



Eurotas Newsletter

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Dear Friends please print this and circulate those interested and ask them to send us an email for their own copy.

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1. Developments in EUROTAS by the President, Vitor Rodrigues

EUROTAS is growing as an Association and it surely has a role to play in our European context. It looks like new countries will be moving in and joining us soon in our effort to network friends in the transpersonal field all over Europe and also all over the world. In recent years we had very special gatherings in Romania, London and Moscow and we will have our next meeting in France (5-8 October 2006 see below), enabling us to know more of each other's work and to develop a stronger presence in today's world.

Up to this moment, we are a meeting point for people interested in a free, creative, sensitive and open spirituality along with a sense of belonging in the world and of contributing to scientific, ethic, ecologic and other local and global developments. We have some projects on the move and we are raising funds for them. These include the European Spirituality Project, aiming at the production of a book on European Spirituality (both past history and state of the art in each European country), and the future First Worldwide Transpersonal Congress, to be held in Cochin, Kerala, India, 2008.

Also the EUROTAS Committee on Certification and Accreditation of transpersonal psychotherapists, which I have coordinated until now, has just produced a final document establishing the rules and procedures for any interested therapist to apply for an ECTP - a European Certificate as a Transpersonal Psychotherapist. We have worked on it, trying to keep in mind the rules from the EAP, the European Association for Psychotherapy, and we devised a minimum curriculum for certification that will include hours of practice, supervision, general theoretical contents and other items plus a commitment to act in accordance to our ethical guidelines those are again to be kept in close harmony with EAP since this seems both constructive and politically appropriate. We hope that in a few weeks we will be able to issue a document with complete details on the necessary steps for each candidate.

But EUROTAS cannot be only the work of the Board and some very few friends working hard to keep things moving. We need each member association's contributions. So I would like to remind you about them: We can:

send our work through our EUROTAS website so that it can be an important meeting point and a resource for both general audiences and researchers in the transpersonal field; this is extremely important.

We can find useful links to our website and send them

We can start inquiring about who will write articles from each country for our future joint book on European Spirituality and we can even start working on them

We can prepare short comments and summaries about books, articles, transpersonal work underway in our countries, the past, present and future of Europe and so on. As a matter of fact, if we want to make the Transpersonal Field both more widely accepted, respected and known for everybody's benefit, then it is our responsibility to cooperate on this.

We can answer each email from the President of EUROTAS even if we do it only to say we have received his last email!

We can participate in the EUROTAS forum on the website www.eurotas.org but for this we must be able to make a commitment in this direction. We are EUROTAS so, ASK NOT WHAT EUROTAS CAN DO FOR YOU BUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR EUROTAS (I just borrowed this one from JFK but I totally feel it)

And we can start paying the membership fees for Eurotas (if we have not already done so). The Membership fee for 2004 was 150 and for this year 2005 we have agreed is 200 . Of course, some countries are expected to pay according to their possibilities (actually they were generous and some have paid already 2005 fees in Moscow). So, please, the Associations who haven't paid the 2004 fee, do it along with the fee for 2005. You can transfer the money to the bank account I prepared for receiving Moscow's money:

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Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria

Vitor Jose Fernandes Rodrigues (EUROTAS)

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BIC: BBVAPTPL

When you do transfer money, please let me know also by email so I can track in a better way who has paid.

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 for the EUROTAS website profdrew@eurotas.org and to me (at psicosophos@sapo.pt please note that my email has changed).

Warm regards, Vitor

2. The EUROTAS/GRETT Conference in France 5-8 October, 2006

Bernadette Blin and her colleagues from GRETT have kindly agreed to host the 8th EUROTAS Conference from Thursday 5 Sunday 8 October 2006. It will take place in the lovely Loire Valley two hours from Paris at the beautiful Chateau de Fondjouan which is situated in a large park in the countryside. You can now register on the Conference website www.citizenshipconference.org This website will be updated regularly as new material becomes available. You can also reach the material in French via the GRETT website www.grett.org and the EUROTAS website www.eurotas.org has a link to both of these sites.

On Thursday 5th October there will be an all day EUROTAS meeting for friends and delegates followed by a half day of sightseeing of the Chateaux of the Loire and then a joint conference with the GRETT Forum on the Friday evening until the Sunday evening. The Soul of Europe Concert will take place on Friday evening. If you are interested in suggesting a

plenary session or a workshop please see the details and proforma on the website
3. Ways through the Wall: Approaches to Citizenship in an interconnecting world the book of the London EUROTAS and CTP Conference

Ways through the Wall has been well reviewed in autumn edition of the Journal of the Scientific and Medical Network. A special reduced price until 1 April 2006
If you come from a low wage country, then you can purchase a copy for 5 plus postage. If you are a newsletter reader there is a limited offer of £9.99 instead of £15.99 Postage is £2 UK, £4 Europe and £6 Overseas. If you have difficulty in sending money (see below) because of restrictions in your country then please copy your order request to profdrew@eurotas.org where the newsletter editor will try to help!

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4. The Guest House

A friend of Eurotas sent this at Christmas:

This being Human is a guest house.
Every morning a new arrival.

A joy, a depression, a meanness,
some momentary awareness comes
as an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all!
Even if they're a crowd of sorrows,
who violently sweep your house
empty of its furniture
still, treat each guest honorably.
He may be clearing you out
for some new delight.

The Dark thought, the shame, the malice,
meet them at the door laughing,
and invite them in.

Be grateful for whoever comes,

because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond.

by Rumi, a 13th century poet

5. A New Transpersonal Association in Romania

Elena Francisc has been trained and involved in France with Bernadette Blin-Lery. She writes:

The Association which I established in Romania is growing and has developed a series of great workshops with lovely people attending and with the support from amazing international therapists. Last week I was accredited as the first transpersonal psychotherapist in Romania and will have the support of the Romanian Psychology Association and Psychology Colegium to start a transpersonal training programme. The Association will need, and very much appreciate, all the support it can get from Eurotas. Our association is called the Asociatia de Terapii Transpersonale (ATT) and we would really like to affiliate with EUROTAS if that is possible... More news soon but you can write to me at efrancisc@efpublishing.ro. The web site of ATT is under construction for now but you could visit the Publishing House web site www.efpublishing.ro. This Publishing House is supporting the Association.

Best wishes, Elena

6. The Centre for Transpersonal Psychology (UK)

The Centre for Transpersonal Psychology (CTP) has been a driving force in the development of theory and practice of Transpersonal Psychology and Psychotherapy in the United Kingdom since 1973. Founded by Ian Gordon-Brown and Barbara Somers, it is a registered accrediting organisation within the United Kingdom Council for Psychotherapy (UKCP) which provides a professional preparation for the accreditation and registration of Transpersonal psychotherapists.

Currently the organisation has approximately 100 accredited professional members, and over 50 members in professional preparation, friends and associates. This has also created an informal network of counselling and psychotherapy practitioners and allied professionals who work from a transpersonal orientation.

From January 2006 Rupert Tower and Jan Mojsa have become the joint Chairs of the Council of Management, with Paul Dunne as the Company Secretary. The new Council is embarking upon a series of developments within the organisation in order to improve the quality of communication between its members, and is in the process of grounding a renewed Vision for CTP, building upon the philosophical inheritance of its founders while also acknowledging the reality of changing requirements and skills demanded of psychotherapists in the 21st century market-place.

A revised Therapeutic Counselling Certificate and Diploma Course is planned for the Autumn of 2007, together with a programme of workshops and continuing professional development activities.

It is the intention of the Council to instil and propogate a genuine pluralism and freedom of exchange of transpersonal approaches a Centre for Transpersonal Psychologies as Ian once suggested and to be an organisation that is robust and strong enough to contain and debate many diverse ideas, beliefs, and theoretical and clinical approaches to transpersonal theory and practice

This year will also see a major quinquennial re-accreditation review process of 52 of our accredited professional members. CTP is also in the process of examining the likely impact on its membership of the commencement of Statutory Regulation for the psychotherapy profession, which is expected to happen in 2008.

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7. The EUROTAS website

The Eurotas Website www.eurotas.org will be updated this week. David Allen is going to do this having taken over from Chris and Kari Hall who did such excellent work over many years and for which we are always thankful for their devotion and consideration.

David is a special expert and has already designed the website for the UK Transpersonal Perspectives with which his mother, Dorothy Allen is involved as she has been with the Centre for Transpersonal Psychology over many years.

There is a Forum on the website where you can find and make contacts and develop your own special discussion group. Please look at the website and if you have suggestions about how we can improve it please let us know on profdrew@eurotas.org

8. Transpersonal Studies: a new course in the UK

Meera Sharma has by setting up a new course shown the energy in transpersonal work in Europe. You can contact her for more information on: MSharma669@aol.com
She writes:

Introduction to Transpersonal Studies

This introductory course provides an overview of the Trinity Model of consciousness, which encompasses body, mind and soul. Also, it briefly examines some of the world's mystical

and esoteric traditions, including alchemy, the chakras and kabala. It provides the learner, therefore, with a taste of the transpersonal approach, especially in relation to the spiritual learning of both West and East. In addition, it allows for an informed decision as to whether to continue its study along the path of personal unfolding.

Certificate in Transpersonal Studies

This level of transpersonal study provides a firm foundation in the Trinity Model of consciousness. It both initiates and grounds the process, during which the student comes to accept the value inherent in all major spiritual traditions. The learner, therefore, increases knowledge and experience while learning to accept difference.

The Certificate requires two one-day retreats and one weekend retreat. The price of these, although outside the basic course cost, will be kept as low as possible. The Certificate runs on Fridays from 0930-1630 hours, commencing 13 January 2006. The course is divided into three terms of 11 weeks each, with half-term breaks of one week each. The provisional term dates for the Certificate in Transpersonal Studies are:

13 January 2006 – 31 March 2006 (half-term 17 February 2006)

28 April – 14 July 2006 (half-term 2 June 2006)

22 September – 8 December 2006 (half-term 27 October 2006).

Diploma in Transpersonal Studies (Year 1 of 2)

In the first year of the Diploma (provisionally commencing January 2007), a student learns to improve self-reflection and, thereby, is able to work on the self.

The first year of the Diploma involves one weekend silent retreat and a seven-day retreat. The price of these, although outside the basic course cost, will be kept as low as possible.

Diploma in Transpersonal Studies (Year 2 of 2)

During the second year of the Diploma (provisionally commencing January 2008), the student learns to integrate both the external and internal worlds. In particular, learners become more aware of their own level of consciousness and are able to work more independently.

Practitioners

Please note that people who wish to apply these spiritual qualities in the healing professions should make use of additional modules that will be offered in the first year of the Diploma (four modules of 3.5 hours each) and in the second year (six modules of 3.5 hours).

9. Bill Clinton promotes Ken Wilber

In his Ken Wilber Newsletter Nr. 143, Frank Visser the Editor writes:

At the recent World Economic Forum Bill Clinton mentioned the work of Ken Wilber to a large gathering of business people, and referred to "A Theory of Everything" saying: "...the problem is the world needs to be more integrated but it requires a consciousness that's way

up here, and an ability to see beyond the differences among us... "

Click on the banner at the top of the Welcome page to hear him speak.

(If you don't want to listen to the full 50 minutes Clinton speaks, the Wilber quote happens at 6:00-6:40 minutes):

<http://www.integralworld.net/index.html#welcome2.html>

Frank has been a supporter of EUROTAS over many years and writes If you know other people interested in this IW Newsletter, please forward this mail to them.

Thanks. The site reference is:

<http://www.integralworld.net>

Vitor Rodrigues, EUROTAS President writes: This is exciting news! It s great to see such a famous politician acknowledge transpersonal work.

Warm regards,

Vitor

10. From Russia with love

Dear friends from EUROTAS,

We are glad to inform you that the book *Mystic Cosmos* by Evgueny Faydysh is available in English. We are grateful to the members of our Foundation Alexey Ivanov and Dmitry Ryazanov for editing the English version and web-design. The book is published in the Knowledge section of our web-site Shalagram:

<http://www.shalagram.nm.ru/knowledge/mysticcosmos/index.htm>.

Also in the Knowledge section there are some rare works on Siberian shamanism first published in the beginning of XX century. Unfortunately, they are in Russian only, but anyway you can enjoy the unique original pictures made by real Siberian shamans:
<http://www.shalagram.nm.ru/knowledge/indexeng.htm>.

Both our web-sites Shalagram and Techno-Feng-Shui represents the fields of transpersonal psychology being developed in our Foundation. Now we actively discuss the further direction for development of transpersonal psychology taking into consideration the realities of the 21st century. Our main idea is the preservation of cultural and nation diversity under conditions of modern globalization. We have been considering these ideas since the international EUROTAS Conferences in London and in Moscow. In the near future we will publish our manifest where the main issues are presented for contemplation.

Among our new projects are the research of transpersonal aspects of computer virtual reality and development of new computer systems helping in the exploration of altered states of consciousness and archetypes of deep levels of unconsciousness. In particular, several

versions of Virtual Oracle have been developed available in Russian and in English. These programs have been used for many years for psychotherapeutic research in Russia, countries of CIS, West Europe and USA.

Also we conduct expeditions for the exploration of archetypes of ancient civilizations in planetary places of power. In the next Newsletter we will tell about our last expeditions in more detail.

Sincerely yours,

Evgueny and Andrey

Web-sites of the Russian Transpersonal Foundation:

<http://www.shalagram.nm.ru/>

<http://www.techno-feng-shui.nm.ru/>

11. A Seminar in Germany from our former President

Dear John,

Eurotas members can find information concerning the next Conference on "Mindfulness" in Germany, March 16-18, 2006. at the University of Witten-Herdecke. Eurotas Newsletter readers can find details on the website:

www.dktp.org

There is an especially important workshop by Jorge Ferrer on Revisioning Transpersonal Theory. The whole day workshop is in English.

All the best

Wilfried

12. British Psychological Society Publication

To celebrate 10 years of the British Psychological Society section a special issue of the Review has just been published This is a collection of key articles in this field written by many of the well known and eminent writers and practitioners on both sides of the Atlantic over recent years. It costs £12 (about 18) and it available from the publisher

mail@bps.org.uk

13. Scotland and Europe

Tony Turvey, who many will remember from the EUROTAS London Conference, 2004 where he played a special role, has established a website for Scotland which links with all those across Europe who are interested in the transpersonal and related fields. The website is www.spanglefish.com/trans-scot/ The home page starts:

Hello, The aim of this website is to provide information about a range of training events and services in Scotland from a network of people interested in transpersonal and other related aspects of psychology in healthcare and wellbeing. This includes integrative therapies, mindfulness meditation, Jungian and other approaches

14. a note from a Eurotas member, Pia from Belgium

Dear All Eurotas Friends,

Thank you, John, for being so consistent and always there with the Newsletter! And thank you to all the others supporting our common EUROTAS work! I include my New Year's wishes to all of you. May the New Year be filled with new hope, new joy and new beginnings. May 2006 turn out to be a wonderful journey in Life.

all the best

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15. Stuart Sovatsky (our special participant in Moscow) and his new book

Stuart writes:

My new book on South Indian tantra, YOUR PERFECT LIPS, A SPIRITUAL EROTIC MEMOIR, is available at

http://www.iuniverse.com/bookstore/book_detail.asp?&isbn=0-595-37587-1

"YOUR PERFECT LIPS is an ode to devotional sex that is poetic, inspirational and hot."

John Welwood, author, JOURNEY OF THE HEART

"YOUR PERFECT LIPS is a remarkable piece of devotional erotic poetry that thrills the spirit and blesses its readers with its caress."

Dan Joy, co-author of COUNTERCULTURE THROUGH THE AGES"

any questions, please let me know,

best always, Stuart

16. A new Transpersonal Association in Ireland? Can you help?

Do you have contacts in Ireland?

Markus Hohmann is a Transpersonal Psychotherapist from Ireland and interested in Eurotas. He writes:

I'm making good progress in the preparations for launching the "Irish Association of Transpersonal Psychology" and will keep you all posted on further progress. If you have any contacts here in Ireland of people that I could write or talk to about the new Association, I would appreciate if you could pass them on to me.

Thank you again for your support.

With my best wishes,

Markus

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17. Last thoughts:

All thoughts please to our President Vitor Rodrigues at psicosophos@mail.telepac.pt and please copy to the Newsletter Editor profdrew@eurotas.org for passing on to those 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. Jean Monnet who was one of the founding fathers of Europe said Europe se fait par des petits pas and indeed also EUROTAS is made by small steps too and we hope you will make your small steps known to a wider audience through the Newsletter and the Website eurotas.org

As ever

John

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