



Eurotas Newsletter

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Dear Friends please print or circulate to those who might be interested. There are many European events of interest described below. Get your Moscow Visas soon!

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1. Moscow EUROTAS Conference 23-26 June

Human Consciousness, Human Values in an Interconnected World;

A Transpersonal Approach - Moscow 23-26 June

Please visit www.citizenshipconference.com or www.eurotas.org for details

You are warmly invited to take part in this Seventh EUROTAS Conference which will be held at the Moscow Academy of Public Service at the Presidency of the Russian Federation. It is for all those in Europe and elsewhere who are interested in the relation between the inner aspects of their lives and the outward living of them. It will bring together like minded people from many different countries. The emphasis will be on our meeting together and learning from one another. There are expert lecturers and workshops from all over Europe and elsewhere. It is also a time for personal reflection on the contribution we might make in our own special ways to the complexity of the fast changing global, regional and local societies in which we find ourselves living.

Many conference lectures will be presented and published on the EUROTAS website. There will be more than 40 different workshops to choose from during the Conference. There are wonderful side trips arranged to St Petersburg and the surroundings of Moscow. Please don't miss this very special experience.

TRIPS following EUROTAS Conference in Moscow. The Shaman Trip to Sacred Sites in Hakassia, Siberia, working with the shaman Tatiana Kobezhikova, looks extraordinary! We need 10 people for the trip to happen. Please grab at the chance ASAP and sign up, so that the organization can continue. Gennady Brevde can email you the 8 day itinerary. If you want to learn more about this fascinating woman and her shamanism, visit

www.kiravan.com/websitecontents.htm written by a Canadian, Kira Van Deusen who has worked with and written about her. It opens with Tatiana's photo at a sacred gateway!

If you are attending the Conference please read carefully the two documents New Visa Letter and Form for receiving an invitation and follow carefully the instructions. These will be sent in Newsletter 26 form and are also available on the website. PLEASE DO THIS SOON AS THE PROCESS CAN TAKE TIME!

2. The EUROTAS Board of Administrators and EUROTAS Delegates Agenda for Moscow

Vitor Rodrigues, the President of EUROTAS sends the following message:

Dear Delegates from EUROTAS Associations. As mentioned previously we will meet on Wednesday 22nd June in Moscow to conduct our EUROTAS proceedings. Please let me have any comments or subjects you wish to raise as soon as you can and at the latest by 1 June 2005. Here is the draft agenda:

1. Election of Board and Eurotas Officers:

Proposed as President: Vitor Rodrigues, Portugal

Proposed for the Board: Bernadette Blin, France

Please let me have any further proposals for Officers and the Board

2. Proposed EUROTAS subscription for 2005-6 175

3. Approval of the Loire Valley for the 8th EUROTAS conference in October 2006 and proposals for the 9th Conference in 2007

4. The Eurotas Website and Discussion Forum Chris Hall/John Drew

5. The President's European Spirituality project for EUROTAS Vitor Rodrigues

6. News from EUROTAS Associations - all

7. International Integral Transformative Practice research project Vladimir Maykov

8 Professional training and certification of transpersonal psychotherapists and accreditation of training institutions Vitor Rodrigues

9. Any other business suggestions please

Please send your comments on the above to me Vitor Rodrigues on psicosophos@mail.telepac.pt and copy to the newsletter editor on profdrew@eurotas.org or to any members of the Board

Look forward to seeing you in Moscow in June. Warm wishes Vitor Rodrigues

3. Ways through the Wall: Approaches to Citizenship in an interconnecting world the book of the London EUROTAS and CTP Conference

Our book is about to be published: We hope EUROTAS supporters will purchase copies because of the intrinsic interest of the book and also to help EUROTAS finances!

WAYS THROUGH THE WALL

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Publisher s Introduction

Many people from different backgrounds, cultures and faith traditions are beginning to review their concepts of consciousness and spirituality. All agree that more sense and meaning has to be made of our complex, interconnecting world society that is changing at an unprecedented rate.

Ways Through The Wall is a book of short essays that demonstrates how some concepts of transpersonal psychology are contributing in a practical way to our thinking about this fast-changing world.

The twenty-eight contributors to Ways through the Wall are members of the international transpersonal community. They range from distinguished academics, writers, members of the faith traditions and leaders of spiritual traditions in their own countries to professional practitioners in hospitals, schools and other organisations. They are linked by their common concern for enabling the development of an interconnecting world and their practical experience of working to make things happen.

This unique book is an invaluable source of hope and ideas to those who seek a way through the wall that prevents our deepest thoughts and spiritual longings from reaching their true expression in a modern, often unheeding, world. It will appeal to professionals interested in a wide variety of approaches as much as to the general reader searching for leads and ideas on their spiritual path

Introduction John Drew and David Lorimer

Consciousness, Ethics and Society

1 - Healing the Split - Beata Bishop

2 - Consciousness and Society An Ethic of Interconnectedness - David Lorimer

3 - Citizenship in an Interrelated World - Eva Titus

4 - Awakening to Spiritual Consciousness in times of Religious Violence: reflections on culture and transpersonal psychology - Olga Louchakova

5 - Reframing the Conflict in Fiji: economic and transpersonal frameworks for peace
Harris Friedman

6 - The Art of Allowing All-That-Is to Win - Lisinka Ulatowska

7 - The Idea of a Spiritual University

8 - The University for Spirit Initiative - bringing the spiritual dimension into education at all levels - Janice Dolley

Consciousness, Spirituality and Growth

9 - Transpersonal Psychology - Ian Gordon Brown

10 - Psychology, Religion and Spirituality - David Fontana

11 - Transpersonal Psychology and the Journey to Spirituality: spiritual emergence -

David Lukoff

12 - What is Integral Psychotherapy? - John Rowan

13 - A New Look at Integral Growth - Jorge Ferrer

14 - Post-Human versus the Robo Sapiens: human consciousness as a non-replicable

embodied organic prerogative - Alex Shalom Kohav

The Transpersonal as a Framework for Dialogue

15 - A Jewish Perspective: Citizenship and Religious Tolerance - Les Lancaster

16 - A Christian Perspective: Mystical Realism: Now/here the scandal of particularity

Philip Roderick

17 - An Islamic Perspective - Azim Nanji

Experiential Approaches to Consciousness

18 - Embodied Participation in the Mystery - Jorge Ferrer, Ramon Albareda, and Marina

Romero

19 - Walking the Edge - Elizabeth McCormick

20 - Tapping into the Soul of the Ordinary Mystic - Anne Carroll Decker

21 - A Transpersonal Perspective in the Visual Arts: The feminine principle, shamanism

and spirituality - Sue Michaelson

22 - Understanding Oneself as Non-Local: what experienced meditators say - Amy

Louise Miller

23 - From Awakening to Liberation: supporting the deconstruction process of self-realization - Bonnie Greenwell

Consciousness and Healing: Therapeutic Applications

24 - Spirituality and the National Health Service - Tony Turvey

25 - Presence and Absence: a case study in addiction from a transpersonal perspective - Jason Wright

26 - Working with the Heart - Serge Beddington-Behrens

27 - The Influence of Family Constellations of Feeling at Home in Holland - Anja Brassler

28 - The Psychotherapeutic Time-Machine - Vladimir Maikov

29 - The Heart of Being: Our Inner Connection - Sarajane Aris

4. Transpersonal Perspectives in the UK

Transpersonal Perspectives has launched a full programme during 2005. It is responsible for the Introductory Workshops I, II, and III which many will remember as the well known introduction to the Training in Transpersonal Psychology begun by Barbara Somers and Ian Gordon-Brown and which continues so many years later through the Centre for Transpersonal Psychology. (CTP)

You can use their website to advertise your own workshops, personal development work, counselling services or therapy practice

Sheila MacLeod in London is the person to contact on 020 7435 3631 and further details are available on www.transpersonalperspectives.org For further information on The Centre for Transpersonal Psychology, please contact tel. (00 44) 020 7935 7350 fax. (0044) 020 7935 2672 or visit the website at www.transpersonalcentre.co.uk

5 A new association in Romania: Asociatia de Terapii Transpersonale

Elena Francisc writes;

The ASOCIATIA de TERAPII TRANSPERSONALE (ATT) was born in 2004 and its main mission is to support a deeper understanding in our interconnected nature and to equip individuals with tools to heal themselves, communities, and the planet.

The vision of ASOCIATIA de TERAPII TRANSPERSONALE in Romania is to

affirm that our well-being is inseparable from the health of the global

community and we acknowledge that our natural state is one of interconnectedness. Therefore, ATT is involved in a wide variety of activities from Holotropic Breath work based on Stanislav's Grof method to Non-Violent Communication by Marshall Rosenberg; from Myths, Archetypes and Symbols to Tai Chi Chuan, Chi Kung, and Tui Na; from Spirituality and Psychology to the Mandala of Being. ATT will develop soon a training program for a wide number of people interested in the transpersonal field. The Association also helps a Foundation which fights against Breast Cancer.

ASOCIATIA de TERAPII TRANSPERSONALE is supported by E F Publishing

(www.efpublishing.ro)

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6. The EUROTAS website: our Webmaster explains the EUROTAS Forum

The EUROTAS website is getting recognized across the world as an independent and authoritative site on transpersonal matters in Europe

Increasingly important is the EUROTAS Forum

Chris Hall our webmaster writes:

The EUROTAS Forum is a very useful way to exchange transpersonal ideas and thought and it can be accessed by everyone. In this forum, you will find information taken directly from the official conference web site about the Moscow Conference including the full programmes for each day of the conference, information about some special optional trips to St. Petersburg and the Orthodox Monasteries of Russia.

We hope that the creation of this new forum will help weave threads related to this important event. We hope that you will visit the EUROTAS Forum which is accessed from the organisation's web site at www.eurotas.org or you may go directly to the Forum by putting the link <http://www.eurotas.org/cgi-bin/ultimatebb.cgi> in your browser.

You will also find many other interesting topics on the Forum relating to transpersonal affairs and we hope that you will take the time to visit and wave your own threads into the tapestry as we very much want to hear from you.

With warm wishes,

Chris Hall
Webmaster

EUROTAS is a not for profit organisation representing the member organisations of European Transpersonal Associations. EUROTAS respects your privacy, should you wish to be removed from our Forum email list, please respond to this email with the word REMOVE in the topic line.

7. Towards an Integral Strategy for Psychological Consciousness Research

We are repeating this research report on the London Conference of August 2005 in view of its importance to our work and the promised results which will appear in a future newsletter

Research Section in London EUROTAS Conference, August 2005

O. Louchakova,

Institute of Transpersonal Psychology (www.itp.edu),

Palo Alto, California

Olga very succinctly sums up this aspect of the London Conference as follows:

London 2004 EUROTAS Conference featured a remarkably broad spectrum of approaches to spirituality, from practical meditation gatherings in the morning, to experiential workshops and inspired addresses, to strictly scientific perspectives. In search for the optimal ways to share transpersonal thought and approaches with the broad public, the Chair of the Conference program committee John Drew, EUROTAS president of the time Wilfried Belschner and EUROTAS consultant from U.S. Olga Louchakova suggested to include into the program the research section which would investigate spirituality as a true scientific knowledge. In the traditional spirit of EUROTAS gatherings, our vision of the research section included integration of multiple approaches to transpersonal research, and open dialogs with the interested professionals and amateur lovers of transpersonal psychology alike.

Research in transpersonal psychology tends to be a difficult endeavour, different from both the kinds of research conducted in natural science, and the ones conducted within psychoanalytic, behavioral or even humanistic psychology. The focus of enquiry is on spiritual experiences and capacities of human being. Are there brain correlates to spiritual experiences? What are the physiological changes in the human organism that becomes the

locus of Divine manifestation? Can we model spiritual development by means of mathematics? Is spiritual awakening a single non-ordinary life event, or is it a life-long process, impacting family, job and all one's social networks? And, above all, is the idea to objectively research spiritual consciousness, whence the whole endeavor of transpersonal psychology, an oxymoron? The section was formed over the intense, eight month long email exchanges between scientists of U.S., U.K., Portugal, Germany, and Romania and Russia (countries that expressed interest). It consisted of four 2 hour meetings, spread over 4 afternoons of the conference and including diverse research agendas.

First meeting, chaired by Prof. Wilfried Belschner from the University of Oldenburg, focused on theoretical principles of transpersonal research. The multinational audience, consisting of psychologists, students, medical doctors and spiritual teachers, dialoged with Prof. Harald Wallach from Freiburg, Prof. Vitor Rodrigues from Lisbon, and Prof. Olga Louchakova. Does transpersonal psychology study consciousness, or does it study human person? What would be the integral methodology of scientific enquiry? The section posted more questions than answers, culminating in the elegant and artistic talk on the philosophical journey of the soul in transpersonal quest by Victor Rodrigues.

Second and third meeting, chaired respectively by Vitor Rodrigues and Olga Louchakova, focused on methodologies of transpersonal enquiry. How do we arrive at a true knowledge of spirituality in human being, and is it something that we can measure? Harald Wallach and Nico Kohls brought up parallels with physics; Shani Robins from the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology in United States spoke about his research in wisdom therapy; Amy Miller from United States/United Kingdom made cutting-edge presentation on the phenomenology of self in multiple personality disorders; and writer and independent researcher Ann Decker shared original study of contemporary women getting insights into Christian writings of Origen. Presentations such as Alex Kohav personal perspectives on paradigm shifts in consciousness, caused critique: the audience challenged the researcher regarding the rigor of his study, and possibility to generalize the highly personal insights.

In the fourth section, young researcher Ovidiu Brazdau, a pioneering visionary from Romania belonging to transpersonal school of thought by renowned Prof. Ion Manzat, made a sweeping synthesis of transpersonal research approaches. Ovidiu engaged the audience in live discussion of the project of creating the database of research tools. On the whole, research section proved to a vivid, intellectually challenging and provocative forum of the strict scientific enquiry, and a think tank for the interdisciplinary research to come.

Some aspects of research agenda spilled over the research section. Olga Louchakova from the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, and Jason Wright from the Center of Transpersonal Psychology in London, under the transpersonal blessings from John Drew and auspicious vitalizing grace of Barbara Scott, conducted the survey of the facets of transpersonal psychology, specific to different countries. The project, titled Transpersonal Psychology Worldwide 2004 Self-Reflection Project, is undergoing analysis at the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology. The project director, professor Louchakova

(www.hridayamyoga.org), promises to publish the results of the study in the upcoming issues of the EUROTAS Newsletter

8. Tony Turvey and the Transpersonal in Scotland

Tony Turvey writes about an Edinburgh Conference and other matters:

David Lukoff is presenting a public lecture and 2 workshops in Edinburgh 7th-9th July. The theme of his presentation is Mental Health and the Spiritual Journey

Details are available at www.animnova.com/hpsources We are pleased that David has been able to combine this engagement with his visit to the Eurotas 2005 conference.

I greatly enjoyed last year's Eurotas conference but unfortunately can't make Moscow this year. I came away from the conference last year with various contact emails to send on details about the BPS transpersonal section etc. My computer later blew up and I lost a lot of contacts. For anyone wanting to get further information my email is tony.turvey@btinternet.com I'm trying to contact the Austrian group who wanted a copy of the picture used with their Cuckoo song!

I'm hoping to circulate an idea about future training possibilities in the UK. Basically the suggestion is that by linking a number of independent groups (CTP, BPS section etc) together who each put on an event in a part of the UK we may be able to share travel costs of speakers coming from the Continent and the United States. This might benefit Eurotas because it's then easier for US speakers to do the next hop in Europe / or perhaps part of any profit could go to a bursary fund for low wage countries. Will send details later to Eurotas.

Bye!

Tony Turvey

Transpersonal Psychotherapist in training.

9. The European SPES Forum - spirituality and public affairs

The overall aim of the European SPES Forum is to make spirituality accessible as a public good to as many people as possible. Or, to phrase it differently: to open up spirituality as a vital source in social and economic life. This aim is expressed in the key word of SPES, being on the one hand an acronym for SPirituality in Economics and Society and, on the other hand, the Latin word for Hope, the virtue that sustains our belief in a better future. Full details on the SPES website <http://www.spes-forum.be>

Professor Bouckaert writes from Belgium:

We are happy to announce the second meeting of the European SPES Forum, October 21 - 22, 2005 at the SPES Academy of Leuven, Belgium. The theme of this meeting is "Spirituality in the context of globalisation". You will find the draft programme on our website.

Our chief concern is to find partner organizations and centres who would like to be actively engaged in the European SPES Forum. If your centre or the organization is willing to actively participate in the future activities of the European SPES Forum, please send us a letter of commitment by email or post mail. This is a warm appeal to join us in the effort to create a network of committed people to promote spirituality as a public good in Europe.

Yours sincerely

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The idea of the European Union originated from the post War shared will to secure an everlasting peace all over the continent. The way to realise the peace project was the creation of a prosperous European area of economic interaction and cooperation. The central aim of the Union is, at present, the Lisbon goal to become the most competitive knowledge economy in the world in 2010. This aim of economic growth is linked to policies of redistribution of the economic and knowledge benefits among the different nations and regions. Undoubtedly, this European model of socio-economic integration has been successful on many points and is now in a phase of enlargement. But simultaneously this enlargement creates its own limits. One scenario is that the enlarged integration process will be confronted with a growing socio-cultural resistance and nationalistic protectionism. Due to the lack of an inspiring spiritual vision on Europe, national forces could take the upper hand, and foster a disintegration process. What is needed at this moment is not only an economically and market-driven process of integration but, at the same time, a spiritually and values-driven one.

Is it possible to develop a spiritual philosophy and practice of public life in Europe related to the changing role of civil society? This is an open and challenging question opening up a number of questions:

§ What kind of unifying spiritual resources are available today in Europe?

§ Who could be the societal leaders to launch a renewed spiritual vision and mission for Europe?

§ What kind of spiritual future for Europe do we as citizens want and expect?

10. Beata Bishop in Hungary and Romania

Beata had a special role in the development of transpersonal work in Hungary comparable to that of Ian Gordon-Brown in the UK. This much traveled lady reports among other things that she doesn't speak Romanian – it's about time she learned as she seems to speak every other European language!

I have just returned from a three-week working marathon in Hungary. My program included two of my Transpersonal weekend workshops: Meeting the Inner Child and Soul Journey, the latter based on the myth of Eros and Psyche seen as the story of two dysfunctional families. I also gave three seminars of eight hours each, on The Mother, The Father and Midlife – the Janus Moment. All these were well attended, and after doing transpersonal work in Hungary for the past 15 years or so, I greatly enjoy meeting again and again participants who have been following my programs since the very beginning.

During my stay the Hungarian Transpersonal Association ran a highly successful two-day symposium to celebrate its tenth birthday. The theme was metamorphosis, aspects of changing humanity in a changing world. This attracted a large number of excellent speakers and workshop leaders from many disciplines, with much to offer. As I pointed out in my opening talk, for a small innovative group to survive for ten years amid rapidly changing and largely unpredictable social conditions is a great achievement in itself, and the Association can look forward confidently to the next decade.

From Budapest I flew to Bucharest for four days, to help launch the Romanian edition of my book, A Time to Heal, or rather Vremea Vindecării in its latest incarnation. As I don't speak Romanian, it's just as well that I know the story – Thanks to the excellent English of my publisher who acted as my interpreter, I was able to give several talks on holistic approaches and alternative cancer medicine, which were well received by a lively and interested audience. I look forward to meeting our Romanian colleagues in Moscow.

11. A last thought: are you a hermit, a prophet or a pilgrim?

There is something of each perhaps in all of us, but to the extent you are pilgrim seeking your inner path and perhaps encouraging others, please consider what contribution you might be able to make to EUROTAS. The website needs active participation in the EUROTAS Forums. There are needs to contribute articles and information about Associations and yourself to the EUROTAS newsletter and we would like to see you at the Moscow Conference (concessions available) and offering to buy a few copies of Ways Through the Wall to support EUROTAS

finances. All thoughts please to our President Vitor Rodrigues at
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passing on to those interested in your queries

As ever

Love

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