

Happy new year everyone! May you all be blessed with a healthy and prosperous 2019, where Kundalini Yoga can reach more and more people who need it.

- **New pathway to qualify as a Level Two Trainer** (for those who haven't yet begun their development as a Level Two Trainer). Check [here](#) to go to the main Academy webpage, then scroll down to click on the Level Two Trainer tab to read the new policy and download the application forms (application forms on the Portal will be upgraded in the near future). KRI knows that many of you have been working towards qualifying as a Level Two Trainer under the existing policy, please rest assured that you will NOT be asked to start all over again. We will work with you and your mentor to find an appropriate "credit" in the new structure for the work you've done to date. Please email sjitk@kriteachings.org to initiate this discussion.
- **KRI is now accepting applications for Level 1 program formats that would have been denied in the past, including Immersions** and other creative ways to organize the classroom time. Please review the new policy [here](#).
- **We have simplified the Level 1 Competencies Form!** We still have to update the portal, so you can check out the new format [here](#). We are still refining the definitions of what "proficient" means for each competency for each role in the Academy, so please let [Sadhu Kaur](#) know if you want to help with that project.
- **Our global Trainer Forums are kicking off another year of exploring the theme: Culture, Communication, Community.** We hope you'll join us at our two biggest international events at the Summer Solstice Trainer Forum and European Trainer Forum. Registration is now open! Follow the links below.
 - Summer Solstice (Espanola):
<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=390027&>
 - European Yoga Festival (France):
<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=390038&>
- **New Level One Denial of Certification policy.** Because of several recent issues with students not certifying from Level One programs, we have drafted a new policy. We fully support the right and the responsibility of Lead Trainers to both subjectively and objectively assess students before signing off on their certification. We hope that making this process more formal and explicit will prevent issues and make the process smoother. Please read the policy [here](#), and if you need to submit a Denial of Certification form for a student in your program, you can download it in English [here](#).
- There is an important discussion happening around **the timing of when certificates are issued.** Should they only be sent after 100% of the certification requirements are completed, or should the option continue for sending sooner sometimes so they are on hand for a graduation ceremony? Join the discussion [here](#).
- **Sutra** is continuing to be an excellent place for discussions about important topics relating to teacher training courses, policies and the Trainer Academy. Please remember that sometimes new threads can be created without you getting an explicit invitation. You may want to scan for new pods every so often to see if there are new discussions you want to

join. And also remember that any of you can start a new discussion about any topic you feel is important. Our main discussion area, or Space, is [here](#).

- Please click [here](#) to read **the policy about how you can qualify as a 21 Stages of Meditation Professional or Lead Trainer** and to [download](#) the application form.
- **The first ever European TTEC meeting was held on January 15th, 2019.** This will be an annual event that is held in different European locations each time, and provides a strong, regional voice into the Global TTEC meetings that happen (for now) in Espanola. If you are interested in attending the Global TTEC meetings in Espanola, or initiating a regional TTEC meeting, please contact [Amrit Singh](#).
- We have a **new webpage with some online resources for Level One programs.** Check it out [here](#).
- We have most of our **Aquarian Trainer Academy documents now available in Russian, Chinese, and Spanish** [here](#). If you have any that are already translated into any other languages, please email to amrit@kriteachings.org.
- **New Lead Practicum qualification area.** We have added compliance with KRI's administrative procedures to the list of Lead practicum qualifications. This means that the KRI administrative staff will provide input on how well Lead Candidates have performed in this area during their practicum.
- **The costs of The Masters Touch books are now deductible from Level 1 program income before calculating how much royalties are due.** It can be ordered directly from KRI 's Trainer Discount Store (U.S. & Canada) or from a KRI designated distributor if available in other countries. You can download the new Royalty Form [here](#).
- The **digital versions of The Aquarian Teacher textbook and yoga manual are now available for sale to prior graduates from any KRI Level One program.** The price is \$79 and can be ordered at the [Aquarian Teacher EBook Order Form](#). Please share this link with any of your prior or current Teacher Training students who may be interested in this English version. We hope to have other languages available in a few months!