

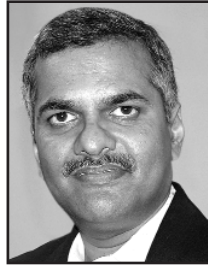
2009 ITAA ELECTION FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Deadline for ballots to reach the ITAA office: 4 pm on 28 September 2009

As per the ITAA bylaws, since there is a contest this year for the position of vice president of research and innovation, this ballot and the candidate statements are being sent to all ITAA voting members. Please read the statements and then vote using the cut-off ballot on this page. Return your ballot using the enclosed self-addressed envelope (make sure you add postage). For verification of voting member status, please print your name on the outside of the envelope if you mail your ballot or on the ballot itself if you fax it; ballots without a name will not be counted.

Statements of Candidates

Suriyaprakash, C.



Suriyaprakash, C., B.E. (Mech), M.B.A., M.Phil. (Entrp), M.A. (App. Psy.), is a Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst (organizational) who lives in Coimbatore, India, and is codirector of Relations Institute of Development and Secretary, Asha Counselling and Training Services. He is the Vice President for Training Standards and Ethics for the South Asian Association of Transactional Analysts and Vice President of Operations for the ITAA.

My association with transactional analysis and the ITAA started in 1994. I was assistant professor then in an Institute of Management for nearly a decade, and transactional analysis was the central frame of reference for classroom management and my courses in organizational behavior, human resource development, and organizational development. It continues to be so in my profession as a trainer, coach, and counselor. I ventured into my doctoral research a few years ago and chose transactional analysis as the model of personality for my study into the relationship between personality and leadership. That is when I came face-to-face with the reality of how research papers are conspicuous by their absence in the transactional analysis literature. I realized that even though transactional analysis is a profound theory, we need research in order to reach out to the professional communities outside transactional analysis and innovations to take TA to lay people. I strongly believe the ITAA has a major role to play in restoring transactional analysis to its rightful place amidst the academic, professional, and laypeople in all its fields of application. This is possible by bringing together individuals, organizations, and regional associations to:

- Create a common nomenclature for transactional analysis terminology
- Establish a global network for research and innovation in transactional analysis
- Take transactional analysis back into the portals of schools and universities
- Restore the popularity of transactional analysis as the preferred framework among laypeople.

As ITAA Vice President of Research and Innovation I will bring my passion and experience to make this dream a reality.

Biljana van Rijn



Biljana van Rijn has a doctorate in psychotherapy (professional studies), an M.Sc. in transactional analysis, and is a Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst (psychotherapy).

I am a psychotherapist and supervisor in private practice in West Sussex, United Kingdom, and teach at Metanoia Institute in London, where I am also a Head of Clinical Services. I have been involved in conducting and teaching psychotherapy research at Metanoia Institute for a number of years. In my role as a Head of Clinical Services, I am involved in developing a research clinic that aims to contribute to developing a body of evidence for the effectiveness of transactional analysis as a therapeutic modality. As ITAA Vice President of Research and Innovation, I would like to build on the excellent work of Moniek Thunnissen and stimulate the development and coordination of high-quality qualitative, quantitative, and mixed-method research within the international transactional analysis community. This could then be disseminated in the wider field of psychotherapy research. My particular interest is practice-based research.

2009 ITAA Election Ballot for Vice President of Research and Innovation

VICE PRESIDENT OF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Vote for one candidate by filling in the box next to the name:

- Suriyaprakash, C. Biljana van Rijn

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To be a valid election, a quorum of votes must be established, which consists of 50 votes or 5% of the total voting membership, whichever is smaller.

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