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1. The 9th Eurotas Conference in Freiburg, Germany, 20-23 September 2007

Are you coming? Please go to the websites www.forgiving-freiburg2007.de, or to the EUROTAS website www.eurotas.org and click on the coloured panel at the top which mentions Freiburg and will get you the information you need. Book soon as accommodation is limited and as you will see there is a very wide and varied programme

Here is a message from the organizing team:

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

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

We hope to see you in Freiburg.

Heartfelt Greetings,

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

FORGIVING AND RECONCILIATION:

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

9th EUROTAS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
20.-23. SEPTEMBER 2007
FREIBURG – GERMANY

The first day – 20th September is for EUROTAS members and friends but all are welcome – to experience and to share your vision of Europe – discussions and workshops

Or you can be there from 21 September to 23 September (lunch time) you are very welcome whichever you choose. More and updated information is available from the Conference Website:

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

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

http://www.stadtverwaltung.freiburg.de/servlet/PB/menu/1140679_l2/index.html

Our different events will take place at the "Waldhof" (<http://www.waldhof-freiburg.de/>) and in the castle of Ebnet. The conference-venue is situated in a quiet area at the edge of the forest, and it also is reachable very easily from the city. There is a train every 30 minutes.

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

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

Travelling to Freiburg is very easy; it is situated on the freeway A5 (Basel-Frankfurt), and train-station for main ICE-lines. There is also a direct train-connection from Frankfurt-airport to Freiburg. The nearest airports are Basel/Mulhouse/Freiburg and Frankfurt/Main. From there you will find good bus and train connections to Freiburg-city.

2. Some thoughts about EUROTAS from Louise Bloemen in the Netherlands

Louise who was at the GRETT conference is working across Europe and here are some of her thoughts which are worth sharing with a wider group of those interested in the Transpersonal in Europe:

Hello to Ingo (and to other EUROTAS/MTE-friends),

You certainly did a big and beautiful job with your team: the folder of the 9th International Eurotas Conference looks really nice, offering a rich programme. I was happy to see that 'we' start again with a meeting of the EUROTAS delegates (together with some members like me?) on Thursday 20 September... I am not member of the official (Dutch) delegation, but intensely involved in the East-West project since July 2005, facilitating the Summer week of the MTE/Hungary and since then 11 other workshops. Rumold asked me to visit in last year the members of the Croatian and starting Slovenian transpersonal associations and I wrote a draft to EUROTAS board-members including 'wishes and propositions'.

During and since the last conference in France, my EUROTAS contacts expressed the wish to really meet all together more intensively, longer than for the programmed 8 hours, in order to really treat the points that occupy the members in their different countries and about worldwide and European developments (how to survive and work transpersonally in a hardening world; how to raise funds for European transpersonal

projects; how and where to balance and exchange transpersonal 'offers and wishes' between national associations and their members; transpersonal professional training: what can it be and who can do what?; EUROTAS as a NGO in order to give advice to European authorities?... and what is a transpersonal, planetary view!?? EUROTAS as an organizer of interesting 'transpersonal meeting and shopping' conferences or are there other more important duties to fulfill and impacts to create?)

To say it in German with the words of the Tamara-community: 'Es macht keinen Sinn mehr, wie gewohnt weiter zu leben, wenn sich die ganze Welt in rasanter Transformation befindet'... Translated: 'It's not useful just to continue as usual, when the whole world is involved in a complete transformation'...

Listening to the views of the lecturers, however interesting... might not fulfill the basic transpersonal needs of today... Maybe 'circles of exchange', 'round tables' would be needed around the mentioned and other items. This was probably more the formula of the starting EUROTAS, when less people were involved..? Can it be done; is there a need for deepened, transpersonal exchange between the growing (?) number of members?

I offer these thoughts to you to meditate on them. There might be a possibility in Freiburg for some 'parallel'-'round-tables'? For the moment I can say that I just will be present for the EUROTAS meeting on Thursday 20 September and arrive the afternoon before.

Could there be during those 8 hours plenary time to discuss the draft-proposals, I sent in May to many of you > to use the event concerning the Hungarian university-town 'Pécs as 'European cultural capital 2010' to create a transpersonal-ecologic center - with assistance of Eurotas, MTE, European funds?

This center could function as a EUROTAS coordination-point for East-West activities, a meeting-point for youngsters in search of educational programs around awareness, mindfulness, harmonious relation and communication!

The coming weeks and months, I will be in Hungary, in Pécs to deepen contacts there, in Budapest to talk to MTE-members and for the Summer school

With friendship,
Louise Bloemen.

If you would like to respond, please write to the editor who will send your comments to Louise. It would be good to have more correspondence about the future of EUROTAS in the newsletter

3. News from the Ukraine Transpersonal Association

It is good news to hear the following from the Ukraine

Dear Friend.

We are glad to inform You that the 1st Ukraine Transpersonal conference "Soul, Consciousness, the Body - integration in the humanity" took place on 15-16 of June 2007 at Odessa.

The main theme of conference was " Practice application of transpersonal vision in family, education, spiritual , business, methods of personal growth in science and art. Creative ways of achievement of integration in a triad: "Person as the "I" individual , "I" social , "I" transpersonal."

The conference discussed and created plan on the further development of transpersonal psychology in the Ukraine for the coming years. One of the main issues was – the creation of a center for education of experts of transpersonal psychology in the Ukraine and more close contact with the official graduation system of the Ukraine for the legalization of Transpersonal Psychology in according with Ukraine law.

We are glad that one of the future conference of EUROTAS could be in the Ukraine and we discussed about organization and preparation of such a Forum .

Participants of conference had the opportunity to take part in the presentation of transpersonal practices such as holotropic breathing, rebirthing breathwork, tanatotherapy, bodywork therapy, healing sound therapy, astrology as the tool of transpersonal psychology, dreamworking , Shamanic, Tantra and Tao practices and meditations.

We are glad that this first step was achieved and hope that a second conference of the Ukraine transpersonal society could take place in September 2008 and that it will be together with an international transpersonal team.

With love
The Ukraine Transpersonal Association
President Sergey Poprotskii
Vice-President Ievgennii Makurina

Odessa, Ukraine

4. News from the British Transpersonal Section of the British Psychological Society

Tony Turvey writes:

UK BPS Transpersonal Section

Most of our details appear on www.tran-scot.net

The programme for the 11th Annual Conference in September is taking shape with keynote speakers confirmed

Keynote Speakers and Workshop Leaders

Prof. Paul Gilbert: Evolution, Compassion and Spirituality

Maureen Cooper: Compassion from a Tibetan Buddhist Perspective

Prof. David Fontana: Transpersonal Psychology and the Creative Arts

Dr John Rowan & Dr Mike Daniels: a dialogue about Ken Wilber

Dr Malcolm Walley: Transpersonal Psychology and the rise of the Feminine

Submissions for other papers and workshops are coming in and the draft programme should be on the website late July / early August.

David Lukoff is leading a series of workshops with colleagues, between 12-23 July, in Edinburgh, London, and Derby and we are pleased to be running this with CTP Centre for Transpersonal Psychology.

Membership of the section is open to anyone interested in transpersonal psychology. You can join the British Psychological Society as an Affiliate member and then join the Section to receive the Transpersonal Psychology Review journal regularly (the journal can also be purchased by non-members) www.bps.org.uk

Transpersonal Psychology Review, Membership, Email discussion list

The journal special issue published in 2005 is available for purchase by anyone and brings together a collection of key papers.

It is also free if you join the section. Anyone can join the BPS as an associate and then join the section to receive the Review which is published twice a year.

We have just started an email discussion / information group for section members.

Best wishes

Tony

5. Call for research helpers for the Perrott-Warrick Project

Dear John

The Scientific and Medical Network is working with Rupert Sheldrake, looking for 10 Research Helpers for his Perrott-Warrick Project on unexplained human abilities in which someone you know may like to participate. This project is supported by the Perrott-Warrick Fund and is administered by Trinity College, Cambridge.

The Research Helpers will take part in a research programme on precognition involving automated text-messages and for these tests, subjects register online at www.sheldrake.org at the Online Experiment Portal for the Precognitive Text Test. When registering, they give the names and mobile phone numbers of three people they know well who have agreed to take part in the test. The test itself takes about an hour and involves the subject sending 6 text messages during that period, and the contacts about 2 texts each.

First of all, each Research Helper will do this test himself or herself, and then recruit five other people to serve as subjects in the test. On completion of the project Research Helpers will receive £50 and a Certificate of Research Experience from the Perrott-Warrick Project. They will also be eligible for taking part in further research projects as Perrott-Warrick Work Scholars.

The applicant should email Rupert Sheldrake with some brief information about him/herself: sex, age, family situation, where they live and work, why interested in this project and any experience that might be relevant, putting in the subject line of the email the word "precog" Send to: rsheldrake@clara.co.uk.

Regards

Claudia Nielsen

London Group Co-Ordinator - The Scientific and Medical Network
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SMN Homepage: www.scimednet.org

6. Centre for Transpersonal Psychology News

Seminars

Rupert Tower tells of the very successful series of seminars in Scotland, Derby and London, the latter animated this month by David Lukoff and Rob Preece. It was the first time that CTP and the Transpersonal Section of the British Psychological Society had jointly collaborated and 35 participants took part in the London discussions about the role of transpersonal therapists in relation to spiritual practices. Stemming from David Lukoff's work on the relationship between spiritual emergency and spiritual emergence, there was much discussion about the role and function of spiritual mentoring and how this might stem from the role and qualities of the transpersonal therapist and the relationship of the therapist to spiritual practices. Details of the conclusions of these seminars will be in the next newsletter

Mary Jiggins

Rupert and Jan write from CTP:

On behalf of the Council of Management we would like to tell you the sad news of the death of Mary Jiggins. Mary died at the Royal Marsden Hospital on Sunday 3rd June after journeying with cancer.

Mary was a special friend and colleague to many of us. She brought a dynamic edge to her work in transpersonal psychotherapy. We will miss her energy, commitment, love, compassion and intense sense of fun.

Kindest wishes and love,

Rupert Tower and Jan Mojsa

7. News of David Lukoff

David Lukoff has played a seminal role in the relations between the US and Europe over many years. Thanks to him and colleagues from America, there are an increasing number of exchanges of visits and seminars in both directions. This developing relationship has been of importance to EUROTAS as it works on transpersonal communication across Europe and with the wider world.

David writes:

"I am missing the September EUROTAS meeting after 5 years of attendance-- memorable meetings - too close to the starting time for the fall semester at my new School. I switched from the faculty at Saybrook to ITP. I will be in India in January. We already have over 24 countries and I think we will have members from at least 20 country associations. What a lot of work an international conference, but partly inspired by the EUROTAS gatherings.

Looking forward to my workshops in London, Derby and Edinburgh. Tony Turvey has been doing an amazing job of networking in the transpersonal community.

<http://www.trans-scot.net/index.asp?pageid=27841>

I am glad we are keeping up the exchanges between CTP and ATP and as of September, I will be full time on the faculty at ITP which has been forging a relationship with CTP (enough for acronyms--on to the transpersonal!)

Hope all's well with EUROTAS and our paths cross soon."

David

8. World Congress India News, January 2008

World Congress on Psychology and Spirituality

www.worldcongressps2008.org

Over 390 people have currently pledged or registered to join in the creation of the World Congress from the following countries: Brazil Spain Portugal Italy Belgium France Canada Netherlands Russia Norway Czech-Rep Latvia Estonia Poland Romania Bulgaria Iran Slovenia Sweden Scotland Switzerland Austria Japan UK Denmark Germany Korea Malaysia US India Australia New Zealand New-South-Wales Israel Mali Mozambique

With physicians, lawyers, artists, ecologists, scholars, gurus, journalists, students, therapists, engineers, corporate executives, political leaders, yoga teachers and prison reformers, the Congress has become a microcosm brimming with ideas to create world cultures of enlightenment whereby everything "works" and reaches toward the ideals everyone longs for-- loving relationships, spiritually-inspiring events, creatively effective methods of conflict and problem resolution in a just and sustainable world. Our youngest attendees range from two years to fifteen and our eldest at ninety-five.

Ways to Live the Congress: Find your team of international collaborators for your world-changing project --- Be open to a mystical experience that will transform your life --- Locate universities to create a student/faculty exchange program -- Make a contact who will translate your book into Japanese or Polish or Slovenian -- Find partners to create an international restorative justice tribunal --- Find partners to create an international emergency trauma therapy team --Find producers for a global sacred music festival -- Find techies who will create new virtual communities with you --

January 3-4th two day Holotropic Breathwork session with Ingo Jahrsetz, Hans-Peter Weidinger Anna Mauer, Patrick Baudin and Bernadette Blinn has been added to the schedule.

Registration in July and August will be greatly appreciated by our Budget Office. See website.

January 4th Evening, Planning Meeting for Transpersonal Psychology associations, schools and training centres. Please contact dlukoff@comcast.net to contribute to the agenda that includes discussion of creating an international transpersonal association.

Aurobindo Ashram has a limited number of very inexpensive rooms for Congress folks. Please email stuartcs@jps.net to reserve.

Please check the website for newly listed hotels and online registrations.

The Congress website now has a blog for

- engaging with pre-Congress guiding questions such as: "What long-term goals inspire you?" "How can the Congress serve as a resource for your work and relationships?"
- posting a link to your paper for advanced reading by registrants
- Coordinating travel, touring and lodging plans with others
- introduce yourself and create community by sharing news and interests

Sampling of Presentations

Harvard Law School Insight Negotiation Initiative, Mark Thornton

Restorative Justice Circles in Brazil and the World, Dominic Barter

Russian Shamanism, Vladimir Maykov and Christiana Maikova

Amplification of Identity and Intrinsic Nature, Tetsuaki Yoshimura

Forgiveness, an Impossible Necessity, Ingo Benjamin Jahrsetz

The Perinatal Metaphor, From Personal to Transpersonal Growth, Patrick Baudin

Neither of the East nor West, Recovery of Sufi Practice & Psychology, Marcie Hermansen

Self Awareness through Peer Connectivity, Leena Banerjee

Effects of Holotropic Breath work, Iker Puente

Woman, Femininity and Spirituality: A Transpersonal Reflection Vera Saldanha

Yoga Instructors Teaching Spirituality, Erika Hildebrandt

Prison Dharma, Finding Freedom on the "Inside", Mara Leigh Taylor, Slta Lozoff

Buddhist Psychotherapy in Action, Cheng-Yuan Lee

Writings of Three Dutch Women during the Holocaust: Barbara Morrill

Nondualistic Approaches to Mental Health, Peter Fenner

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Please check Travel and Lodging page in mid-July for low-cost lodging at India International Centre (walking distance to Congress) and Delhi Gymkhana Club (2 ? km to Congress)

The Congress gratefully acknowledges donations from:

Phoenix Institute, Australia

Naveen Dosin, Education Consultant, Congress Sponsor and Presenter

Edouard Segeleyev, Director of the Russian National Television Network,

Russia Transpersonal Psychology Association donated website www.congress2008.ru.

Goddard College has joined the Institutional Sponsors Board

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

9. News from Romania - Ovidiu Brazdau

Hello friends

I have decided to attend to the India Conference. I will present a new psychological tool for measuring lucidity / awareness that I have started to develop and test for my PhD thesis this November. I will register these days on the web.

Please tell me if I can help Eurotas or ATP in any way or if you need any information from me or from Romania.

I will be a representative of probably Dept. of Psychological Anthropology - Romanian Academy of Science or the new Consciousness Studies Center I will start this year.

All the best wishes

Ovidiu Brazdau

10. News from France and the next GRETT conference

Journeys of the Spirit – Les Voyages de l'Esprit du 28 au 30 septembre 2007
à Dourdan

Vous pouvez l'avoir déjà reçu, étant sur différents fichiers. Merci de nous en excusez...

Et vous pouvez bien sûr diffuser l'information sur vos fichiers respectifs.

Ces 3 jours de rencontre, d'échanges et de réflexions seront de nouveau une belle opportunité de nous rencontrer.

Nous vous souhaitons une belle continuation pour tous ces mois prochains à venir.

Et au plaisir de nous revoir ... transpersonnellement....

L'équipe du Grett

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

Chers Amis,

Please pass this information to your address lists. Thank you for helping us to get this GRETT forum well known with its rich programme of content and presenters.

Amicalement
Bernadette

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10. News from Russia

*Gennady Brevede
Vladimir Maykov*

Overview of the 6th Russian transpersonal conference program

The 6th ATPP conference was held in Moscow 4-6 May 2007.

The dominant topics of the conference:

- The history of integral development project.
- Integration in psychotherapy and personal growth.
- Ken Wilber and his Integral Project.
- Individual programs of integral development.
- Investigation of integral development.
- Archetypes of integral practices.

Plenary presentations, included into program:

- ◆ Vladimir Maykov
What the integral practices are.
Tat tvam asy or shivaa will out
- ◆ Eugeny Faidysh
Archetypes of integral practices of Eastern and Western spiritual traditions
- ◆ Tonu Soidla
Lord of the bees-integrative and utopian
- ◆ Bronislav Vinogradsky
Tao and integrity in the culture of ancient China
- ◆ Vladimir Kozlov
Integral psychology and psychotherapy in XXI century
- ◆ Jury Bubeev
Computer technologies and integral practices
- ◆ Marina Belokurova
From mythodrama to personal myth
- ◆ Janna Drogalina
Integral in V. Nalimov's heritage
- ◆ Irina Kuris
Integration of spiritual knowledge in mental-movement practice

Panels:

The diversity of integral practices, led by Vladimir Maykov and Vladimir Kozlov.

Dangers and traps of integral development, led by German Karelsky and Marina Belokurova.

Masculine and feminine aspects of integration, led by Irina Kuris and Tonu Soidla.

11. News from Ireland

Markus writes:

I am glad to present another very interesting newsletter that has emerged through the kind contributions of our members as well as international transpersonal contributors. I'm not going to give it all away here but urge you to read and hopefully enjoy our May edition of: E-merge-nce 5

Best wishes,

Markus Hohmann
(IATP Administrator)

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

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

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Fiona White discovered the Irish Site and EUROTAS and writes:

Many thanks!

I actually only discovered the Irish site a week or so ago when searching for information on studying TP in Ireland. Subsequently heard about EUROTAS. I was invited to attend their AGM on Saturday. It was a lovely experience and I'm very excited about the future in Ireland and with making connections all around the world.

I would love to be able to attend Germany but can't this time. I look forward to hearing all about it from Markus.

Best wishes

Fiona

12. Last Thoughts

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

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

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

John Drew