

The International Transpersonal Association Announces the 17th International Transpersonal Conference¹

La Asociación Transpersonal Internacional
Anuncia el XVII Congreso Internacional Transpersonal

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A reconstituted International Transpersonal Association, currently forming an international board, announces the 17th International Conference to be held June 23-27, 2010, in Moscow.

Shortly after the first transpersonal organization, The Association of Transpersonal Psychology, was formed in the United States, it became evident that interest in the transpersonal movement extended beyond the borders of the US. This resulted in two international transpersonal conferences held in Iceland in 1972 and 1973, followed by a third in Finland in 1976 and fourth in Brazil in 1977. The success of these conferences resulted in a decision to form an international association to continue this tradition. Stan Grof, Michael Murphy, and Richard Price founded the International Transpersonal Association (ITA) “as a scientific and educational corporation whose mission was to promote transpersonal education and scientific research, as well as to guarantee continuation of these international transpersonal conferences into the future” (Grof, Friedman, Lukoff, & Hartelius, 2008, p. 55). Subsequently, ITA offered International Transpersonal Conferences in the

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US in 1979, Australia in 1980, India in 1982, Switzerland in 1983, Japan in 1985, the US in 1987 and 1991, Czechoslovakia in 1992, the US in 1994, Ireland in 1995, Brazil in 1996, and the US in 2004.

Following the 2004 International Transpersonal Conference, the ITA ceased as an organization. However, separately both David Lukoff and Harris Friedman were exploring creating an international organization. They met at the World Congress of Spirituality and Psychology in Delhi during 2008 and, along with others, discussed the vision for a new international transpersonal organization. It was decided that the new organization should keep the name ITA in order to continue the rich ITA tradition, especially the continuity of its conferences. Stan Grof blessed that idea and a corporate sponsor, Floragrades Foundation, agreed to provide seed money to reincorporate ITA. Les Lancaster was also able to secure European Union grant money through the International Centre for Digital Content to develop the ITA website, which is under construction. Friedman now serves as its President, Lukoff as its Vice President, and Hartelius as its Secretary-Treasurer.

Currently ITA is involved in two major activities. The first is organizing an international board to represent the global transpersonal community. The second is to hold the 17th International Transpersonal Conference, which is planned for June 23-27, 2010 in Moscow, titled *Consciousness Revolution: Transpersonal Discoveries that are Changing the World*. This conference will present experiential and didactic approaches to the transpersonal spanning human history from the first shamans to recent neuroscientific discoveries. Among the expected presenters are Angeles Arrien, Vladimir Baskakov, Eugeny Faidysh, Fritoff Capra, Robert Frager, Harris Friedman, Stanislav and Christina Grof, Michael Harner, Arthur Hastings, Jack Kornfield, Stanley Krippner, Eugeny Krupitsky, Les Lancaster, Ervin Lazslo, David Lukoff, Victor Makarov, Rajiv Malhotra, Vladimir Maykov, Michael Murphy, Arny and Amy Mindell, Silvia Nakkach, Victor Petrenko, Dean Radin, Vitor Rodrigues, Eduard Sagalae, Max and Ellen Schupbach, Karan Singh, Stuart Sovatsky, Tav Sparks, Dmitri Spivak, Lama Surya Das, Rick Tarnas, Charles Tart, Frances Vaughan, Bronislav Vinogradsky, and Roger Walsh, as well as many more. It is anticipated that there will be

cultural events, including art, dance, film, music, as well as numerous pre- and post-conference tour opportunities. It is hoped that more than 1000 participants from over 50 countries will attend. Conference sponsors include several prominent Russian groups and individuals, as well as the All-Russian Professional Psychotherapeutic League, Association of Body-Oriented Psychotherapy—Russia, Association of Transpersonal Psychology—US, Association of Transpersonal Psychology and Psychotherapy—Russia, Australian Transpersonal Association, California Institute of Integral Studies—US, Esalen Institute—US, European Transpersonal Association (EUROTAS), Institute of Noetic Sciences—US, John Fetzer Institute—US, John F. Kennedy University—US, Institute of Group and Family Psychotherapy—Russia, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology—US, Japan Transpersonal Psychology Association, Moscow Association of Analytical Psychology, and the World Business Academy—US. We also invite additional sponsors and funding—information on donations (tax-deductable in the US) may be directed to Harris Friedman, President of the International Transpersonal Association, at harrisfriedman@floraglades.org or Glenn Hartelius, Secretary of the International Transpersonal Association, at payattention1@mac.com. Vladimir Maykov, PhD, President of the Russian Association of Transpersonal Psychology and Psychotherapy, heads the organizing committee of the Conference and the Conference website is ita2010.com or, for networking/information regarding the Conference, use the following: itaconference.com.

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