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To : all PTSTAs and TSTAs

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The Professional Training and Standards Committee (PTSC) of EATA addresses all TSTAs and PTSTAs who are members of EATA. With the PTSC Telegram we want to inform you about new developments and decisions concerning training, exams, standards, regulations, etc.

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Dear Colleagues,

this Telegram is informing you about the news regarding training and certification after the PTSC/COC meetings in Santiago de Compostela, July 06, the TACC meeting in Istanbul, August 06 and the PTSC/COC meeting in Madrid, March 07.

During these meetings some of the issues were discussed from different points of view and in PTSC we gave time to ourselves to find an agreement inside the committee. This was the case, for example, for the requirement of a short written case to “add a field at CTA level”, that, as you will see in this Telegram, we decided to instate.

One question needs further discussion before a decision is taken: the group tape issue for psychotherapy. In the last PTSC meeting we decided to open an inquiry among EATA members and trainers to know more about their opinions regarding making optional to bring a groupwork tape for the CTA oral exam in the Psychotherapy field.

This proposal was put forward in the TACC meeting, because in many countries young psychotherapists find it difficult to create psychotherapy group. They usually have individual clients more easily. Some trainers say that, as a matter of fact, teaching group work is not done a lot in their training groups. On one side Transactional Analysis was born with a strong focus on group work, on the other side over the years TA developed many different psychotherapeutic settings.

The proposal (only for the Psychotherapy field) include:

- To take out the 50 hours of group work as a requirement
- To make it optional to bring a group tape for the oral exam (still three tapes required)
- To add an optional question to the section D of the written case: “What transactional analysis concepts do you use in working with groups? How do these influence your practice?”
- To add to the oral rating scale Q1: Describe including implications of...add “with individuals or in groups”.

I'm asking you to cooperate to this discussion giving your feedback and opinion about this proposal, also related to the national context in which you work.

Please send your feedback to Marianne Rauter within June 20th, so the PTSC will come back to this topic having a wider knowledge of the thinking and feelings of EATA trainers.

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News and decisions: unless it is clearly specified, they are optional for one full year after the publication on the Telegram.

101:

“TA101 Instructor” is not a certification but a regulated endorsement between an individual and PTSC/ T&C C/ TSC

- The TA 101 instructor endorsement is valid for three years; it must be renewed every three years
- A TA 101 Instructor needs to be in continuous supervision with a PTSTA/TSTA as part of his/her professional development and this becomes part of the endorsement letter.
- A TA 101 Instructor does not have to repeat the live supervised 101 when signing up a contract as PTSTA within three years.

TSTA Exam Supervision Requirement

- The live supervision of a TA 101 is a requirement. Supervision of the TA 101 will not be counted as part of the supervision hours requirement. Apart from this, the required supervision hours on teaching are reduced to 45 hours, of which 20 hours should be live supervision
- As stated before (see PTSC Telegram n.20) sometimes it is very hard to arrange live supervision and so some of these hours can be done using webcam or audio and/or video-tapes (supervision of supervision), or only by webcam or video-tapes (supervision of teaching). The amount of hours supervised in this way can be negotiated with the trainer.

Rilevance of the field in supervision for PTSTA:

This is not a decision, only a clarification:

- At least 50% of a PTSTA required supervision should be by a TSTA in her/his own field of specialization. The rest can be by supervisors from other fields.

Extension of PTSTA contracts:

- As the pilot study for a new TSTA training and qualification will be under way in the following years, PTSC decided a further extension of PTSTAs contracts. So, the PTSTAs whose contracts have expired, can apply for an extension until Dec 2009. However these PTSTAs are not allowed to sign new contracts.

TEW news:

- Matthias Sell, TEW Coordinator, presented a new proposal for TEW (TPW) with the aim to offer more guidance to beginners. An article was published on June 06 EATA Newsletter where Matthias Sell is explaining the overall structure of the new format of TEW, according to a developmental point of view. The first TPW is going to be “tested” in York, in April. 07.

Expansions and Exceptions processes:

- This is a clarification of the rule on the Handbook: candidates have to have 30% of training with the cosponsor and for the CTA a minimum of 15 hours of supervision and 30% of training with the cosponsor
- **Fee for expansion:** It was decided that the fee to ask for an expansion is Euro 250,00, which covers the expenses supported by EATA. This decision takes effect on 1st of July 2007.

Adding a field at CTA level

After experiencing the Addition/Change procedure for one year, PTSC decided to add a short written case study to the requirements:

- If there are not different national requirements, candidates who want to add a field at CTA level must write a case study in the new field. The length of the section C of the written exam will be 50 % of the usual words limit. The other requirements are the same mentioned in the PTSC Telegram N. 23.

Observers at the exams:

- No observers at the exams are admitted other than those appointed by the Exam Supervisor.

CTA exams:

- The CTA Candidate can bring sessions recorded on unedited audio-tapes or video-tapes or cd rom.
- When a candidate send the written exam to the language coordinator he/she has to send also a signed confirmation of the number of words within their own exam.

Examiner Evaluation Form:

- The new format of the Examiner Evaluation Form was designed and tried out in several exam venues by Charlotte Daellenbach and Marco Mazzetti. The feedback was excellent. Now the form is available on the Web sites. The forms could give examiners some interesting input to discuss during the post-exams examiners debriefing!

The COC observer:

In order to help retain our internationality, to gather information about what is happening during exams and to find out the needs of our community COC decided to send an observer to each national venue around Europe.

- Marco Mazzetti wrote the job description of the exams COC Observer, defining his role and his tasks. He will publish the Job Description on the June EATA Newsletter.

New Language Coordinator:

The PTSC/COC decided a procedure to appoint a Language Coordinator:

- a) the LC has to be a PTSTA or a TSTA
- b) The LC can appoint deputies from different fields. They will inform the COC Chair who is their deputy.
- c) When a LC plans to resign she/he has to inform COC Chair as soon as possible and COC Chair will advertise to look for candidates for that role. The “old” LC can suggest a candidate as well.

Pilot Study:

The pilot study for a new training and accreditation system for TSTA and the research on it are under way! 16 participants to TEWs in 2005 and 2006 have applied for the pilot study. They have been randomly distributed in two groups (group 1/new route and group 2/old route). Both groups will participate to the qualitative research and will answer to different questionnaires to assess their personal growth and their professional competences, during the two different training processes.

More news on an article which will be published on the June EATA Newsletter.

Trainers Meetings:

The Trainers Meeting in Santiago de Compostela was a lively and rich event. Many participants from all Europe could participate and involve themselves also thanks to the translation in four languages offered by EATA and well organized by Grace Slottje.

Sari van Poelje wrote an excellent summary of the ideas and proposals put forward by the trainers during the meeting, which was then sent to all the Santiago participants.

More work will be done in PTSC to take these contribution into account.

On the 7th of August, a Trainers Meeting will be organized in San Francisco, for the International Transactional Analysis Conference. In the Istanbul TACC meeting we decided to have the TACC meetings where more trainers will probably gather together. So this year the TACC meeting will be in San Francisco, on August 12th. The EATA trainers who will be there are invited to participate!

In 2009 a new international Trainer Meeting will be organized by EATA. Any European national association which wants to put itself forward as a candidate to hold this event in its country can write to PTSC.

I wish you a nice springtime! Looking forward to meeting you in Le Diableret

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