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**3 Letter from the President**

Rick Doblin

Several important regulatory decisions will be made this Fall that will profoundly impact MAPS' efforts to catalyze research with psychedelic drugs and marijuana.

**4 Perspectives on DMT Research**

Rick Strassman, M.D.

In this chapter from his book-in-progress, Strassman discusses the historical, pharmacological and clinical contexts within which future DMT research questions can be formulated.

**12 A Pharmacological Study of Ayahuasca in Healthy Volunteers**

Jordi Riba and Manel J. Barbanoj, M.D., Ph.D.

This study aims to be the first controlled pharmacological study of ayahuasca in humans undertaken in a Western country and with local volunteers who are familiar with its consumption.

**16 Religions of the Twice-Born: Northwest Amazonian Ayahuasca Shamanism and Near-Death Experience**

Marcus Lumby

In cooperation with the international body of medical doctors, psychologists and anthropologists presently conducting collaborative ethnomedical research, this project will afford a new anthropological explanatory perspective on near-death experience (NDE).

**18 Ideas and Reflections Associated with Ayahuasca Visions**

Benny Shanon, Ph.D.

Ayahuasca is famous for the visions it generates. The author has made the case for a systematic study of the contents of these visions and presented data pertaining to them.

**22 Ayahuasca and Cancer: One Man's Experience**

Donald M. Topping, Ph.D.

After being diagnosed with cancer of the liver, the author was advised by oncologists that his chances of survival were slim. He went to ayahuasca for a second opinion.

**27 Jurema Ritual in Northern Brazil**

Yatra-W.M. da Silveira Barbosa

Jurema rituals in Northern Brazil were thought to be extinct, but researchers are looking into contemporary use of *vinho da jurema*, an inebriating drink made from the root bark of *Mimosa hostilis* and other *Mimosa* varieties.

**29 The Hoasca Project in the Scientific Literature**

Science now has the basic corpus of data needed to ask further questions regarding the pharmacological actions, the toxicities and possible dangers, and the considerable potential ayahuasca has to heal the human mind, body and spirit.



- 30 Conversation with Dr. Albert Hofmann**  
Charles S. Grob, M.D.  
Dr. Charles Grob speaks with Dr. Albert Hofmann about his views on psychedelic drugs. Is it possible to re-establish psychedelic research as a respectable scientific field? What implications do psychedelic drugs have for the field of psychiatry?
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- 34 Heffter Research Institute Update**  
David Nichols, Ph.D.
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- 35 The Hofmann Report**  
Myron Stolaroff, M.S.
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- 39 The Secret Chief: A Review and Commentary**  
Ralph Metzner, Ph.D.
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- 42 Listening into the Heart of Things: The Awakening of Love**  
Book by Samuel Widmer, Reviewed by Gary Bravo, M.D.
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- 44 The Cosmic Game: Explorations of the Frontiers of Human Consciousness**  
Book by Stanislav Grof, M.D., Ph.D., Reviewed by Stanley Krippner, Ph.D. and Christopher Ryan
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- 45 Non-Anglo Entheography: Mini-Reviews of Non-English Publications, III**  
Jonathan Ott
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- 48 The Literature of Psychedelics**  
Bob Wallace
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- 51 Preface to the New Edition of Shivitti: A Vision**  
Claudio Naranjo, M.D.  
This important and inspiring book, the memoir of a concentration camp survivor who was successfully treated in the Seventies with a therapy involving doses of LSD, is once again in print.
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- 53 Tucson III Conference: Towards a Science of Consciousness**  
Conference review by Timothy Butcher and Alex Gamma  
With future Tucson conferences, there is hope that the psychedelic community will involve itself with the serious study of consciousness and that the scientific community will then have more exposure to and understanding of psychedelic-related principles.
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- 57 Third International Conference on Entheogens and Modified States of Consciousness**  
Conference review by Christopher Ryan
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- 59 Ayahuasca Tourism in South America**  
John N. Grunwell  
Within the last fifteen years or so, a grassroots ayahuasca tourism has sprung up, with outposts all over Amazonia. These enterprises are the focus of this article.
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- 63 Readers' Forum and Seminar Announcements**
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