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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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Hello everybody,

Here are some up-dates and information for trainers following the activities of PTSC, COC and its working parties this year

- Perhaps the biggest news arises from the discussions that are going on throughout the world about the current TSTA qualification. As you know, many people have ideas about changing it in a way that would evaluate trainer competence more realistically. A working party representing German speaking groups has interesting ideas about a form of continuous credit accumulation scheme. Others have ideas about including a separate level of trainer whereby the qualification of first level supervisor and trainer is recognised. And so on... All this is being discussed at the international TACC working party chaired by Jan Coleman. This topic will be discussed at the international trainers meeting in July (see below).

PTSC has decided that while these discussions are underway, all TSTA contracts should be on hold. **In other words, all TSTA contracts can be automatically extended until December 2007 if the contract holder wishes to do this.** This is available to anyone whose contract ran out from 2004 onwards. Accompanying this Telegram is a form for PTSTAs to fill in and return to EATA Secretary Marianne Rauter to inform her of their desire to have this extension. This two year 'pause' will allow the working parties to complete their discussions and consultations and for PTSC to confirm the final plans.

- There will be a small change to TEW processes – evaluations at the end will include a self-assessment as well as tutor assessment so that participants can also contribute by self-reflection to the evaluation process.
- Up-coming exam sites
 - 2005 November 11th - Lille, France CTA and TSTA
 - November 16th - 18th Hofgeismar Germany CTA and TSTA
 - 2006 April 6th - Exeter, UK CTA and TSTA
 - July 8th - Santiago di Compostela, Spain CTA and TSTA
 - November 17th - Germany CTA and TSTA
 - November - France (site to be confirmed)
 - 2007 February 3rd /4th Gothenburg, Sweden
- CTA Regulations about site exam supervisors have been formally clarified:
 If there are 15 or more CTA candidates there will be two exam supervisors
 If there are 5 or more TSTA candidates there will be an extra exam supervisor whose job it will be to co-ordinate the volunteers (supervisees, audiences etc)
- **Reminder to all TSTAs** who hold contracts of PTSTAs: On the contract you signed, there is a clause saying you agree to examine at least three times (i.e. three sites) during the period of that contract. Had you forgotten!!!!??
 The application form to take the TSTA exam now includes a requirement to confirm that both the PTSTA and TSTA have examined as stated on the contract (for PTSTA: - at least five times, at least three sites for the TSTA: - three times over five years).
- Confirmation that the fee for an Expansion is now 120 euros (to cover administration and assessment). For Eastern European countries the fee will be 60 euros.
- **International Trainers Meeting on Wednesday 6th July at the World TA Conference in Edinburgh. We will discussing ideas about TSTA qualification amongst other things. Please let me know if you can come so we know how big a room to book. (charlotte@csills.fsnet.co.uk)**

Best wishes to you all and I look forward to seeing you in Edinburgh,

Charlotte Sills

Chair of PTSC