma Shakti Vidyalaya (ASV), a unique therapeutic community in Bangalore, India. After being ordained as a priest in August 1951, he served as principal of a school in Darjeeling for many years. He then traveled to his homeland, Canada, where he trained as a counselor.

After returning to India, he studied in transactional analysis with Carlos and Saroj Welch in Vellore. It was then that he met Jacqui Schiff, founder of the Cathexis School of transactional analysis and a pioneer in working with people with schizophrenia. Fr. Nunn lived and worked as a counselor in Ashirvad, Bangalore, and one of his clients was a young schizophrenic. After discussing that case with Jacqui, Fr. Nunn ended up joining her as she began ASV in August 1979, the first such therapeutic community in Bangalore. He later trained further in reparenting in California, and in 1985 he took over as director of ASV when Jacqui returned to the United States.

A day after Fr. Nunn’s funeral, I talked with Usha Srinath, a clinical psychologist with ASV and an associate of his almost from the inception of ASV. She recounted how his presence had a calming effect on patients and that staff experienced him as approachable at any time. He emanated a sense of strength and support. Even as patients acted out their craziness and were sometimes abusive, he usually saw that as the illness acting out and supported the terrified Child within, not letting the person down or turning him or her away. Usha said he truly walked his talk as he practiced and lived in an “I’m OK, You’re OK” way.

ASV is a therapeutic community (TC) based on the idea that living in the community is itself therapeutic as individuals need to accommodate different personality types, learn to solve conflicts, experience living skills and leadership qualities, basically go through all the good and not so good dynamics of a family, and learn the coping skills required. The quintessentials of TC are attachment, containment, communication, involvement, and agency.

I worked with ASV as a volunteer for 3 years, during which I saw the effectiveness of teamwork and staff support. I saw how relationships could heal deep wounds. This work was not about maintaining sterile boundaries but getting into the messiness of the relationship with patients, into the conflicts, and providing a holding environment even while confronting them.

Fr. Nunn was one of the truly spiritual men that I have known. He was a man of few words, and there was a simplicity about him. His dedication and life’s work spoke for him. His legacy lives on within the walls of ASV and with all the people who experienced healing there.

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Fanita English celebrated her 100th birthday on 22 October 2016 with a small but splendid party organized by her daughter, Deirdre English. About 30 family members and friends—some from as far away as Italy, Germany, Texas, New York, and Arizona—gathered to honor Fanita at her apartment complex. They enjoyed her introductory comments and then, over a lovely dinner, shared delightful, touching, funny Fanita stories. A message from ITAA President Suriyaprakash was read out, and later Fanita opened a card that announced a donation from ITAA in her name to the International Rescue Community. After dinner Fanita was presented with a large chocolate cake topped with a full complement of 100 candles, which she blew out with some help from a hair dryer wielded by Deirdre. We are thrilled to congratulate Fanita on this milestone in her extraordinary life and hope that others will add their good wishes by calling her at 650-685-8418. (Our thanks to Ravi Sethi and Fanita’s great niece Sasha Taskier for sharing their photos. Thanks also to Mel Van Dusen for his video from the party: see here.)

The United Kingdom Association for Transactional Analysis

(UKATA) will hold its 2017 conference on 21-22 April at the Hilton Metropole Hotel in Brighton with the theme “The Form and Function of Relationship.” The conference will be an opportunity to explore the meaning, importance of, and difficulty of relationships in all their forms, including with ourselves and our partners, children, colleagues, clients, supervisors, therapists, profession, locality, government, and the world. Among the questions to be considered will be, “Why do we relate?” The keynote speaker will be Charlotte Sills. For more information, visit here. The call for proposals deadline is 30 December 2016, and the online submission form is available here.

TA Proficiency Awards Launched in the Netherlands

On 8 September 2016, a group of 50 children, ranging in age from 6 to 8 years old, and four of their teachers, were awarded certificates and badges for having completed the requirements of the TAPACY (TA Proficiency Award for Children & Young People) and TAPATE (the same award for Teachers & Educators), respectively.

This made the primary school De Bonte Tol, in Pijnacker, the first school in the Netherlands to have run the TAP scheme. They join Armenia, Croatia, Germany, Italy, Macedonia, Serbia, South Africa, Taiwan, Turkey, and the United Kingdom as places where the TA Proficiency Awards (TAPA) program has been run (and where in some places it has been extended to parents and caregivers, teaching assistants, and unemployed people).

The project at De Bonte Tol was set up by the school leader, Marina Hoos, who has been studying TA and who commented afterward, “I am very happy about what the students and teachers achieved. This is the basis for a society in which we live together with respect for everyone’s autonomy and for each other.”

The project ran during the school year 2015-2016, and the pupils and teachers worked with TA4Kids, a curriculum set up for promoting social and emotional development. The group learned about OKness, strokes, contracting, script, ego states, and transactions. This
Every September in France, the entire country is occupied with “la rentrée,” that is, going back to school. The Ecole d’Analyse Transactionnelle de Paris-Ile de France (EAT) [the Paris TA School] upholds this tradition by inaugurating the post-foundation training with a residential Séminaire d’Exploration des Motivations [Seminar for Exploring Motivations]. During this event, participants delve into their plans to become transactional analysis psychotherapists. This year, they had this wonderful photograph taken by one of the group members, Benoît Foujols, who is a professional photographer (he is in the back row, eighth from the right).

A creative approach used group activities and individual assignments to contribute to increased self-awareness, the ability to cooperate, and the autonomy of the students.

As is usual with a TAPA scheme, the pupils produced portfolios of evidence of what they had learned and how they had applied it in their lives. These were assessed by Gisèle Sarolea, an advanced TA student who volunteered for this and had supervision from Julie Hay, TSTA (OPE), who project manages the scheme internationally on behalf of the Institute of Developmental TA. Julie makes sure that standards are consistent across different countries. Another volunteer was Alice Timmermans, an advanced TA student who also has much experience within the educational system in the Netherlands and who served as the ambassador and handed out the badges and certificates at the award ceremony.

For more information about TAPA schemes and where they have been run, visit here. If you would like to explore how to run a TAPA scheme in your country, whether for children, teachers, parents, or anyone else, contact Julie Hay by email at admin@insttdta.org.
Karen Pratt, TSTA-E, has been working with the South African National Blood Service (SANBS) since December 2015. Some people in management had come across TA many years ago and realized that introducing it as a shared language could potentially change the culture of the organization. Their core task is saving lives: having enough donors, ensuring precise and accurate cross-matching of each sample, and fast and efficient delivery of blood to people who need it. They scored high on accuracy and efficiency, but interpersonal dynamics sometimes suffered with the stress of the fast pace and literal life-and-death nature of their core business. Karen writes, “We began work at the end of last year with a workshop for the executive team. They enthusiastically worked in small groups using the TA tools of three levels of contracting, the OK-OK communication model, life positions, and strokes. In May there was a 2-day TA 101 for 21 members of the human resources team. What a great group of people, open to learning, and enthusiastic about the potential for SANBS to acquire the new language of TA. The creative CEO brought in a colleague who could speak Mandarin (a language not known to any of the participants), and after a few minutes of not understanding anything that was being said, they readily recognized that the organization would benefit by having a shared common TA language. These were some comments after the TA 101: ‘I thoroughly enjoyed the 2 days with you; that was the first time in many years that I truly felt challenged and uncomfortable with some of my views’; ‘Thank you, Karen, you made an impact in my life’; and ‘An incredible way of learning how to communicate, on all levels of life, be it at work, at home, or in general. Everybody should be taught this tool, especially in the workplace. Although there is hierarchy at work, if all communication could be on the [integrating]-Adult-to-[integrating]-Adult level, the workplace would be dynamic!’ It has been a pleasure to work within an organization with such openness and vision about the importance of recognizing and developing people throughout the levels of the organization. I am looking forward to an exciting adventure with SANBS in the future.”
Forty Years of TA Training in the Netherlands and Flanders

by Anne de Graaf and Mil Rosseau

On 5 November 2016, around 100 TA professionals celebrated 40 years of TA training in the Dutch-speaking world. They met on the campus of the Dutch TA Academy, and it was an event to remember. Anne de Graaf and Moniek Thunnissen were honored for their work on the new book they helped to edit (with Bill Cornell and Trudi Newton): Into TA: A Comprehensive Textbook on Transactional Analysis. Both became honorary members of the Dutch TA Association. Trudi Newton and Giles Barrow delivered an inspiring keynote, and Mil Rosseau took participants on a sentimental journey. To conclude the day, everyone present worked in a so-called open space event on ideas for future TA training.

It was in November 1976 that three newly educated transactional analysis professionals started the first TA training course in the Netherlands. Maarten Kouwenhoven, Marijke Arendsen Hein, and Gerrit Roosjen designed and gave the first TA training on the premises of a Dutch mental health clinic, then called De Strook. From the start, they joined with Raymond Hostie, who, together with Michael Reddy, introduced TA in Europe. Raymond was the founding father for TA in Flanders, the Dutch-speaking part of Belgium. The first Dutch TA trainers called their training institute Algemeen Nederlands Instituut voor Transactionele Analyse (ANITA). In Belgium Raymond Hostie started Vlaams Instituut voor TA (VITA).

Together, they cocreated a Dutch-speaking TA community. Flanders and Holland joined forces to publish a TA magazine called De Strook. They regularly invited various well-known TA luminaries to do training and workshops, including members of the Schiff family, Bob and Mary Goulding, George Thomson, Richard Erskine, Marge Reddington, George Kohlrieser, and Ellyn Bader.

The teams of ANITA and VITA were eager and had loads of energy. ANITA started the Dutch TA Associ-
Together NVTA and VITA stood at the cradle of the European Association for Transactional Analysis (EATA). Over the years, new trainers joined, inspiring hundreds of students with their profound knowledge of and experience with TA. Three fist-sized books, called “TA in Nederland 1, 2 and 3” were edited by Maarten Kouwenhoven. Every year the ANITA team started a new group of about 16 students. These first decades were fruitful years.

During the initial 2 decades, VITA organized five successful conferences as well as multiple workshops and learning therapy groups. It hosted a dedicated group of nine TA psychiatrists who called themselves TAPers (TA Psychiatrists). Across the country borders, Ger Heester and Mil Rosseau started the first international Special Fields-only training groups. Piet Weisfelt, one of their students, became another TA training powerhouse.

Indeed, especially in the Netherlands, transactional analysis was growing fast. Ten years ago, Marijke Arendsen Hein explored with Anne de Graaf whether he was interested in taking over the position of director of ANITA. With an entrepreneurial attitude and additional skills, Anne and his team further developed ANITA into the TA Academie. On its beautiful campus, in the center of the Netherlands, 16 TA trainers welcome around 500 students each year. Furthermore, based on the foundation built by Maarten Kouwenhoven, Marijke Arendsen Hein, and Gerrit Roosjen, 14 more branches of TA training institutes started their activities in the Netherlands and Flanders.

Little by little, TA lost momentum in Flanders. Linda Hoeben and, more recently, Mil Rosseau have each put their shoulders under a new start. Both have confidence in the future of TA. The TA communities in the Netherlands and Flanders go back to the early days of cocreation: (P)STAs from Flanders teach at the TA Academie in Netherlands, and the TA Academie supports activities in Flanders. Together, we celebrate 40 years of delivering the gift of TA.

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Treasurer’s Report

by A. Geethan

As the year comes to an end, I would like to share with ITAA members a little about the financial picture of the ITAA.

In 2016 we did not have an ITAA conference and hence no income through that channel. Many change initiatives within the association required legal consultation, an expense that was not foreseen when we established the 2016 budget. Those two factors may result in a financial loss for ITAA this year. In addition, full ITAA membership appears to be fixed at around 800 members, though introducing student membership has brought in an additional 160 members, which was good news both for students and the association. In the future, ITAA partnership with other TA associations may add value to the ITAA as well as the other associations and facilitate membership growth.

I am in the process of forming a financial committee and would like to hear from any member who is interested in being a part of that. We are looking for individuals who are willing to spend 4-5 hours a month on committee business. The financial committee will work to analyze ITAA’s capital investments and the patterns of how its money is currently handled as well as possibilities for creating new patterns that will benefit the ITAA.

The supervision exchange project established in 2015 to raise funds for the ITAA has brought in income of USD 500 so far. This stream of income, though small, is new, and we expect that it will continue to expand in coming years. I thank the project coordinator for the supervision exchange project, Deepak Dhananjaya, and his team for their efforts to make the project a success.

I also want to thank membership committee chair Karen Pratt and her team for their efforts to sustain and grow ITAA’s membership.

My term as a treasurer is nearing completion, so I am planning to write a standard operating procedure (SOP) to help the new treasurer to understand his or her role and the role of the CFO.

A. Geethan is ITAA Treasurer and can be reached at ageethan@gmail.com.

Election Results

The election results are in, and the new European representative to the ITAA Board of Trustees is Alessandra Pierini of Italy. We thank all the candidates who stood for this position and all the European members who voted. Alessandra will assume her position on 1 January 2017.

Note: With the new bylaws adjusting the election schedule in such a way that election results will be determined before the Annual General Membership meeting, the executive committee has voted that beginning in 2017, all newly elected officers and trustees will begin their terms at the end of the AGM each year and run for the following 3 years, until the end of the AGM of the third year.
Call for ITAA Board Nominations

The following positions are open for nominations now. **Deadline for nominations: 28 January 2017**

**Officers (nomination and election by all ITAA voting members):**

- **President-Elect (2017-2018)**
- **Vice President Development (2017-2019)**
- **Secretary (2017-2019)**

**Regional Trustees (nomination and election only by members of the region):**

- **Australasian region (2017-2019)**
- **India/Asia region (2017-2019)**

Nominations require the name and consent signature of the nominee (it may be yourself), the name of the person making the nomination, and the name of the person seconding the nomination. To be eligible for nomination, trustees may not have already served two consecutive terms of office in any position on the board. Position statements (charters) that describe the function and selection criteria for each of the officer positions are available from ITAA Secretary Mandy Lacy at mandy@lacyconsulting.net. Nominees are encouraged to read and understand these before accepting nomination.

**Send nominations to ITAA Nominations Chair Sumithra Sharatkumar at sumithrask@gmail.com.**

Those who accept nomination to the above positions must email a written statement and digital photo to the nominations chair as soon as possible and no later than the 28 January 2017 deadline. Statements should be a maximum of 250 words.

**Election Procedures:** As per the ITAA bylaws, if there is no more than one candidate per position, there will be no ballot, and the results of the election will be announced in The Script newsletter. An unopposed candidate will take up his or her position following the annual general meeting (AGM). If there is more than one nominee for a position, a ballot will be sent to all voting members within 45 days of the close of nominations. The deadline for return of ballots is 45 days from the date of mailing. The results of the election will be announced to the candidates within 30 days after the election results are determined and to the voting membership as soon as practical thereafter.

If you have not already submitted a Consent to Use of Electronic Transmissions so that you are eligible to vote electronically in case of a ballot, we urge you to do so immediately by visiting here. 

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Alina Comendant, Romania
Rebecca Davies, UK
Sarah Demaree, UK
Ichiro Hirose, Japan
Vasudha L, India
Marit Lyngra, Norway
John Paradise, UK
Wendy Peterson, Netherlands
Antoana Silov, Croatia

July 2016

Lucie Belton, New Zealand
Dali Bregvadze, Georgia
Anita Champion, Australia
Annamaria Cser, Hungary
Te Amokura Griggs, New Zealand
Junghyun Kim, Korea
Claire Lloyd, UK
Carla Neumann, Switzerland
Magdalena Sekowska, Poland
Jaipreet Singh, India
Aida Vardanian, Russia
Justin Whitlock, UK

August 2016

Matthew Caminer, UK
John Evans, New Zealand
Lucy Gamlen, New Zealand
Colm Grogan, Ireland
Amina Jamal, UK
Yeom Kyeongjin, Korea
Angela Stobo, New Zealand
Heejung Yoon, Korea

September 2016

John Breen, Italy
Remco de Ket, New Zealand
Mahesh Deshmukh, India
Henry Glatz, USA
Ingrid Hellang, Norway
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TAJ Theme Issues

“Gender, Sexuality, & Identity”
Coeditors: Brad McLean and Bill Cornell
Deadline: 1 January 2017

“Social Responsibility in a Vengeful World”
Coeditors: Bill Cornell and Sylvie Monin
Deadline: 1 May 2017

“Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: The Parent Ego State Revisited”
Guest Editors: Steff Oates and Diana Deaconu
Deadline: 1 November 2017

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

TA Conferences Worldwide

4-11 February 2017: Port Antonio, Jamaica. USATAA Twentieth Winter Gathering.
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