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1. Eurotas Delegates Meet in the Loire

Meeting of Eurotas Delegates, Loire Valley, France, October 5th 2006

1. Short history of EUROTAS by Rumold Mol, one of its founders, invited by Vitor Rodrigues. John Drew, former President of EUROTAS and Editor of the EUROTAS Newsletter and Website commented on this and stressed the important role EUROTAS is now playing and the way in which each Association and/or individual can help its further development.

2. Finances. Vitor Rodrigues explained EUROTAS finances and how funds had been used during the previous year and the Conference. Also the issue of how to raise funds for EUROTAS was discussed, with emphasis on the need to make sure each Association paid its dues on time. It was decided that each Association should pay its dues to EUROTAS by the 25th January, each year. Vitor said he would write to associations to ensure they did this.

Certification of European Transpersonal Therapists

Vitor Rodrigues discussed the process for certification of transpersonal psychotherapists by EUROTAS. It is now ongoing and the first Psychotherapists have been certified after a first definition of the process and the requirements needed for obtaining an ECTP – Eurotas Certificate as a Transpersonal Psychotherapist.

EUROTAS as a United Nations NGO

Rumold Mol's project for EUROTAS to become an NGO was mentioned and some people asserted their interest in collaborating towards this goal.

5. European Spirituality Project

Vitor Rodrigues made a short comment on the European Spirituality Project that is still at the very beginning since another project – concerning an attempt at finding consensus among religious and spiritual leaders about humans and humankind – is underway.

6. Global Transpersonal Congress

Stuart Sovatsky from the American ITP talked about the World Wide Transpersonal Congress to be held in Delhi, India, January 5-8 2008. This is developing well and he invited all to join. Details on the eurotas.org website

7. Eurotas Conference in Germany 2007

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Ingo Benjamin Jahrsetz from Germany had previously offered to host our next EUROTAS Conference in Freiburg, Germany, in September 2007. He gave the Delegates an update on its progress. The theme be “A Transpersonal view of forgiveness.”

8 New Associations

Some new Associations who have applied for EUROTAS membership were then welcomed after they had made presentations about their organizations. These were: the Catalanian Association, the Spanish Association, the Romanian Association, the Moldavian Association, the Ukrainian Association and the Latvian Association. Also a new member of the Board, Elena Francisc, from Romania, was proposed and welcomed.

2. The Eurotas Conference in Freiburg, Germany, 20-23 September 2007

Dear Eurotas Delegates,

now the Eurotas Conference Program **Forgiving and Reconciliation** is about finished and it looks very interesting and inspiring (www.forgiving-freiburg2007.de, www.eurotas.org).

We would like to invite you all to come to Freiburg and join the Conference.

If you intend to come, please register and reserve a room early since Freiburg and the Black Forest are a very popular tourist area in September. All information you need you will find on the rebuilt homepage of the conference. You also may contact the organizers when you have questions.

To make the conference a full success we are dependent on your help. Please spread the news via e-flyer and flyer. Please contact us for the amount of paper-flyer you need; we are happy to send them to you. An updated flyer is in work and will be found on the website soon.

Thank you very much for your support!

We hope to see you in Freiburg...

Heartfelt Greetings,

Nina Buchheld, Ingo Jahrsetz, Kati Wortelkamp, Stefan Maise from the organizing team

FORGIVING AND RECONCILIATION:

Towards an Enlightened World Culture. A Transpersonal View on Conflict, Terror and Love

9th EUROTAS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

20.-23. SEPTEMBER 2007

FREIBURG – GERMANY

Please come and if you make your reservation now it will be much cheaper - see websites below

The first day is for EUROTAS members and friends but all are welcome – to experience and to share your vision of Europe – discussions and workshops

Or you can be there from 21 September to 23 September (lunch time)

You are very welcome whichever you choose

More and updated information is available from the Conference Website:

www.forgiving-freiburg2007.de

or from the EUROTAS website <http://www.eurotas.org>

The Conference takes place in Freiburg, a lovely city of forests, vineyards and Gothic architecture. Freiburg has a centuries old historical tradition. The old city is dominated by the 12th century Cathedral which hints at the spiritual character of Freiburg, a modern city in which today live many spiritual and ecologically conscious people.

You can get more information from the official website of Freiburg:

http://www.stadtverwaltung.freiburg.de/servlet/PB/menu/1140679_12/index.html

Our different events will take place at the “Waldhof” (<http://www.waldhof-freiburg.de/>)

and in the castle of Ebnet. The conference-venue is situated in a quiet area at the edge of the forest, and it also is reachable very easily from the city. There is a train every 30 minutes.

Waldhof is a Seminar-hotel with a limited number of places to live and to eat. The castle of Ebnet is a conference hall 5 minutes away by bus or 20 minutes on foot.

To stay at the conference, you can choose between the seminar-hotel Waldhof, in private rooms, pensions or hotels in the surroundings.

Travelling to Freiburg is very easy; it is situated on the freeway A5 (Basel-Frankfurt), and train-station for main ICE-lines. There is also a direct train-connection from Frankfurt-airport to Freiburg. The nearest airports are

Basel/Mulhouse/Freiburg and Frankfurt/Main. From there you will find good bus and train connections to Freiburg-city.

With the confirmation of your application we will give you further directions.

3. News from Sweden and Bo Wikstrom

Dear Eurotas Friends

I'm happy to say that Delphi Institute now finally has a homepage! It took one year but now it's done - www.delphiinstitutet.se

Our first step to license psychotherapist training is running and we are now in our third training group. 12 persons learn a lot of solid psychodynamic knowledge plus transpersonal books and techniques. In our modules we use painting and holotropic breathwork among other things.

It may take some time but I am looking forward to see you all in a year or two!

Love & Light

Bo

4. News from Russia

Russian Association of Transpersonal Psychology and Psychotherapy will conduct its 6th annual Conference "Integral practices: ancient and modern science about accelerated human development", Moscow, May 4 - 6. We have 12 panel presentation, 3 roundtable discussions, 30 workshops and 3 art evenings. The best Russian expert in the field of transpersonal sciences and practices will participate at the Conference.

5. News from Turkey

Dear Sir

We have a transpersonal association in Turkey since November 2005. We want to collaborate with other transpersonal associations over the world especially yours. How can we be a member of EUROTAS? If you send us some information about that we will try it.

Also we decided to join the Freiburg meeting in Germany.

Yes we are in Istanbul. Next time you visit we will very appreciate to invite you to our association. Thanks for your help

Sincerely

Yusuf Karabulut [yusufkarabulut@gmail.com]

6. Happiness Conference

Dear Beata (Bishop)

I'm writing with some more information about the *1st European Conference on Happiness and Its Causes*, a major international conference which will take place in London on **13-14 October 2007**. The conference is an opportunity for a range of prominent experts in areas such as cognitive therapy, positive psychology and Buddhist psychology to share latest research, explore differences and similarities, and propose tools and techniques for enhancing happiness and wellbeing in daily life. It is based on the successful Australian conference of the same name. I've attached the programme from the Sydney conference in 2006, or else you can view the 2007 programme on www.happinessanditscauses.com.au.

Speakers who have agreed to take part in the London conference include Lord Richard Layard, Professor Felicia Huppert, Luang Por Sumedho, Dr Anthony Seldon, Nic Marks and Daniel Nettle.

The Conference is being organised by 'Universal Compassion and Wisdom for Peace,' a non-profit organisation whose aim is to create a more peaceful world by helping people everywhere develop compassion and wisdom – to be kind and wise. Our work is rooted in Buddhist and scientific explanations of phenomena and the mind, and His Holiness the Dalai Lama has recently agreed to be our Patron.

With every good wish
Alison Murdoch

Further information

The 1st European Conference on Happiness and Its Causes
is a ground-breaking event taking place in London, 13-14 October 2007

The conference will be a powerful opportunity for personal and professional development, offering you:

- a unique overview of latest developments in the field of happiness and well-being
- an exciting update on latest research from international experts
- fresh tools and skills that you can immediately integrate into your work
- the knowledge and confidence to influence others in this area
- a stimulating weekend with people who share the same interests and concerns
- an inspiring collection of wisdom and insight with the potential to transform your life

International speakers and workshop leaders include:

- Professor Lord Layard, London School of Economics (Happiness – Lessons from a New Science)
- Dr Howard Cutler (The Art of Happiness & The Art of Happiness at Work with The Dalai Lama)
- Dr Dorothy Rowe (Depression – The Way out of your Prison; Beyond Fear)
- Professor Felicia Huppert, Head of the Wellbeing Institute, University of Cambridge
- Ajahn Sumedho, Abbot of Amaravati Buddhist Monastery
- Dr Anthony Seldon, Master of Wellington College (Blair; Major)
- Nic Marks, Head of the Centre for Well Being, New Economics Foundation
- Daniel Nettle (Happiness – The Science behind your Smile)
- Venerable Sangye Khadro (How to Meditate)
- Vicki Mackenzie (Reincarnation; Cave in the Snow; Born in the West)
- Isabel Losada (The Battersea Park Road to Enlightenment)

The Conference is being organised by Universal Compassion and Wisdom for Peace, a non-profit organisation whose aim is to create a more peaceful world by helping people everywhere to be kind and wise. Universal Compassion and Wisdom for Peace will be launching The 16 Guidelines for a Happy Life at the conference.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL for the two-day conference is £220 (+VAT) for bookings made before 31st July 2007. The full fee is £270 (+VAT)

BOOKING NOW OPEN on www.happinessanditscauses.org

7. An interesting article from Glenn Hartelius

Dear John,

I hope all is well with you and the world of European Transpersonal Psychology!

I forward, for your reference, final proof of an article on the definition of Transpersonal Psychology that I contributed to--it is coming out shortly in The Humanist Psychologist.

Looking forward to visiting again with EUROTAS members!

Warm wishes,

Glenn

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Transpersonal Psychology: Defining the Past, Divining the Future

Glenn Hartelius, Mariana Caplan, and Mary Anne Rardin
California Institute of Integral Studies

Retrospective analysis of definitions published 35 years suggests the major subject areas of the field can be summed up in three themes: beyond-ego psychology, integrative/holistic psychology, and psychology of transformation. Theme frequency analysis reveals that early emphasis on alternative states of consciousness has moderated into a broader approach to human transcendence, wholeness, and transformation. This expanded definition of transpersonal psychology suggests the field has much in common with integral psychology. As a comprehensive, historically based content summary, this tripartite definition contributes a small but vital piece to the foundation of a transpersonal vision that is spreading across the globe. While transpersonal psychology still needs to embody the inclusiveness and diversity that it represents, its vision is one of great relevance to the contemporary human condition. Artistic inspiration is best expressed by creating art rather than by making explanations. It is in this sense that transpersonal psychology, with its uplifting vision, has had difficulty defining itself. Yet, just as the soul of an artist's muse can be divined from a body of work, a clearer picture of transpersonal psychology can be drawn from looking at how it has expressed itself through its approximately first 35 years (i.e., all but one of the definitions in the corpus date from the period 1969–2003). We inquire not only into the definition of the field, but also into its character: what are the themes that make it up, how have these themes unfolded, and as we follow its arc through time, what can we imagine for the future of transpersonal psychology? Where is the field spreading? How well does it embody what it represents? This article summarizes the findings from four related studies: a thematic analysis of a corpus of definitions of transpersonal psychology published over a 35-year period, a thematic analysis of relevant portions of Boucouvalas' (1980) in-depth

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Correspondence should be addressed to Glenn Hartelius,

8. World Congress India News, January 2008

Early Registration rates for www.WorldCongressPS2008.org are being extended through May 30th as Discounted Hotel Registration comes online on the website in late April. One-hundred early registrations will help in getting discounted airfares, worldwide (most countries), for all. It will also help in securing the best rates for hotels for all. Please check website in coming weeks for link to Congress travel agent. June registration rate increases approximately eight percent.

Robert Thurman is thrilled to join us and has confirmed his Keynote address. Watch for Yoga Journal article on Congress in August/September.

Stuart Sovatsky, PhD, Congress Co-convenor
<http://home.jps.net/~stuartcs/about.html>

9. An honour for Stan Grof and for the Transpersonal Movement From Vaclav Havel – a note from Bernadette Blin

Je fais suivre cette belle information ainsi que l'info concernant la
aparution du dernier livre de Grof en France et en français !
C'est encore un élément qui valide le transpersonnel dans sa dimension internationale
et honorable même d'un point de vue scientifique.

Amitiés
Bernadette

Dear Bernadette and French clan,

I would like to share with you some exciting news that might
interest you as my friends and colleagues friend I have just
received a letter from the former Czech president Vaclav Havel that I will receive the
Award entitled Vision 97 given annually by the prestigious Dagmar and Vaclav Havel
Foundation.

Much love, Stan

In Prague, March 20, 2007.

Dear Professor Grof,

I have the honor to inform you that the Board of Consultants decided to grant you
the Award of the Foundation of Dagmar and Vaclav Havel Vision 97 for the year 2006.

Allow me to say first a few words about our Foundation. My wife and I launched it ten
years ago; beside distributing money for cultural and social purposes, it focuses on long-
term support and organization of projects and programs that aim for the future, have
pioneering features, and attempt to break down conventions and strengthen that, which
at present does not enjoy support of the majority of people or is not comprehensible to
them, but what with its consequences can inspire or otherwise meaningfully influence
the future.

One of the programs of the Foundation is granting its annual Awards. It is given to thinkers, whose scientific work returns science into the framework of general culture, transcends the dominant concepts of knowledge and being, reveals unknown, surprising, or overlooked connections, and touches in a new way the mysteries of the universe and of life. It is thus an Award, by which we would like to bring the attention of the public to spiritual achievements, which in the best sense of the word do not meet the criteria of the established ways of exploring of reality.

10. News from France and the next GRETT conference

Journeys of the Spirit – Les Voyages de l'Esprit

Please contact the website www.irett.net for more details of the next GRETT conference. Those of you who were in the Loire Valley last year will remember with affection the joint GRETT/ EUROTAS conference and the dedication and delightful welcome of the GRETT team. Bernadette Blin writes

Chers Amis,
Nous sommes tous invités à diffuser à tous nos carnets d'adresses emails l'information concernant le prochain forum du GRETT sur le thème "Les Voyages de l'Esprit" en septembre prochain. Vous trouverez les grandes lignes du programme et des informations pratiques dans la pièce jointe. Merci à vous de nous aider à faire connaître ce forum avec un programme riche en contenus et en qualité d'intervenants.

Amicalement
Bernadette

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11. News from Ireland

Markus writes:

I am glad to present another very interesting newsletter that has emerged through the kind contributions of our members as well as international transpersonal contributors.

I'm not going to give it all away here but urge you to read and hopefully enjoy our May edition of: E-merge-nce 5

I hope to see you all soon at the IATP AGM and Symposium on the 26th of May!

Please feel free to give feedback about the newsletter or confirm that it arrived safely on your computer screen.

Best wishes,

Markus Hohmann
(IATP Administrator)

Welcome to the 5th edition of E-merge-nce!

Following the Website re-launch on the 3rd of May there was a considerable interest generated to date, with over 350 individual visitors not only from Ireland but also the rest of the world.

New contacts were made and new members have joined us in our efforts to establish Transpersonal Psychology and Consciousness in Ireland.

Our next step and focus is the IATP – AGM on the 26th of May, which will be held in: Sli Na Bande, Kilmurray, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow, Tel. 01-2819990, website: www.slinabande.com

In conjunction with the first IATP Symposium with the theme of: “The Role Of Transpersonal Consciousness / Psychology And Its Implication For Treatment In Ireland”.

This will be an important milestone for the association and we very much encourage and welcome everyone's participation on the day. Please book your place now as well as accommodation and food, if required, by contacting: info@iatp.ie. Hope to see you all there!

12. Last Thoughts

You will see from this newsletter what a flourishing there is of transpersonal initiatives across Europe from Ireland to Russia, from Sweden to Turkey. This is not to mention the many conferences and activities taking place in EUROTAS associations on a regular basis. Freiburg, the beautiful town where the EUROTAS Conference will take place this year in Germany is in the news today as the greenest city in Europe!

We have welcomed an increasing number of participants from North America at our conferences in Europe and the India Conference in January 2008 stemmed from the EUROTAS conference in Moscow in 2005.

A last though plea is if you can find time, please contact some of those who are making these different meetings and associations happen. (see the EUROTAS website [www Eurotas.org](http://www.Eurotas.org) It is thanks to the dedication of a small number of people that the transpersonal feels out into the world. Every little letter of encouragement or offer to help is welcome. The transpersonal, like Europe itself "se fait par des petits pas!"