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## 1 A seasonal note from Eurotas

### From our President:

Dear friends in the transpersonal movement everywhere,

As we come closer to Christmas, I hope all of us will be also come closer to finding the abundant gifts of Life within the depth of our hearts. This is a traditional moment for sharing, generosity and improving relationships and Love is the word. So, more than the obligation of consuming and of buying and giving lots of things, we can practice that subtle art of giving love and joy mostly by the way we look at others, the way we sit together with them and the presence we share during those nice Christmas meals...

And then, for the New Year, let us all be full of specific and positive projects living them in a day-by-day basis full of accomplishment and energy. Why not go to India for the World Congress on Psychology and Spirituality (<http://www.worldcongressps2008.org/>)? I am sure it will be worth the visit and besides we will have a good representation of EUROTAS there to welcome you. A nice way to begin 2008

A Warm Christmas hug for everybody,

Vitor Rodrigues

### **Tanna Jakubowicz-Mount one of the EUROTAS Elders (see below Number 3) writes:**

Dear Friends,

I'm writing to you out of gratitude for the wonderful Conference in Freiburg, which deepened our spiritual search for forgiving and reconciliation in a very friendly and supportive atmosphere. This special gathering and sharing proved to me, that together as a transpersonal community we have great healing, loving and creative forces to embrace a larger circle of European and World community.

I believe, we could gather and centre our wisdom and heart powers to contribute to the global healing and planetary awareness. I strongly believe that the Spirit of Times is calling us to intensify our efforts, to gather critical mass and prevail.

With love,

Tanna

## 2. Tenth EUROTAS Conference in Barcelona, October 2008

**“THE PLANET, CULTURE and CONSCIOUSNESS: Developing humanity in the 21st Century.”**

30th October to 2nd November (29th October EUROTAS delegates and friends meeting)

ACT (The Catalan Transpersonal Association) is already working enthusiastically in order to arrange the next EUROTAS meeting in Barcelona. The title for this Congress is quite flexible because we want to allow you to propose your recent works, but don't forget to emphasize the importance of our focus. We would like to think about the means to achieve love for cultures, light for consciousness and peace for our lovely planet.

We are so pleased, as we said, for all your comments, suggestions and help. Any advice will be welcomed on organization, budgets, translation, financing – everything! Thank you once more for your kindness and gentle care.

Here's the note describing the mission and aim of ACT (Associació Catalana Transpersonal):

Associació Catalana Transpersonal, (ACT), in Barcelona, is a pioneer impulse for the transpersonal movement in Catalonia and Spain. As a cultural association, it is a space to share processes and visions in the transpersonal work of therapists, educators, healers and social sciences professionals. Since 1997 it is offering the Jornades Transpersonals, where different disciplines and practices are held: bodywork, psychotherapy approaches, scientific research, yoga, meditation, shamanic practice, flower essence therapy and music. ACT has hosted international lecturers and leaders like S. Grof, Dhiravamsa, B. Blin-Lery, Tew Bunag, F. Rdguez Bornaetxea, R. Yensen, C. Field, F.Lery, V. Merlo and J. Coddington..

ACT offers a formation, workshops and seminars on different approaches, bridging spirituality, psychology, traditional wisdom, and progressive social transformation. Embedded in the ACT is the Institut de Psicologia Transpersonal de Barcelona (IPTB), led by the psychologist and psychotherapist Magda Solé, who has pioneered the transpersonal in Spain since the 80's.

Thank you so much,

Magda and company

"Lots of love for cultures, light for consciousness and peace for our lovely planet"

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Magda Sole and her team from Barcelona will prepare this with the enthusiastic support of the Board and many members of EUROTAS associations. In Spanish the title is "Planeta, desenvolupant la humanitat del S. XXI. Please put in your agenda now. We are so pleased that the annual conference goes from one European country to another each year enriching our Association and its members

### 3. The proposed Council of Elders - a note from Tanna

Dear Friends

The idea of Council of Elders is very present in my spiritual and practical life. I'm positive about the great power of such a circle. That's why I prepared my proposal for the last Eurotas meeting:

"We are ageing and sagging. Maybe we are old enough to gather as Elders and sit in Council trying to bring some creative solutions. We need to gather wise, respected members of our transpersonal community and discuss planetary issues:

1. What is our view on planetary transformation?
2. What is our responsibility in the world community?
3. How can we develop our grand visions and fully live our purpose? "

The last Conference in Freiburg proved to us that together we have great healing, loving and creative forces sufficient to embrace the larger circle of European and World community. I believe, we could gather and center our wisdom and heart forces to contribute to global healing and planetary awareness. In long, creative discussions after the Conference the idea gained the support from a number of members of our community: Beata Bishop, Monique Tiberghien, Bernadette Blin, Pia Keiding, Magda Sole, John Drew, Vitor Rodrigues, Ingo Jahrsetz, and also from our American friends: Judith Miller, Ashok Gangadeen and Stuart Sovatsky.

Here are some views from the Mandala of voices:

**Vitor:** Acknowledging the Wisdom of Elders and using it as a contribution to our world is a way of getting Humankind back in its track – mostly when we know lots of people now survives to their eighties, nineties, even hundreds... Now I am happy to see that a consensus did develop around it. In the past I even thought that such a Council could become the root for a future development of EUROTAS as an NGO since this would be one way to contribute in a very effective way to World affairs. We should devise a way for us to have a public say. So let us begin developing it

**Bernadette:** I'm supporting this idea being aware that this gives us kind of obligation towards consciousness in a larger scale let's our creativity blossom to find new ways of expressing love, compassion, solidarity and wisdom

**Ingo:** What we need today to melt a fresh, ever present Holy Spirit together with the capacity of surrender to the unavoidable. Then we'll create the opportunity to be filled up with the creativeness and power of Spirit. We as elders have to surrender to the mystical river of existence, and find themes to discuss out of this perspective.

I visited several times the Brazilian rain-forest, and there found a good-functioning spiritual community honoring their elders, particularly female elders. Becoming older in my own life-time, sometimes I painfully feel the lack of elderly wisdom and knowledge backing up the life-projects of the young-ones.

The problem I see, and which has to be discussed in our circle is that the traditional structure of an elder cannot be transferred one to one to the necessities of our modern world. As I know from myself and from many friends within our age, we normally don't have these archetypal character-structures of a man and a woman, the wit, witch-woman, and the man in the fire-circle. That doesn't mean we are not mature enough to be elders related to our social surroundings. But I think that we are still much more seekers, explorers, and much less firm in our structure. Because we have to find ways beyond the male and the female, beyond the old and the young-people, beyond good and evil. Being an elder today may need the experience to go beyond dualities, and discover the unconditional.

**Ashok:** I completely support the ((ideas)) flowing and I feel that a ((EUROTAS Council of Elders)) is vital for the great awakening event emerging on the planet at this time.

**Tanna:** I envision this Council of Elders as a huge Tree of Life rooted in the common ground of various spiritual traditions, drawing wisdom and love and nourishing new generations of branches and lives, with the crown embracing the skies.

**Judith:** Being asked to be on the Council of Elders is a real honor because of the calibre of the people who make up Eurotas. And it certainly makes the aging process a much more positive experience than I would have thought.

**Stuart:** Regarding the ongoing power of forgiving and commitment to the world community and the convening of elders, I imagine that a deeply embodied expression that combines all these elements would be a Transpersonal Conflict Mediation Service that elders and others would convene to resolve disputes or conflict in a spiritual win-win way or involving contrition and forgiveness and so on.... This service would be offered to anyone who seeks it, as an alternative to cold climate of judicial courts.

**Monique:** I feel very glad with your proposition of a Council of Elders. As a supporter of Eurotas from the beginning, I really feel it is the right moment to make new steps and to communicate more clearly on how we co-create with the world transformation and how can we develop an empathic participatory spirituality between us as a group and further.

And finally **Beata** who said that she wants to be grounding member of our group and asked some questions. My answers are in pink:

Re Council of Elders. There are some important practical questions which I'd like you to answer, please.

1. Who chooses the participants, and on what grounds? And what do we do to avoid people getting upset, because they have not been invited? I don't have very sharp criteria, we know each other for years and most choices are obvious- like the eldest and most advanced members of the EUROTAS Council, others we could invite feeling that we need their wise contribution. We hope that others will support it if we present it to them, or the Elders could be chosen by democratic voting.

2. And what exactly is the Council going to do? I agree with all the aims and purposes provided by you and our other friends, but what will be the practical modus operandi and how are we going to spread our ideas into the wider world? I imagine we should gather first an internet forum and discuss there the most important questions and concerns. Next we should ponder on them and share our intuitions and insights and possible solutions. Next we can meet at the annual conference, sit in a circle and discuss them openly, inviting the audience for additional questions and comments and maybe coming to some creative answer. Three of us are preparing our Manifesto - the Voice of the Eurotas Council of Elders and ways of spreading it through the World Wisdom Council and other ways including international media and global networking.

3. We only meet once a year, at our annual conference, and I suspect none among us have the time and money to spare in order to meet more frequently - in order to do what? I believe it should be an ongoing process of brain and heart storming on some meaningful lines, looking for wise and compassionate solutions. We could agree to start and finish our conferences by the Council of Elders to inspire the public and to gather various options at the end and work on them some more after the Conference, putting into one paper and on one page to spread it wider.

**So, there are my suggestions how this Council of Elders could operate. Let's continue our discussion and come to some conclusions before our next conference in Barcelona.**

**Much love, Tanna**

## **4. News from Belgium - TETRA**

Some news from TETRA, the transpersonal association in Belgium

Since last year we have now a place of our own for workshops and lectures in Brussels. At the same time our team has expanded and involves more volunteers to help our organisation. With this new team we are now able to present a more complete program in the same direction we followed for the last ten years. This means not only psychology and spirituality, but also planetary citizenship, ecology, and our links with nature. We are convinced that humanity will move sooner or later towards such a deep change and that it is essential to train players in this evolution from the individual to the collective.

We are deepening our reflection on mixing trans-disciplinarity and multiple spiritual traditions. In November, we had a forum, « Shamanism, what is its reality? » - a

confrontation between ethnologists, anthropologists and practitioners, a fruitful controversy!

We also go on with the training in shamanism (4 years) with Claude and Noëlle Poncelet and several original short trainings with Tracy Apple and Noëlle Poncelet for leaders and organisers of Symposiums Pachamama. A symposium Pachamama is a one day event, to help larger groups to change their « dream of the North », (the one which destroys the environment and the human community), and to spread in families, schools, associations or businesses the message of the necessary convergence of an ecological balance, social justice and the spiritual blossoming of everyone.

A larger perspective of shamanism has been arising among us out of these events. Instead of being a pre-conscious form of communication with nature, shamanism has become a metaphor of how we deal with the planet as global citizens. It is becoming a social, ecological and spiritual project for humanity.

In this path of the new paradigm or « dream », Tetra had already given a local experimental project of 2 years on planetary citizenship. We learnt a lot from it and still reflect on it.

A new direction for this year 2007- 2008. We propose more regular meditative practices during the week for our public and this means that we have enlarged the choice of the meditations from different Traditions - the Tao dance, chanting, shamanic drumming, Zen, Hatha yoga, breathing, qi jong .... These practices become a regular way to meet at a deep level for all the people involved in our experiential or research workshops.

We also created a new function to help the participants individually or in groups to share, and integrate all these tools in their personal path. In this new function, we are not psychotherapists, but more guides who invite people to find their inner direction and training. Some don't want to be involved in institutional spirituality and need a more neutral guidance. For others who want to be involved more intensely in the tradition they have discovered through these practices, we function like a bridge and send them to more appropriate centres or schools.

For the lectures we continue with spiritual, psychological, artistic or scientific topics. To give an example, this year, in exploring the link between science and spirituality, we invited Marc Halevy, nuclear engineer and philosopher: « science and spirituality, the complex revolution »; « the noetic revolution »; « the inner revolution. » Also Erwin Laszlo philosopher, « Akashi field or cosmic field» and David Peat, physicist (creator of the Pari center in Toscana, for new learning) « the spirit in the matter »... « research of unity. »

Michel Cazenave, philosopher: spoke on « the reality of quantum physics »,  
Craig Holeredge, biologist: « to live in the understanding of nature »

We have some very interesting future workshops including Jean-Yves Leloup on: « Tao and Logos » and; « Sitting and Walking » at Montserrat monastery (Barcelona) and Jean-Yves Leloup and Marie de Hennezel: « Ars Moriendi » at Montserrat monastery (Barcelona)

Our website: [www.tetra-asbl.be](http://www.tetra-asbl.be) presents in French, our guidelines, structures and our annual program

With a joyful emotion, we realise how much our little steps in this shift of paradigm inside our association are synchronistic with EUROTAS steps and international trends.

The conference in Freiburg, the blossoming of our dear friends and associations in EUROTAS, the discovery of [www.awakeningmind.org](http://www.awakeningmind.org) and Ashok Gandagean ... yes our interconnected world is becoming a conscious reality for more and more people.

Yesterday, we had the amazing lecture of Erwin Laszlo organised in good collaboration with a Flemish association. And... we both live in a very little country in serious danger of splitting into three parts because of intercultural and linguistic problems! “

Dominique Thommen, (president of Tetra), Monique Tiberghien and Eva Titus

## **5. British Psychological Society – Transpersonal Psychology Section Eleventh Annual Conference**

EUROTAS members are warmly welcome to attend the next meeting in September 2008 – see details below and see also the mention of the theme of Compassion this year and the Divine Feminine next year. Malcolm Walley writes a summary report of the conference which was held in September 2007:

“The eleventh annual conference of the Transpersonal Psychology Section, held again at our coastal venue Cober Hill, was well attended with a significant number of delegates, across a broad age range, attending for the first time.

In many ways the highlight this year was the dialogue on the work of Ken Wilber which was held between John Rowan and Mike Daniels. The whole of Saturday morning was devoted to this stimulating interchange, brilliantly mediated by Professor David Fontana, and which also incorporated enthusiastic audience discussion.

Two of the keynote speakers, Professor Paul Gilbert and Maureen Cooper, developed the theme of compassion in their lectures and workshops. An afternoon session focussed upon aspects of parapsychology within the context of the transpersonal, a topic area which has been welcomed in previous years. Over the weekend, an excellent range of other presentations included research on the applications of mindfulness, religiosity and health, the martial arts and the transpersonal, and views on spirituality in German psychology at the time of Wundt. Other workshops included explorations of the sense of presence, and sound and spirituality, a theme introduced at last year's conference

Geetha Upadhyaya's workshop of traditional Indian dancing and spirituality was much appreciated as was her improvisation to poetry readings on the Sunday evening. This continued one theme of the weekend, namely David Fontana's keynote on the arts and the transpersonal. The final morning of the conference explored aspects of gender, transgender and spirituality within the context of the Divine Feminine, which provoked a good deal of interest with the suggestion that this area might be developed further at

next year's conference. . The warmth and friendliness of the conference was commented upon by several who attended for the first time, no doubt helped by Ingrid Slack's wonderful contribution again as 'Mistress of Ceremonies!'

A number of delegates again came from Europe and beyond, and EUROTAS members will be most welcome to attend future conferences held by the Transpersonal Psychology Section. The 2008 conference will be again at Cober Hill, Cloughton, North Yorkshire 12-15<sup>th</sup> September – details will be made available in due course on the Transpersonal Psychology Section webpage on the British Psychological Society website (<http://www.bps.org>) .

With loving kindness,

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University of Northampton

N.b. copies of the 2007 conference programme can be obtained from  
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## **6. CTP in the United Kingdom – is looking for teachers and supporters**

The Centre's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> October in the heart of Glastonbury, amidst glorious views of the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey. This year was attended with deep poignancy as we took some time for reflection and silence to remember well-loved friends and colleagues who died this year – Mary Jiggins, Barbara Scott, and Reyn Swallow – and the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ian Gordon-Brown's death on this day in 1996.

I believe our AGM reflects a subtle shift in the process of the Centre's journey, where for the first time in some years a renewed passion, purpose, and a plan for the implementation of a Vision and an outline for a new Training Curriculum for the Centre was introduced and received favourably and unanimously by all participants. Jan Mojsa was appointed as Director of Training and will lead the Curriculum Development Group which has been formally reinstated now. She has generated already an outline for a modular Master's Level 4 year training.

The Curriculum Development Group aims to deliver a profound weaving of several transpersonal streams – the retention of the lineage of Ian Gordon-Brown and Barbara Somers; the continued incorporation of the depth and rigour of transpersonal psychological and philosophical academic enquiry developed by Liz McCormick and Nigel Wellings; and the contemplative note which they brought. We also wish to gather the threads of other approaches and transpersonal enquiry which our colleagues in the US and Europe are innovating.

The Vision of the Centre's new training would also comprise several distinctive elements that would differentiate it from other transpersonal training organisations:

- (1) A “Centre for Transpersonal Psychologies” that could offer a broad spectrum of course content and a depth of engagement and experience with many spiritual traditions
- (2) Formal accreditation and association with a UK University. Both Les Lancaster and Mike Daniels of Liverpool John Moores and Malcolm Whalley of Northampton are open to formal partnership and collaboration in providing their academic expertise in Transpersonal Psychology, Transpersonal Research Methodology, and Case Study and Dissertation writing for some of our proposed training modules
- (3) Spiritual Mentoring and deep engagement with a spiritual contemplative practice will take a central role in the training, in accord with our view that to be an authentic transpersonal psychotherapist a core part of training must include engagement with spiritual practice

In the last few years, the Centre has continued to keep open academic exchanges with the BPS Transpersonal Psychology Section (e.g. the joint CTP/BPS Transpersonal Psychology Section Conference with David Lukoff and Rob Preece in July), John Drew and Beata Bishop have represented us magnificently at EUROTAS, links continue with organisations in the US such as the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology (Olga Louchakova), and we retain contact with established pioneers in the field (e.g. John Rowan, Jorge Ferrer).

The Council is fully aware that dynamic interchange between those members that would like to offer their skills and experience and to potentially teach on future CTP trainings can only be possible within an organisational atmosphere of mutual respect and honouring of each other’s diversity as well as where we can celebrate our commonalities.

The Council wishes to re-emphasise the core principles that were expressed by the current Chair in March 2006 of the avowed intention to:

- create an environment within the Centre in which to evolve, discuss and reflect upon theoretical and clinical ideas within Transpersonal psychology and psychotherapy in a spirit of openness and discrimination
- restore and foster a trust and belief that the Centre can be a resource for the soul and a place to recharge the spirit
- be an organisation that is robust and strong enough to contain many diverse transpersonal ideas, beliefs, and theoretical and clinical approaches
- be an organisation where an individual can feel supported and safe enough to ask fundamental questions about how the organisation does things, and to express his or her views and opinions without fear of judgement or retribution

Rupert Tower  
Chair, Council of Management  
12 October 2007

## **The Curriculum Development Group**

At the AGM We agreed to establish a Curriculum Development Group where we can practically address a number of creative and practical issues. There already is a training outline which was developed 3 years ago using CTP's heritage of training plus further developments in terms of practice and curriculum to meet the changing requirements of UKCP. This also takes into account the shifts that have been occurring in the profession during the past few years with regard to competency and learning outcomes. The Curriculum Development Group needs to address this.

There is also a feeling to centre the training in the South West of England – which apart from cost marks the fact that there is a lot of energy in the South West for developing the new initiative. As such, this will mean that a lot of creative thinking will need to occur with regard to making the programme more modular – and therefore more accessible to trainees all over the UK. What I envision is a training that encompasses satellite activities, small group work and tutoring across the UK.

So..... if you are interested in working on the Curriculum Development Group please could you contact me in the first instance? I hope that a group can begin to meet in early November. – the time and place largely governed by the membership of the group.

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## **7. Articles for TIKKUM requested by Rabbi Michael Lerner**

Rabbi Michael Lerner has just invited Eurotas and ATP family to submit articles to his important spiritually-attuned publication, TIKKUM.... please write to him if you are interested or want to be part of his highly influential Spiritual Progressives Organization, ... all best,

Stuart Sovatsky, PhD, Congress Co-convener  
[www.WorldCongressPS2008.org](http://www.WorldCongressPS2008.org)  
<http://home.jps.net/~stuartcs?about.html>

Stuart. I'd like to invite the people coming to consider writing for Tikkun or joining the Network of Spiritual Progressives

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## **8. News from France, GRETT**

Journeys of the Spirit – Les Voyages de l'Esprit  
September 2007, 28 through 30  
at Dourdan near Paris

This was a special conference. As ever these three days of sharing, exchange and reflection were a great opportunity to meet and forward our respective work and thoughts in the transpersonal field. This year we were able to bring together therapists, philosophers, doctors, poets, artists, engineers, singers, all workers in the field of the Buddhist, Christian and shamanism traditions attempting a transpersonal way of thought, way of life and way of healing.

Please contact the website [www.irett.net](http://www.irett.net) for more details.

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. We all hope for more international exchange and work programs. The last GRETT/ERUROTAS conference was a great opportunity to meet with our American colleagues and we hope that you will pass on the information about this conference.

### **Sinodies and p'tit Sinodies**

Recently the GRETT has issued its latest "Sinodies" recollecting the 2005 conference on Art, creativity and transpersonal thought. Many authors have participated witnessing to the extraordinary transpersonal healing through art. You can order a copy at our main office

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The next Sinodies will be on the wonderful Eurotas/GRETT event of 2006 on the "divine feminine. Please send in any material you have or wish to send. We have a team here able to translate your work in French.

The GRETT team also issues a p'tit Sinodies an interactive informative newsletter for our members

## Conferences

This spring has closed the first conference cycle organised by GRETT. The theme this year was on relationships and transpersonal thought and our guests were Hedy and Yumi Schleiffer, Jean Delacroix and Barbara Schasseur. Next year we intend to receive Robert Dilt and Deborah Bacon, Richard Moss and Patrick Baudin. The theme has not yet been decided.

## Salon Zen

As every year IRETT will participate. It is a great meeting place for people working for a new consciousness

Best Wishes

The GRETT team

## 9. Contemplative Fire – News from Philip Roderick

Body prayer, therapeutic drum 'n chant, interviews with hermits and other wholly people - these are some of the transformational resources produced by Philip Roderick, leader of Contemplative Fire: creating a community of Christ at the edge. Just published by SCM Canterbury Press and available on Amazon is "Beloved: Henri Nouwen in Conversation" (ISBN number 978-1-85311-809-8). This is the CD and transcript of a thought-provoking interview with a radical and vulnerable priest and educator.

Another great opportunity to draw from the well of an integral Christian spirituality and to have a resource for personal and/or group use is offered in 'Sacred Posture', a professionally produced DVD featuring 12 (in reality 18) simple but profound body prayers, filmed in the beautiful surroundings of the Sheldon retreat centre in Devon. This DVD is available for £15 from [www.contemplativefire.org](http://www.contemplativefire.org) Also from this stable is the CD "Sheer Sound" featuring Philip on the ambient and healing Hang Drum. This retails at £12. Special offer for EUROTAS - CD and DVD purchased together for £25 inc p&p.

### Dates for your diaries, prayers and networking

1 Ely Cathedral, Lady Chapel, Saturday 2 February, 2-5pm, Workshop and Gathering (this replaces the event originally planned for this coming Saturday, 1 Dec). We are currently planning and networking re this event; if you know anyone in the Cambridge or Ely area who might be interested in this event or in the seeding of CF small groups in the area, please let them know or let the CF office know their contact details.

2. We have currently planned three more events in the New Year:

- On Saturday 26 January, Pilgrimage to Now/here awareness walk and input, connecting the churches of All Hallows by the Tower and St Andrew, Holburn Circus together with a Thames walk.
- Saturday 23 February, Sisters of Sion, Notting Hill, a day exploring Christ consciousness, co-hosted by Contemplative Fire and Christians and the New Awareness (CANA).
- Saturday 1 March, Pilgrimage to Now/here, again linking All Hallows by the Tower and St Andrew, Holburn Circus together with a Thames walk.
- In addition to the above, we are hoping to nurture some small CF groups and hold another Gathering.

3 One of our primary ingredients in building the CF community is the bi-monthly series of Wisdom on the Way days which take place in Oxfordshire and which include some teaching input and awareness walk in natural beauty. These days are for those who have committed to being Companions on the Way. For further details about membership/Companions on the Way, please see The Community Guide on our website.

Wishing you health, wholeness and conviviality

Philip

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## **10. Christmas greetings from the Centre for Transpersonal Studies, London – Meera Sharma**

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

“The God within needs no other God to be worshipped. All that it needs is an awakening, awareness, a consciousness of one’s own being”.

Wishing you happy holidays & Happiness in every walk of life & ever after!

With love,  
 Meera X

## **11. The Transpersonal Revisited - Perspectives**

A residential weekend will be held at Charney Manor in Oxfordshire from Friday March 14-Sunday March 16 2008. Many Transpersonal friends and contacts in the UK will be taking part in this very special and important event in the life of Perspectives. If you would like more information please contact Dorothy Allen on [dorothy@itinuk.com](mailto:dorothy@itinuk.com)

## **12. World Congress on Psychology and Spirituality: India, January 2008**

**[www.WorldCongressPS2008.org](http://www.WorldCongressPS2008.org)**

The Congress preparations have accelerated with responses from over four-hundred people from thirty-six countries. Please email to [stuartcs@jps.net](mailto:stuartcs@jps.net) your website address or plans for collaborative projects for posting to the moderated eBlog at the website to begin connecting with our Community.

Please contact Sanjay Goel at [Sanjay24x7@gmail.com](mailto:Sanjay24x7@gmail.com) to book discounted hotel lodging and to schedule airport pick up upon arrival in Delhi. Temple tours can be booked with him as well.

Please contact [stuartcs@jps.net](mailto:stuartcs@jps.net) for information on including your books etc. for sale in the bookstore.

The Stan and Christina Grof Honorary Holotropic Breathwork Session will be held Jan 3-4 and is accepting registrations at the website. The Jan 5 morning Yagya based on Aurobindo Integral Meditation on Fire Element with luncheon at Surya Farms Estate is accepting registrations at the website. All Presenters who have not yet sent in their photos, 50 word presentation descriptions and bios are kindly requested to do so. If we have not received your photo for posting to website by September 30, we will assume that your plans have changed and your presentation will not be included in the Programme.

In addition to keynotes from BKS Iyengar, Sri Ravi Shankar, Stan and Christina Grof and Sudhir Kakar on the future of spirituality in the world, the India 2008 Congress has confirmed Lama Samdhong Rinpoche, the Prime Minister of Tibet-in-Exile, to give the Inaugural Address. He is the designated heir to His Holiness the Dalai Lama and will speak on The Dharma of Cultural Preservation.

Karan Singh, Kashmir Member of the Indian Parliament, has confirmed to present a keynote on Spirituality and Political Leadership.

Robert Thurman, Chair of Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Studies, Columbia University will give a keynote on Global Renaissance,

The Congress would like to thank Russian philanthropist, Andrey Bunich, <http://bunich.org/bio/> for his major gift toward the success of the Congress

The European Transpersonal Association gave a convening a conference on Forgiveness and Terror in Freiburg, Germany, September 21-24 2007 as a lead-in to the India 2008 Congress,

If your organization would like to associate a 2007 event with the World Congress in India 2008, please contact me.

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### **13. We are all One: A call to spiritual uprising**

We Are All One: A call to spiritual uprising by: J.M.Harrison

An ordinary man tells an extraordinary story. This book, written in just six days following a near death experience, shares the insights of the author's meeting with universal consciousness. Using simple language and everyday examples, he reveals how the present global spiritual awakening is revolutionizing our understanding of the links between mind, matter and spirit, reflecting upon the profound effects it has on our personal lives and the collective future reality of our species.

"When you venture beyond identity, you realize that what you are is awakened consciousness. No longer a separate piece of the puzzle of life, but interconnected existence itself." writes the author. His message is that through consciously aligning with the spiritual truism "We are all one" we can learn to access our true selves with increasing frequency, gradually overcoming our addiction to the "I", eventually entering a new realm where oneness is a living reality.

J.M.Harrison is a spiritual guide, intuitive healer, and mystic. We Are All One, his first publication, offers followers of the path of self-realization a doorway to the deepening of awareness by sharing his experiences of awakening. This book is original, pure and a blessing to all spiritual truth seekers.

Reviewed by Zak Pieterse Nov 2007

Issue Month: January 2008 – available at amazon.com and leading bookstores.

Category: Spirituality Publisher: A Lawren O'Lee Publications 194 pages, Paperback \$13.99 ISBN: 9781419674051

### **14. A Soulful Scottish Programme**

Mike Wilson writes:

I am offering a Scottish based programme in 2008 which might be of interested to anyone who is seeking to deepen their connection with soul. Details are now available on [www.mikewilson.biz](http://www.mikewilson.biz) “

Having spent nearly 20 years developing and deepening my practice and teaching, I find that I am now looking to teach in Germany and Austria (given that I have family connections there). I will be in Stuttgart in August of next year, and in Vienna and Graz at the end of this year and probably next year as well and always looking for reasons to return again and again. I am also writing a book on the practical application of aspects of transpersonal and analytical psychology, and am near completing the first draft.

I am delighted that Eurotas is also growing from strength to strength, and I look forward to the possibility of meeting you again in the not too distant future.

With warm regards,

Mike

## **15. Health as a shared social responsibility**

Dear Colleagues of all interested Professional Roles,

S.I.P.SA. (Italian Society of Health Psychology) is organizing the VIII National Congress of Health Psychology, "Health As Shared Social Responsibility", that will be in Rovigo in October 1-2-3-4th 2008.

Hoping to do something pleasant, we send the call for papers that contains the presentation of the Congress as well as the formalities to propose Symposia, Oral Contributions or Posters, and the following link, in order to visualize the site of the Congress.

[www.healthpromotion.org](http://www.healthpromotion.org)

Thanks for your attention,  
We wish you good working

The Organizing Committee

## **16. Last Thoughts**

Dear Friends from Eurotas,

Napoleon Bonaparte said that: "there are only 2 powers in the world: the Spirit and the Sword. In the long run the sword will always be conquered by the spirit" I really believe

that in the world where so much human energy is turned against life, we need to unite, to get critical mass to prevail.

Let us make this a reality! With love and best wishes for the coming New Year,  
Tanna

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Please let me have information and news for your EUROTAS newsletter!

John Drew – Newsletter Editor