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To: all TSTAs, PTSTAs, CTA Trainers and 101 Instructors from PTSC

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*The Professional Training and Standards Committee (PTSC) of EATA addresses this bulletin to all TSTAs, PTSTAs, CTA Trainers and 101 Instructors 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. **Please share this information with your trainees and your colleagues.***

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Dear Colleagues,

This Telegram is informing you about the news regarding training and certification coming from the PTSC/COC meetings in Lyon March 2015, in Rome July 2015, in Manchester March 2016 and coming from the TAWCS, in Sydney August 2015.

1. Training Endorsement Workshop - TEW

- a- *Bursary for the TEW*: as the TEW is always in English, PTSC propose a bursary of 150 € for those who need to translate their TPO or to have a translator during the TEW. The participants receive the form to ask for translation when they register for the TEW.
- b- *Time frame for cancellation*: when cancellation is more than 6 months before the date of the venue of TEW where the person has registered, the fees paid are reimbursed. Within these 6 months the fees are not reimbursed.
- c- *Sabine Klinkenberg is reappointed in her role as TEW Coordinator*. We thank her for the good work she is doing and for her availability by organising 3 TEWs per year and 4 TEWs in 2016;

2. Marking CTA written exam

- a. PTSTAs have to mark at least one CTA Written exam before going to the TSTA or the CTA-Trainer examination
The application of this rule starts for all CTA-Trainer/TSTA contracts signed from 2011 on.
- b. For all CTAs and PTSTAs: The first CTA written exam you mark has to be supervised by an experienced TSTA or CTA Trainer in the field. It is your responsibility to find this experienced supervisor. This recommendation will be introduced in the contract between Language Coordinator and markers. The principle is to support you in your first marking and to ensure protection for the candidate and the exam system.
This rule is immediately applicable.

3. Recording tape for the oral Exam in Organisational field : If it is not possible for a candidate to record tapes for her/his oral CTA exam, the candidate has to send a request to PTSC for an exception to explain how she/he will show her/his competence in the oral exam without three tapes.

4. Corrections in the Handbook :

- a) *Form 12.11.5*: PTSC wanted to ensure consistency between the point 11.12.3 (Section 11) and the Form 12.11.5. We have deleted in this Form the sentence “Names of two CTA candidates whom the current TSTA candidate has supervised at least 40 hours” and replace it with “Names of two supervises whom the current TSTA candidate has supervised at least 40 hours”.
- b) *Form 12.6.2*: we have deleted the point 11 which was asking people to choose the kind of exam they wanted to take in signing their contract. People need to be free to choose their exam when they are ready.
- c) *Limitation of the PTSTA Exceptions*: Section 6, point 6.9.7, the limit of 3 exceptions will be extended to PTSTA contract. The sentence in the Handbook is now: “Normally there is a limit of three exceptions to be held simultaneously for all training contracts in a given field”.
- d) Section 11, Point 11.7.1:
 - i. The sentence “completed with TEW evaluation” has been deleted to take into account the developmental work of the candidates
 - ii. “PTSTA contract” has been replaced by “CTA Trainer/TSTA contract”

- e) Section 7, point 7.3.1
We bring a clarification about the deadline for registration for the Oral examination. The new deadline is as follow:
 -“Your Language Coordinator has to receive your registration (Form 12.7.3) at least two months (**date to date**) prior to the date of your oral examination (i.e if exam is on 10th of the month then this form must be received by LC 10th, at least 2 months prior)”
- Attention, please!** If forms are incomplete the Language Coordinator reserves the right to not accept the application for the venue indicated.
- f) Section 7, point 7.3.2
2 months before date to date: the Language Coordinator has received your: Application Form for the Oral examination and Principal Supervisor’s Endorsement (New April 2016)
- g) The Forms: 12.7.2, 12.7.3, 12.7.4, 12.7.6 and 12.7.8 have underwent tiny changes. Please consult the Handbook to have the last version. (New April 2016)

5. Task Force implemented by PTSC

In Telegram 33 we inform that PTSC had implemented a Task Force which aim to create a new possibility for CTA-Trainers to get a certification to train and supervise P/TSTAs. The current members of this Task Force are: Resi Tosi, Christine Chevalier, Gilles Barrow and Elena Soboleva.

6. Plagiarism

Following a suggestion from DGTA, COC and PTSC created a new form. The candidates will have to send this form with their written exam. It will be the Form 12.7.15. CTA candidates will have to fulfil this form and send it with their written examination to their Language Coordinator.

Below is the text that has to be signed:

“I declare that I have developed and written the enclosed TA Written Exam completely by myself, and I have not used sources or means without declaration in the text. Any thoughts from others or literal quotations are clearly marked. The TA Written Exam was not used in the same or in a similar version to achieve an academic grading or is being published elsewhere. The digital version equals the written completion”

7. Financial support for the translation of the Handbook:

Several Associations asked to have the new changes to update their own translation of the Handbook. As it is a service for the whole language community, PTSC is in favour to give the Associations financial support for this updating. To keep these translations available for people of a same language PTSC ask the associations to put their Translation on the website.

We already have the pleasure to announce you that the Associations of the following countries are engaged in the translation of the Handbook and in the publication of it on the website.

The countries are: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Hungary, Serbia, Slovenia and Spain.

8. News from EAP:

- Marina Banic has been appointed by EATA as an EAP expert who visit institutes in order to get EAPTI status.
- *EAP conditions for Personal work to get the ECP:*

“The training requirements for ECP foreseen that 250 hours of self experience must be done within **the minimum of 4 years**. Thus this mean that 250 hours can be obtained in the longer period than 4 years but **not in the shorter period than 4 years**. However the self experience needs to be done as **continuous process** without long interruptions. Thus, if a trainee attends one individual session per week the minimum hours of experience will be obtained within the period or 5 years. The self experience of course may be longer than 5 years in which case it is logical that the number of hours will be bigger than minimum of 250 hours”

9. News from TAWCS, Transactional Analysis World Council of Standards

-The constitution has been signed in San Francisco by the three associations: ITAA, FTAA and EATA

-News from TAWCS following meeting in Sydney August 2015:

In Sydney two main points were raised:

The first one: the participation of FTAA to the TAWCS. To have delegates in the TAWCS an association need to have a training and exams body (Like PTSC in EATA). Currently FTAA hasn't such a body. This point was raised by a delegate from FTAA. The decision that was made was to suspend the participation of FTAA until they have this body.

The second point is about the mutual recognition of the CTA Trainer status asked by the delegates from EATA. The dialogue about the CTA Trainer and its status has been part of the TAWCS discussion every year. EATA have been seeking mutual recognition for it with ITAA and FTAA. Bringing it in line with the certification system in EATA (see Telegram 33) has raised questions for ITAA and FTAA. They expressed concerns about whether the format gave sufficient guarantees for the high level of the certification. To be involved in the reflexion about the CTA Trainer status, ITAA asked EATA to suspend the CTA Trainer program and asked the co-chairs of the TAWCS (Thorsten Geck and Elyane Alleysson) to implement a Working Group to work together about this status for a mutual recognition.

Back to Europe the chair of PTSC asked PTSC Committee to take a decision about the request from ITAA. PTSC said NO: no suspension of the CTA Trainer Program.

The recognition of the CTA Trainer will be again in the agenda of the TAWCS meeting in Geneva, July 2016.

News from COC

-Peter Rudolph served on COC until March 2016. We wish to thank him for his work and contributions.

-Christine Chevalier will take over as Chair COC in Geneva (July 2016).

-Sabine Klingenberg will continue in post as CTA Trainer Coordinator until December 2019.

-There have been many improvements to the forms for the exam process that the Language Coordinators, COC and PTSC have worked on collaboratively.

1. Written Exams

Written CTA exam workshop:

Evelyne Papaux ran a successful workshop in Rome and will do the same again in Geneva July 2016. This will be free of charge to participants.

Change to the Appeal procedure:

The candidate appealing will now receive the written decision of the Appeal Panel from the Supervising Examiner (not the Appeal Panel Chair).

2. Oral Exams

For Candidates:

Payment for Oral Exam

When submitting an application to go to Oral exam the priority will be given to candidates based on the date they have paid for their exam.

Candidate's Log Book

Please ensure that if a candidate has had more than one EATA Training Contract that ALL contracts are included in the log book presented at examination.

For Examiners:

Attendance at the Examiners' Briefing Meeting

Each exam briefing involves a unique set of circumstances and a unique learning community coming together for the shared purpose of examining candidates. Experienced examiners sometimes do not attend these meetings because they believe they have "heard it all before". Whilst we account for this experience, COC also believes that these examiners' experience is valuable to the community forming to make each particular set of exams. It is part of a commitment to learn together and build collaborative working relationships that support the good practice of examining with colleagues. All examiners must attend these meetings to be involved in the exams. If for some reason an examiner is not able to attend their involvement in the exams is at the discretion of the local Exam Supervisor.

3. Role of Observer in exams:

Part of the development of the exams has included the role of Observer inside the exams. Ideally each exam board will have an Observer who will feedback back to the board after the exam is over. This is a service for the exams as it is crucial in supporting the learning for examiners. It invites their reflection and engagement in peer discussion. The feedback from all exam sites is that this role has been of immense value. As such it is an invaluable role in service to the exams and is therefore **included** in the "count" for the number of times examined. This is a question asked for certification towards CTA Trainer and TSTA. It is also part of the TSTA role to stay updated with signing contracts. COC believe that taking on this role is valid examining experience.

4. Examiner Feedback Form:

This will be introduced and piloted to exam sites in order to include Examiner feedback. We collate feedback from candidates, Observers/Moderators and Exam Supervisors. We want to include Examiners in this too.

5. CTA Trainer Exam:

- The CTA Trainer certification in Geneva will run alongside the CTA and TSTA exams. This is the first time we have organised all the certifications together. One aim is that all candidates should be able to celebrate together!
- TSTA/CTATs involvement in these exams will also count towards their professional involvement in exams.
- Bursaries are available from COC for translation support for the CTA Trainer exam. The same criteria as the TEW apply. Contact Cathy McQuaid for further information.

6. Special Projects:

COC are engaged in a number of special projects which will either be written about in the Newsletter/Telegram or feed into the work to improve the exam system overall.

In short these are:

1. Collaboration around the Front Sheet for the Oral CTA exam

2. Primary Supervisors “marking” of CTA written exam
3. Improving Budgets for Oral Exam sites
4. Incorporating 360 feedback from each exam site to maximise learning (from Observer/Moderator, examiners, candidates and exam supervisors)
5. Electronic Submission of written exams
6. Investigating issues of client consent re case studies.
7. Research projects

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