



## Obituary – Ian Stewart

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I am using a photo from the 1987 edition of *TA Today* because that is how I prefer to remember Ian! He had a big influence on my life, including running the Training Endorsement Workshop that I attended when I was preparing to take my TSTA examination in 1992.

A few years later, he encouraged me to set up the Institute of Developmental Transactional Analysis (IDTA) in 2003, after I had served as president of EATA and ITAA. This was because he realised how much the main UK TA Association was focused on psychotherapy – so he was so very supportive to me in terms of having a different association. And I still remember that support as I create new TA initiatives nowadays.

It is interesting for me to recall how he was almost alone within the UK Institute of Transactional Analysis (ITA as it was then before becoming UKATA) to recognise that we needed a separate association for those of us who were not practising TA psychotherapy.

A few years later, when he and Vann Joines produced the second edition of *TA Today* in 2012, he included a personal quote from me within that book and sent me a copy of the edition that I treasure because it has such a nice thank you message within it from Ian about my help with the chapter on Organisations & Education.

I am relieved that his health would have meant that he would have had no idea how our colleagues behaved within the current UK associations, and ITAA and EATA, in 2020 when they chose to blame IDTA for their own cancellation of the World TA Conference 2020 due to Covid, which in turn led us to close IDTA.

Thanks to Ian, the IDTA lasted many years and I am sure he would welcome that we are now putting our energy into some other initiatives that widen the impact of TA, including the World Online Transactional Analysis Association (<https://wotaa.org>) and the International Centre for Transactional Analysis Qualifications (<https://ictaq.org>).

Ian – your support lives on!

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