



Eurotas Newsletter No 36

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1. Eurotas and the GRETT Loire Meeting a note from the President

Dear EUROTAS friends,

A WONDERFUL MEETING

From the 5th to the 8th October, this year, I had the pleasure of participating at the 8th

EUROTAS Conference and 5th GRETT Annual Forum, Revealing the Divine Feminine . I loved everything and everybody, so I am a little biased about it (in scientific terms!) The GRETT team was wonderful, welcoming us and doing their best to keep a warm atmosphere along with good planning and organisation. The talks were great and to my knowledge and the words of others, so were the workshops. The themes, mostly connected with the Conference theme, allowed plenty of choice for all of us and their quality level was very high. We had splendid entertainment, music and dancing, a visit to a beautiful French chateau, the possibility of tasting excellent French wine after visiting huge wine cellars in caves inside the rock. We had a special bookstore with books, CDs, incenses, candles, chimes, and other items some of them made by their authors who were there also.

In a way, one could say the Love of the Goddess was everywhere, allowing us to share our projects and our feelings, our knowledge and wisdom, our needs or whatever we felt like sharing. We were well over 200 participants, including 120 French and others from all over the world, including a strong group of American people, many from the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology - both juniors and seniors.

We welcomed 6 new Associations into EUROTAS, so now we really have a good taste of European diversity, creativity and richness within the Transpersonal Field. We have at least 26 member Associations. I came back to Portugal as a happy President of EUROTAS, feeling deep gratitude for just having the opportunity to be there and learn and share and also for the many wonderful people I met and, of course, the effort and the competence of the GRETT team.

Vitor Rodrigues, PhD

President of Eurotas

2. Six new Associations have joined EUROTAS

As our President mentioned above, during the Eurotas Delegates Meeting in the Loire Valley, six transpersonal associations applied to join EUROTAS and made presentations of their activities. Associations from Catalonia, Spain, Moldova, Latvia, Romania and Ukraine were accepted as Members. Details of these new member associations will be on the website eurotas.org and notes from them will also appear in this and future newsletters. Please let the editor have notes about your Association and its objectives and programmes and include contact details for its officers

3. Ukraine Transpersonal Association joins EUROTAS

EUROTAS is very pleased to welcome the Ukrainian Transpersonal Association (UTA) as a member. We have received the following note:

The main aims and objectives of UTA are as follows:

To assist in the all-round development of the Person and the realization of spiritual and creative potential using the most progressive world technologies of work with consciousness

and ancient spiritual experts. An information and legal field for development of transpersonal psychology in the Ukraine will be established together with favorable conditions for the professional growth of experts at our country.

Currently under development is our website <http://transpersonal.org.ua>. The site will include information about the transpersonal movement in every region of the Ukraine.

It will have a page with the coordinates of full members of the association and will be in 3 languages - Ukrainian, Russian and English.

The aim of the Association is to form a legal framework for the transpersonal movement in the Ukraine through the establishment of a transpersonal education training centre with an international team and the delivery of diplomas which will be recognized in Europe and the World.

There will be seminars, trainings and individual programs on transpersonal psychology. In June, 2007 we intend to support the first scientific and practical conference in the Ukraine on transpersonal psychology.

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Best regards

levgeniia Makurina

UTA

4. Transpersonal News Elena Francisc in Romania

Asociatia de Terapii Transpersonale ATT

This new Romanian Association became a member of EUROTAS at the Loire Delegates Meeting. More details later. Here is what Elena Francisc writes about developments:

I first tasted a Transpersonal experience almost 4 years ago when Bernadette Blin and Isabelle Patin came to Romania for a workshop of Holotropic Breathwork. The Romanian Transpersonal Psychology Association invited them. I'll always be grateful to Prof Manzat for putting me in touch with these two amazing women. I had studied psychology at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada and during the 4yrs of studies we hardly spoke about the Transpersonal movement. All I knew about the Transpersonal was from Stanislaw Grof's books. But I had never experienced a holotropic state before meeting Bernadette and Isabelle. And once you've met these two incredible women you definitely want to continue on this path because you become addicted! So, I decided to follow them in France and start

a Transpersonal Training at IRETT. Soon after that I met Stanislav Grof and I've started the Grof Transpersonal Training.

Two years ago I decided to share with Romanian readers some of the amazing books I'd been reading during my modules of Transpersonal Training and I embarked on a very courageous adventure - having my own Publishing House. Elena Francisc Publishing was not only born out of my love for psychology and books, but also out of my insane enthusiasm - cause if I had known how hard it is to make at least some money in the book business, I don't think I would have even started. No, I think I would have done it anyhow. I am so happy to be able to share these beautiful books with Romanian readers and introduce them to these incredible, unique authors.

My publishing house's mission is to publish books that guide the reader to the depths of his inner self. And going back to the Self is, with no doubt, the solution to a lot of our problems nowadays. My true hope is that Elena Francisc publishing's books will bring harmony, joy and love to its readers. People who choose a spiritual path and wish for a better life will definitely love the books I publish at efpublishing. (EFP)

I don't consider myself a theoretician or an academic, and with all the respect I have for Prof Manzat and for everything he has built in Romania regarding the Transpersonal movement, I felt, soon after I launched my publishing house, that it was time for Romania to have a Transpersonal Association with an emphasis on felt experience ! And this is what has had such a tremendous influence on my decision to start Asociatia de Terapii Transpersonale . With the same mission as EFP: to help guide to the depths of the Inner Self. ATT came to life in November 2004.

You can contact me at efrancisc@efpublishing.ro tel: 00 40 722 64 55 83 Website is www.efpublishing.ro

Best Wishes

Elena Francisc

5. Catalan Transpersonal Association (ACT) joints EUROTAS

There was a lovely presentation at the EUROTAS Delegates meeting by ACT

Magda Sole writes:

The Catalan Transpersonal Association (Associaci Catalana Transpersonal, ACT), based in Barcelona, is a pioneer impulse for the transpersonal movement in Catalonia and Spain. Registered as a cultural association, it is a space to share converging processes and visions in the transpersonal work of therapists, educators, healers and social sciences professionals. ACT works in a threefold way: therapy, research and divulgate action. Since 1997 is offering the Jornades Transpersonals , a yearly open meeting where different disciplines and practices are held - art therapy, bodywork, psychotherapy approaches, scientific

research, martial internal arts, yoga, meditation, shamanic practice, flower essence therapy, music and philosophy. ACT has hosted international lecturers and leaders such as Stanislav Grof, Dhiravamsa, Bernadette Blin-Lery, Tew Bunag, Fernando Rodriguez Bornaetxea, Richard Yensen, Carlos Field, Francis Lery, Vicente Merlo, Jack Coddington, Deborah Bacon, Lidia Farray.

ACT offers a continuing formation on transpersonal therapy professional practice and educational transpersonal practice oriented towards the Eurotas standards. It holds practical workshops and seminars on different approaches and practices, bridging spirituality, psychology, humanism, ecology, traditional wisdom, science and progressive social transformation.

Embedded in the ACT is the Institute for Transpersonal Psychology of Barcelona (Institut de Psicologia Transpersonal de Barcelona, IPTB), lead by the psychologist and psychotherapist Magda SolØ who pioneered transpersonal psychology in Spain in the 80's. She is a disciple of the Mexican psychiatrist Salvador Roquet and its synthesis breathwork and modified consciousness states approach. IPTB, as a dynamizing core of the ACT and ensures the highest scientific and ethical standards of this work.

For further information please refer to:

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6. Contemplative Fire at Dorchester Abbey

Philip Roderick writes

As part of Contemplative Fire's Gathering on Sunday 5 November in Dorchester Abbey at 6 30 pm we will be incorporating Bill Viola's large scale video art installation: The Messenger. Bill Viola is acclaimed as one of the most popular and influential contemporary artists in the world today. His work touches the soul and speaks of the human condition in an increasingly secular world.

The Messenger reveals itself as a deeply spiritual, stimulating and intriguing art work. This piece was originally created for Durham Cathedral in 1996. For those of you who may not know of his ground breaking work, we invite you to come and discover its treasures and together with all those gathered to 'glimpse mystery through the ordinary and everyday, the transcendent through the immanent' and to experience through this piece a 'work that is both intensely spiritual and of a scale appropriate to its immense setting - a profound

meditation on life and being itself'.

PS Thanks for your prayers. Good filming at Dorchester and a great launch in Hemel Hempstead. Remember if you happen to be far away, you may know someone near one of these events or you may just be traveling and be close by.

In the unity of the Body

Philip

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7. Les Lancaster's Inaugural Professorial Lecture

Further details of the lecture series and a contact for any friends or colleagues of Les Lancaster who many will remember from the London EUROTAS meeting are given below with an abstract of his lecture which we hope to publish on the EUROTAS website shortly

Dear Professor Drew,

Faculty of Science Inaugural Professorial Lecture Series 2006 - 2007

Professor Les Lancaster

'Transpersonal Psychology: Science and the challenge of the sacred

I am contacting you on behalf of Professor Les Lancaster, School of Psychology, Liverpool John Moores University, who would like to invite you to his Inaugural Professorial Lecture on Wednesday 29th November 2006. The lecture entitled 'Transpersonal Psychology: Science and the challenge of the sacred' will take place in the Ground Floor Lecture Theatre of the Cherie Booth Building, Byrom Street. Guests are asked to arrive prompt for a 4.45 p.m. start.

The lecture will last approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by refreshments.

We would be delighted should you be able to attend, and would be grateful if you could inform us of your intention to do so, by emailing a.j.mason@ljmu.ac.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Alison J Leigh

Faculty Administrative Co-coordinator

Abstract of Lecture

Transpersonal psychology is a relatively young branch of psychology that researches into

the nature and psychological basis of spiritual experience. Despite its status as a young discipline, its provenance may be traced to the origins of psychology and to the roots of the term *psyche*, meaning soul. The central challenge for the discipline is to establish an epistemology that honors the scientific aspirations of psychology as a whole, whilst, at the same time, accommodating the insights discernible in what the Islamic scholar Hussein Knars refers to as the traditions of sacred science within the world's spiritual and mystical traditions. In this lecture, Les summarizes his own contributions to meeting this challenge, drawing particularly on his research into the nature of human consciousness. In this context, material drawn from Buddhist and kabalistic sources, amongst others, are examined in the light of recent advances in the cognitive neuroscience of consciousness. Les demonstrates the way in which the integration of data from such diverse sources is forging a new epistemological approach in psychology.

8. The EUROTAS Newsletter

Please consider whether you would like friends and colleagues to have their own copy of the EUROTAS newsletter. There have been more than 50 requests during the last month and this means that more like minded people are want to read about associations and activities in Europe. If your Association has not told us recently of your activities, please send us up to 1000 words along with your contact details.

The www.eurotas.org website is now regularly updated by David Allen. You can post on it your articles or those of friends and colleagues. There is also a Forum on the website where you can find and make contacts and develop your own special discussion group. If you have suggestions about how we can improve it or articles to post, please let us know

Vitor Rodrigues, our President writes:

A special request for everybody and mostly for therapists: if you know about articles both from you and others that can help establish a database of scientific foundations for our work (studies of modified states of consciousness, their therapeutic impact, their impact on personal development, spiritual practices and their implications for human body and mind health and so on; studies on therapeutic transpersonal methods, transpersonal psychological measures), please send them both to John Drew

9. Wrekin Trust/University of the Spirit Forum 4-5 November

The Emerging Spiritual Revolution is the title of a major conference at the Friends House, Euston Road, London. It is organised by the Wrekin Trust and the University of the Spirit Forum. It promises to be a very special event and you may wish to join your friends and colleagues or come to London and meet likeminded people and enjoy the workshops.

Details on www.grassrootsspirituality.org

10. Transpersonal News from Ireland

Marcus Hohman writes:

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Dear Friends,

Not having been present at the recent EUROTAS Conference, I like to send greetings and news from Ireland via this newsletter. It's a bit strange writing to all you people from all over Europe whom I've never met and only have been in contact with few. However, we, from the IATP, hope to change that in the future and are looking forward to participate and connect with more EUROTAS members and organisations.

The IATP has, since it was founded in March, gone through a slow but steady growth in members and will continue with establishing our organisation within the Irish society. We have been publishing two newsletters to date with No.3 following soon. They are still available for downloading on our website (www.iatp.ie).

We will have our first public appearance at the Emergence Festival of Art, Consciousness & Ecology from the 29th of November till the 3rd of December in Dublin, where we will be co-hosting a symposium.

Further, we have scheduled to revamp our website at the beginning of 2007 and to finally integrate the forum that has been promised.

If you wish to contact us, please write to info@iatp.ie.

Best wishes,

Markus Hohmann
(IATP Administrator)
11. Hazel Marshall's programme for workshops at Rock Bank

Dear Friends,

My computer was struck by lightning in August. So ever since, until now, I have been completely off emails and the Internet. No messages from anyone have reached me for the last two months.

My apologies to anyone who may have tried to contact Rock Bank in this way. I'm back in touch now and able to reply once more to any email messages.

Ruth White's course is full, but there are places on the others, and if you're interested or know anyone who might be, there would be a welcome. I am very grateful to all those of you who tell other people about Rock Bank and about what we're doing here.

The website, www.rockbank.co.uk is also up and running again and fully updated with Rock Bank's programme. Ruth White's course is full, but there are places on the others, and if you're interested or know anyone who might be, there would be a welcome. I am very grateful to all those of you who tell other people about Rock Bank and about what we're doing here.

With warmest good wishes for the autumn,

Hazel

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12. From Russia as always with love - a Manifesto

Alexey Ivanov and Evgueny Faydysch have drawn up a Manifesto which will be available shortly on the EUROTAS website

Manifesto

A TRANSPERSONAL MORAL-ORIENTED MOVEMENT FOR PLANETARY DIVERSITY

Every new incident on our planet makes the increase of a general crisis of humanity more apparent. The leaving of the treasures of spiritual and religious traditions, the eternal moral values, the ideals of open society, is even clearer. The American scenario of globalisation is becoming established on the planet and this can't make peace with conscience.

We would like to return to the origins of the transpersonal tradition and to restore the lost ideals amplified with a new reality of the present. Transpersonal psychology has a need for the serious rethinking of its methodological-theoretical fundamentals. It requires the following:

1. Reconstruction of interdisciplinary contacts:

Deep interrelationship with the other sources of knowledge of human and society - human-oriented science on the whole.

Leveling of support on theological knowledge from various religious and philosophic systems.

Acceptance of the new concepts of natural science (dynamic chaos theory, synergetics, quantum models of reality etc.).

2. Consideration of the newest factors affecting the deepest levels of a human psyche:

Modern information technologies of communication (cellular telephony, Internet etc.).

Computer virtual reality; study of the psychological effects of images of illusive world picture
a surrogate of the objective reality.

Factors of the side psychotronic effects of household devices and technosphere on the
whole.

.. The Manifesto continues and will be available on the website shortly

13. Glenn Hartelius is looking for a teaching post in Europe

Glenn Hartelius who will be well known to some of you readers is a PhD in East-West
Psychology. He is seeking a teaching post in Europe in 2007

He writes:

I had the great pleasure of meeting a number of you during the 2006 EUROTAS
conference in Moscow. I am now interested in a position to teach psychology on either the
graduate or undergraduate level in Europe. I will have a Ph.D. in East-West Psychology from
the California Institute of Integral Studies by June of 07, and my wife and I are prepared to
relocate to Europe immediately thereafter. My areas of expertise are consciousness studies,
somatic psychology, transpersonal/integral psychology, and East-West psychology

Though a native English speaker, I am fluent in Danish, and have basic conversational skills
in French, German, and Spanish. In the United States I have taught effectively (and with
great enjoyment) in multicultural classrooms that included Asians, African-Americans,
Muslims, Jews, Pacific Islanders, and Latinos

I take joy in developing and teaching individual classes, as well as contributing to the
development and enhancement of a larger program. In addition, I have ten years of
experience in integral counseling, as a background for working with individual students. I
bring enthusiasm, a great deal of energy, and a willingness to undertake responsibility for
aspects of development should these be required.

Should you know of an available post, or wish to have a copy of my CV and references
forwarded to you, please contact me. Thanks for your consideration. I look forward to an
opportunity to join the Eurotas community!

Glenn Hartelius

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14. Last thoughts:

All thoughts please to our President Vitor Rodrigues at psicosophos@sapo.pt and copy to the
Newsletter Editor profdrew@eurotas.org for passing on to those who might be interested in
your queries.

EUROTAS is helping to make contacts and renew old friendships across Europe and wider. Please keep sending you information from your Associations and from yourself so that we can make our small contributions to this fast changing world which is becoming global and local at the same time. We hope you will make these changes known to a wider audience through the Newsletter and the Website [www. eurotas.org](http://www.eurotas.org)

As ever

John

Newsletter Editor