From the President's Desk

When I attended the Second European Transpersonal Conference in Strasbourg in 1990 (my first contact with Eurotas) I could never have imagined that five years later I should be elected President. And yet it happened! I am sensible of the honour and grateful for the trust placed in me by the Delegate Council. Eurotas has moved a long way in those five years. The original five members have grown to twelve. We “span” Europe from East to West and from North to South. We have growing connections with associations in other parts of the globe, particularly in North and South America and Australia. This newsletter is our third. And the Fourth European Transpersonal Conference will be in Poland in 1997.

At the 1995 Delegate Council we spent a rigorous two days revising and updating our Constitution and Bylaws. I would like to mention two significant developments that emerged around membership.

✧ One is that Members of Eurotas may now be formally established transpersonal associations or federations with legal identity. Opening the membership door to federations can ease the situation where there are several equally valid applicants for membership from one country.

✧ The second is that other European organisations interested in the transpersonal movement may become Friends of Eurotas in the Network, without voting rights, but able to be represented at Council meetings.

Looking at our present situation there are two needs I would like to address. One is that as a transnational association we have no adequate mechanism for sharing
information, or giving advance notice of events that are planned, or current changes as they occur. Belgium and France both have quarterly publications, and one day Eurotas News may achieve that goal. But for the moment we need something more immediate.

The other need has to do with financial resources. Member subscriptions, which I guess are at an appropriate level, help us to function at the petty cash level, and to help fund expenses of Council Delegates from Eastern Europe for the annual meeting. But no more. I have no answers but feel the question needs to be asked. It is something I hope to discuss with our Treasurer Marc-Alain Descamps, and other Board members, in the course of the year.

With respect to the information problem, I propose to experiment with an informal President's Memo, circulated to Council Delegates, to see if it can fill this gap. I sent such a memo to Council Delegates with the minutes of the last Council meeting. If anyone who receives this newsletter would like to see a copy, please contact me. And I invited members who wish to circulate advance information to send brief entries to me.

Warm greetings to all who are involved in transpersonal work.

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