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Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis

## A Call for Your Financial Support

As you know, the Society for the Advancement of Behavior nalysis (SABA) has been providing financial support for the advancement of behavior analysis for many years. Last year SABA initiated a new program to provide three annual \$1,000 grants for the international development of behavior analysis. This program depends on an annual donation by ABA to support the grants. At the October 1999 meeting, the SABA Board of Directors selected three grantees from six applications. The first of these three recipients is Ontario ABA (Joel Hundert, President), which plans to develop a database of behavior analysts and behavioral programs in Canada. The second is Asociacion Latinoamericana de Analysis y Modificacion del Comportamiento-Colombia ABA (Wilson Lopez-Lopez, President), which will select three Colombian behavior analysts from a research contest to present at the 2001 ABA convention in New Orleans. The third is the "Children of Georgia Project," to be conducted by Barry Parsonson and Jane Rawls, ABA members from New Zealand. This project will take place in the Republic of Georgia, in the former Soviet Union, for the purpose of teaching behavior analysis skills. This region is in great need of such skills to treat children with developmental disabilities, behavior disorders, and war trauma. The SABA Board of Directors is very excited about the opportunities each of these projects presents for SABA to support the growth of behavior analysis internationally.

It is my wish as SABA President to expand this aid even further by providing financial assistance for individuals, including raduate students, and organizations wishing to pursue research or organize meetings, workshops or other types of sessions internationally. To this end, I would like to propose that we raise funds to create an International Development Endowment at SABA with a principal of \$100,000. SABA will then use the return of the principal investment to provide at least \$5,000 every year in grants to successful applicants who make proposals that fulfill the mission of the fund, "to support the dissemination of behavior analysis internationally." The grants will be made from the interest the fund generates, after the principal has reached \$100,000.

The fund is modeled on the Sidney W. and Janet R. Bijou Fellowship Program, which currently provides an annual Fellowship of \$5,000 for doctoral students studying child development from a behavior-analytic perspective. I hope that you can help with your donation to build an international fund for SABA. To make a donation on-line, please visit our secure Web site at www.wmich.edu/aba and click on the International Development Donations button. The form is quick, easy and completely secure. You will receive a receipt for your tax-deductible donation in the mail. Contributors to the international fund will be recognized annually in the ABA newsletter. Your generous contribution to the International Development Endowment will be much appreciated. Please take a moment of your time to make a donation for the future of behavior analysis.

Dr. Masaya Sato SABA President

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### **General Information**

The ABA Newsletter is ABA's primary means of communicating with its members about association activities and developments, the activities of ABA chapters and special interest groups, upcoming events, job positions in behavior analysis, and other items of general interest to the behavioral community.

### **Diversity Statement**

The Association for Behavior Analysis seeks to be an organization comprised of people of different ages, races, nationalities, ethnic groups, sexual orientations, health status, religions, abilities, and educational levels.

#### Submitting to *The ABA Newsletter*

The Association for Behavior Analysis publishes *The ABA*Newsletter three times per year. The newsletter Editor is Maria

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_	Deadline for Submissions
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#### **Questions?**

Any questions, concerns, or submissions related to *The ABA Newsletter* may be addressed to the ABA office.

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## **ABA Student Committee**

The ABA Student Committee consists of all student members and has a mission to provide an organizational support system hat enables student members to actively participate in ABA so they grow professionally and contribute to the science of behavior analysis.

#### Congratulations

The ABA Student Committee would like to welcome Erin Rasmussen (Auburn University) as the incoming Student Representative – Elect. Erin was elected by the student members of ABA to serve a 3-year term on the Executive Council. Erin will serve one year in each of the following roles: Student Representative – Elect, Student Representative, and Past Student Representative.

During ABA 2000, the Student Representative role was transferred to Meeta Patel (University of Nevada – Reno) and I became the Past Student Representative. I would like to wish Meeta all the best in her year as Student Representative.

#### **Personal Comments**

As this is my last newsletter article as ABA Student Representative, I would like to take a moment to answer a question I'm often asked. "Why ABA?" I am a clinical psychology student and there are many other organizations more specifically aimed at the clinical arena. So, why not put my time and energy into another organization. "Why ABA?"

As a professional, I hope to remain true to my scientistoractitioner training. However, my limited clinical experience as given me a taste of what a difficult task this can be. It seemingly takes more effort to explain human behavior without reference to abstract concepts that are now commonplace in today's society. It also takes more effort and creativity to collect reliable data on the variety of problem behaviors that present themselves. "Why ABA?"

ABA offers something that I have not found in other professional organizations. ABA offers an opportunity for behavior analysts from many walks of life, from strictly nonhuman experimental folks to those working exclusively with humans in applied settings, to get together and share knowledge. The symposium topics range from hard core theoretical concepts to workshops on applications of behavioral principles.

Every year during the annual convention, I identify ways I have deviated from the scientist-practitioner path and make plans to correct these deviations. ABA has become my annual tune-up, if you will. Rather than hearing presentations about material that I am already familiar with, I am able to learn about topics that seemingly have nothing to do with my applied work. Although these presentations may not appear directly related, they often contribute to the theoretical underpinnings that I hope guide my applied work. ABA is my science.

I fear what would happen to my verbal behavior and clinical work if I strayed from ABA. Once I exit my comfortable life in academia and enter the "real-world," the contingencies to stray vill likely increase in strength. However, straying from ABA

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## Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) Update

The BACB is progressing ahead of schedule in the development of the behavior analyst certification program. The BACB approved 114 candidates to take examinations in May in New York City, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Dallas, Houston, and Washington, D.C. Over 120 individuals have transferred from state certification programs to BACB certification. In addition, a number of states have expressed interest in certification and in having the examinations administered in their state.

Individuals who transfer or become BACB certified through December 2000 will be awarded Charter Certificant status. Those certified under state programs and meeting BACB requirements may transfer to BACB certification until June 30, 2001. After that date, individuals must meet current BACB eligibility requirements and pass the appropriate examination to become BACB certified. Transfer fees increase July 1, 2000. Uncertified individuals must meet degree, coursework and experience requirements and pass the certification examinations to become certified. Options to the coursework requirement are available, on a time-limited basis.

International members interested in becoming certified should view the new International Frequently Asked Questions page at www.BACB.com for information specifically for them.

Continuing Education Units, necessary for certificants to meet the BACB three-year recertification requirement, were offered at the ABA convention in May. CEUs were available for attending workshops (through ABA) and for selected sessions (through the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis).

The BACB will administer the certification examinations on November 18, 2000 at several locations, including New York City, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Dallas, Oklahoma City, and other sites as needed. Applicant groups that are interested in having an administration available in their areas should contact the BACB at Shook@BACB.com for additional information. Downloadable applications and the most current information on examination administrations and locations; application deadlines; standards; certification fees; renewal and recertification requirements; and other aspects of the BACB are available at www.BACB.com.

Gerald L. Shook, Ph.D., BCBA Executive Director

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may likely mean straying from my scientist-practitioner roots and theoretical underpinnings. This is not a risk that I am willing to take. So, when people ask "Why ABA?" – I simply reply, "because there's nothing else like it."

Thank you for all the support and encouragement throughout my term as Student Representative.

Amy Elliott, M.S., ABA Student Representative amy.elliott@wmich.edu

## Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of the ABA members who contributed to SABA in 1999 to help build our funds:

#### Organizational Behavior Management Fund (OBM) Fund

The OBM Fund provides grants to students doing work in organizational behavior analysis.

Continuous Learning Group

#### Fred S. Keller Fund

The Fred S. Keller Fund is a travel fund for the winner of the Fred S. Keller award, presented by the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies.

The endowment fund has been earmarked by the SABA Board

student who has demonstrated excellence in and commitment to

fellowship will be disbursed once the Endowment Fund reaches

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## www.wmich.edu/aba

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Each year members of ABA donate money to cover the convention registration for student presenters. Thank you to the following contributors:

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#### **International Development Grant Fund**

ABA makes an annual donation to SABA of \$3,000 to support aree international development grants.

## Calendar of Upcoming Behavioral Conferences

If you wish to have your event listed in this calendar, e-mail the conference title and location to the ABA office at 7623.1312@compuserve.com attn: ABA Newsletter. Where possible, include a Web or e-mail address where readers can obtain more information about your event.

## **July 2000**

★ 23<sup>d</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology

July 1 - 4; Seattle, WA

★ Fourth European Meeting for the Experimental Analysis of Behaviour (EMEAB)

July 9 - 13; Amiens, France

## August 2000

☆ Animal Behavior Society Annual Meeting

August 5 - 9; Atlanta, GA http://www.animalbehavior.org/ABS/Program

## September 2000

★ Congress of the European Association for Behavioural and Cognitive Therapies

September 26 - 28; Granada, Spain http://www.aepc.ienet.com

## October 2000

★ Behavioral Safety Now

October 3 - 5; Reno, Nevada http://www.hsegroup.com/bsn2000/text/call.htm

★ Fifth International Congress on Behaviorism and the Science of Behavior

October 5' - 8; Veracruz, Mexico http://udgserv.cencar.udg.mx/~ceip/

**☆** New York State Association for Behavior Analysis October 5 - 6; Saratoga Springs, NY

**☆** Maryland Association for Behavior Analysis October 5 - 6

**★** Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy October 13 - 14; Amherst, MA

## November 2000

**★** Alabama Association for Behavior Analysis November 1 - 3; Birmingham, Alabama

## Fifth International Congress on Behaviorism and the Science of Behavior

Universidad Veracruzana Instituto De Psicología Y Educación October 5th-8th, 2000 Hotel Xalapa, Finca Real Xalapa, Veracruz, México

The International Congresses provide a forum for discussion of conceptual and empirical issues related to behaviorism and its place in sciences of behavior. The main focus of the Congress is equally of behaviorism as philosophy of science, and on the general, empirically based issues in the sciences of behavior. Submissions from scholars of all these disciplines are welcome.

Contributions from all scholarly perspectives are invited whether or not favorable to behaviorism, so as to facilitate well-informed exchange of views.

Honorary President of the Congress:

#### JACOB L. GEWIRTZ

Plenary speakers: Jacob L. Gewirtz, Isaías Pessotti, Gyorgy Adam and James A. Dinsmoor.

The Congresses are held in alternate years, each time in a different country. The first was in Guadalajara, Mexico, the second in Palermo, Italy, the third in Yokohama, Japan and the fourth in Sevilla, Spain.

Official languages of each congress are English, Spanish and the language of the host country. The official languages of the Fifth Congress are English and Spanish.

Publication: Usually a program book is published, including abstracts of all accepted papers. There are no plans to publish edited volumes of selected papers from every congress, aithough such a publication may occasionally be produced.

#### **Program Activities**

Plenary addresses (60 minutes) Invited addresses (60 minutes) Submitted papers (20 minutes) Symposia (120 minutes; 5-6 papers) Discussion sessions (60 minutes) Poster sessions (60 minutes)

Nominations of invited speakers and suggestions for inclusion of other formats are welcome. Please write to the Program Chair for your region or language.

## The deadline for presentations will be June 30, 2000.

For contributions in English language, ask for information and send proposals to:

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### **ABA President Gina Green Honored**

ABA is very proud to announce that President Gina Green was one of eight winners of Psychology Today's Mental Health Awards for 20000. Nominations were sought in eight categories Behavioral science researcher, business leader, caregiver, government official, media professional, mental health advocate. mental health professional, and survivor of mental illness. Gina was honored as mental health professional of the year for her work in autism. Other honorees are David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D., Surgeon General of the United States; Donald O. Clifton, Ph.D., Chairman, Gallup International Research and Education Center; Ann Landers, syndicated advice columnist; Tipper Gore, mental health policy advisor to President Clinton; Judy Weber; Executive Director, Tobinworld, Los Angeles, CA; Herbert Benson, M.D., founding President, The Mind/Body Institute; and Celinda Jungheim, Vice President, L.J. Melody and Company.

The May/June 2000 issue of *Psychology Today* says about Dr. Green:

As Director of Research at the New England Center for Children, and Associate Scientist in Behavioral Sciences at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center for Mental Retardation, Green focuses on developing methods to help people with autism and others with serious learning problems learn to actually communicate.... Green has attempted to use computer technology and research to understand how people with autism and other learning disorders learn, and then "translate that into better methods of teaching them various skills." By breaking down complex skills into simpler parts, and by using positive reinforcement, parents and teachers can help these children learn to read and write.

ABA congratulates Gina Green on her award and thanks her for her dedication to the field and to the Association.

1. Our mental health awards. Psychology Today, May/June, 2000. 44 - 52.

## Cambridge Center Web Update

All conferences, including Behav-An, Notes from a Radical Behaviorist, and the Behavioral Safety Network, are in full operation on our Behavioral Virtual Community. They have been operating without interruption on our Web interface, and the configuration issues with the outgoing email server have been successfully resolved.

I encourage you to attempt participation in our virtual community using our Web interface. To do so, go to www.behavior.org, then to the Virtual Community link, and log on to the forum you want to participate in. If you have forgotten your password just click on "Forget your password?" and follow the instructions. You can also email me at plaud@behavior.org and I will take care of it for you.

On behalf of the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies, welcome to our revitalized on-line Community, the largest gathering place on earth for those interested in behavior.

Joe Plaud Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies

## A Florida Challenge to ABA: Mobilize for a Possible Outreach into Child Welfare!

The Florida Legislature will decide soon whether to approve a budget request for 60 behavior analyst positions. These behavior analysts would be distributed statewide with the goal of improving the safety and welfare of otherwise normal children who have been abused and/or neglected.

Fifteen Masters or Ph.D. level Board Certified (or certification eligible) Behavior Analyst (BCBA) supervisory positions have been requested, as well as forty-five BCBA or Board Certified (or certification eligible) Associate Behavior Analyst positions. Methodologically and conceptually sophisticated behavior analysts are needed to accomplish the goals of this project. The range of salaries will vary between geographic areas. Responsibilities will include creating an array of programmatic approaches, and providing training and support to existing caregivers and providers.

The outcome of this Legislative Budget Request (LBR) should be known by early to mid May. If approved, funding will be available as early as July 1 of this year.

This initiative will strain the current supply of behavior analysts. However, the foremost requirement for success will be to hire

qualified behavior analysts. The longer the delay from advertising to hiring, the greater the likelihood that funding for these positions may be lost. Furthermore, a lack of response from behavior analysts could result in hiring providers who lack the thorough training needed to produce the kind of outcomes that have been produced in the pilot project preceding this initiative.

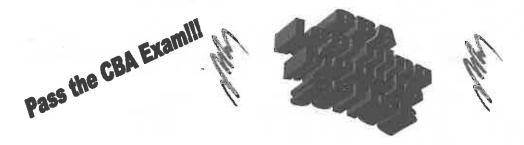
Therefore, this article is an exhortation for ABA and its membership to prepare to meet the needs presented by this unprecedented opportunity to use our proven technologies to improve the lives of dependent children.

Spread the word now to friends, colleagues, administrators and/or behavior analysts who know behavior analysts who might apply.

Additional and updated information can be obtained from Dr. Michael Stoutimore at (813) 554 2287 or e-mail address Mike Stoutimore@dcf.state.fl.us.

Please help, time is of the essence! Once these positions are approved, if they are, the clock starts ticking.

## Behavior Development Solutions Presents the



# Computer-Based Mastery Training for Students Preparing for the CBA Exam

The CBA Learning Module Series provides mastery training on most of the Content Areas for the CBA exam. Based on a precision teaching model, the program is ideal for individuals preparing for the CBA exam or anyone who wants to learn more about applied behavior analysis.

Those of us who had the advantage of using your modules feel we were more prepared because of them. We couldn't talk enough about how you helped us.

--Denise McKee

It doesn't take that long to go through the modules to get to 100% proficiency, and it's a fun way to review the material because it requires an active response.

—Mareile Koenig

I found it very helpful that I had studied module 2 before the exam - there were several questions on the test which covered that material and I got 'most of them!) right - which I'm not sure I would have done had I not had study module 2 - —Maggie Hancock

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## News from ABA's Affiliated Chapters

## Alabama ABA Update

Alabama ABA (ALABA) will be including Dr. Jim Johnston as our Executive Director this year. We should have our Web page completed by June 2000. Our Web page is located at auburn.edu/alaba.

At the 1999 convention we added two pre-conference workshops by Patrick McGreevy and Glenn Latham. They were both a success. Most of our new membership this year is due to an increase in teachers and parents. We hope to continue to attract people from both of these areas at the next conference.

The ALABA 2000 conference is scheduled for November 1-3, 2000 in Birmingham, Alabama. Our call for papers should go out soon. We hope to really use our Web page this year for the program and other announcements.

Over the next year I hope to help the organization develop an operations manual to streamline the planning and implementation phases of the annual conference. I am also very interested in helping them set up a strategic business plan for the next five years so that as board members change, the organization will remain focused.

Beth Foate Auburn University

## Australian Association for Cognitive Behaviour Therapy

The Australian Association for Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (AACBT), (formerly the Australian Behaviour Modification Association) is a loose federation of five state branches. Each year, the Association hosts a National Conference that rotates around the states, with the conference this year being hosted in Melbourne, Victoria during April. Keynote speakers included Wendy Silverman (Florida), Jim Mansell (UK), Ian Evans (NZ), and Alan Ralph (Queensland). The national President is appointed at the AGM, which is held during this Conference, and traditionally is nominated by the branch that hosts the conference. The current president for 2000/2001 is Gregory Murphy. Next year the conference will be held in Sydney. Accreditation of CBT practitioners is a topical issue and a working party has now been established with state representation to report to the AGM at next year's conference.

Dr. Alan Ralph

Australian Association for Cognitive Behaviour Therapy

# Experimental Analysis of Behavior Group Britain (EABG) Annual Report for 2000

This year, the EABG withheld its Annual Conference, usually held at Easter, due to the forthcoming Fourth European Meeting for the Experimental Analysis of Behaviour (EMEAB) at Amiens, France, from the 9th to the 13th of July 2000.

During the year, the Chapter Contact Person received several requests for information on the provision of early intervention autism services in the UK. Due to the demand for information on this and other aspects of applied behaviour analysis, the EABG intends to produce a mailing list or organise a specialist subgroup of EABG members who work with autistic populations. This should provide not only an immediate source of contact information for interested parents and therapists, but should also help forge new contacts amongst practicing behaviour analysts who may not be aware of the EABG.

The EABG eagerly awaits the discussion of the feasibility of setting up a European Association for Behaviour Analysis at the forthcoming EMEAB meeting and the implications it may have for affiliated chapters. It is intended that the Euro-ABA would take charge of organising conferences such as the EABG annual conference and future EMEAB meetings.

Next year, the EABG will once again host its annual meeting.

Dr. Simon Dymond, Anglia Polytechnic University

## California ABA

Cal-ABA continues to be a very healthy organization. We had a successful conference this year (February 3-6, 2000) and have increased our membership by about 200 during the past year. The current Board of Directors of Cal-ABA are:

G. Roy Mayer	President
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#### Conference

The 18th Annual Cal-ABA Conference was held February 3-5, 2000 in San Francisco, California. Over 800 people attended the conference, an all time record. Our keynote speakers were Jack Michael and Ogden Lindsley. Some of our other speakers were:

Judy Agnew John Lutzker Marc Branch Maria Malott Tom Brigham Richard Malott Marjorie Charlop-Christy G. Roy Mayer Alyce Dickinson Lynn McClannahan Janet Ellis Frances McSweeney Sigrid Glenn **Edward Morris** Leonard Green David Palmer Dan Hursh David Pierce Brian Iwata Jerry Shook Janet Twyman Robert Koegel Jerome Ulman Patricia Krantz Glenn Latham Ernest Vargas Victor Laties Julie Vargas Ivar Lovaas

Our 19<sup>th</sup> annual conference will be held at the Crown Plaza in Redondo Beach, CA from February 4-6, 2001. The Cal-ABA office can be reached by phone at (916)-447-7341, by e-mail at lobbyst@ns.net or at our Web site www.sacadvocacy.com. We are working on obtaining a Web site solely for Cal-ABA.

#### Legislation

Legislative activities are ongoing but have received a substantial boost from the increased activities of our lobbyist, Cathy 3arankin, (916) 447-7341, who continues to monitor and respond to bills that may have an impact on the practice of behavior analysis in the State of California. Ms. Barankin reports that her organization is currently monitoring 55 bills that may have a direct or indirect effect on our profession. Our major focus has been on getting our profession recognized in some passed legislation. Currently, we have successfully included the term "certified behavior analysts" in Assembly Bill 2146 (Pescetti) on the requirements for fingerprints for in-home workers. The bill will soon be up for vote.

Dr. Mark L. Sundberg; ABA Liaison California ABA

## **ALAMOC ABA-Colombia Annual Report**

During August 1999, the ABA-Colombia affiliated chapter organized the 1<sup>st</sup> international symposium on criminal behavior and the 5th Iberamerican congress on health psychology. Each of these meetings drew approximately 500 participants. As a product of our symposium on criminal behavior we are collecting and editing several papers that will result in a book.

With the assistance of the US Embassy in Colombia, ABA-Colombia organized a seminar oriented to the understanding of civil rights in situations of political conflict from a behavioral point of view. We also published the "Bulletin" N. 28 and improved our Web site in order to provide more services to our nembers. Our Web site address is www.abacolombia.org.co.

Currently we are working on the organization of a seminar on political leadership and conflict solutions. In this seminar we provide a forum to discuss behavior analytic approaches to negotiation and decision making in political situations. This seminar will be held in October 2000 and will include the participation of behavior analysts and social scientists in Colombia.

ABA-Colombia also has been working on the organization of the 3rd Iberoamerican Congress of Psychology. This congress will be held in 2001 in Bogotá.

In order to further the diffusion of behavior analytic principles, ABA-Colombia, with the assistance of the Association for Behavioral Medicine in Brasil and the Spanish Association for Behavioral Psychology, is organizing a new Journal following a clear behavioral approach that will publish papers on clinical and health psychology. Information on this Journal appears in our Web site.

Wilson Lopez-Lopez ALAMOC-ABA Colombia

## **Behaviour Analysis in Ireland**

Behaviour analysis continues to prosper in Ireland. Important recent developments are that Dermot Barnes has been appointed a professor at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, and will be setting up a new behaviourally-oriented psychology department there. Bryan Roche has been appointed to the faculty there as well. BAI members are continuing to produce books with two appearing very recently. These are "Behavior Analysis: Foundations and Applications to Psychology" By Julian Leslie and Mark O'Reilly (Harwood Academic, 1999), and "Parents' Education as Autism Therapists" by Mickey Keenan, Ken Kerr and Karola Dillenburger (Jessica Kingsley, 2000).

In early May there will be a scientific meeting at the University of Ulster at Jordanstown. We are delighted that Lanny Fields will be coming from New York to give the keynote address: "Intersensory Integration and Generalised Equivalence Classes."

In July, many of us will in Amiens, France, presenting papers at the Fourth European Meeting for the Experimental Analysis of Behaviour. It is going to be a truly international meeting, and we hope to see many of our North American friends there.

Dr. Geraldine Leader BAI

## Kansas ABA

The proposal for KANSABA, the State of Kansas Affiliate of the Association for Behavior Analysis, was approved by the ABA Council in May, 1999. Since last summer, the KANSABA Executive Council has met on a regular basis to establish a fair and representative Council, membership criteria and a fee structure, a mailing list, a board and committee structure, a newsletter, and a Web page. The first issue of the newsletter is planned for May, 2000, when the Web site should be put up as well. Both have been designed; they await but content. The KANSABA Council has also met with the University of Kansas

Department of Continuing Education to make preliminary plans for KANSABA's first convention in March, 2002.

Next year, we plan to have recruited and developed a membership, to have completed all our board and committee assignments, to have the boards and committees at work (e.g., legislative liaison), and to have filled in the Web site with more information and links, so as to assist Kansans in the application of behavior analysis to their pressing needs. Work on the first convention will continue.

For more information about KANSABA, or to join, contact Ed Morris at ekm@kuhub.cc.ukans.edu.

Dr. Ed Morris University of Kansas

## **Maryland ABA**

The Maryland Association for Behavior Analysis held its second annual conference on October 1-2, 1999 with 99 individuals in attendance. Our current membership includes 60 full members and 28 student members. We do not have data on how many of our members are also members of ABA. The 1999 convention theme was "Behavior Analysis in the Assessment and Treatment of Autism and Related Disorders," and our keynote speaker was Dr. Gina Green. A focus on autism was chosen in hopes of expanding our membership to include not only other professionals in the state of Maryland but to also attract parents and teachers of individuals with disabilities. Unfortunately, our conference coincided with a much larger conference sponsored by CSAAC (Community Services for Children, Adolescents and Adults with Autism). We are currently working on other ways to expand our membership and we would be interested in hearing about how other chapters have done so.

We are currently working on sending out a packet of information to our members which will include: a call for papers for our next conference (scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>); a ballot to vote for our next president-elect, secretary, and treasurer; and an announcement of our new president (Dr. Andrew Egel). We are excited to announce that Dr. Brian Iwata and Dr. Gerald Shook have agreed to make presentations at our next conference.

Lynn G. Bowman
MABA Secretary/Treasurer

## New York State Association for Behavior Analysis

In 1999, under the leadership of the chapter's Past-President, Beth Diviney, NYSABA had an exciting and productive year. Through the efforts of Paul Luyben, our membership has continued to grow. NYSABA now has over 220 full members, 91 affiliate members, and 81 student members--many of whom are actively involved with our annual conference, mini - conferences, and task force committees. Given the vast size of New York state, we have met our communication challenges through quarterly newsletters (thanks to Helen Bloomer and colleagues), and through continuous updates on our NYSABA Web site (thanks to Tom Zane@www.NYSABA.org). In 1999, thanks to the efforts of Steve Anderson, the organization began

the process of incorporating. We are happy to announce that NYSABA is now officially NYSABA. Inc. Our board members have worked "time and a half over the last several months to update our by-laws mid operating procedures, so that we can capture the organization's rich 10-year history, and move ahead into the millennium in a thoughtful and planful way.

On the education front, NYSABA has continued to forge ahead in the area of certification (thanks, in large part, to the efforts of David Roll and Bobby Newman). Currently, 19 NYSABA members are certified behavior analysts or associates. Several additional members are planning to take the first New York state-administered exam in May, 2000. For the first time ever, NYSABA offered continuing education credits at its last annual conference in White Plains, NY. NYSABA will co-sponsor two regional mini-conferences in April: one at Queen's College and one at SUNY Cortland, where continuing education credits will be offered. We are currently planning a third regional mini-conference in the Westchester county area in December.

NYSABA's next annual conference is planned for October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Saratoga Springs, NY. To celebrate our 10 year anniversary, we are planning a "grass roots" event, with the majority of conference presentations coming directly from the membership. Michael Powers and Sandy Harris will present this year's invited addresses The conference will also feature several new additions: a special social event will be held to honor the organization's distinguished past presidents; the chapter will "reinforce" behavioral efforts through the presentation of awards to members/affiliates who have demonstrated leadership, service, and dedication to applied behavior analysis, and/or made a significant contribution to the field; and the conference will feature a host of new NYSABA products (e.g., t-shirts, golf shirts, pens), which are currently in development.

Y2K is already off to a good start under the leadership of NYSABA's newest president, Darlene Magito McLaughlin. We have already completed a Y2K calendar, designed to pace our goals and activities in the coming year. Education in behavior analysis remains a key focus of the chapter. We are assembling an education task force (with the help of our regional reps) in order to compile the key resources in applied behavior analysis within New York state (e.g., courses available at the undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education levels, degree programs in ABA, key ABA personnel, legislation pertaining to ABA' and sources for best practices in ABA). In our last newsletter, we issued a survey to identify training needs in the state, and we are currently compiling these results. Other areas of focus in the coming year will include the development of an operating budget, and the organization of NYSABA records and archives.

Dr. Darlene Magito McLaughlin NYSABA President

## North Carolina ABA

NCABA had a terrific conference at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, North Carolina on February 23-25, 2000 with 173 in uttendance from North Carolina and surrounding states. Three individuals received recognition for their work in applied behavior analysis. Fred Spooner, PHD, received the Fred Keller Award for Excellence in Behavior Analysis, Patsy Ester received the Technical Utilization Award, and Jamie Hawkins received the Student Scholarship Award. Highlights of the conference included two workshops by Jim Bodfish, and a Keynote Address by Beth Sulzer-Azaroff. Adding to the enjoyment of the conference was a poster session, silent auction and reception.

Tom Thompson has continued in his role as NCABA representative to North Carolina's Coalition 2001, and the DD Consortium. Through Tom's able work, behavior analysis has become an important resource in issues surrounding populations with disabilities. We are able to both contribute to solution-based decisions and to assist in the formation of future directions.

Aleck Myers has been active as the chair of the Committee on Public and Professional Relations and Chapter Liaison to ABA. This has been a busy year in North Carolina and nationally as legislators grapple with issues surrounding restrictive interventions. NCABA continues to promote our citizens' right to effective and safe treatment. We continue to work closely and effectively with allied groups such as NCAAMR and the NC Psychological Association.

NCABA has set its 2001 annual conference for February 21-23 t the Blockade Runner Hotel in Wrightsville Beach, NC. Thanks to a fantastic conferences this past February, NCABA has a strong financial base for future work and conference planning. In large part, this success is due to the commitment and hard work of several members of the board who have served NCABA for the past several years: Jim Phillips, Past President, Ron Howard, Past Secretary-Treasurer, Aleck Myers, Past At-Large Member, Angela Phan, Past Student Representative, and Laura Ouinn-Thompson, Past Newsletter Editor, They have served the membership exceedingly well, and have provided the dedicated leadership that we all must emulate. We look forward to prospering further under the able guidance of our newly elected board members: Duke Schell, President, Anne La Force, President Elect, Bill Helsel, Vice President, Kim Meyer, Secretary-Treasurer, Jeff Holden and Maureen Schepis, At-Large Members, and Debbie Strickland, Student Representative.

In addition to our usual objectives, we are hoping in the next year to increase recruitment and behavior analysis support for students, parents and advocates of individuals with disabilities, and direct care professionals. We are especially hopeful that we can increase our support for parents and advocates of persons with autism and traumatic brain injury, as needs for behavior analytic supports seem to be growing for these disability groups.

Please come visit NCABA at our Website at www.uncc.edu/fhspoone/NCABA.

Dr. Aleck Myers

## 2000 Bijou Fellowship Awardee

In 1996, Dr. Sidney W. and Janet R. Bijou made a significant donation to the Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis to establish the *Sidney W. and Janet R. Bijou Fellowship Program*. The Board of SABA is pleased to announce that the 2000 Bijou Fellowship has been awarded to James W. Moore. Jim Moore is a student in the School Psychology doctoral program at the University of Southern Mississippi. A native of Bay St. Louis, MS, Jim lives in Hattiesburg, MS with his wife, Laura (a high school Spanish teacher), his 7-year-old daughter, Alex (a 1<sup>st</sup> degree black belt and Junior Olympic champion in Tae Kwon Do), and his 3-month-old daughter Kami.

The School Psychology program at USM is based on the scientist-practitioner model of training. Thus, the primary objective of the program is to prepare psychological/behavioral scientists who will be able to: (1) apply generalized, empirically-based problem-solving skills to a broad range of problems related to the processes of schooling, and (2) function competently as scientists-practitioners in the professional practice of School Psychology and through contributions to work and knowledge in psychology, in general, and School Psychology in particular. Currently, the School Psychology program at USM includes five full-time faculty, 14 graduate students, and three students on pre-doctoral internship. Students from USM have secured internships at the Kennedy Krieger Institute at Johns Hopkins Medical Center, the Munroe Meyer Institute at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and Boystown, among others.

Jim hopes to work as a School Psychologist who evaluates and solves problems from an applied behavior analytic perspective. Behavior analysis offers a sound comprehensive orientation from which a wide array of issues involving children can be assessed: child development, learning, child problem behaviors, and interpersonal relationships to name a few. School psychology also offers a unique opportunity to expose and educate the public about general principles of child behavior.

Jim's research has focused on problem behaviors maintained by negative reinforcement as well as classroom-based functional assessment. His work has been published in the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis, Proven Practice: Remediation Solutions for Schools, and Communiqué. In his thesis research Jim found that some children of typical development engaged in severe problem behaviors in order to escape or avoid certain task demands placed upon them, but others performed such behaviors to escape or avoid social attention of a particular adult. In his dissertation, Jim will attempt to expand this research into the regular classroom setting to examine the specific types of interactions that occur between students and teachers and the types of treatments that help reduce problem behaviors for those children whose behavior serves for them to escape interactions with their teachers. Jim also plans to further investigate the specific types of interactions that lead to higher probabilities of problem behavior, as well as the features of reinforcement history that lead to the development of such behavioral functions for some children.

## **News from ABA Special Interest Groups**

## Behavior Analysis League Accuracy in News -- BALANCE SIG Update

In 1999, BALANCE published two newsletters and distributed them, free, to 250 subscribers in over 14 countries. The SIG has responded to numerous inquiries to identify course texts that accurately represent behavior analysis. Numerous members have also written to magazines (such as the *Scientific American*), newspapers and other popular media outlets with praise and corrections for inaccurate representations. We participated in the ABA Expo and members spoke in symposia regarding representations of ABA.

In 2000, The BALANCE Website needs to be revised and reintroduced to the ABA community. The possibility of merging it with other sites (for example, the Cambridge Center's sites) will be explored at ABA 2000. The BALANCE Newsletter distribution will continue. The BALANCE agenda will include plans for 2000-2001 writing projects the members will participate in or organize. Some areas to be discussed will include clarifying behavioral education in mainstream teacher training textbooks and targeting forums for discussing the problem of misrepresentation.

Roger Bass, Ph.D. Carthage College

## Crime and Delinquency Special Interest Group

At the last meeting of the SIG during the 1999 ABA annual convention, those in attendance voted to expand the Behavior Analysis in Correctional Settings SIG's scope to crime and delinquency in general, and to change its name to the ABA Crime and Delinquency SIG to reflect that expansion. At the same time, Sherman Yen, who has served as the SIG's Chairperson since its inception, announced that competing obligations forced him to step down. Those in attendance expressed their appreciation to Sherman for his dedicated service and for his commitment to ABA in general and to the SIG in particular.

I agreed to take Dr. Yen's place as Chairperson. Since then, Louis Anderson, also of Georgia State University, has agreed to serve as our Secretary-Treasurer, and John McKee, of the Institute for Social and Educational Research, has agreed to serve as our Legislative Watch representative.

The SIG's plans for the near future include an expanded presence on the ABA annual convention program, the formation of a SIG internet list to allow members to easily communicate and share information with each other, and the development of a membership interested in the application of behavior analytic principles to the understanding and remediation of the full range of problems facing us in the fields of crime and delinquency. The internet list should be up and running on or before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

I invite you to join us in making our plans a reality. Those joining the SIG during 2000 will be designated "Charter Members." Although charter membership does not offer special privileges, it does constitute our tangible recognition of your early commitment to the goals of our SIG. If you wish to become a member of the ABA Crime and Delinquency SIG, please complete and return an application form (e-mail me at psymam@langate.gsu.edu to receive a form). No contribution is required for membership, but a small amount (certainly no more than \$10.00) to help with start-up and related costs would be appreciated.

I hope you will choose to join us. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at the above address.

Michael A. Milan, Ph.D. Georgia State University

## Clinical SIG

During this last year, the Clinical SIG joined with another SIG, Behavior Analysis SIG at AABT, to put out two newsletters, *Behavior Analysis Today*, which can be found on the Cambridge Center Website (www. behavior.org) under the NEWS link. Dr. Joseph Cautilli is the primary editor for the newsletter and has largely reorganized and revamped the format. We have also been involved in the development of the clinical program, which Dr. David Greenway has coordinated, for the annual ABA convention. As part of our efforts, we have actively encouraged clinical behavior analytic submissions to the convention and promoted attendance at the convention, specifically attendance of clinically related events.

This year, beginning at the convention, we hope to recruit new members as we have not made a push to do this during the last two years. We also plan to reorganize and update our membership list such that we can maintain contact with our members and distribute our newsletter via e-mail. In addition, we will complete two or three more editions of the newsletter.

Dr. Erik M. Augustson University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine

## **Development and Behavior Analysis**

The Development and Behavior Analysis Special Interest Group, now in its tenth year of existence, has had a five-fold conceptual focus:

- 1. Behavior-analytic topics that have been confounded with youth or age in animals and/or humans (e.g., stimulus equivalence, infant-conditioning themes such as reinforcers for infant operants or delay of reinforcement, aging and learning);
- 2. Traditional developmental-psychology themes that ordinarily had not been approached in learning/behavior-analytic terms, but which could be conceptualized constructively and efficiently in those terms (e.g., so called "fear of the dark," "separation anxiety," "stranger anxiety," attachment, morality/moral

development, social referencing, impulsiveness/self-control, environmental enrichment);

- 3. Traditional developmental topics (e.g., maturation, critical periods, intelligence, nativism vs. imperialism) that, at best, routinely have been related only grossly to environmental factors implying learning;
- 4. Behavior analysis as related to issues focused upon by classic developmental theories (e.g., J. M. Baldwin, Freud, Kohlberg, Luria, Piaget, Vygotsky, Werner) or by alternative conceptual or methodological approaches like ethology; and
- 5. Generic issues of theory and method in behavior analysis (e.g., contextualism vs. mechanism; experimental vs. observational/naturalistic studies; evolutionary determinants of stimuli and behavior; behavior in the context of biological vs. cultural evolution).

In addition, the Developmental Behavior Analysis SIG has devoted some of its energy to tactics aimed at getting behavior-analytic program themes placed on the annual or biennial meeting programs of mainstream organizations focused on developmental issues, such as SRCD, ISIS, APS, AME, and APA's Division 7.

Dr. Jack Gewirtz Florida International University

## **Direct Instruction SIG (DISIG)**

In its last progress report, the members of the DISIG thought that publicity of upcoming ABA meetings would be enhanced if descriptions about the meetings could be forwarded to professionals located in or near the city in which ABA met for that year. For example, an individual affiliated with a university psychology department or a governmental agency in the Washington, D.C. area could be sent a brochure that summarized the ABA mission and mentioned the dates and location of the upcoming convention. That individual could be asked to do no more than post the brochure. If the Executive Council thinks it worthy, a list of the workshops that ABA is offering for that year could also be sent and posted. In keeping with ABA's goal of attracting new members, especially psychology graduate students who are unfamiliar with the major tenets of ABA and the research accomplishments of its members, the distribution of flyers may be a step in the right direction for attracting such a group. Priority to workshop admission (as well as to any ABA session) would, of course, be given to ABA members although, in cases where there are openings, student members could be given the opportunity to enroll and pay a reduced fee.

A request for ABA to furnish the DISIG with the names of ABA chapters located near the convention site was noted in an earlier progress report. I am pleased to report that the Executive Director, Dr. Maria Malott, furnished us the names of several individuals affiliated with chapters near the Washington, D.C. area.

I belong to several professional organizations and none of them comes close to the viable organizational network established by a central office and its component groups as does the ABA Executive Council in its communication with its SIGs. I have also found Ms. Majda Seuss of the ABA office to be

knowledgeable about the workings and policies of ABA and to provide information in a reliable and prompt manner.

Providing space in the ABA newsletter for SIGs to contribute information about what the group advocates and to highlight future events and contributions by its members was an excellent measure to build communication among ABA and the SIGS. The publication and distribution of the *Handbook for Special Interest Groups*, which provides sufficient administrative details, is also a step in the right direction to open up lines of communication.

In concert with the DISIG, the Association for Direction Instruction has established a Chat Room on the internet and we wonder if other SIGs also provide this outlet. I plan to promote the ABA convention and direct instruction presentations through this mechanism.

Members of the DISIG actively participated in ABA workshops, joint symposia, panel discussions and in various research papers and poster sessions. Due to a previous commitment, I could not attend last years ABA convention in Chicago and I am unable to furnish actual attendance data for these meetings. Communication with other DISIG members who did attend several sessions declared that attendance was fairly good and that the symposia and panel discussions on educational issues provoked excellent interaction among the presenters, and the meetings generated good audience participation.

Participation by DISIG members in paper and poster sessions was not as diverse and strong as expected. Ways to improve participation in these sessions at next year's ABA meeting was an important agenda item at this year's DISIG Business Meeting.

Many of the agenda items scheduled for last year's business meeting, which was unfortunately not held, were rescheduled for this year's meeting. These include:

- Election of new officers.
- Discussion of a proposed workshop on DI programming principles. A workshop on, "Direct Instruction: What it is; research tactics for making it work," is scheduled at the upcoming ABA convention. The major presenter is Dr. Vicki Snider.
- Greater coverage on the effectiveness of DI with special populations.
- Joint symposia and panel discussions with the Behavior Analysis in Education SIG.
- Promotion of teacher training and DI research presentations.
- Presentations by a prominent DI advocate on a relevant educational issue.

Dr. Paul Weisberg University of Alabama

## **Experimental Analysis**of Human Behavior SIG

The EAHB SIG is dedicated to promoting and supporting basic behavior analytic research with humans. The SIG's primary activity over the past year has been the publishing of the electronic EAHB Bulletin (www.eahb.org), a research journal for the dissemination of research findings relevant to our mission. The electronic Bulletin went online December 9, 1999, to rave reviews. An important feature of the electronic Bulletin is that, once an "issue" is published, it is updated continuously throughout the calendar year as manuscripts are accepted for publication and other member-generated items are posted. Two such updates followed the initial publication, each of which were accompanied by electronic notification to the membership. The 1999 issue featured four excellent Brief-Reports, a Research-In-Progress article, and many other items submitted by members. Research articles can either be read online or downloaded for printing in the traditional print version of the Bulletin. The 1999 issue is now closed to further submission (it remains online), but the initial 2000 issue is expected to be published in late April or early May.

In other EAHB SIG news, two students were named winners of the 1999 EAHB SIG Student Paper Competition. Tetsuo Yamaguchi, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (sponsor: Gregory Madden) and Cheryl L. Ecott, Auburn University (sponsor: Tom Critchfield) were honored at this year's ABA convention in Washington, D.C. Posters on their work also were presented at ABA on Sunday, May 28, Session # 184 (posters 65 & 66). In addition, summaries of the winner's papers will be published in the 2000 issue of the Bulletin. Gregory Madden (University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire) organized the 1999 competition.

For more information on the SIG, membership, or the EAHB Bulletin, visit our website at www.eahb.org, or send email to info@eahb.org.

Dr. Richard W. Serna E. K. Shriver Center

## **Standard Celeration Chart SIG**

In 1999, the Standard Celeration SIG had a meeting at ABA and sponsored a workshops. We had two workshops scheduled in 2000, as well as the business meeting.

Members are discussing the possibility of posting full-text papers on the website, and another site (www.Seechange.iit.edu) will offer Charting to anyone who wishes to put data in. These are likely to take most of the SIG's attention in 2000-2001. In addition, we hope to get a bit more organized about dues and so forth.

In SIG related events, there was an International Precision Teaching Conference in Provo, UT in November, that had about 200 attendees. Finally, the group has been quite active on the Internet (see Website www.celeration.org) and there is a listserv with 145 members that sees about 1 to 10 messages a day.

Dr. Charles Merbitz Illinois Institute of Technology

## Teaching Behavior Analysis (TBA) SIG

In 1999, TBA's main achievement was bringing speakers to the ABA convention and organizing presentations. Again this year TBA sponsored about 20 panels, symposia, speakers, and a number of posters. Of special note is the continuation of TBA's relationship with the International and American Suzuki organizations. I was invited to speak at two Suzuki

organizations, one dedicated to researching music education. Dr. Robert Duke at the University of Texas-Austin has been instrumental in developing this bond between our organizations. In addition, this year at ABA, we had several student music groups performing with some violinists as young as two.

In addition, TBA is developing its relationship with the Association for Direct Instruction. This year, TBA has organized a Direct Instruction workshop that will introduce DI and, with the help of Dr. Sara Taver of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a 1<sup>st</sup> time ABA attendee, the most recent research available from DI researchers will be presented. The Suzuki and DI organizations are well established and could put ABA into contact with many parties interested in our activities.

All of the above activities will be continued in 2000, plus the development of a TBA Website that, unlike the last effort, is more connected with other sites. Also new will be TBA's leadership. I have been privileged to serve as Senior Chair for three years and find that if TBA is to move forward, more time must be given to the SIG than I can offer. Dr. Daniel Moran of Valparaiso University has expressed a strong interest in chairing TBA. If this change occurs, I would, of course, work closely with Dan and help coordinate TBA's activities for the 2000-2001 year.

Roger Bass, Ph.D. Carthage College

## Verbal Behavior SIG

During this past year the Verbal Behavior SIG created a Listserv that members are able to use to communicate easily via email. The SIG used that listserv, and other methods, to foster presentations at ABA 2000, including several tutorials and cross-disciplinary presentations relevant to Verbal Behavior.

We also started a Verbal Behavior newsletter promoting the SIG and activities related to verbal behavior, that will help keep the membership informed of opportunities and collaborations available to them. The first issue went out just prior to the ABA 2000 conference.

In addition, we maintained the Web site at http://psyc.csustan.edu, including a discussion page: http://psyc.csustan.edu/verbalbehavior/ and set up the Web site to allow for downloads, proceeding to solicit items for that download site (e.g. verbal behavior objectives, training materials, etc.)

We also collected dues and set up a business account to deposit those dues. During the next meeting the SIG will formalize its voting and membership procedures (currently those who show up at the meetings vote) to reflect membership status. In addition, we will continue with our efforts to promote the study of verbal behavior and to establish cross-disciplinary collaborations.

Dr. Bill Potter California State University, Stanislaus

## **International Development Grant Application**

Deadline: October 1, 2000

#### Mission

To promote the development and dissemination of behavior analysis internationally.

## **Grant Description**

The Association for Behavior Analysis (ABA) recognizes academic excellence internationally. In order to promote behavior analysis on a worldwide scale, we hope to increase opportunities for people and organizations that do not have the necessary resources to expand important information and knowledge. Therefore, three \$1,000 grants will be distributed annually to people and organizations interested in developing behavior analysis internationally.

#### **Review Committee**

The international chapters of ABA are asked to recruit potential recipients. Also, a peer review board should examine the applications before they are submitted to ABA.

### **Recipient Recognition**

**Application** 

Date:

Grant recipients will be announced at the opening event of the annual ABA convention. They will also be recognized at the ABA convention international breakfast, the International Committee business meeting, as well as in the ABA Newsletter.

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The	following is a list of people/organizations that qualify for the grant. Please check the category that applies to you:
	Behavior analysts conducting a workshop and/or teaching at a particular university.
	International universities or other organizations hosting a symposium or other event with speakers or developing a behavior analysis academic program.
	International affiliated chapters that wish to host a behavior analysis conference.
	Students who are senior presenters on a behavior analysis topic at an international event.
	Potential members that support the formation of a new international chapter of ABA.
Atta	sch a 2-4 page description of the project you will be engaging in. Please include the following information:
	♦ A detailed description of the project
	♦ What persons will be responsible for developing the project
	♦ Specifically, how the grant will be used to implement the project
	♦ The value the project will add in disseminating behavior analysis internationally
	♦ The value the project will add in achieving the professional goals of the potential recipient.
	• Any relevant experience you have in behavior analysis (work experience, academic experience, conventions attended, etc.)
The	deadline for receiving the application is: OCTOBER 1, 2000
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## **Opportunities for Behavior Analysts**

Psychologist, Ph.D. Positions in Behavioral Residential Treatment Setting. The Judge Rotenberg Educational Center (JRC) is a fast-growing, highly structured program located within commuting distance of both Boston and Providence that serves adolescents and adults presenting a wide array of challenging conduct. JRC's unique program is based on consistent application of a wide range of effective behavioral principles. Staff training and performance are managed along behavioral lines. JRC now serves 100 students who live in 15 community residences. Due to expansion JRC is seeking additional Psychology staff to deliver and oversee behavioral treatment at both its residences and educational sites. Opportunities currently exist for both full and part-time psychologists who are committed to the behavioral model. Features include attractive salary, negotiable hours, excellent benefits, and a happy, motivated environment. Flexible opportunities also exist for independent consultants, as well as graduate students seeking part-time employment or training placements in applied setting. Applicants who can demonstrate a strong commitment to the behavioral approach are invited to apply to Ms. Hillary Zysk, JRC, 240 Turnpike Street, Canton, MA 02021, Fax 781-828-2804, e-mail H.Zysk@Judgerc.org www.judgerc.org

Behavior Analyst. ReMed's nationally recognized program for individuals with neurological disorders and adults and children with autism, has an immediate opening for a full-time behavior analyst in our residential settings located in the Newark, DE area. The behavior analyst will conduct functional assessments, develop and monitor treatment programs and train and clinically supervise staff. *Requirements*: Masters degree in behavior analysis or related degree with strong behavior analysis background. Minimum of 2-3 years conducting functional assessments and writing and implementing treatment programs. Must be flexible and a team player. Competitive salary and excellent benefits package. Fax (610-941-9477), e-mail (ebuchan@remed.com) or send vita and salary requirements to Eric Buchanan, ReMed, 625 Ridge Pike, Building C., Conshohocken, PA 19428. EOE

Behavior Analyst for Autism Education and Treatment Program. The Pathways Strategic Teaching Center (PSTC), a program of Kent County Chapter, R.I.A.R.C., is seeking a Masters or PhD level Behavior Analyst.

PSTC is a comprehensive behavior analytic education and treatment program serving children with pervasive developmental disorders in center and community-based programs.

The Behavior Analyst will contribute to program development, create/manage individual student curricula and treat problem behavior; train and supervise classroom teachers, research assistants and interns, teaching assistants and community based treatment staff; design and assist in the management of research projects; provide parent training; and consult to public schools. The Behavior Analyst will participate in national and regional conferences.

The successful candidate will have completed a behavior analytic graduate training program and have a minimum of five years experience with children with pervasive developmental disorders or other developmental disabilities, and two years experience training and supervising teaching or treatment staff. Candidates with behavior analyst certification or meeting criteria for certification will be given strong consideration. Salary is competitive and an excellent benefits package is available.

PSTC is located in Warwick, RI, part of beautiful southern coastal New England. Warwick is midway between Providence and Newport, a one hour drive from Boston and three hours from New York City. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Please send or fax a letter of interest and vitae to:

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