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To : all PTSTAs and TSTAs   **From : PTSC**   **N° 23 – June 2006**

The Professional Training and Standards Committee (PTSC) of EATA addresses all TSTAs and PTSTAs who are members of EATA. With the <u>PTSC Telegram</u> 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 giving you the news for training and certification after the PTSC and COC meetings held in Konstanz on March 2006. We are very close to the Trainers Meeting in Santiago de Compostelaon July 6th and 7th. I hope that lots of you will come there. You can read the program of the meeting on the June Newsletter and on the EATA web-site. One of the news, this year, is that one slot of the meeting is open to discuss what issues would trainers like to go forward to the GA and Council.

New decisions and informations:

A new route to TSTA qualification: pilot study and research

A pilot study on a new route to TSTA qualification and a research on the effectiveness of a new way to learn and develop will start this year.
The pilot study is based on the proposal of the German speaking group, discussed at the Trainers Meeting in Edimburgh and at a Vienna meeting with representatives of PTSC and COC.
PTSC has agreed to support two kind of research on the pilot:
one is an ongoing qualitative research carried out on behalf of EATA by Trudi Newton and Charlotte Sills, the other one is a short quantitative research (this one will evaluate change in specific areas of competence and in ego-state profile) coordinated by Pio Scilligo.

Participants to 2005 and 2006 TEWs will be invited to participate in the pilot study. They will be divided in four groups:

Group 1 – will undertake the new process of becoming a supervisor and trainer of CTAs (so-called Trainers' Cycle). They will also take part in a piece of ongoing collaborative inquiry into the process of learning.

Group 2 - will do the old process of development as before and will also take part in the collaborative inquiry.

Group 3 – will do the new route without taking part in the inquiry, but completing questionnaires

Group 4 – will do the old route without taking part in the inquiry, but completing questionnaires

The training process for the participants in the pilot study will last at least three years and they will participate in yearly international workshops to assess their competence and growth as trainer.
PTSC has agreed to provide bursaries to support the participation in these workshops. The cost of the International Workshops will be handled in the same way as it is done for TEW.
At the end of the three year training the PTSTAs who have participated to the pilot will be eligible to become CTA Trainer after a colloquium in an international board.

PTSC has also agreed to start a pilot study this year for the Mentor level.
Experienced PTSTAs can participate in this project, which will be evaluated through a research as well.
An experienced PTSTA is a PTSTA who:
has been running a training group for at least three years, or
trained successfully at least one CTA, or
meets 50% of the requirements for the current TSTA exam

More news about this project after Santiago de Compostela.

PTSC has decided that ITAA will be informed about the pilot study and the research. For the moment, they will be not invited to participate for organizational difficulties.

Adding or Changing a field at CTA level

Some CTAs may wish to change their field of specialization , or add a second qualification because of their professional background and experience in a field of specialization other than that in which they are qualified. The Addition/Change of Field procedure has been developed so that the CTA does not have to go through the full process of qualification in the new field, although that remains an option.

These are the rules agreed in PTSC to apply for an addition or change:

Applying for an Addition or Change

The person applying for an Expansion must be a member of EATA, ITAA or WPATA and is required to demonstrate professional competence as a practicing Transactional Analyst in the field of specialization for which the change or addition is required. The applicant should submit:

An application for an Addition or Change, giving reasons for the request.
A log detailing at least 250 hours of practice in the new field (with regular supervision from a P/TSTA – at least 20 hours)
Confirmation that they meet their national requirements for the new field
Confirmation that a sufficient amount of personal development has been achieved
A signed contract (EATA, ITAA or WPATA) with a primary supervisor
Two letters of support from PTSTAs or TSTAs who are certified in the field of specialization for which the addition/change is required.
A photocopy of their Certification as a CTA

Granting or refusing the Addition or Change

When PTSC receives the documents outlined above it will appoint a TSTA or an experienced PTSTA, from the field of specialization for which the addition or change is requested, as an adjudicator to look at the documents.
The adjudicator will be asked to say whether, in their opinion, the submission is acceptable or unacceptable.
If the adjudicator judges the papers to be acceptable PTSC will grant permission to the candidate to proceed to the oral examination in the new field.
If the adjudicator finds the TPO unacceptable PTSC will consult another TSTA (or PTSTA) qualified in the field of specialization for which the addition/change is requested, and ask them to adjudicate in the same way.
If the second adjudicator accepts the papers they will be asked to discuss the case with the first adjudicator

and come to a joint decision. If the decision is to accept, PTSC will grant permission to proceed to the oral examination.

If the second adjudicator does not accept the papers, PTSC will not accept the application. If no agreement is reached a third TSTA will be called as an adjudicator and the matter will be discussed at the next PTSC meeting.

Proceeding to the Oral Exam

If PTSC has accepted the application, the candidate may then take the oral examination. At this examination:
There should be at least two examiners from the new field on the board
There should be a thorough discussion about the theory and processes related to the practice in the new field

Corrections to the Handbook

On form 12.9.1 "Application to Appeal" it instructs the candidate to send the form to exam supervisor. Actually the form needs to be sent to the Supervising Examiner.

TEW

If two TEW participants are a couple they will be put in two different workshop groups.

PTSC will support the cost of the translation during TEW up to Euro 1.000,00 per TEW. This sum can be used by the TEW Coordinator to facilitate the translation. Participants can apply to him/her for this fund

COC

Exams:

TSTAs candidates cannot share a translator at their exams.
Requests for such a rule come from the exams supervisors after many difficulties in several exam sites.
Candidates can apply for an EATA bursary for translation costs, if this rule creates financial difficulty.

Announcement of dates of exams:

All exams venues will be advertised 12 months prior to the exam.
The local organizers will need to agree with the Chair of COC the date of the exams in advance of this 12 month period.

I'm looking forward to meeting you in Santiago.
My best wishes

Maria Teresa Tosi

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