

Korea Conference Confirmed for 2021

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We are excited to announce that the contract has been signed for an ITAA conference to be held in Daegu, Korea, from 29-31 July 2021. The conference theme is “Peace and Harmony.”

During the week around the conference, there will also be IBOC exams (27-28 July), a preconference TA 101 (27-28 July), ITAA Board and general membership meetings (25-26 July and 29 July, respectively), a TA presidents’ meeting (29-31 July), a TA World Council of Standards meeting (1-2 August), a TEW (1-2 August), and a gala dinner (31 July). The official languages for the conference will be Korean and English, with translation facilities as possible. Pre- and postconference workshops may also be held.

When Elana Leigh, Diane Salters, and I met the warm and excited Korean conference team at the 2019 Raleigh Conference, they were there representing three Korean organizations that are collaborating to organize the conference: the Korean Transactional Analysis Association (KTAA), the Korean Transactional Analysis Counselling Association (KTACA), and the Korean Association for Transactional Analysis (KATA). We had clear discussions and were glad to have met together, with all parties experiencing a sense of comfort and clarity.

On 12 October, the Koreans had a kick-off meeting of their organizing committee. About 40 people gathered, including representatives from all three Korean associations as well as Daegu city officials. Discussions focused on each committee member’s role, and at the end, the conference committee decided it would be known as the “KTAC” (Korea Transactional Analysis Community).

Mr. Ahn Soo Ryong sent me some photographs after this important event, and they gave me a sense of the huge involvement, professionalism, commitment, and energy that have already been generated there for the conference. Clearly, they are excited to have their first ITAA conference in their country and to meet transactional analysis professionals from across the globe!

I want to acknowledge the three presidents of the KTAA, KTACA, and KATA for bringing together their collective energies to create a climate of togetherness for this important milestone for the Korean TA community: KTAA President Ahn Soo Ryong, KTACA President Chun Woo Kyeung, and KATA President Kim Gab Sook.

We in the ITAA look forward to seeing how we can support the Korean conference team in every way possible as they work toward making the dream of a TA conference in Korea a reality. We hope you will all join us there in 2021!

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