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1. a note from Our President, Vitor Rodrigues

My only message today is that many of us enjoyed the World Transpersonal Conference in India on Psychology and Spirituality last month. It was an excellent opportunity to meet with well over four hundred participants who came from forty different countries to exchange knowledge and experiences. The very busy schedule was beautifully organised with very nice vegetarian meals and a wide range of presentations. The quality wasn't the same for each one of them, as one would expect, but I have seen very good quality and a sense of powerful ongoing work being done in several ways around the world. There was a strong presence and they made a salient contribution to help India become again aware of its extremely important contribution to world spirituality and health.

We saw a first enthusiastic initiative to start a worldwide network for exchange between Associations and people within the transpersonal movement with International Associations for Transpersonal Psychology IATP is its provisional name. You can join in at www.atpweb.org/googlegroup. Please do... this will help establish our movement everywhere.

Also it looks like EUROTAS will be receiving applications for new member Associations very soon, at least from Estonia and Italy expanding our work still further.

The EUROTAS Committee for Certification of Psychotherapists welcomed some new members into the group of certified therapists. This is also giving us progressively more strength to be acknowledged in the world of Psychotherapy.

You will see below how we will follow up many of the things we experienced in India at our next meeting in Barcelona in October. Our friends in Barcelona are very enthusiastic and doing excellent ongoing work. Please support them, apply soon, prepare well. I am looking forward to seeing you there – or shall I say we are looking forward to seeing each other there!

Warm regards for everybody,

Vitor

2. Tenth EUROTAS Conference in Barcelona, 29 October – 2 November 2008

“The Planet, culture and consciousness – the development of humanity in the 21st Century”

"Planeta, cultura i consciència. Desenvolupant la humanitat del segle XXI".

Dear friends,

We have just arrived from the World Congress in India and are very excited to keep this energy alive. We are working on the 10th EUROTAS Conference in Barcelona and we will be glad to receive your proposals. Would you like to join us – old friends and new?

Please if you wish to offer a workshop or a lecture, send us the information requested below.

The Conference will be held at La Conreria which is only 15 kilometres away from Barcelona and is surrounded by woods). You can see details on the website The cost of the Conference and four days full board is €320 – see below for more details

You will find up to date information on our website: <http://act-transpersonal.blogspot.com> and anyway we will keep you informed but please put the dates in your agenda now

Please send this to those you know who might be interested.

A big hug, keep in touch! And write to me at magdasole1@gmail.com as soon as you can.

and

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

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10th EUROTAS International Conference
European Transpersonal Association

the PLANET, CULTURE and CONSCIOUSNESS
The development of humanity in the 21st Century

October 29th to November 2nd 2008
BARCELONA

Overlooking the Mediterranean Sea
Visit the sacred mountain of Montserrat
Join the workshops

Learn from psychotherapy approaches and scientific research
Experience bodywork, yoga, meditation, shamanic practice and sacred rituals, flower
essence therapy, dance and music

Contact Information	Name	
	Address	
	Phone	
	E-mail	
	Web page	
Presentation Information	Conference/Workshop	
	Title	
	Short description, (3/5 lines)	
	Seating style and movement level	
	Media equipment required	

Professional information (bio as it would appear in the program and a photo)

Please, send us your proposals as soon as possible. Last date we can receive them is on April 30th. We will answer you back before the end of May.

Registration and Payment received	by 12 September	After September 2008	12
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Entry Fee + 4 days accommodation (Full Board)	320 €	350 €
Entry Fee + 3 days accommodation (Full Board)	280 €	310 €

Full Board: bed & breakfast, lunch and dinner, double room. These prices include the conference ticket, accommodation. It doesn't include transfers, tours, and anything which is not specified.

Send us this information to the following address: magdasole1@gmail.com

For further information: <http://act-transpersonal.blogspot.com>

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

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

3. Nico Kohls leaves England for Germany

Nico Kohls has been a profesor at the University of Northampton for the last few years contributing to the development of transpersonal psychology in the University and wider. Eurotas wishes him well in his new appointment. He writes:

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

After two and a half years in England, I have relocated back to Germany to work at the Generation Research Program at the Human Science Centre of the University of Munich where I will be the Samuéli-Rockefeller Scholar (Brain, Mind and Healing Program). My private gmail address will of course be continued. My British phone numbers will be discontinued. My new institutional address is as follows.

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All the best

Niko Kohls

4. Beata Bishop publishes her book on the Gerson Way And writes on myth as paradigm

Beata has written with Charlotte Gerson what is surely the definitive book on the Gerson therapy. David Lorimer reviews it in the current issue of the Network Review, the journal of the "Scientific and Medical network": "it is important," he writes "that the central message – "everybody's health and well –being is under constant attack from those factors of modern life that undermine the body's natural defence and self-healing ability, leading to a multitude of diseases" - receives widespread promotion and becomes the subject of a significant public debate

The book is available from the Gerson Support Group, POB 406, Esher, Surrey KT10 9UL. Totality Books, 2007, 448pp ISBN 978 0 9760186 0 5

In the same edition of the SMN review Beata contributes an article "Myth as Paradigm – Time for Change? She concludes "What I am suggesting is that the events and consequences recorded in the Old Testament creation story has become a basic religious and social framework of the peoples of the great monotheistic religions, and while everything around them - around us – has undergone huge changes, the aggressive, macho, subduing and exploitative attitude to Nature and the devaluation of the feminine principle have remained intact, with obvious consequences. We urgently need to let go of the myth that underlies that attitude and adopt a new paradigm, before the lilies of the field die and the sparrows, already scarce, vanish for good."

If you don't know the Scientific and Medical Network you have missed something. The articles are high quality and the activities and seminars among the best in the United Kingdom. Look at the website for more information www.scimednet.org or ask for information at info@scimednet.org)

5. Enlightenment Next – London Announcement

The New Edition of What Is Enlightenment? Magazine: Entitled The Cosmos, the Psyche & You, is packed with intriguing articles

The feature article, written by senior editor Carter Phipps, focuses on two great minds of the 20th century - Carl Jung and Teilhard de Chardin - and the influence they are having on our present time and our future.

In one of "What is Enlightenment's" most eclectic issues yet, as well as tracing the profound influence that the 20th-century luminaries Carl Jung and Pierre Teilhard de Chardin have had on the way we see ourselves and our world, and how their perspectives are shaping our collective destiny today, we take a closer look at the idea of the 'divine feminine', critique the artwork of Adi Da Samraj, explore the relationship between time and eternity, and speak with a bodybuilding legend on his pursuit of self mastery. Featuring Ken Wilber, Frank Zane, Helen LaKelly Hunt, Andrew Cohen, and more.

Full table of contents for this issue <http://www.wie.org/j39/?ecp=&ifr=hp-art>

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Enlightened Communication Seminar

Saturday 23 February, 10.30am - 6.00pm

Led by Chris Parish

Can you imagine meeting with people in a startling intimacy of extraordinary communion where there is no separation, while simultaneously you are more authentically yourself than you have ever experienced? This is Enlightened Communication.

It's about how to communicate and develop beyond ego or the separate self sense; an experiential, practical and philosophical day rolled into one.

You will learn how to access and align with the deepest part of yourself, the authentic self. We will work both as one group and in small groups, experimenting and benefiting from the collective findings based on over 20 years field work experience of Evolutionary Enlightenment. You will learn to recognise the obstacles and how to navigate this new terrain. And it is both an experience and, more importantly, a perspective which can change one's life; a shift from the small separate 'I' sense, to the infinitely greater sense of 'We'.

This seminar is about the heart of Evolutionary Enlightenment: discovering for yourself the very driving force behind creation, igniting the passion for conscious evolution that is the deepest most universal motive in all of us.

It's suitable both for newcomers to this approach as well as those with more experience.

Facilitated and led by Chris Parish, MD of EnlightenNext London, who has been a pioneer, working closely with Andrew Cohen, in developing Enlightened Communication. Chris has led numerous seminars all over the world for over fifteen years and this subject is his particular passion and interest.

EnlightenNext London's events page:

<http://www.andrewcohen.org/london/events.asp>

Contact Details and Map <http://www.andrewcohen.org/london/contact.asp>

About EnlightenNext London: Andrew Cohen is a radical spiritual teacher and the originator inspiration and guiding light of the global organization EnlightenNext whose bold mission is to create a 'Revolution in Consciousness and Culture'. Andrew is also the founder and editor in chief of the popular spiritual magazine 'What is

Enlightenment?' whose aim is to create a moral ethical and spiritual context for the 21st century.

6. Meera Sharma sends A New Year Message

Dear John

As this year ends and the new one begins I am thinking of EUROTAS and want to thank you all for your on going support and loving kindness. Many thanks – small words for the great job you are doing!

With love and kind regards,
Meera

Greetings from the Centre for Transpersonal Studies, London – Meera Sharma

"Happiness is a mirage, which when pursued, is always beyond your grasp, but when you trust that you are worthy of it, may it alight upon you."

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

With love,
Meera X

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7. Ways through the Wall - Approaches to Citizenship

A plea to an American at the Fribourg Conference! You were interested in distributing this book in the United States – please contact the editor John Drew!

Ways through the Wall – Approaches to Citizenship in an Interconnected World has been recognised as a very useful account of the state of the transpersonal in the world today. The articles written by many EUROTAS friends and members are of a high quality and are written by experts who really know their field. One reviewer

wrote: “ it makes a wholesome contribution to this historic, transitional shift...it eases the reader’s way through the chinks in the wall, gently encouraging them to put their finger out of the dyke and let the in –flooding water naturally reshape the land! A few copies are still available:

Ways Through the Wall – Approaches to Citizenship in an Interconnecting World, Ed. John Drew and David Lorimer. First Stone Publishing ISBN 1 904439 5453

8. A message from Hungary – Agota Ruzsa

Dear John,

Thank you so much for the Newsletter.

1. I am so glad to see the title of the 10th Eurotas conference -Love for cultures, light for consciousness and peace for our lovely planet -and as I have been very much involved in the Bohemian dialogue and also conversation cafés, world cafés as group processes to share and thus connect, inquire and suspend in such a way that we may come to a shift in our consciousness, I am more than happy to offer my competence in case it may be needed. I have set up a foundation for that purpose as early as 1989, called Ariadne Gaia where Ariadne stands for the thread of the psyche to lead us from the labyrinth we have built for ourselves as well as for Gaia.

2., In March - April we are planning an interactive conference with the title:

“The Nature of the Soul” and hope to invite contributions and active sharing participation and inquire into its nature from several , sometimes confusing though overlapping perspectives, such as esoteric understanding, western mysticism, metaphysics, spirituality, religion and TP...

If your readers are interested in taking part they could contact me on ruzsa.agota@dialogos.hu

Best Wishes

Agota

9. A Message from Contemplative Fire

Dear all,

As usual many of our meetings take place at the church of St. Mary and St. George in High Wycombe, directions available via the Contemplative Fire website at <http://www.contemplativefire.org/hwgathering.htm> . Please refer to this for further details of our activities. At the turn of the year, we look forward to this seasonal opportunity to explore the mystery of God together through silence and symbol; candlelight and music; body prayer, art and creative imagination.

With all best wishes for the New Year,

Jo and the team at Contemplative Fire High Wycombe.

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10. A Message from IATP in Ireland

A Chara,

I would like to wish you and your dear ones a happy and peaceful Solstice,
Christmas and New Year!

May the light of love shine through you and bring hope and joy where despair and
fear are dwelling!

May health and happiness be yours and may compassion and simplicity connect you
to all beings!

Seasonal Greetings

Le gach dea ghui,

Markus Hohmann

(IATP Administrator)

11. Last words from C.P. Jung

In her article Time for Change, Beata Bishop quotes Jung

“Through scientific understanding, our world has become dehumanised. Man feels
himself isolated in the cosmos. He is no longer involved in nature and has lost his
emotional participation in natural events, which hitherto had a symbolic meaning for
him...His immediate communication with nature is gone for ever.