



## Editorial

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Welcome to our 5<sup>th</sup> year of publication!

Updating what I wrote in my first editorial in 2009, we continue to “come a long way since Hobbs (1984) challenged the TA community, and Eric Berne, for so uncritically accepting Spitz’s (1945) flawed study about the importance of childhood stimulation.”

In that first issue, I also wrote that we had a “nicely international set of articles – China, Italy and Sweden – from some different cultural settings”.

Since then we have published papers about studies in Austria, Germany, Italy, Macedonia, the Netherlands, Romania, Serbia, and the UK.

We are pleased this time to be able to include research results from Russia, and from authors in Belgium reporting on work that has taken place in 19 different countries that spread across Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East – with, for good measure, an evaluation by a neutral researcher based in the UK.

For our next issue, we are currently reviewing studies and hope to extend our coverage to Brazil, South Africa and Switzerland.

We also continue our cross-fields selections, with papers relating to:

- the use of online counselling by young people with thoughts of suicide, by a transactional analysis psychotherapy specialist;
- the application to organisational roles of a questionnaire developed by a transactional analysis organisational specialist;

- organisational workshops run by a transactional analysis educational specialist who applied the rededication approach initiated by Gould & Goulding (1979) to executive coaching workshops; and
- qualitative research conducted by a transactional analysis psychotherapy specialist into the outcomes of the executive coaching workshops.

### Research Conference

In 2013 we had an issue that comprised the papers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> EATA TA Conference.

We are pleased to announce that the 3<sup>rd</sup> EATA TA Conference will take place in Cagliari, in Sardinia, Italy, on 22-23 May 2014. The theme will be *Research and professional practice: how research can take its roots in practice?* - underlining the importance of the mutual enrichment between research and practice and especially focusing on how research can profit from the experience of practitioners.

Book the date in your diary now and see the EATA website for details of how to submit a presenter proposal and book to attend:

<http://www.eatanews.org/conferences/eata-conferences/>

### References

Goulding, R & Goulding, M (1979) *Changing Lives through Rededication Therapy* New York: Grove Press