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Thanks to Guest Editor Don Eulert for his thought-provoking and inspiring cover story on CRITICAL PSYCHOLOGY, and to John Giannini for following up on the INTEGRATIVE PSYCHOLOGY issue with his article on Jung and Wilber. For what kind of meaning is the most motivating for people in therapy, and in life, see Bob Murray's and Alicia Fortinberry's article on PURPOSE. And for a new definition of MIRACLES, see Nick Arrizza's explanation of full contact with embodied energy, and his focus on love.

Check out the NEWSLETTER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY and the two unusual books that are reviewed.

UPCOMING THEMES:

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Transpersonal Reaches 100 years of age!

The first documented use of the term **transpersonal** was in a course syllabus and in lectures by William James in 1905. ATP members can read about this in the **Journal of Transpersonal Psychology (JTP)** article "Some Historical Sources of the Term 'Transpersonal'" by Miles Vich (Volume 20, Number 2).

Transpersonal Psychologist Given the Abraham H. Maslow Award

Edward Bruce Bynum, one of the pioneers in transpersonal psychology who first brought African and ancient Kemetic Egyptian spirituality into the clinical context of psychology, was given the Abraham H. Maslow Award at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association (APA), held August 18–21 in Washington, D.C. The honor is presented in recognition of a lifetime contribution through research and written work in the area of humanistic and transpersonal psychology. He also published books which contributed to the emerging transpersonal-humanistic family-systems perspective. He was cited for his "Outstanding and lasting contribution to the exploration of the farther reaches of the human spirit."



EDWARD BRUCE BYNUM

After the award ceremony, Bynum offered an invited address entitled "Why Darkness Matters: The Science and Neuroscience of Melanin in the Human Brain," which is also the subject of his new book. For many years, he was president of the Transpersonal Interest Group which became the transpersonal track within Division 32 (Humanistic Psychology) of the APA. He organized several transpersonal programs at APA meetings. He is Director of Behavioral Medicine in the Mental Health Department of University Health Services at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

World Conference on Transpersonal Consciousness and the Wholeness of the Global Family

"Vasudaiva Kutumbakam!"
"The World Is, Indeed, One Family!"

Cochin, Kerala, India
Fall 2007

www.indiatravelogue.com/dest/ker/ker4.html

Conveners: US ASSOCIATION FOR TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY, EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY, SAMBODH FOUNDATION
Sponsors: INFINITY FOUNDATION, CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF INTEGRAL STUDIES, FALSE-PROFITS, COUNCIL ON SPIRITUAL PRACTICES, BAY AREA RHYTHM SOCIETY, CHAPLAINCY INSTITUTE, INSTITUTE FOR TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY, JOHN F. KENNEDY UNIVERSITY, JAPAN ASSOCIATION FOR TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY, GOVERNOR OF STATE OF KERALA, INDIA.

Program: Panels, Workshops, Papers, Rituals

The Arts and Global Family (GF)

The Future of Spiritual Practice

Transpersonal Psychology (TP)

Psychotherapy and the GF

Consciousness Research and the GF

TP and Prisoner Rehabilitation for the GF

TP and Elders, Dying and Hospice in the GF

TP and Human Birth and Sacred Family Life World-wide

TP and Sacred Organizational Well-Being in the GF
Government Education Healthcare

TP and the Sacred Earth Home for the GF

TP and Youth Culture World-Fusion Dance Event
Student and Faculty Poster Presentation Salons

River of Life Parade of the Global Family

(2-hour parade through the central park of Cochin of 3000 people, from eldest to youngest, "the river of life," concluding in a cross-cultural fire ritual honoring all humans, past, present, future)

E-mail Stuart Sovatsky stuartcs@jps.net to be placed on the Conference Newsletter E-list.



SPIRIT IN DYING CONFERENCE

The 2005 ATP Conference **Spirit In Dying** was held June 10–12 at the Grace North Church in Berkeley, California. The conference focused on the spiritual dimensions of dying, and included spiritual and creative tools for approaching the experience of dying, near death experiences, grief in therapy, palliative care and hospice, home funerals, and celebrating the life well-lived. Conference keynote speakers included Joan Halifax, Frank Ostaseski, and Mathew Fox. More than 150 people attended and seemed moved by the combination of intense workshops, music, presentations, ritual, and exchanges with fellow travelers exploring the sacredness of this mystery.

Musical events included an

evening performance with Kate Munger and the Threshold Choir, female volunteers who gather at the bedside of those in the final stages of illness to sing beautiful music and favorite songs, helping to become the soundtrack for that ultimate transition that we must all someday make from life to . . . whatever happens after that. Michael Stillwater led an evening performance, **Music Heals—Songs and Chants for Living and Letting Go**. He has pioneered the use of music to support the dying process in his music and spoken word recording with Gary Malkin, **Graceful Passages: A Companion for Living and Dying**. The event included community

singing, bringing a universal expression of the heart.

The Conference was co-sponsored by the Chaplaincy



MICHAEL STILLWATER, FRANK OSTASESKI, JOAN HALIFAX, GARY MALKIN

Institute of Berkeley California, whose Director, Ginarose Halpern, served as conference co-chair with David Lukoff. The moving talks by Joan Halifax and Frank Ostaseski are on the ATP homepage where anyone can listen to them (atpweb.org). ATP members can log on to the members' area and listen to the talk by Mathew Fox and to other conference talks.

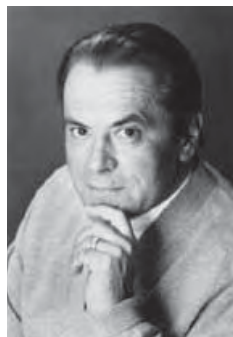
LETTER TO THE CONFERENCE
Thank you for your efforts in making the **Spirit in Dying Conference** such a wonderful program. No doubt there were dozens of others who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, and so we bow to them, too. I trust that with all of these wonderful presenters you assembled the participants found something that was both inspiring and useful. May these qualities find their way to the bedsides of people facing life-threatening illness in the form of compassionate action.

BLESSINGS, FRANK OSTASESKI
FOUNDER & DIRECTOR, ALAYA INSTITUTE

Stanislav Grof Audio Archives

ATP has initiated a project to preserve the heritage of transpersonal psychology by digitizing, preserving, and making available to members online more than 200 presentations by Stanislav Grof, Charles Tart, Jeanne Achterberg, Ram Dass, Huston Smith, Francis Vaughan, June Singer, Stanley Krippner, Larry Dossey, Joanna Macy, David Whyte, Terry Tafoya, David Steindl-Rast, Michael Harner, Jim Fadiman, Rachel Remen, Mathew Fox, and more.

Still to digitize are 30 years of International Transpersonal Association conference presentations organized by Stanislav Grof that have seeded transpersonal movements in Europe, Russia, Asia, and South America. Tapes being preserved include presentations by the Dalai Lama and Mother Teresa and transpersonal pioneers. Stan will attend a fundraiser in spring 2006, with audiovisual highlights from ITA conferences held in India, Japan, Iceland, Brazil, Prague, Scotland, etc. [atpweb](http://atpweb.org)



STANISLAV GROF



The Spiritual Emergence Network

A HISTORY AND A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The Spiritual Emergence Network (SEN) was founded in 1980 by Christina and Stanislav Grof in response to the lack of understanding and respect for psychospiritual care and growth in the mental health profession. SEN started off in the Grof's home in Big Sur, California. They were able to create a national network of transpersonally oriented therapists with whom clients in spiritual crisis could converse.

SEN quickly became international in scope and expanded its services with newsletters, articles, and seminars for professionals. In September of

1984, the Grofs turned over the day-to-day operations to several committed individuals at the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology. The proposal for what became the new diagnostic category, "Religious or Spiritual Problem" (Code V62.89) in the **Diagnostic and Statistical Manual**, 4th edition, **DSM-IV** (APA, 1994), grew out of the work of SEN.

In 1998, SEN moved to the California Institute of Integral Studies, offering spiritual emergence training for their students, and in turn SEN was renamed the Center for Psychological & Spiritual Health (CPSH) in 2002. Unfortunately,

in August, 2003 CPSH had to close its clinic due in part to a lack of adequate funding sources.

CPSH continues to give phone referrals on a limited basis (415) 575-6299. Ted Esser has also developed an online self-referral database on their website due to a grant from the Association for Transpersonal Psychology. However, CPSH expenses are ongoing, and for that, we need your help. Please consider giving a donation or becoming a member of their professional division where you may benefit by receiving occasional client referrals at: www.cpsch.org.

Transpersonal Conference in Brazil

September 3–6 2005, Alubrat (the Portuguese-Brazilian Transpersonal Association, celebrating its 5th International Congress) and Unipaz (the Brazilian Peace University, celebrating its 10th Holistic Congress) held a joint conference in Campinas, Brazil. About 600 people attended the scientific and artistic program.

International guests David Lukoff, Jean-Yves Leloup, Roger Woolger, Mario Simões, and Vitor Rodrigues joined local presenters Vera Saldanha, Roberto Crema, and others for about 80 talks and workshops. There was dancing, poetry, music, and singing. The conference provided a panorama of the transper-



CONFERENCE CO-ORGANIZERS
VERA SALDANHA AND VITOR RODRIGUES



sonal movement with a warm and friendly atmosphere. Themes covered a rich array from biology of consciousness to societal issues, research and neuro-imaging, intuition, creativity, education, spiritual

practices and paths, spiritual emergency, meditation, and the feminine. It was a pleasant demonstration of the vitality of the Transpersonal movement in Brazil and a meeting of friends and soul travelers.



Transpersonal Graduate School in Mexico

In June 2005, the **Asociación Mexicana de Desarrollo Transpersonal** became an accredited transpersonal graduate school awarding bachelor and masters degrees in Puebla, Mexico. It was founded by **Irma Azomoza**, Ph.D., who has moved the school to new offices which provide interaction rooms, practice spaces, and classrooms.

The governor of Puebla attended the opening of the school.

Irma has been offering training programs and workshops with teachers from all over the world, and she continues to include transpersonal teachers in her programs, recently including Leslie Gray, Olga Louchakova, Luisah Teish, Jeremy Taylor, Sondra Ray, and David Lukoff.



FOUNDER IRMA AZOMOZA AND HER DAUGHTER

EUROTAS 2005

The 2005 EUROTAS conference in Moscow exemplified its theme of **Human Consciousness and Human Values in an Interconnected World**. The Russian Association of Transpersonal Psychology and Psychotherapy graciously hosted more than 200 participants from more than 20 countries, with the support of several other organizations.

Vladimir Maykov, **Gennady Brevde**, and a team of volunteers guided us through four days of presentations (June 23–26), translating tirelessly between English and Russian during more than 70 workshops, plenary presentations, and panel discussions.

Vladimir Maykov opened the conference by situating it in the context of a Russian transpersonal project that reaches back to antiquity. He spoke from his uniquely informed vantage point of one of the most accomplished members of the Russian transper-

sonal community. In addition to authoring several books, he founded an international project to publish transpersonal psychology texts in Russian—he has edited about 50 books thus far. He founded the Transpersonal Institute in 1994 and the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology in 1997, and serves as president of the **Russian Association for Transpersonal Psychology and Psychotherapy**.

Jason Wright (UK) drew on his work with addicts to weave a story of how psychological healing can grow out of rebuilding narratives on life itself. Jason's work reaches deep into theoretical and scientific realms to understand experiences of transformation he witnesses with his clients.

Vitor Rodriguez (Portugal) offered a glimpse into his clinical experience with diagnosis and treatment of psychic attack. **Mark Burno** (Russia) shared fruits from 30 years of practice using spiritual cul-

ture as an avenue to therapy. **Rupert Tower** (UK) used the enchanting Russian fairy tale "**The Black Magician Czar**" to lead us into the shadow, frankly broaching issues of power and leadership in psychotherapy training organizations. **Tanna Jakubowicz** (Poland) rounded out this mini-series with an inspiring call to direct action.

Joachim and Dorothea Galuska (Germany), **Hans Peter Weidinger** and **Anna Maurer** (Austria), **Ingo B. Jahrsetz** (Germany), and **David Lukoff** (USA) dedicated their plenary presentations to transpersonal themes. A more detailed conference account is in the **International Journal of Transpersonal Studies**. The next Eurotas Conference will be held in the Loire region of France October 6–10, 2006. Visit www.eurotas.org.



CONFERENCE CO-ORGANIZER GENNADY BREVDE