

## Statement - Election of President to ITAA: Rosemary Napper

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The ITAA is vital. As leader, my purpose is to shape a fresh organisational identity, fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. How? By collaboratively bringing about solid developments such as:

- Harvesting the potential of diverse approaches to TA ideas, fostering contemporary thinking, and co-creating exchanges with other psychologies at our separate conferences, e.g. group relations, positive psychology, relational psychotherapy, mindfulness CBT, gestalt organisational development.
- Pioneering and sharing good practice within each field of application and considering supporting innovations such as coaching, healthcare, community development and social action, e.g. the new Brazilian field of applying TA in judicial work.
- Building on the outstanding quality of training and publications by fostering relationships with regional organisations to widen exchange for professional development.
- Relishing cultural diversity as a catalyst for innovation where concepts connect with context and create new perspectives, e.g. the meeting of TA and Hinduism in India; the Japanese notion of 'genki' to consider cathexis.
- Electronic communication to bring people together globally. For members this creates more transparent processes and eases communication. Support innovative virtual ways of learning, such as global TA101 teleclasses, website video lectures and professional development webinars.

ITAA is uniquely positioned to share TA worldwide. The challenge is to ensure income to do this. Traditionally this has been through membership - we now need to be creative.

What do I bring to the leadership role? A fresh pair of eyes and an organisational lens. My signature strengths are: curiosity and a ready intuition; a love of learning, so I help plan conferences and provide workshops; creativity, ingenuity and originality to innovate within our organisation; social intelligence and political awareness; plus zest, enthusiasm and energy. I will use these collaboratively to build on three transformational organisational goals set four years ago: to reach out; to provide vibrant refreshment for members; and to broaden the visibility of TA academically and professionally.

I am inspired by gaining meaning from culturally diverse perspectives through providing TA learning internationally - in 2008/9 in Japan, South Africa, Brazil, the Netherlands, India, Italy, Mexico, and Serbia. Personally I value my strong connections with Latin America - and developing my Portuguese & Spanish . I am willing to commit time to courageous conversations to maximise the potential of ITAA.

I am passionate about the potential of TA for everyday life and its infinite depth for focussed practitioners. My 1960s dream was to bring people together across cultures. This is even more relevant today. The underpinning principles of TA seem to me one wonderfully workable way to realise this.