



## **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.

Please put EUROTAS/GRETT France Conference in your diary - 5-8 October 2006

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1. Eurotas today a letter from the President

Dear friends of EUROTAS,

As we are approaching a new meeting to be held in France, from 5-8 October, I would like to ask you about contributions concerning the future of EUROTAS and possibilities for development.

Please consider that we are still expanding and we need ideas for our future. I do have some, and I will just point them out but more are necessary.

Our certification process for Transpersonal Psychotherapists is now moving on and we came to a conclusion (Please see below No 3 in this Newsletter). From this we hope we will have applications so that in France some therapists will be acknowledged and certified. From this also we are slowly moving towards an Institute

I am looking for funds for the European Spirituality book, which will give us a perspective on Europe's past and state of the art spirituality

We will have a World Congress in 2008 and EUROTAS will be there. I hope some of us can apply shortly and ensure their presence as this is extremely important now to make this event possible

A secretariat and a working secretary will be needed. For now we just can't afford it. But of course it will become increasingly necessary

We are still waiting for lots of contributions in the form of articles (even in different languages although English is the most generally usable) concerning our transpersonal concerns. I would insist that we should hunt for, and share, articles establishing scientific bases for a Psychology, Biology, Anthropology, and History of consciousness. This could mean both old and new paradigm science

We need committed people and we must go beyond just being with friends (which is of extreme importance, of course) once a year to a more enduring, permanent presence and collaboration within EUROTAS

What about a EUROTAS pool of ideas for a changing world?

What about a EUROTAS area for people to get known to each other, presenting themselves and even offering their skills? We have a website (see 6 below) with a Eurotas Forum which could be used for both of these

I hope this letter can inspire some exchanges since, following Jason Wright's advice; we should work beforehand so that our meeting of delegates and friends can become more successful and productive.

Enthusiastic regards to all of you,

Vitor Rodrigues

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

The good news is that the GRETT/EUROTAS Conference is now taking shape and there have been a great number of offers to give plenary sessions and workshops, (more than 40 proposals have already been accepted!). There have been applications from all over Europe

and from the United States and elsewhere. Please if you have not already registered do so as soon as you can as rooms in the Chateau will be limited. If you come from a low wage country and need some financial support please contact the President of Eurotas, Vitor Rodrigues. There are some very limited funds available. If you have a plenary session or workshop to offer please contact the GRETT organisers through the website. Do not leave things too late!

The Conference 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 should now register on the Conference website [www.citizenshipconference.org](http://www.citizenshipconference.org) This website is updated regularly as new material becomes available. You can also reach the material in French via the GRETT website [www.grett.org](http://www.grett.org) and the EUROTAS website [www.eurotas.org](http://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 the 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. On the Saturday evening there will be a gala dinner with an exceptional evening with the Franco-Armenian Group, Deleyaman.

If you are interested in suggesting a plenary session, as there are very few plenary sessions available, you may wish to offer a talk session which will be offered at the same time as the workshops. If you wish to offer a workshop please see the details and proforma on the website but please do it very soon! In any case we hope you will be able to participate and you should book early to be sure of a room in the Castle

There will be a shuttle bus from the Paris airport Charles de Gaulle on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday afternoon for a very reasonable cost and details will be available soon on the websites

### 3. The Certification and Accreditation of European Transpersonal Therapists

During the last few years a group of dedicated members of Eurotas has been working at annual conferences and at separate meetings to develop criteria for the certification and accreditation process of European transpersonal therapists. The work has developed well and the results are now available. The document is available on the Eurotas website under articles

Here are some excerpts from the document

#### Definition of transpersonal psychology

A process whereby you are using consciousness change, meaning a non-pathological quantitative and qualitative expansion of consciousness, as a way to explore and restructure the personal identity (ego) and its psychological functioning and then going further into a

perspective of unity and healing

Advantages of the ECTP

To have the possibility of being inscribed in the Eurotas Directory of Certified Psychotherapists (to be inserted in Eurotas Website)

Recognition of competence in at least 18 countries

A base for a community of Psychotherapists, like-minded people, and for group meetings

A place for articles sharing and publication

The full document is available here

#### 4. The Romanian Transpersonal Association (ARPT)

Ionel Mohirta is the new executive director of ARPT. His email is Mohirta@Tanatopsihologie.ro He writes:

We would like to inform you that ARPT wishes to remain member of EUROTAS and we are glad to participate to the meeting in France from 5-8 October

Our New Board of Administration is:

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Information about the Association has been updated on the [www.eurotas.org](http://www.eurotas.org) website and some of it is given here:

#### MISSION

To promote the transpersonal psychology and the transpersonal perspective in education, arts and in each component of the Romanian society. To develop the transpersonal perspective and to draw in the resources to support the field. To promote the Romanian transpersonal psychology internationally.

#### ACTIVITIES

Organizes and participates in seminars, conferences, symposia in order to fulfill its mission. Periodically publishes journals, articles, magazines or other media materials containing data about transpersonal psychology, its new developments, research etc.

Collaborates with other interested associations, institutions (in Romania or abroad) and organizations.

Initiates and facilitates scientifically meetings between representatives of religions and the spiritual traditions which study the evolution of human being and his relation with Divinity.  
Supports and promotes the inclusion of transpersonal field in the academic curricula.  
Supports students and young researchers to realize studies in the transpersonal field.  
Creates a national network including persons and organization interested in transpersonal.  
Establishes a transpersonal public library

## PROJECTS

Getting affiliated to the European Association for Transpersonal Psychology and International Association for Transpersonal Psychology. Also, ARPT is to establish relations with other national transpersonal associations, International Association for Spiritual Psychiatry. We already contacted Association for Transpersonal Psychology in USA, and a few national associations in Europe. In Romania we collaborate with The Romanian Association of the Professional Psychologists, Romanian Society for Experiential Psychotherapy, Romanian Society of Neurosciences.

Publishing the first number of the "Romanian Journal of Transpersonal Psychology" (July, 2002). And in this moment (March 2006) the no 6 is under the printing  
ARPT distributes an On-Line "Bulletin of Transpersonal Psychology" (in Romanian). Its previous numbers are available on our site or at  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BuletinARPT>.

In November 2005 the second National Conference of Transpersonal Psychology had a big success. It was include 7 sections for transpersonal art and education, spiritual counseling and transpersonal psychology, study of consciousness, multidisciplinary researches, etc.

Setting up branches in every important towns of Romania. Until now we have branches in Iasi, Constanta and Timisoara.

ARPT intends to found an "Institute of Transpersonal". It will offer professional high quality services for those who are interested to work in the transpersonal field. The beneficiaries will include psychologists, therapists and people who want to learn and "feel" the transpersonal perspective.

5. News from Sweden

Bo Wikstrom writes from Sweden

Dear Eurotas friends!

I have been distant to you the last years and I understand that you have wondered and been concerned at what's happening (or not happening) in Sweden during this time.

The Delphi Institute team has been in a separation phase due to the mutual need for separation/individuation for me, Christina, Christer not to mention the hard circumstances around Kerstin as you all know. Anyway Delphi has moved to: Baldersgatan 7 B, 114 27 Stockholm, +468663 00 09 tel/fax. We have better localities and the third psychotherapeutic training in the licensed first step has started. It's a three year program

and when examined gives the right to proceed to step 2 training = licenced psychotherapist to practice on your own without supervisor.

So Delphi is now working as a psychotherapy-school on a basic level. We also give supervision, coaching, Rolfing and psychotherapy. Last spring Peggy Pace came to give weekend training for psychotherapists in Life Span Integration, a very interesting method, complementing EMDR in trauma work. It s much more precise and less retraumatizing than EMDR.

This year we will have a website: [www.delphiinstitutet.se](http://www.delphiinstitutet.se) and we are also planning to take up the Swedish transpersonal association again. At least I hope so. There are some hopeful signs...) I m enclosing an interesting article A Buddhist contribution to the psychoanalytic psychology of self by Fredrik Falkenstrom. (See the website for it [www.eurotas.org](http://www.eurotas.org))

I hope you all are well, Love always. Bo

#### 6. Harald Walach; Inaugural Lecture of the Professor in Psychology

Harald Walach who followed Brian Lancaster to become the second professor of transpersonal psychology in the U.K will give his inaugural lecture at the University of Northampton on Tuesday 16 May entitled: Witchcraft Consciousness Morality: The Mechanics of the Invisible. It is encouraging to see how awareness of the transpersonal dimension is growing in Europe. Jean Monnet, a founding father of the European Union wrote: Europe se fait par des petits pas and in the same way the transpersonal is growing in Europe by little steps of which this is a notable one when a professor from Germany is given a chair in the United Kingdom. I am sure all Newsletter readers will wish him success and satisfaction in his new University

#### 7. The EUROTAS website

You are not using the Eurotas website as much as you could. The Eurotas Website [www.eurotas.org](http://www.eurotas.org) has been updated recently by David Allen who 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](mailto:profdrew@eurotas.org)

Our President, Vitor Rodrigues, has suggested above that many of the preparatory discussions before the 5-8 October Conference could take place through the Forum

#### 8. From Russia with Love

Vladimir Maykov writes:

Kristina and I recently visited Khajuraho, India where we participated at the Juan Ruez seminar on Tantra. Khajuraha village has around 25 Tantric temples of the IX - XI century. It was great workshop and in the last day we were lucky to get Buddha Maytreya initiation from famous Tibetan lama Keutsang Rinpoche. It was he who discovered in his previous incarnation the Dalai Lama XIV.

This May 7 - 9, the Russian Association of Transpersonal Psychology and Psychotherapy will have its annual conference entitled "Masculine and Feminine: a Dance of Eternity".

Tomorrow I'm going to Ireland, to participate as facilitator at Stan Grof workshop "Psychology of the Future". Also I'm bringing to this workshop Edward Sagalaev, President of the National Association of TV and Radio Broadcasters with his TV team to make a Grof interview for Russian TV.

Love,  
Vladimir

## 9. The EUROTAS MOSCOW CONFERENCE

David Lukoff from ATP in California writes: I have personally enjoyed and grown from the Eurotas meetings and believe the transpersonal movement and ATP have benefited as well from collaboration with the vibrant and strong European movement. I am looking forward to Eurotas - French style. We will have an article on it in our next newsletter and maybe some more Americans will be interested in international collaboration. As you know, in 2008, ATP and Eurotas hope to bring the transpersonal associations together in an international conference in India -inspired by the synergy generated by the Eurotas Conferences of 20 years.

Love to you all, David

David Lukoff wrote this account of the EUROTAS Moscow Conference for Perspective, the journal of the Association for Humanistic Psychology. Readers of the Newsletter may be interested to see a United States view of the EUROTAS Conference

The 2005 EUROTAS conference in Moscow exemplified its theme of Human Consciousness and Human Values in an Interconnected World. The Russian Association of Transpersonal Psychology and Psychotherapy graciously hosted more than 200 participants from more than twenty countries, with the support of several other organizations. Vladimir Maykov, Gennady Brevde, and a team of volunteers guided us through four days of presentations (June 23 - 26), translating tirelessly between English and Russian during more than 70 workshops, plenary presentations, and panel discussions.

Vladimir Maykov opened the conference by situating it in the context of a Russian transpersonal project that reaches back to antiquity. He spoke from his uniquely informed vantage point of one of the most accomplished members of the Russian transpersonal

community. In addition to authoring several books, he founded an international project to publish transpersonal psychology texts in Russian – he has edited about 50 books thus far. He founded the Transpersonal Institute in 1994 and the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology in 1997, and serves as president of the Russian Association for Transpersonal Psychology and Psychotherapy.

Jason Wright (UK) drew on his work with addicts to weave a story of how psychological healing can grow out of rebuilding narratives on life itself. Jason's work reaches deep into theoretical and scientific realms to understand experiences of transformation he witnesses with his clients. Vitor Rodriguez (Portugal) offered a glimpse into his clinical experience with diagnosis and treatment of psychic attack.

Mark Burno (Russia) shared fruits from 30 years of practice using spiritual culture as an avenue to therapy. Rupert Tower (UK) used the enchanting Russian fairy tale 'The Black Magician Czar' to lead us into the shadow, frankly broaching issues of power and leadership in psychotherapy training organizations. Tanna Jakubowicz (Poland) rounded out this mini-series with an inspiring call to direct action. Joachim and Dorothea Galuska (Germany), Hans Peter Weidinger and Anna Maurer (Austria), Ingo B. Jahrsetz (Germany), and David Lukoff (USA) dedicated their plenary presentations to transpersonal themes. A more detailed conference account is in the International Journal of Transpersonal Studies. The next Eurotas Conference will be held in the Loire region of France October 5-8, 2006. Visit [www.eurotas.org](http://www.eurotas.org) for more details.

10. From Russia with love – Evgueny and Colleagues

We are sitting now with Leisha and eating the most delicious fish on the Earth - omul from the Baikal Lake - and drinking gorilka (Ukrainian red chilli vodka). It's a wonderful place, one of the most holy sites on our planet...

You know the winter was very strong and cold. When towns in the Ukraine were frozen (Alchevsk and some other towns in the Lugansk region), the Russian government sent some caravans with humanitarian help for the Ukrainian people. Now we see one more crisis situation in that region. The borders are closed despite all agreements and this does help starving people.

Evgueny writes of the real difficulties in the Ukraine and how difficult are the issues to be resolved. He will tell you more if you contact him.

Much love, sincerely yours, Evgueny and Andrei and colleagues

Web-sites of the Russian Transpersonal Foundation: <http://www.shalagram.nm.ru> and <http://www.techno-feng-shui.nm.ru>

11. World Transpersonal Conference with the Dalai Lama, January 2008

This is a unique conception so please read on. It is the first time that the Dalai Lama has

agreed to be at a Transpersonal Conference. Stuart Sovatsky who was at the Moscow EUROTAS Conference writes:

We need your help. Please read on below. The "World Conference on Psychology and Spirituality: Furthering Their Integration" to be held in Delhi, India in January 2008 invites you to join its emailing list by contacting Stuart Sovatsky, Cop resident (US) ATP at [stuartcs@jps.net](mailto:stuartcs@jps.net) Call for Proposals, conference updates and suggestions for presenters, musicians, and others will take place via the emailing list. Please forward to interested colleagues.

We are now in urgent need to raise \$20,000 to secure the venue in India. It will uplift the Transpersonal Mission inestimably as you can see by who has accepted to be present.....I urge you to make a \$1000 or higher sponsorship donation...I will give \$2500. Please ask you colleagues to help and get back to me ASAP

The World Conference on Spirituality and Psychology to be held at Delhi University in January, 2008 that I have been telling you about is at a critical juncture. We have keynoter confirmations from His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Sri Ravi Shankar, Professor Sudhir Kakkar, and await word from B.K.S. Iyengar, and a long-list of the most accomplished scholars of Indian and other traditional spiritualities, worldwide. Presenters are confirmed from Japan, Slovenia, UK, Portugal, US, Spain and Russia, with others expected from another dozen countries. The four-day event for 750 participants will include an elaborate fire-ritual to memorialize all who have passed on or who are yet to be born, an all-night world-fusion dance meditation honouring the youngest current generation, over forty scholarly and multi-media presentations, evening concerts and post-conference tours and yoga and meditation retreats.

The critical juncture we are at is to secure some sixty VIP advanced registrations at a \$2000, \$1000 or \$500 level by October, 2006. Corporate name-recognition sponsorships at other levels are also available. I am reaching out to you, your friends and your corporate employers and colleagues to join me in creating and attending this wonderful event by purchasing a VIP advance registration that will include special receptions, as well as helping to launch the entire event.

Checks should be made to the conference convener:

Association for Transpersonal Psychology  
1069 East Meadow Circle  
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Please contact me for further information or with your suggestions.

Best Wishes, Stuart

12. 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 July 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](mailto:profdrew@eurotas.org) where the newsletter editor will try to help!

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13. Scotland and Europe

These following websites will interest readers interested in activities of a transpersonal nature in Scotland as we mentioned in the previous Newsletter

Mike Wilson writes: [www.psychospiritual.co.uk](http://www.psychospiritual.co.uk) - This site is dedicated to listing Scottish based lectures, workshops, seminars, courses and conferences organised by Edinburgh Psychospiritual Events. The events aim to hold together and continue the dialogue between psychology and spirituality and/or religion, and (with a few exceptions) tend to be Jungian or transpersonally orientated.

Anyone who is interested in coming to any of the events will be able to contact me via email on the site.

With appreciation,  
Mike

Tony Turvey writes: The website [www.trans-scot.net](http://www.trans-scot.net) has some additional events and contacts listed over the last month

News can now be accessed directly at [www.trans-scot.net/news.asp](http://www.trans-scot.net/news.asp)

Recent additions include -

Aberdeen, Counseling Forum, Post Traumatic Stress - day workshop, 20th May  
Dundee Rokpa Centre,  
Bringing Compassion to Life,  
Training in Cranio-Sacral therapy,  
Meditation and Relaxation,  
Edinburgh Core Process Psychotherapy training from the autumn  
North Wales, Mindfulness 4th International Conference, June 2006  
Wales Vision Quest 2007.  
Holistic Psychology Conference Edinburgh, 17-18 May some places still available.  
Jung Seminars next event in June  
Zarka Centre Greece starting transpersonal and other workshops this year.  
Eurotas European Conference Loire Valley - this autumn 5-8 October  
Biodanza workshops Glasgow.

Please contact me at [tony.turvey@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.turvey@btinternet.com)

Best wishes, Tony

14. The Transpersonal Psychology Association of Ireland

Greetings from Ireland. Work is continuing on the development of transpersonal psychology  
more information in the next newsletter.

15. new John Rowan book

John Rowan writes:

You may like to know about my new book *The Transpersonal: Spirituality in Psychotherapy and Counselling* (London: Routledge 2005).

My other book which is also relevant is *The Future of Training in Psychotherapy and Counselling: Instrumental, Relational and Transpersonal Approaches* (London: Routledge 2005). It argues that any training which leaves out the transpersonal is leaving out too much!

Best wishes - John Rowan

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16. Last thoughts:

All thoughts please to our President Vitor Rodrigues at [psicosophos@sapo.pt](mailto:psicosophos@sapo.pt) and please copy to the Newsletter Editor [profdrew@eurotas.org](mailto: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. We hope you will make these changes known to a wider audience through the Newsletter and the Website [www. eurotas.org](http://www.eurotas.org)

As ever

John

Newsletter Editor