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Don't Read Your Talk at ABAI

BY RICHARD W. MALOTT

Don't Read

It doesn't matter how confident you are that you can read with inflection, enthusiasm, and drama. It doesn't matter how many of your friends, agree you're the greatest reader since Sir Johnathan Gilgud. It doesn't matter how crucial it is that you get the magic words you've spent hours writing just right so they'll portray the subtle nuances you value so highly. It doesn't matter because, if you read your talk, your audience is likely either to be asleep or to have lost your thread after the first five minutes.

Here's a quote from an APA publication manual:

Do not read your presentation. Reading a paper usually induces boredom and can make even the best research sound second-rate (I've added the emphasis). Instead, tell your audience what you have to say just as you would in conversation...

Concentrate on only one or two main points and keep reminding the audience what the central theme is by relating each major section of the presentation to the theme. The speaker's traditional strategy is still valid: Tell the audience what you are going to say, say It, and then tell them what you have said.

Omit most of the details of scientific procedures because a listener cannot follow the same level of detail as a reader can... A verbal presentation should create awareness about a topic and stimulate interest in it; colleagues can retrieve the details from a written paper, copies of which you may want to have available.

Don't Talk Beyond the Speed of Human Comprehension

You've got twenty minutes to talk. After 15 minutes you realize you're only halfway through. Don't confuse a talk with an archive. You've got five minutes left; you can cover another 1/6th of your paper at a pace everyone can follow,

or you can rip through the last 3/6th of your paper at a pace not even you can follow and end with the satisfaction of knowing that at least you got it all in.

Don't Contribute to the Visual Impairment of the ABAI Membership

The font was big enough to read on your computer screen, but that doesn't mean people can read it projected on a screen at ABAI.

Yes, But...

Yes, Fred Keller read his talks; and he was great. But even if you put in the 20 hours Fred did preparing a 5 minute talk, you still wouldn't be good enough.

Yes, there may be three true exceptions. But that's three out of a several hundred presenters who think they're exceptions. ABAI should risk sacrificing three aspiring Kellerites to avoid the wasted opportunity for communication that occurs when most of us read.

Yes, ABAI is not a basketball pep rally but a scientific conference where precision is valued. But in all the ABA/ABAIs, I've not heard any presentations where the need for precision outweighed the need for clarity nor where that precision would have been seriously compromised by the informal talking of the presentations as recommended by APA.

Yes, some of the most prominent members of ABAI and also some of my best friends (at least until now) read their papers. But they shouldn't.

How to Avoid the Need to Read

Write or review and edit your paper in the View/Outline mode of MS Word. Then save your outline as a PowerPoint. The audience will appreciate the visual structure of your talk. And you'll appreciate the guidelines of what to say next, when you're standing in front of a room packed full of fifteen hyper-critical behavior analysts, while you're quakin', and your knees are shakin', and you can't even remember your last name. You just look at that PowerPoint; it's all there. It'll take you by the hand and lead you with comfort through the labyrinth of your talk. Here's the way APA put it:

Having written notes in front of you while speaking will help you keep your focus, but use an outline of topic sentences rather than a complete manuscript so that you are not tempted to begin reading the paper.

And no more than eight words per bullet with no more than eight bullets per slide.

How to Avoid Incomprehensible Speed

There are two ways you can avoid the archival temptation to rush at an inhumane speed to cram in all your talk: You can edit and practice and time until you've pruned it down to a lean, clean, clear twenty minutes.

But I'm not so naive as to expect most of us to have our acts together well enough in advance to follow that strategy. So, instead, write your talks in newspaper style, with the most important stuff first, followed by decreasingly important issues, until you wind up with a summary, if you have time for it (again the View/Outline mode of MS Word lets you shuffle subtopics with amazing grace). This way, whenever you stop, you'll stop knowing that at least you've made your most important points: and that everyone understood them, even though you may not have had time to cover all the details of your inter-observer agreement calculations you were so proud of.

How to Avoid Forcing Us to Change the Prescription on Our Glasses

Never insert into your PowerPoint anything copied directly from or prepared for a journal, like an abstract, a table, or a graph (the most frequent sin), because the words projected on the screen at ABAI will be too small to read, even though they look great on your computer screen. Never use a font less than 28 pts. in your PowerPoints, even in the labels on your graphs.

History

I originally wrote this after wrapping up a wonderful 1990 ABA conference by attending a final symposium featuring three friends of mine, three of the top scholars in our field, all great speakers. But this time they read their papers; and it was so deadly, especially as the audience of hundreds was moving into post-convention hangover mode. And I left so pissed off that I couldn't sleep until I'd catharted this essay all over my keyboard. It was published in my Notes from a Radical Behaviorist column (*ABA Newsletter*, 14, 12, 1991). And at the next ABA, one of the oldest most important behavior analysts in the world, commented to me about my essay, saying that of course I meant that only inexperienced presenters should not read their talks, implying that it didn't apply to him. I didn't contradict him; but, in fact, I did mean him. He always read his talks. And they were always terrible. The fact that he had influenced so many outstanding scholars to become behavior analysts and so many practitioners to adopt behavioral interventions, in spite of his horribly boring talks is testimony to the power and value of our subject matter itself, behavior analysis. Incidentally, I had the opportunity to hear him give one of his last talks. This time he talked it, rather than read it; and it was wonderful—warm, entertaining, clear, and exciting. ❖



2011 Annual Convention Recap

Miles High and Still Climbing: ABAI Celebrates the Success of the 37th Annual Convention in Denver

BY MARIA E. MALOTT

"Great location, diverse subject matter, great presenters!"

"This was my best ABAI convention so far!"

"Keep up the good work — keeps getting better!"

"Loved it. It was very inspiring and great to see so many people coming together for behaviour analysis and spreading the word."

"Had a great time and learned quite a bit!"

"One of the best conventions I have attended."

"It was an unforgettable experience for me."

"ABAI always offers something for everyone attending. It is very eclectic and shows how diverse the field of behavior analysis is."

"Awesome!"

Mount Evans (west of Denver) with Mountain Goats
Photography: MARK BYZEWSKI
(markbyzewski on Flickr.com)

This year's convention in the Mile High City was the latest example of ABAI's commitment to excellence. Attendance at the 37th annual convention was the second highest in history, only slightly below the record set at San Antonio the previous year.

The Denver convention welcomed 4,528 guests from 34 countries and all of the U.S. states (plus the District of Columbia), and featured 77 exhibitors. The convention was very well received; of the 1,033 surveys returned (out of 4,440 sent to attendees—a 23% response rate), 89% evaluated the convention overall as “excellent” or “very good.” Among the highest rated aspects of the convention were invited events and tutorials (95% “excellent” or “very good”), the B. F. Skinner Lecture series (91%), the SABA Awards Ceremony (82%); the Presidential Address (85%); and social events (80%).

The convention opened with the SABA Awards Ceremony, during which the ABAI community publically recognized leaders in the field. This year, SABA recognized Jacob L. Gewirtz for distinguished service to behavior analysis, Erik Arntzen for international dissemination of behavior analysis, Dean L. Fixsen for scientific translation, and The Ohio State University for enduring programmatic contributions to behavior analysis. The event also included recognition of the 2011 SABA fellowship and grant winners.

The program offered 534 events across 12 program areas, which included 34 invited addresses and 17 B. F. Skinner lectures. Invited addresses featured presentations and tutorials from leaders in behavior analysis, while the B. F. Skinner Lecture Series accentuated contributions from complementary disciplines and provided opportunities to gain a comprehensive perspective of behavior analysis by learning from scholars from outside the field. Our guest speakers for the B. F. Skinner Lecture Series represented a variety of topics and interests. Thanks to all the invited presenters and B. F. Skinner lecturers who participated in the Denver convention.

In this year's presidential address, Richard W. Malott struck a tone different from previous presidents with his inspirational talk “Dream Chasers.” In this presentation, Dr. Malott described his heroes and made the case for attendees to be proud of behavior analysis and the pursuits of those in the field. This year's Presidential Scholar's Address featured University of Missouri-Kansas City pediatrics professor Dr. Edward Christophersen, who discussed the use of applied behavior analysis in his

Invited Speakers and B. F. Skinner Lecturers at the 2011 Annual Convention

Invited Presenters

Marleen T. Adema	Edward K. Morris
William H. Ahearn	Richard F. Rakos
Mark P. Alavosius	Kenneth T. Ramirez
Jon S. Bailey	Erin B. Rasmussen
Jordan M. Bailey	Denise E. Ross
William M. Baum	Robert K. Ross
Anthony Biglan	John Salamone
Bruce & Claire M. Bothwell	Kurt Salzinger
James E. Carr	David W. Schaal
Philip N. Chase	Henry D. Schlinger
Judith E. Favell	Christopher Skinner
William C. Follette	Paul L. Soto
Richard M. Foxx	David Stafford
R. Wayne Fuqua	João Todorov

Mark Galizio

Leonard Green
R. Douglas Greer
Gregory P. Hanley
Robert H. Horner
Jane S. Howard
Craig H. Kennedy
Robert L. Koegel
K. Matthew Lattal
Charles Fergus Lowe
M. Jackson Marr
Mark A. Mattaini
Jennifer J. McComas
Terry E. McSween
Katherine Meincke
Suzanne H. Mitchell
Jay Moore

B. F. Skinner Lecturers

Roger Addison
Anthony Chemero
Suzanne Hetts
Janet Neisewander
Yael Niv
Alva Noë
William E. Pelham, Jr.
Michael J. A. Ramscar
Barry Setlow
Robert S. Siegler
Edward Taub
Ethan Watters
Emily Weiss
J. Stevens Welsh
Robert Whitaker

work with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers and how it serves as an example of the application of behavior analytic principles outside the laboratory.

The convention offered several opportunities for networking. The ABAI Expo, which featured posters from accredited programs, affiliated chapters, special interest groups, behavior analysis organizations, and ABAI boards and committees, remained a popular event. The exhibitor area included 79 organizations and there were countless job opportunities at the job center. We would like to thank the exhibitors and employers at this year's convention for their contributions.

The bookstore offered over 600 titles relevant to behavior analysis and provided opportunities to meet authors during the book signings. Continuing education (CE) credits were offered for 295 events. There were also many well-received social activities, including the ABAI

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1 Richard W. Malott delivers the Presidential Address. **2** Gordon Bourland at a preconference workshop. **3** From left to right: Raymond Miltenberger, Ralph Gardner III, Nancy Neef, John Cooper, Sheila Alber-Morgan, William Heward, and Timothy Heron at the SABA Awards Ceremony. **4** From left to right: John Cooper, William Heward, and Timothy Heron. **5** From left to right: (front) Jonathan Chien, Shu-Hwei (Sue) Ke, Vivian Kuo, Anne Wang, and Claire Hsu from SEEK Education, Inc. and (back) Adhi Ekananda from Prasetiya Mulya Business School.

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Social, the Behavioral Bash, reunions and receptions for behavior analysis programs and groups, and much more. These events helped to create a rich convention experience full of opportunities for interaction and exchange.

Many people and groups contributed to the success of this event. We would like to thank regional chapter Four Corners ABA—especially Travis Blevins and Erin Rasmussen—for offering ABAI a warm welcome to Denver. The Program Committee once again did extraordinary work in building a quality convention program. Special thanks to the committee co-chairs, Ramona Houmanfar and Raymond C. Pitts, and the program board coordinator, Richard W. Malott (who also helped coordinate behavior analyst continuing education), and the area coordinators: Kennon A. Lattal and Jennifer Sobie (applied animal behavior), Jeffrey H. Tiger and Dorothea C. Lerman (autism), Karen Anderson and Jonathan Pinkston (behavioral pharmacology), Jonathan Kanter and Thomas J. Waltz (clinical, family, behavioral medicine), Michael Weinberg and Patricia Bach (community interventions, social, and ethical issues), Joel E. Ringdahl and Jennifer M. Asmus (developmental disabilities), Gary Novak and Hayne W. Reese (human development), Robert W. Allan and Matthew C. Bell (experimental analysis of behavior), Cathy Watkins and Jennifer L. Austin (education), Heather McGee and Lori Diener (organizational behavior management),

Ronnie Detrich and Jennifer Zarcone (practice), Timothy Hackenberg (science), Jessica Singer-Dudek and Grant Gautreaux (teaching behavior analysis), Ted Schoneberger and Per Holth (theoretical, philosophical, and conceptual issues), and Caio Miguel and Anna Ingeborg Pétursdóttir (verbal behavior). The science and practice boards contributed to unique tracks at the convention that focused on topics complimentary to their individual missions. The science track was organized by Karen G. Anderson, John C. Borrero, Jesse Dallery, Timothy Hackenberg, Ramona Houmanfar, Gregory P. Hanley, M. Christopher Newland, Amy Odum, Raymond C. Pitts, and Kathryn Saunders. This track featured eight events, including B. F. Skinner lectures and invited presentations. The practice track was organized by Michael Dorsey, Michael Dougher, Wayne Fisher, Doreen Granpeesheh, R. Douglas Greer, John Guercio, Robert Ross, Travis Thompson, and Jennifer R. Zarcone and included an invited symposium and two invited addresses along with several workshops, panels, symposia, and paper sessions.

Behind the scenes, convention management involved the hard work of 73 people. Deep appreciation is due to ABAI staff members and the services they provided leading up to, during, and after the convention. Each year, the staff is one of the top-ranked aspects of the convention; this year 96% of the surveys returned evaluated the staff very highly. Thanks to Aaron Barsy, Elisabeth Berthiaume, Michael Cooper, Suzanne Eggers,



6 Jeremy Greenberg (left) accepts the award for the SABA International Development Grant from Martha Hübner (right). **7** Edward Christophersen delivers the Presidential Scholar Address. **8** Josh Pritchard, Caio Miguel, R. Wayne Fuqua, and other audience members. **9** Jeffrey Oliver (left) discusses the University of Houston-Clear Lake Expo poster with Melania Brown (right). **10** From left to right: Talia Hoke, Smita Aswati, Bradley Herron, and Lincoln Kamau of the Global Autism Project.

Brandon Forth, Jean Herbrandson, Nikole Kennedy, Jack Lingbeek, Hadley Moore, Joseph Romeo, Majda Seuss, Ian Smith, Lori Smoker Young, Eddie Soh, Betty Soltesz, and Ashley Walsh. In addition, we are appreciative of the 32 staff who were contracted on site and for our 15 student interns, who gained practical experience from their work. This year's interns came from Central Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, Kalamazoo College, Michigan State University, and Western Michigan University.

You Were Heard

Following the annual convention in San Antonio, members recommended several improvements. In fact, member feedback was key for introducing several changes in Denver, including the requirement of supporting data for data-based presentations, expanded hours for ABAI service centers, including the CE desk and bookstore, and better consolidation of space that led to more intimate event rooms and the scheduling of similar events nearer to one another. Because of your feedback, along with the recommendations of the ABAI program task force, we are working hard and developing strategies to improve the quality of the program for 2012. Thanks to task force members Karen Anderson, John Borrero, Marc Branch, Jesse Dallery, Ramona Houmanfar, Chris Newland, Carol Pilgrim, Raymond C. Pitts, Kathryn Saunders, and Tom Zentall for their help with this effort. Additionally, thanks to everyone who attended the convention and contributed his or her input.

Planning is underway for our 38th Annual Convention in Seattle, Washington, at the Washington State Convention Center. Once again, the convention will take place over Memorial Day weekend (May 24–29, 2012) and will feature a great collection of behavior analysis presentations, posters, exhibitors, and more. Details will be included in the call for papers, which will once again be offered entirely online.

Looking Ahead

ABAI has many exciting events planned. This year, November 24–26, we invite you to attend the Sixth International Conference in Granada, Spain. This conference will take place at the Palacio de Exposiciones y Congresos de Granada and will feature invited presenters and a poster session. Granada is a dynamic and vibrant town located in Andalusia at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains near the Mediterranean shore. The city contains a fantastic mixture of ancient culture and youthful student life—the perfect place to encourage the dissemination of behavior analysis in Spain and facilitate international collaboration and networking opportunities among behavior analysts. The program committee for this event includes Martha Hübner, Tomás Jesús Carrasco Giménez, Luis A. Pérez González, Richard W. Malott, and Javier Virués.

We will kick off 2012 with our popular annual autism conference. The 2012 conference will be set in historic

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and will feature research and best practices of relevance to the treatment of children and adults on the autism spectrum. In addition to invited presentations, the conference will feature two poster sessions that will offer attendees the opportunity to review current research. Travis Thompson is serving as program chair for this event. Be sure to mark your calendars for January 27–29, 2012!

On August 3–5, 2012, we will be offering an event that is completely new for ABAI: Behavior Change for a Sustainable World. The objective of the conference will be to raise public awareness on how basic principles of behavior change can help in the fight to preserve our environment, review current research, and create action plan initiatives. William L. Heward is the chair of the program committee, which includes Mark P. Alavosius, Ramon Esteban Armendariz, Paul Chance, Julia H. Fiebig, Susan G. Friedman, João Claudio Todorov, Satoru Shimamune, and Janet S. Twyman. The event will take place at the Ohio Union on The Ohio State University's campus.

ABAI is also in the planning stages for a theory and philosophy conference that will take place sometime in

2011 SABA Grant and Fellowship Winners

Experimental Analysis of Behavior Fellowship

Luis Oliveira: Research evaluating delayed discounting with pigeons through the use of outcomes commonly encountered by humans, namely conditioned reinforcers.

Mary Sweeney: Using animal models to communicate the applied significance of drug-seeking behavior.

Sidney W. and Janet R. Bijou Fellowship

Genevieve DeBernardis: Research examining humans' capacity to predict novel behavior in others.

Richard May: Research aimed at understanding emergent verbal repertoires and using touch screen technology to teach and test emergent verbal behavior.

Doctoral Dissertation Grant

Adrienne Juarascio: Research examining the efficacy of acceptance and commitment therapy as a treatment for eating disorders.

Soyeon Kang: Research evaluating problem behavior rates maintained by different reinforcers across preference assessments.

the fall of 2012. Linda J. Hayes and M. Jackson Marr are co-chairing the committee. Keep checking the ABAI website (www.abainternational.org) and your e-mail for updates on all of our upcoming events. ❖

Ray Miltenberger presented several awards at the 37th Annual Convention: **11** Erik Arntzen receives the SABA International Dissemination of Behavior Analysis. **12** Dean Fixsen receives the SABA Award for Scientific Translation. **13** Richard O'Brien receives an Outstanding Mentorship Award. **14** Caio Miguel is recognized as the outgoing *TAVB* editor. **15** Jacob Gewirtz receives the Distinguished Service to Behavior Analysis Award. **16** Attendees win an Amazon Kindle at the Behavioral Bash. **17** Dick Malott recognizes Josh Pritchard's contributions to the Executive Council as outgoing Student Representative. **18** Sharon Reeves receives an Outstanding Mentor Award.

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Master's Thesis Grant

Meredith Berry: Research aimed at increasing the understanding the role of contextual cues on resistance to change and relapse by extending preparations to conditional discrimination performance.

Tracy Lepper: Translational research aimed at understanding the role of conditioned reinforcement during language acquisition.

2010 International Development Grant

(presented during the International Development Welcome Reception)

James Ellis: Development of a pilot classroom aimed at teaching and providing services for children with autism in Guyana.

Jeremy Greenberg: Building a collection of verbal behavior resources to be use for instruction at The Children's Institute of Hong Kong.

Jun Yu: Research on behavioral family therapy in China.

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Applied Behavior Analysis Outside of the Research Setting

BY JAY HINNENKAMP

For some, parenting is a goal that is meticulously planned out. For others, it can be an unexpected, but pleasant surprise. But for all, parenting is a road filled with bumps, bruises, twists and turns.

In fact, for most people, it is probably difficult to imagine a class of behaviors more complex and diverse than those involved in parenting. While we as a society have invested large amounts of time and effort creating materials and classes intended to educate one another on topics such as mathematics, art, and language, is it peculiar that we have spent so little time teaching each other the class of behaviors we label effective parenting? This class of behaviors, if taught appropriately, could lead to substantial increases in the quality of life for both parents and children.

This year's Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) scholar, Dr. Edward R. Christophersen, and his co-authors take a step towards educating parents in their books entitled *Parenting That Works: Building Skills That Last a Lifetime* and *Treatments That Work With Children: Empirically Supported Strategies for Managing Childhood Problems*. Using principles and procedures grounded in empirical research, Dr. Christophersen supplies parents with a useful and effective set of guidelines for developing effective parenting behavior.

At the very heart of his books, Dr. Christophersen emphasizes the importance of changing parents' behavior to produce changes in the behavior of their children. This

is perhaps the most fundamental principle in behavior analysis. It is this very basic premise, applied across a variety of environments, that many of us devote our jobs, research, and time to studying. Somewhere, however, an idea that has become so commonplace within our research and field has, at many times, failed to inundate mainstream culture. By using relevant examples across a variety of exemplars, Dr. Christophersen demonstrates to readers how seemingly subtle changes in parent's behavior and the child's environment can produce substantial changes in both individuals' lives.

In addition to discussing how to arrange environments, throughout his books, Dr. Christophersen also discusses reinforcement, another behavior analytic principle. As with environmental changes, the procedure of reinforcement can often be overlooked. Dr. Christophersen illustrates the procedure of reinforcement by emphasizing the importance of catching children when they are behaving appropriately and encouraging parents to commit as much of their time and attention to "time-ins" as to delivering time-outs. He suggests that by focusing on appropriate behavior parents can substantially decrease the need to deal with inappropriate behavior. To encourage parents to focus on appropriate behavior, Dr. Christophersen suggests that parents create a ten-year plan for their child. A 10-year plan is a list of behaviors that parents would like their child to engage in as an adult. After identifying this list of behaviors, Dr. Christophersen encourages parents to both model the desired behaviors and reinforce approximations to these behaviors in their everyday interactions with their children.

In the midst of discussing these core principles, Dr. Christophersen also manages to weave smaller but critical elements of effective parenting behavior into his writing. Examples of these elements include consistency, contingency, and immediacy, three factors that parents should consider when delivering consequences to children. He also emphasizes the relevance of recording data on children's behavior and then using this data to critically evaluate the progress of parents' behavioral goals for their children. Furthermore, Dr. Christophersen also prepares and informs parents of potential pitfalls, like negative reinforcement, which they may encounter when working with their children's behavior. An example of negative reinforcement that he discusses is quieting a child while he or she is screaming. To many parents the termination of the screaming is an extremely valuable reinforcer. Many parents may

be tempted to give preferred items to children to quiet them, but Dr. Christophersen encourages parents to analyze each situation and consider what they are actually teaching their children. All through his writing and vibrant examples it is clear that Dr. Christophersen promotes the practices and techniques that he preaches.

In subsequent sections of his books, Dr. Christophersen also outlines thoroughgoing strategies for overcoming common behavioral deficits. For example, he provides parents with advice on establishing bedtime routines and succinctly describes procedures for teaching young children toilet training behaviors. He also outlines specific strategies for dealing with whining, tantrums and aggressive behavior. In short, he summarizes extensive sets of literature and condenses them into a technology that different parents across different settings can use to deal with common behavioral problems. Through his clear writing, Dr. Christophersen outlines the specific behaviors that parents need to engage in to be successful. In doing so he increases the likelihood that parents will contact reinforcement for their behavior. In arranging conditions in which parents' behavior is likely to be reinforced, Dr. Christophersen promotes generalization of these behaviors to novel situations and people.

Although the topics and principles mentioned above are only a few of the behavior analytic principles that Dr. Christophersen discusses in his books, I believe this set of examples and their adherence to scientific research exemplify why he is our 2011 ABAI Scholar. His writing allows parents to contact the contingencies of using procedures grounded in science—and that in itself merits recognition. It is for this purpose, among many others, that I am excited to have Dr. Christopherson as our guest at the 37th annual ABAI convention in Denver, Colorado. His writing provides an example to all of us on how to break down complex behavior into manageable procedures and then disseminate that information in a medium that can be used by parents and practitioners. Furthermore, his books exemplify the need for both research and applied science, each informing the other in an iterative process that benefits us all. ❖

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ABAI is proud to announce the 2011 Fellows of
the Association for Behavior Analysis International.

FELLOWS OF ABAI



Michael J. Dougher

Dr. Michael J. Dougher is professor of psychology at the University of New Mexico, which is but the tip of the iceberg when it comes to describing the breadth and cross-currents of teaching, research, and service in his distinguished career. Trained at the University of Illinois, Chicago as a clinical psychologist, his career exemplifies the scientist-practitioner model of that discipline. He has published widely on the analysis and treatment of such clinical problems as pain, depression, and addictive behavior. His research, however, has extended far beyond the traditional boundaries of clinical psychology. He has brought creative basic analyses of verbal behavior and stimulus equivalence to bear on the understanding of not only the origins of clinical syndromes, but also new possible lines of approaches to their treatment. These complementary analyses of basic and applied research earned him the APA Division 25 Don Hake Award. Along these same lines, it is telling to note that Dr. Dougher served concurrently on ABAT's Practice Board and as the experimental representative to its Executive Council. His record of service also includes terms as president of ABAI and APA's Division 25, and on numerous boards and task forces related to professional issues in psychology. On the latter, he consistently has been a strong, thoughtful, and diplomatic representative of a behavior analytic perspective. These same adjectives characterize his editorial contributions to behavior analysis, as editor of *The Behavior Analyst*, associate editor of the *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*, and as a member of the editorial boards of six other journals. Dr. Dougher has provided equally exceptional service to his students and university. This mentor of 25 doctoral students has received several teaching awards, including being named the University of New Mexico Teacher of the Year in 1995. Prior to his present appointment, he served as the department's director of clinical training and also department chair, then associate dean for research in the

College of Arts and Sciences, and thereafter as the University of New Mexico's associate vice-president for research.

Dr. Timothy D. Hackenberg is professor of psychology at Reed College in Portland, Oregon. After receiving his Ph.D. degree from Temple University in 1988, he was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Minnesota before joining the faculty at the University of Florida, where he taught from 1990 to 2009. Dr. Hackenberg's innovative and systematic comparative research of choice in human and nonhuman animals has led to new insights in the understanding of such general processes as foraging, gambling, self-control, and behavioral economics. His equally innovative analyses of token conditioned reinforcement in animals has not only revived a long-dormant method for the analysis of conditioned reinforcement, but has led to important applications in behavioral economics and general decision theory. The result of this research is a large body of publications that are cited widely and valued by his peers. His research program has been supported by major grants from both the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health (most recently by a \$1 million NIH grant) and recognized by APA's Division 25, which bestowed on him its Distinguished Contributions to Basic Research Award. His research also has incorporated his 10 doctoral students, many of whom have gone on to teaching and research positions where they have in turn contributed to the further growth of behavior analysis. Dr. Hackenberg's students and colleagues comment not only on his contributions to basic research, but also on his creative, thoughtful teaching and scholarly contributions to the conceptual analysis of behaviorism and its role in contemporary psychology. Dr. Hackenberg has served psychology and behavior analysis in many roles, including president of APA's Division 25, associate editor of the *Journal*



Timothy D. Hackenberg



Linda J. Hayes

of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior, the board of directors of both the Society for the Quantitative Analysis of Behavior and the Society for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior, member of the Executive Council of ABAI, and ABAI's Science Board director.

Dr. Linda J. Parrott Hayes is professor of psychology as well as founder and director of the behavior analysis graduate program at the University of Nevada, Reno. In addition to developing this innovative, self-capitalized approach to graduate education in behavior analysis, Dr. Hayes has contributed to the field in many other ways. She served ABAI as president and Executive Council member and currently serves as coordinator of the Education Board and director of the Council of Graduate Program Directors. Furthermore, she has traveled extensively and worked tirelessly to help establish behavior analysis in other countries including China, Taiwan, Japan, Germany, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, and Jordan. As a teacher, Dr. Hayes not only founded the behavior analysis program at UNR but established numerous satellite programs to help bring graduate education in behavior analysis to individuals working in the field. Her major contribution to scholarship is in the theory and philosophy of behavior analysis, through which she has helped our field examine itself and its values. Dr. Hayes' scholarship also covers such diverse topics as interbehaviorism, organizational behavior management, stimulus equivalence, and rule governed behavior. For her efforts as a teacher, researcher, and leader in the field, Dr. Hayes has won the F. S. Keller Award for Teaching of Behavior Analysis from APA's Division 25, the SABA Award for International Dissemination of Behavior Analysis, and the Outstanding Alumna Award from Western Michigan University. In addition, the behavior analysis program she founded recently won the SABA Award for Enduring Programmatic Contributions to Behavior Analysis.



Amos Rolider

Dr. Amos Rolider is professor in the Department of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences at Emek Yezreel College in Israel and director of the ABA certification program at the University of Tel Aviv. His research has contributed to effective interventions across a wide range of applications including highway safety, acquired head injury, learning disabilities, challenging behaviors, and sports psychology. Especially laudable is Dr. Rolider's work in two areas: the prevention of school bullying and making behavioral interventions accessible to families. He is one of the few behavior analysts doing systematic work on school bullying and is considered a leading authority on the topic. An anti-bullying program developed by Dr. Rolider, "A Comprehensive Program for Creating a Positive and Safe School Climate," has been adopted by the Israeli Ministry of Education in its effort to combat violence in schools. Dr. Rolider is co-host of "Parenting with Love," a 1-hour weekly TV program now in its sixth year. He also hosts a popular 2-hour weekly call-in radio program for parents and writes a weekly column on parenting. Recognizing Dr. Rolider's impact on making a behavior analytic approach to parenting understandable and accessible to thousands of Israeli families, SABA named him the recipient of its 2009 Award for Effective Presentation of Behavior Analysis in the Mass Media.

Dr. Carol Pilgrim is professor of psychology and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. Dr. Pilgrim has contributed substantially to behavior analysis through her leadership, teaching, and research. She has served as president of its major organizations, including ABAI (as well as its SEABA chapter), the Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis, and Division 25 (Behavior Analysis) of the American Psychological Association. She also served as secretary of the Society for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior, and



Carol Pilgrim

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as a board member of that organization for 8 years. She has advanced the dissemination of behavior analysis and the vitality of its journals in her roles as chair of the Publication Board for ABAI, editor of *The Behavior Analyst*, co-editor of the *Experimental Analysis of Human Behavior Bulletin*, and associate editor of the *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*. She has served on the board of directors for the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies and other organizations, and chaired numerous committees. Dr. Pilgrim is known, in addition, as a stellar teacher and mentor. This has been recognized with numerous awards, including the North Carolina Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching and the ABAI Student Committee Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award. Dr. Pilgrim's research expertise and contributions traverse both basic experimental and applied behavior analysis. Her health related research has brought behavior analysis to the attention of scientists and practitioners in cancer prevention, and she is noted for her innovative work on the development and modification of relational stimulus control in children and adults.

**John Wixted**

Dr. John Wixted is professor of psychology at the University of California, San Diego, where he has been department chair since 2003. He is one of the few high profile researchers who has successfully spanned behavioral, cognitive, and neuroscience approaches to the study of behavior. Soon after his undergraduate studies at the University of California, San Diego, he published papers in the *Journal of the Experimental Analysis*

of Behavior (JEAB) with Edmund Fantino and Ben Williams. His Ph.D. research at Emory University led to further papers in *JEAB* and the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*, with his mentor J. J. McDowell. Research completed when he was a clinical psychology intern on assessment of child behavior was published with A. M. Gross along with an extensively cited paper with A. S. Bellack and R. L. Morrison on social competence in schizophrenia. Since returning to the University of California, San Diego as an assistant professor in 1988, his research career has risen to stellar heights. Dr. Wixted's many papers on memory in non-human animals include one in *JEAB* with K. G. White, which won APA's George Miller Award for an outstanding article in general psychology. Much of his research emphasizes a quantitative approach including signal detection theory and the mathematical form of the forgetting function. His current interests lie in the area of human memory. He has examined dual-process models of recognition memory, the modeling of recollection and familiarity, and the neuroanatomical basis of these two processes. He has published scholarly and highly cited reviews and theoretical treatments of memory and forgetting in the *Annual Review of Psychology* and *Psychological Review*. He has served as editor of *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review* and as associate editor of four different journals, including *JEAB*. At the same time he was on the governing board of the Psychonomic Society, he was on the board of directors of the Society for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior. He is an accomplished teacher. In five different years he has won his university's award for outstanding teaching.

Designation as Fellow of ABAI

The purpose of the ABAI Fellow designation is to recognize outstanding contributors to behavior analysis in one of the primary areas of (a) scholarly research, (b) professional practice, or (c) teaching/administration/service or any combination of (a), (b), and (c).

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Updates From ABAI's Affiliated Chapters

ABA India

BY SMITA AWASTHI, GEETIKA KAPOOR, AND LAKSHMI SATISH
The Association for Behavior Analysis of India (ABA India) moved forward with its goals, aims, and objectives in 2010–2011. The association increased its full, affiliate, and student memberships and presently has more than 200 members supporting it.

ABA India organized the first 2-day Southeast Asia Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Conference at Bengaluru, India, in which behavior analysts from 10 countries participated. A total of 75 paper and poster contributions were received from 11 countries. Of these, the research committee tried to select presentations most relevant for parents and professionals. Twenty-four papers, 6 workshops, and 21 posters were finally selected for presentation. Dr. Maurice Feldman, a professor at Brock University in Ontario, Canada, and Dr. Shobha Srinath, a renowned professor of psychiatry at National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences in India, presented the keynote address at the conference. The final plenary session included the “Parent Perspective” session in which five parents presented data and videos showing data-based decision making and evidence-based practice. ABA India was honored to have many international speakers presenting at the conference. These were Dr. Mickey Keenan (Ulster University), Dr. Neil Martin (international BACB representative), Dr. Susan Ainsleigh (Dar Al Hekma University), Dr. Rebecca Ward (Brock University), Dr. Dennis Moore (Monash University), and Dr. Manish Vaidya (University of North Texas). The parent community worked closely with ABA India's executive council in fundraising for and organizing this conference.

India now has five certified behavior analysts—three BCBAs and two BCaBAs. All behavior analysts presently work with populations with autism spectrum disorders. There are at least six organizations that practice the science of ABA. This is a positive step forward as organizations are opting for treatments based purely on ABA rather than an eclectic approach.

ABA India conducted many workshops in 2010, exploring new areas and collaborating with new organizations. Awareness and training workshops were instrumental in enhancing the reach of the ABA movement. Every workshop introduced ABA to at least 100 people at a time. Many developmental pediatricians have started to refer newly diagnosed children with autism for early intervention to ABA-practicing professionals. This is a new trend in India.

For the promotion of applied behavior analysis, ABA India has some brand ambassadors who support the not-for-profit nongovernmental organization. Their statements

and pictures are present on the association's website.

ABA India is working towards releasing a Hindi translation of *Parents' Education as Autism Therapists: Applied Behavior Analysis in Context*, written by Keenan, Kerr, and Dillenburger in 2011.

ABA India's Executive Council was reelected and the new leadership is making all efforts to pursue the aims and objectives of beginning an ABA course in India and getting recognition for behavior analysis as a profession in its own right. More and more students are enrolling in courses approved by BACB abroad, which suggests the growing need for such a course in India.

In 2011, the second Southeast Asia ABA Conference will take place on December 10–11, and we invite participants from across the globe to take the opportunity to make this initiative a success.

Alabama ABA

BY JENNIFER GILLIS

The Alabama Association for Behavior Analysis (ALABA) is a membership organization dedicated to disseminating behavior analysis to professionals and consumers in the state of Alabama. ALABA aims to promote research that will advance the understanding of behavior and to identify and promote the use of effective and humane behavioral procedures that meet the educational and habilitative needs of individuals. ALABA holds an annual convention to provide opportunities for members and other professionals to network, learn about new and ongoing research, and earn continuing education (CE) credits.

ALABA has continued to benefit from increased membership participation in the organization. We have formed three committees this year, added a student member representative to our Executive Committee, and have appointed a director of continuing education. We have recently become an approved Type II CE provider, which is the first step in allowing ALABA to increase its efforts in providing members with more opportunities to earn CE credits and to sponsor CE events throughout the year. We have also created a new website with features to update members about employment opportunities, regional and national events, and news important to behavior analysts in Alabama. In addition to these exciting accomplishments, another successful convention was held for behavior analysts in Alabama and the region.

The 19th Annual Convention was hosted in Birmingham, AL during November of 2010. There were 2 days of paper presentations and 1 day of workshops. Keynote speakers, members, and workshop instructors presented on a diverse range of research and topics. Our

keynote speakers were Janet Twyman, "First Steps to Critical Thinking: Using Behavior Analysis to Teach Reading Comprehension;" Patrick Friman, "Elimination Disorders: A Review and Update for Behavior Analysts," and David Wilder, "Techniques for Getting Staff Members To Do What They Were Hired To Do: Recent Research on Improving Safety and Performance in Human Service Settings." Workshop topics included behavioral skills training, identifying medical issues in individuals with developmental disabilities, and staff management training to produce optimal client outcomes. There were two tracks of paper presentations and symposia that incorporated a range of issues relevant to practicing behavior analysts, researchers, and consumers. During the poster session and networking hour, members showcased their research and clinical work and had opportunities to meet and discuss current issues with others in the state and region.

The 20th Annual Convention is right around the corner and will be held in Birmingham, AL at the Double Tree Hotel. We are pleased to have Drs. Wayne Fisher and Cathleen Piazza as our keynote presenters. We look forward to another year of informative and interesting presentations from our members and other behavior analysts in the region. For more information about ALABA, please visit us online at www.alabamaaba.com.

ALABA continues to be active in addressing its members' needs, remaining current on issues relevant to its members and meeting our mission to promote the ethical, humane, and effective application of behavior principles in all segments of Alabama society. We encourage and welcome behavior analysts in Alabama and the surrounding regions to contact us and to become a part of our growing community of behavior analysts.

Arkansas ABA

BY CHRISTOPHER EWING

This is an exciting time for behavior analysts in Arkansas. The Arkansas Association for Behavior Analysis (ArkABA) was approved as a state affiliate chapter of ABAAI. The state passed a law requiring insurance coverage of applied behavior analysis (ABA) for individuals with autism, which will go into effect October 1, 2011.

ArkABA is dedicated to the advancement of the science and application of behavior analysis and committed to promoting research, education, and practice based on the principles of behavior analysis. ArkABA strives to disseminate knowledge from the science of behavior analysis to the public and to professional behavior analysts. Its focus for 2011 is the promotion of ABA services and the education of consumers. The areas ArkABA is targeting for consumer education include "What is applied behavior analysis?," "Who is qualified to

provide ABA services?," and "What is a quality program?" As an organization, ArkABA identified the education of consumers as a priority due to recent changes in insurance coverage of ABA services for children with autism.

Currently, most members are professionals working with individuals in educational settings, but we hope to include clinicians, other practitioners, and parents from around the state. ArkABA membership consists of professional, full, affiliate, and student members:

- Professional member: Any individual working in a discipline directly related to or involving behavior analysis and whose full time professional commitment includes teaching, research, and/or practice in the field.
- Full member: Any individual engaged on a full-time basis in any profession or vocation that utilizes the principles or procedures of behavior analysis.
- Affiliate member: Any individual evidencing interest in the discipline of behavior analysis, but lacking formal training therein, may apply for membership in this category.
- Student member: Any individual pursuing formal training in the discipline of behavior analysis, but not yet gainfully employed therein on at least a half-time basis may apply for membership in this category.

ArkABA will be holding its first annual convention in the fall of 2011. The dates and location have not been determined. Space will be available during the convention for poster sessions and vendors.

Associação Brasileira de Psicoterapia e Medicina Comportamental

BY MARIA MARTHA COSTA HÜBNER AND DENIS ZAMIGNANI

The Associação Brasileira de Psicoterapia e Medicina Comportamental (Brazilian Association of Psychology and Behavioral Medicine, ABPMC) was founded on November 4, 1991. Its objective is to congregate psychologists, researchers, professors, and students who are interested in the scientific and technological development of behavior analysis.

ABPMC, the Brazilian chapter of ABAAI, currently has 4,000 names registered in its mailing list. Each year for the past 5 years, 1,800 people have attended its convention, which typically occurs in September. In 2004, ABPMC had the honor to organize the second ABAAI international conference, of which 2,420 people attended. Today, ABPMC has 1,700 members.

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ABPMC's members come from all over Brazil. Many regional meetings have been held over the past 6 years, with around 400 people attending each one. We have the Center-West Region Meeting and meetings in the cities of Campinas, São Carlos, São Luis, Goiania, Bauru, Rio Verde, Vitoria, Salvador, and so on.

For the years of 2008 and 2009, the ABPMC central office was located in Campinas, São Paulo. According to its bylaws, every 2 years the chapter's directory board has to be changed. In addition to Campinas, the ABPMC central office has been located in Rio de Janeiro, Brasília, and Londrina. If we consider the attendance of the annual meeting and the regional meeting, we have 3,500 behavior analysts meeting every year.

Since 1999, ABPMC has published a regular journal called *Revista Brasileira de Terapia Comportamental e Cognitiva* (*Brazilian Journal of Behavior and Cognitive Therapy*), which is nationally recognized and well-received by the academic community. Our chapter has been discussing how to achieve better political representation for behavior analysis within government institutions, so as to increase the scope of development, research, and dissemination. In the beginning of 2009, ABPMC played an important role in the defense of the behavioral analytic approach to autism, and took the lead in community projects related to education, psychiatric disorders, and autism. ABPMC also publishes a book series, *Sobre Comportamento e Cognição* (*About Behavior and Cognition*), which has already published 27 volumes in applied and basic research areas. From 2009 on, the main objective of the collection will be publishing articles that can be used as teaching material in behavior analysis.

Since its foundation, ABPMC has organized an annual meeting where members and interested people present papers and discuss the most important advances in many areas of behavior analysis. In 2010, 1,400 people came to the XVIII Annual Meeting in Campos de Jordão, São Paulo, during the last week of September.

This year, the XX annual meeting of ABPMC will be from September 7–10, in Salvador, Bahia. We are also going to organize the First South American Meeting on Behavior Analysis. ABPMC will celebrate its 20th anniversary and many celebratory events have been planned that will feature several prominent South and North American behavior analysts. The president of the association is Martha Hübner and the president of the annual meeting is Denis Zamignani. Submit papers for the convention or learn more at www.abpmc.org.br.

Association for the Advancement of Radical Behavior Analysis

BY ALESSANDRO VALDINA AND ITALO VIGANÒ

In 2010–2011, the Association for the Advancement of Radical Behavior Analysis (AARBA) focused on the following areas: behavior-based safety (B-BS) protocol application in production sites, B-BS education, and organizational behavior management.

Behavior-Based Safety: What Happened After the Fourth European Conference

The Fourth European Conference on B-BS, held in Venice on April 14–16, 2010, was a great success. This conference, which was the main European event on behavior safety in 2010, resulted in a number of new implementations of the B-BS protocol in plants in late 2010 and early 2011. Some of these involved AARBA in analyzing process effectiveness.

In fact, sensitivity to the role of behavior in accidents is increasing, and large organizations, like multinational companies, are more and more likely to invest in programs to improve the use of safety behaviors that reduce accidents at work.

For instance, in 2011, under the scientific coordination of AARBA, safety-promotion activities developed by Bayer resulted in a scientific study by two students at Polytechnic of Milan. The students used this study as their thesis in their safety-engineering master course.

A number of activities in the second part of 2010 helped promote the science of behavior safety; in particular, AARBA participated in the Fifth European Association for Behaviour Analysis Conference in Crete, September 22–24; the Ambiente e Lavoro Conference in Modena, October 6–7; and a Conference in Confindustria Bergamo, October 26, with a lecture by Judith Komaki on safety leadership.

With the aim to further spread the concept and protocol of behavior-based safety, AARBA held the Fifth European Conference on Behavior-Based Safety at Milan University on June 15–17, 2011; this year the event included a parallel session on applied behavior analysis with the participation of major European behavior analysts. The conference was co-organized by the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies (USA).

Behavior-Based Safety: Educational Activities

AARBA made a tremendous effort in B-BS education in 2010–2011 through a postgraduate course in behavior-

based safety that will have been through its 12th–16th editions from October 2010 to October 2011. A total of 100 attendees from companies (e.g., HSE managers) or safety institutions (e.g., national work insurance companies) had the chance to get the qualification of experts in B-BS with the master courses held in Milan (October–December 2010, AARBA), La Spezia (March–April 2011, Confindustria Regional Industrial Association), Genoa (June 2011, RINA Nautic Italian Register), and Rome (May–June 2011, AIAS Safety Professionals Association). Master's courses are scheduled again in Milan (October–December 2011, AARBA).

An extremely important new step in the advancement of B-BS knowledge is the institution of the second-level master's in B-BS at Polytechnic of Milan. This is the first university postgraduate course in Italy (500 hours of lectures and 1,200 hours on production sites). This master's degree bestows on participants the qualifications of a B-BS specialist. The AARBA president is the vice director of the program.

Organizational Behavior Management

AARBA is still fully involved in the ManuVAR project, one of the biggest projects of the Seventh Framework Program financed by the European Commission. The aim of this project is to develop virtual reality technologies to help European industries. AARBA leads a cluster of Italian participants thanks to its knowledge of managing human factors in an organizational context. The closing of the ManuVAR project is forecast for 2012. At present, AARBA researchers and coders are developing a training machine that combines precision teaching, instructional design methods, and virtual and augmented reality.

A particularly important area of organizational behavior management (OBM) activity by AARBA is dentistry, where a continuous education program for dentists is in place; topics regularly covered are management and motivation of assistant personnel, doctor/patient communication, and techniques for presenting and managing treatment plans. Hundreds of dentists are trained yearly in OBM. The AARBA president is a regular speaker at the Italian Society of Dentistry conferences on behavior management topics.

Last but not least, AARBA continues to disseminate information on behavior analysis via the *Journal of Applied Radical Behavior Analysis (JARBA)*, which is a free web publication. It contains articles by prominent Italian researchers covering topics such as disabilities, autism, precision teaching, and more.

Association Française de l'ABA

BY DIANE LYNCH FRASER

Association Française d'ABA has continued all of its work as the Institut Médico-Educatif/Service d'Éducation Spéciale et de Soins À Domicile (Medical-Educational Institute/Specialized Education and Home Care Services; IME/SESSAD) in Carros, which now serves over 55 families with children with autism. Our second annual conference (Autism: Play, Development, and Language, March 17–19, 2011), held once again at the glorious Hospital Lenval on the sparkling Mediterranean Sea, was well-received by nearly 200 international participants. Our speakers were Gary Novak, Diane Fraser, and Carol Afflerbaugh. This annual conference is extremely important to parents and professionals alike, as it is one of the few opportunities participants have to hear current perspectives on the behavioral treatment of autism translated into the French language. French participants were extremely pleased to hear seldom-emphasized information on child development, the significance of play, and how sign language offers an important bridge to learning spoken language.

Dr. Fraser, our current president, will be stepping down from her chapter post this year, to concentrate on her university work. We have many excellent candidates to continue the high standards for the chapter that have been established.

Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan

BY JAMES T. TODD

Approximately 300 people, representing more than a dozen universities and colleges from nine states and the province of Ontario, attended the Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan's (BAAM) 25th anniversary convention. Many local and regional agencies sent staff and administrators. Attendance was up from last year, despite especially poor weather. BAAM has maintained its general fees at the same level for 5 years, and has instituted a special \$10 introductory rate for undergraduate students. This is an expansion of our \$5 single-session rate of the past. Eastern Michigan undergraduates can earn "Learning Beyond the Classroom" credits by attending BAAM sessions.

BAAM scheduled all regular sessions in meeting rooms overlooking Eastern Michigan University's beautiful Lake House area. The BAAM staff, including Jennifer Kowalkoski, Tamara Perry, and Zina Eluri, did an excellent job organizing and running the convention.

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BAAM extends special thanks to the staff of the Eastern Michigan Events Planning Office, especially Linda Panzica, Catering, and to all the workers in the Student Center for their contributions to making BAAM run smoothly. BAAM implemented its online session evaluation system this year and will expand it in coming years. A record number of BACB type 2 continuing education units (CEUs) were awarded.

Richard W. Malott, ABAI president and professor of psychology at Western Michigan University, delivered the 2011 keynote address. Malott's address, "Dream Chasers," recounted the contributions of the many people who have made behavior analysis the success it is today. Malott also presented, "A Practitioner Model for Undergraduate and Graduate Training in Autism," and was coauthor on several other papers and posters. BAAM is especially indebted to Malott and his students at Western Michigan University for once again making our poster session a success with their many interesting and high quality submissions.

More than 100 listed authors gave over 60 individual addresses and posters. Convention highlights included several workshops: "Using Functional Assessment to Address Sleep Problems for Individuals With Autism" by Kim Renner (Sullivan, Nolan, Krone, Moesta, & Associates, PC); "Crafting Connections: Contemporary Applied Behavior Analysis for Enriching the Social Lives of Persons With Autism Spectrum Disorder" by Ron Leaf and Mitchell Taubman (Autism Partnership); "Enhancing Motivation for Behavior Change: Use of Motivational Interviewing" by Katie Brogan (Behavior Change Consulting); and "An In-Depth Analysis of Prompting Strategies and Their Effectiveness" by Michelle Gagliano, Krista M. Kennedy, Heather Burns, Melissa Huss, and Jenelle Wade (Children's Hospital of Michigan Autism Center).

Presentations, too numerous to list in their entirety, included "Adapting Parent-Child Interaction Therapy for a Child With Severe Receptive-Expressive Language Delay" by Tamara Perry (Eastern Michigan University) and Lori Warner (Beaumont Children's Hospital); "Classroom Accommodations for Students With Externalizing Disorders" by Kim Killu and Sara Byrd (University of Michigan-Dearborn); "Use of a Structured Behavioral Interview Model to Hire Intervention Staff for Intensive Home-Based Health Management" by Lisa M. Todd and Kathryn E. Brogan (Wayne State University School of Medicine); "The BACB Educational Plan: Are We Missing the Boat?" by Jennifer D. Kowalkowski (Eastern Michigan University); "Behavioral Approaches to Cognitive and Social Phenomena: Concept Formation and Stereotype Threat" chaired by Daniel Maitland (Western Michigan University); "How to Assess Clinically and Interpret to

Develop a Treatment Plan" chaired by Krista M. Kennedy (Children's Hospital of Michigan Autism Center); "The Case for Private Behavioral Events" by Jay Moore (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee); "Deconstructing the Time Out: What Do Mothers Understand About a Common Disciplinary Procedure?" by Amy K. Drayton (University of Michigan); "Sleep Problems in Children With Autism" by Rachel M. Knight and Carl M. Johnson (Central Michigan University); "Using a Decision-Making Protocol for Choice-Making Treatment of Problem Behavior for Children With Disabilities" by Stephanie Peterson, Shawn Quigley, Manish Goyal, and Calvin Gage (Western Michigan University); "Ethical Challenges in Clinical Service: Hidden Issues That Emerge When Boundaries Are Crossed" chaired by Flora Hoodin (Eastern Michigan University); "Animal Models of Important Behavioral Processes. Basic and Applied Implications" with papers by James Todd (Eastern Michigan University) and John R. Smethells, Killi Lewis and Mark P. Reilly (Central Michigan University); "Some Foundational Issues in Behavioral Autism Treatment" chaired by Erik Mayville (Connecticut Center for Child Development); and "The Rapid Prompting Method: How a Good Magic Trick Became a Bad Therapy" by James T. Todd (Eastern Michigan University). A full copy of the schedule, featuring additional session listings, is available on the BAAM website.

BAAM will hold its 26th annual convention on February 23–24, 2012, in the student center on the campus of Eastern Michigan University. BAAM's 2013 convention is also already scheduled for February 21–22, 2013. BAAM intends to continue to offer a mix of basic, applied, and theoretical presentations and workshops. Online program submission and registration will again be available and we look forward to an expanded book fair, more refreshments, and other new convention features, including a new BAAM-designed automated attendance verification system for CEUs. For more information, visit the BAAM website (www.baam.emich.edu).

Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy

BY ALAN HARCHIK, BILL AHEARN, RICHARD GRAFF, STACIE BANCROFT, AND PATRICK HEICK

The Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy (BABAT) is New England's primary membership association for behavior analysts. It has been a particularly busy year for BABAT. We held our 31st annual conference, as always, at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst on October 14 and 15.

Attendance was at an all-time high of 839 attendees, no doubt due to the 13 fantastic invited speakers on the program. There were also a record number of submissions presented. Included in the highlights of the conference were Charlie Catania's presentation on ethics, Phil Heline receiving the Murray Sidman Award for enduring contributions to the field, and Brian Deer's address on the scientific fraud perpetrated by Andrew Wakefield. Deer is the *Sunday Times of London* investigative journalist who uncovered Wakefield's unethical conduct that led to his being stripped of his license to practice medicine and the retraction of his infamous *Lancet* study in 1998. Christine Fragle from the University of Texas (Dr. Mark O'Reilly, advisor) was awarded \$1,000 (plus conference expenses) as the winner of the third annual BABAT student paper competition. Additionally, the B. F. Skinner Foundation sponsored a student poster competition with a \$500 award. The competition was judged by Charlie Catania and Dorothy Lerman with Catherine Taylor-Santa from Caldwell College (Dr. Tina Sidener, advisor) winning the competition. Interest in behavior analysis in New England is thriving and we thank BABAT members—students, educators, practitioners, and scientists—all of whom endeavor to improve the nature and application of our science through education, practice, and research.

Conference planning for 2011 is well underway. On October 13 and 14, 2011, BABAT and the Association for Professional Behavior Analysts (APBA) will be co-conferencing for the third consecutive year! Our line-up of invited speakers continues to grow, but we already have commitments from a number of exciting speakers, including Nate Azrin (Nova Southeastern University), Jim Carr (Auburn University), Ed Daly (University of Nebraska-Lincoln), Judy Favell (Advoserv), Pat Friman (Boys Town), Brian Iwata (University of Florida), Brian Martens (Syracuse University), Caio Miguel (California State University-Sacramento), Jay Moore (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), Ed Morris (University of Kansas), Carol Pilgrim (University of North Carolina-Wilmington), Claire St. Peter-Pipkin (West Virginia University), Hank Roane (State University of New York Upstate Medical University), Jesus Rosales-Ruiz (University of North Texas), Massachusetts State Representative John Scibak (South Hadley, MA), Tris Smith (University of Rochester), and Mark Sundberg (Sundberg and Associates).

BABAT held its first online election of officers this year. Congratulations to Joseph Ricciardi, who was elected BABAT president for 2011–2012. Joe is a long-time member of BABAT and has been a key member of the conference committee for many years. Tracey Toran was elected secretary, Patrick Heick was elected membership chair, Amanda Karsten was elected member-at-large of

Central/Western Massachusetts, and Liz Martineau member-at-large of Greater Boston.

This year saw the rolling out of our new and improved website. It has many features, including improved online conference submission capabilities and information about BABAT and behavior analysis in Massachusetts. The official newsletter of BABAT, *The New England Behavior Analyst*, published its first issue earlier this year. This semiannual newsletter is delivered electronically to our members and made available on our website. We also joined Facebook. With weekly updates ranging from invited speakers for our next conference to pertinent professional issues, we reached 200 regular users in our first several months with nearly 400 views of every piece of content.

On the state legislative front, BABAT board members met with Massachusetts legislators on proposed legislation to regulate the practice of behavior analysis and attended the Massachusetts Division of Insurance hearings on the state's new law for insurance coverage of autism treatment. Recently and previously proposed legislation regarding the licensing of behavior analysts, and the provision of behavior analysis services in Massachusetts has produced a number of challenges to practicing behavior analysts. BABAT is firmly committed to advocate for our profession and to promote the professional practice of behavior analysis. BABAT supports the concept of licensure, but we feel that it is crucial for any licensure act—or other recognition of the rights of behavior analysts to practice—to be aligned with the Behavior Analyst Certification Board's (BACB) certification process. Toward this end, BABAT has worked with behavior analysts and Representative John Scibak to propose a bill to license behavior analysts in Massachusetts. BABAT members effectively lobbied their legislators producing 38 cosponsors of Representative Scibak's bill. The Massachusetts Psychological Association (MPA), however, has proposed their own bill and their act would (1) place control of the practice of behavior analysis in the hands of psychologists, (2) give control of the licensing exam to this board of psychologists, (3) require a degree in psychology (excluding many current practicing behavior analysts in the state), and (4) marginalize the role of the BACB in credentialing behavior analysts. The MPA act, if it passes, would be a significant blow to practicing behavior analysts and give broad authority over the practice of behavior analysis to a group of people—psychologists—who are not qualified to establish or review standards of behavior analytic practice.

We are currently offering free association membership until the October 2011 BABAT conference. To become a BABAT member, go to the membership page on our website and add your name and e-mail address to our

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mailing list or send your information to the BABAT membership chair at babat.membership.chair@gmail.com.

British Columbia ABA

BY RICHARD STOCK

The British Columbia Association for Behavior Analysis (BC-ABA) hosted our third annual conference on March 11–12, 2011, at the University of British Columbia with approximately 163 delegates in attendance from two Canadian provinces and one U.S. state. The conference was presented in association with the Autism Society of British Columbia (ASBC), Autism Community Training (ACT), the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Collaboration in Autism (CIRCA) and the Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia.

Dr. Peter Gerhardt, Director of Education, Upper School, for the McCarton School in New York City, presented a preconference workshop entitled, “Bridges to Adulthood: Programming for Lives of Competence, Dignity, and Quality” and the keynote address entitled, “ABA and Evidence-Based Practice in the Promotion of Quality of Life for Adolescents and Adults With Autism.” The remainder of the diverse and high-quality program consisted of 12 traditional paper presentations, six mini-seminars, and a poster session that included several submissions from local undergraduate students in applied behavior analysis (ABA). Additionally, our conference committee has partnered with ACT to offer continuing education units (CEUs) at five training events across the province. These initiatives have benefited our members by providing local opportunities for continuing education and obtaining CEUs.

BC-ABA’s website and publications committee has been busy and productive this past year. The committee members have overseen substantial improvements to our website and we are now on Facebook! Our website can be found at www.bc-aba.org.

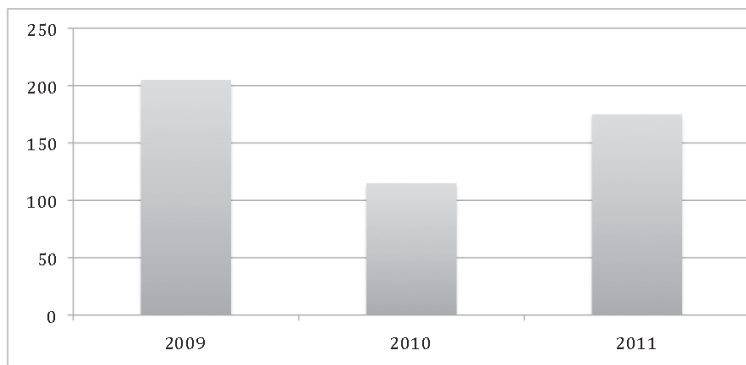


Figure 1. BC-ABA's membership trends

Our membership committee has evolved our registration and renewal system from a paper-and-pencil system to “online” via our recently improved website. BC-ABA’s membership trends are reflected in Figure 1.

In terms of future directions, the board and membership have been concentrating on keeping abreast of national and international developments in behavior analyst licensure and taking steps to keep our members informed and updated. In order to remain “ahead of the curve,” our board is actively investigating various licensure options available to our field in the province of BC, in order to protect our right to practice, ensure quality to consumers of ABA services, and promote our field.

California ABA

BY KRISTI MILLER

California ABA (CalABA) is dedicated to the science of behavior analysis and is committed to promoting research, education, and practice based on the principles of behavior analysis. CalABA was formed in 1998 when the Northern California Association for Behavior Analysis and the Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy/Southern California joined.

CalABA sponsors the top regional conference on behavior analysis in the United States. The 2011 conference, held February 17–19 in Burlingame, CA, featured a special track of presentations highlighting issues surrounding public policy. James Carr, Lorri Unumb, Susanne Letso, Jane Howard, Jim Gross, William Ahearn, and Gina Green were some of the presenters in this area. Presentations focused on the need to mobilize membership and consumers of services in regards to sponsoring effective legislation for behavior analysts. Additionally, CalABA formed a political action committee to promote behavior analysis and protect behavior analysts’ right to practice.

The 2011 conference included many addresses, panel discussions, posters, symposia, and workshops across 11 program areas available to attendees. Invited presenters included Bridget Taylor, Judith Favell, Jennifer McComas, David Moore, Barbara Esch, Brian Iwata, Kenneth Silverman, David Pierce, Iser DeLeon, George Sugai, Jay Moore, Iver Iversen, Anh Nguyen, Susan Schneider, Scott Geller, and Richard Malott. Ivar Løvaas was posthumously awarded the Outstanding Contributor Award and Greg Wagner received the Michael Hemingway Award for his contributions to promote the field of behavior analysis. In addition, funds were raised via silent auction for the B. F. Skinner Foundation and CalABA.

CalABA recently embarked on two projects related to promoting best-practice service standards for children with autism and developmental disabilities. The first was to respond to the California Department of Developmental Services request for recommendations regarding services for

Early Start and behavioral services. CalABA participated in state workgroups and produced a set of guidelines for recommended services and practices. These guidelines are available for public use by contacting CalABA.

Additionally, CalABA initiated a task force to study service standards for organizations providing services to children with autism with the goal of producing recommendations regarding best practices in areas such as supervision hours, staff training, and hours of services.

CalABA currently has more than 1,100 members. For membership information, go to www.calaba.org.

Central China ABA

BY TERRI PENG

Central China ABA (CCABA) was established at the end of 2010. Its founding members, mainly doctors and educators from China's Hubei Maternal and Child Health Hospital, were supported by ABAI members from SEEK Education, Inc. These doctors and educators have used applied behavior analysis (ABA) to treat children admitted to their hospital during the past 3 years—with the collaboration of training and supervision provided by SEEK Education—and decided to form CCABA to further the science and connect with the international ABAI community for the most state-of-the-art treatments and research. It is CCABA's mission to utilize the principles of behavior analysis in the treatments of children with autistic disorders and developmental disabilities and apply the science to other educational and medical settings, not only in the province it currently serves, but throughout all of China.

Past Events

On March 17, 2011, at the first Hong Kong Conference on Applied Behavior Analysis (organized by Hong Kong ABA and co-organized by SEEK Education), Dr. Xu (president of CCABA) and Dr. Feng (president of Taiwan ABA) introduced CCABA and the outcome of using ABA in treating children with autistic disorder at the Hubei Maternal and Child Health Hospital. They presented to a group of approximately 70 participants from various fields, including occupational therapy, physical therapy, behavioral therapy, and schoolteachers. Dr. Bill Heward also appeared as the keynote speaker presenting a paper titled, "Applied Behavior Analysis: Using Science to Improve the Education of Students With Autistic Spectrum Disorder," along with Dr. Neil Martin, the international representative of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board.

In May, at the 37th ABAI Annual Convention in Denver, CO, two members of CCABA, President Xu and Member Representative Wang, attended and networked with other chapters and presented a poster

on the outcome of case studies conducted at the Wuhan Women's and Children's Hospital.

Future Events

CCABA has recruited about 40 members and is planning to register with Taiwan ABA to start its first BCaBA course sequence this year. Furthermore, in the month of June, CCABA (Dr. Xu, Dr. Wang, and other members) presented at China's annual National Pediatric Psychology Conference (lasting 3 days) in the city of Wuhan, Hubei, which was hosted by Hubei Maternal and Child Health Hospital, the Association of Pediatric Psychology, and the *National Pediatric Journal*. CCABA presented its chapter and disseminated information on the methodology of ABA and case study outcomes of the treatment effectiveness from using ABA. The conference drew 300–400 attendees from the hospital, public health, and school systems and included medical doctors; pediatricians; occupational, speech, physical, and behavioral therapists; psychologists; hospital administrators; schoolteachers; and school administrators. James King and Sue Ke from SEEK Education joined and supported CCABA in its presentation on the topic of functional analysis and behavior excesses. Moreover, CCABA's first annual membership meeting was held during this event and a membership drive was conducted.

Chicago ABA

BY SCOTT HERBST

The Chicago Association for Behavior Analysis (CABA) was inactive for many years. At the same time, there has been tremendous growth in the number of persons in the Chicagoland area who identify themselves as behavior analysts. As the number of professionals and students in the area has grown, there was an indicated need for a source for dissemination, networking, and the continuing education of these professionals. Late in 2009, Dr. Tracy Kettering began organizing to reinvigorate the dormant chapter, and this past year, CABA began to experience the benefit of those organizational efforts.

The most notable accomplishment this past year was the growth in CABA's membership. Currently, CABA has approximately 30 members and continues to grow as efforts are made to reach out to professionals in the community. Currently, the member base is composed mostly of past and present students of the applied behavior analysis program at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. However, as the population of behavior analysts in the area grows, efforts are being focused on reaching out to professionals so as to provide them with a community to support their continued development.

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One way through which this is being done is through the publication of a quarterly newsletter: *The CABA News*. It was an exciting moment for CABA to release its first publication in several years this past year, *The CABA News* will continue to be a resource for behavior analysts in the Chicago area as it highlights events that may be of interest to behavior analysts, developments in community services, and a “spotlight” BCBA in the community.

In April 2011, Dr. Kettering passed the reins of leadership to Jill Holleder, who is currently serving as president. This is an important step for CABA, as this marks a transition in leadership to community-based members. Ms. Holleder earned her MA in applied behavior analysis from the Chicago School and is currently the director of behavioral services at KGH Consultation and Treatment, Inc.

Currently, CABA leadership is working to reestablish its status as a nonprofit within the state of Illinois. A new constitution and bylaws have been drafted and are in the process of final approval. CABA is planning a summer fundraiser as its first event, which will take place outside the scope of an organizational meeting in the Chicago area, and is laying the groundwork for its first conference. Plans for this year include tripling the membership, becoming certified as a continuing education provider, continuing to deliver the quarterly newsletter, and organizing the first annual conference. The conference is expected to be the highlight of the year, as it will mark the first time that an affiliate chapter has offered the opportunity to earn CE credits in several years.

Lastly, the leadership at CABA would like to extend thanks to ABAI and its members for providing guidance and support in reestablishing this chapter. Particularly, CABA thanks Dr. Jon Bailey, who has been very generous in sharing his time, expertise, and resources in assisting the chapter in its endeavors. Dr. Bailey has been more than generous in providing guidance as the leadership embarks on building a robust association, and having someone available who has successfully built and maintained one of our field’s premier local chapters has made a huge difference.

Delaware Valley ABA

BY JAMES E. CONNELL, JR.

This past year has been very informative for the Delaware Valley ABA (DVABA) community. To begin our fall 2010 lecture series, representatives from Aetna Behavioral Health were invited to discuss the new autism insurance legislation in Pennsylvania. Of particular interest to the local DVABA community were concerns about becoming a “member provider” and the identification of appropriate service billing codes in the absence of specific applied

behavior analysis codes (e.g., functional analysis or FBA).

Following the Aetna Behavioral Health presentation, Dr. Betsy Swope gave a very exciting description of a joint attention intervention that also facilitated the acquisition of tacting behavior. Dr. Swope is a recent graduate of Dr. Philip Heline and the Temple University psychology program.

Barry Katz, founder of Operant Systems, began our spring series. Mr. Katz demonstrated a new software application he developed for collecting data on hand-held devices. The application and device have great potential to make real-time data collection portable, and thus enable data collection across the day.

Our final presentation for the 2010–2011 year featured a representative from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare’s Bureau of Autism Services. The discussion highlighted the urgency to provide employment opportunities and employment specific social skill interventions for the adult autism spectrum disorder population as they move in mass out of the education system.

Next year DVABA will feature “Diamonds in the Field: Perspectives from Philip Heline and Saul Axelrod.” Drs. Heline and Axelrod recently announced they were retiring at the end of the 2011 spring and fall semesters, respectively. Temple University ABA and DVABA were founded by Drs. Heline and Axelrod nearly 20 years ago. They trained dozens of students, many of whom have gone on to highly successful academic, research, and clinical careers. We are fortunate to have learned from them and we are grateful that they will continue to be active members of DVABA and the larger behavior analysis community.

Experimental Analysis of Behaviour Group UK

BY J. CARL HUGHES

The Experimental Analysis of Behaviour Group (EABG) held its biennial meeting in University College London from April 18–20, 2011. The meeting was a great success and had the biggest attendance in the history of the EABG, with over 200 delegates over 3 days; academics, MSc and postgraduate students, and applied researchers came from across Europe, North America, and farther afield. Reassuringly for the future of behaviour analysis in Europe, there was a continued trend in the increase in the number of student presenters, and an increase in the number of delegates who are not employed in an academic setting, but work in the field as applied behaviour analysts.

The 2011 Conference Programme

We had a number of very distinguished invited addresses at the conference. It was our pleasure to welcome back to EABG Bob Remington (Southampton University) and Richard Hastings (Bangor University), who updated the

delegates on the evidence for comprehensive interventions for children with autism. We were pleased to invite Professor Erik Arntzen, from Oslo, Norway, to update us on the developments of the European Association for Behavior Analysis (EABA). Professor Jack Marr joined us again from Atlanta, USA, to talk on the radical behaviourist position on privacy. We were also very pleased to invite Mecca Chiesa, from the Tizard Centre, University of Kent, to talk about the measurement of behaviour. And finally, it was our great pleasure to welcome Janet Twyman, associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School/E. K. Shriver Center, to give our conference keynote address on the influence of new technologies on the future of behaviour analysis; Janet's talk was inspiring, and she gave us a glimpse of the potential that new technologies may offer us in expanding behaviour analysis.

In addition to our invited speakers, we hosted over 80 other high-quality talks and posters on both applied and basic issues. We were also pleased to hold a workshop on functional analysis and two 1-day workshops, one giving an introduction to precision teaching and the other an introduction to acceptance and commitment therapy.

We also held an open meeting at the conference to discuss the continuing movement to develop behaviour analysis as a stand-alone recognised profession in the UK. We decided at that meeting to start the important work to develop an official membership organisation in the UK to promote and represent behaviour analysis and those interested broadly in behaviour analysis (Behaviour Analysis UK).

As we have come to expect, the attendance at the conferences over the last few years has included an ever-increasing number of BCBA and BCaBA delegates looking to gain their continuing education units (CEUs) at the conference. We hosted 27 events, consisting of symposia, invited addresses, panel discussions, and workshops, offering a total of 29 CEUs. We also continued the trend we began at the 2007 meeting to include the cost of obtaining CEUs in the registration payment for the conference. We are now in the situation in the UK and Europe where we are able to provide a good proportion of the CEUs for certified behaviour analysts; we believe this to be one of the crucial developments in maintaining the long-term expansion of behaviour analysis in Europe.

Please visit the EABG web page to view the programme of events and for information on future events offering CEUs throughout the year (<http://eabg.bangor.ac.uk>).

Special Edition of *EJOBA*

We are pleased to announce that the *European Journal of Behaviour Analysis (EJOBA)* will be calling for another special EABG edition of the journal to be published

in 2011. We piloted this relationship in 2007, and this resulted in a high-quality volume of papers from the conference. The second special edition will be open to include papers submitted by anyone who presented at EABG 2011, including keynote and invited speakers. For more information visit the *EJOBA* web page (www.ejoba.org) or contact the *EJOBA* editor and current EABA president, Erik Arntzen (erik.arntzen@equivalence.net).

Please also make a note that the sixth meeting of the European Association for Behaviour Analysis (EABA VI) will be held in Portugal, September 2012. If you have not previously attended or given a paper at a European meeting, now is the time to consider spending time next year in discussion with European colleagues at this wonderful location. If you would like further information about the EABA VI meeting visit the official EABA website (<http://www.europeanaba.org/>).

During the past year, the EABG organisation has maintained its commitment to continued education of the European public and professionals about behaviour analysis. Our aims for the following year are to continue our support for EABA and the Portugal meeting and to continue to support behaviour analysis through BCBA and BCaBA training and promotional events. In this regard EABG has recently organized, in collaboration with the Wales Centre for Behaviour Analysis (<http://wcba.bangor.ac.uk>) and TreeHouse school, several CEU events in the UK. We hope to organise a number of other CEU events across the UK over the next year.

The EABG team wishes to thank all the delegates and presenters who attended the 2011 conference, and our invited speakers who gave some wonderful and authoritative talks in their areas of expertise. Special thanks to students from Bangor University, Wales—Pagona Tzanakaki, Tracey Wileman, Kirsty Angel, Sarah Northope, Laura Brame, Rosie Wilson, Shiori Ono, Hannah Philpott, Karolina Watanabe, Tyronia Ferguson, and Lisa Hutchinson—for their hard work in helping to make the event run so smoothly. As always, special thanks also to John Draper and the support team at University College London Psychology for assisting and hosting the event again.

In brief, the evidence from the EABG 2011 meeting suggests that behaviour analysis in the UK and Europe is vibrant and continues to grow. The EABG continues to provide a forum for the dissemination and discussion of high-quality behaviour analytic research and training, and providing the home for important developments in behaviour analysis in the UK.

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French ABA

BY LAURENT MADELAIN

Looking back, this past year has been great for behavior analysis in France: The first French behavior analysis master's program opened in Lille (Université Lille III, North of France), 34 students joined the program, and 12 of them should graduate this year. We believe that this program is the key to the future of behavior analysis in France. We received help from the Behavior Analysis Program at West Virginia University and Claire St. Peter Pipkin, Kennon Lattal, and Michael Perone came to Lille to give 1-week classes to our students. This collaboration will be maintained for the years to come. Because applied behavior analysis (ABA) is so underdeveloped in France, it is important to have renowned behavior analysts from other parts of the world coming to meet with professionals, students, and academics to develop new collaborations. In June, Timothy Shahan and Amy Odum—both from Utah State University—will spend some weeks in Lille to give talks and discuss with students. This year also saw the opening of a 1-year ABA training program for professionals in Tunisia. This program is currently on hold due to the political developments in that country, but we hope to return to Tunisia soon to give classes again. Finally, the chapter is devoted to developing a solid ABA French network through formal scientific meetings and collaborations. We organized the first series of symposia on behavior analysis during the 2010 3-day meeting of the Société Française de Psychologie, a yearly meeting that attracts more than 600 psychology students and faculty members. We also intend to pursue the task of organizing ABA professionals and developing behavior analysis in France through a new website, which should be up and running soon, and an annual chapter meeting in December.

Florida ABA

BY KEVIN MURDOCK

FABA celebrated its 30th Annual Meeting on October 6–9, 2010, at the Hilton in the Walt Disney World Resort. The keynote speaker was the dynamic Scott Geller of Virginia Tech. His keynote topic was how to cultivate courage, compassion, and self-motivation in an actively caring culture. Excellent invited presentations also were provided by Keith Allen, Greg Madden, Tristram Smith, and Clive Wynne.

The conference was attended by approximately 900 members and featured 60 sessions, 19 pre- or post-conference workshops, and 19 posters. Many notable behavior analysts presented including, but not limited to, (alphabetically) Jon Bailey, Vince Carbone, Ennio Cipani,

Jeannie Golden, Ray Miltenberger, Jim Partington, Tim Vollmer, and David Wilder. A special tribute honored Murray Sidman for his significant contributions to the field and many individuals; Jan Montgomery's presidential address covered important opportunities to spread the impact of behavior analysis.

The Florida Legislature is in session as this update is being written. FABA's Executive Committee and Political Action Committee (PAC) have the good fortune of being guided by the superb lobbyist Eric Prutsman. The PAC and Eric have been extra busy this past year addressing severe rate cuts affecting behavioral and other critical services for persons with developmental disabilities, plus legislation regarding restraint and seclusion use in public schools. Some related bills are still active so the PAC and Eric remain hard at work.

The Florida Legislature is expected to again officially proclaim the first week of September 2011 as "Florida Behavior Analysis Week." A few weeks later, FABA will have its 31st annual meeting on September 21–24, 2011, at the Hilton Ocean Walk Resort in beautiful Daytona Beach. An outstanding conference has been planned and will kick off with a full day of workshops on Wednesday followed by the traditional Hospitality Suite. Two full days of sessions will occur on Thursday and Friday. The conference will wrap up with additional workshops on Saturday morning.

The keynote speaker will be Greg Hanley of Western New England College. Other invited presentations will be provided by James Carr, Harvey Jacobs, Karen Pryor, and Ron Van Houten. David Wilder will present the presidential address. Many other excellent speakers will address a wide range of topics addressing effective and ethical professional practice, scientific research, developmental disabilities, autism, verbal behavior, education, parenting, organizational behavior management, and animal training and welfare. Favorite and new events are planned throughout the conference to enhance networking opportunities and to make the conference enjoyable, informative, and productive for participants. Members may bring family members and significant others and stay an extra night or two for some vacation time. The Hilton is just a few steps away from the beach, close to many theme parks and attractions, and just a short drive to Cape Canaveral. As always, the FABA store will feature a wide array of custom behavioral clothing, literature, and gift items.

To learn more about FABA and its upcoming conference, go to www.FABAWorld.org or contact Executive Director Kevin Murdock at kmurdock@usf.edu, or Secretary/Treasurer-Media Coordinator Jon Bailey at jonbailey1@mac.com.

Four Corners ABA

BY ERIN RASMUSSEN

The fourth annual Four Corners Association for Behavior Analysis (4CABA) convention took place in Santa Fe, New Mexico on April 1–2, 2011. We had a slate of outstanding speakers: Marc Branch (University of Florida), Christopher Correia (Auburn University), Tom Critchfield (Illinois State University), Derek Hamilton (University of New Mexico), Jack Marr (Georgia Institute of Technology), Erin Rasmussen (Idaho State University), Derek Reed (University of Kansas), and Janet Twyman (E. K. Shriver Center). The conference took place at the LaFonda on the Plaza hotel (www.lafondasantafe.com), which is located in the heart of Santa Fe. We also had a poster session and implemented our first student poster competition. Bena Kuruvilla of Idaho State University won the competition and received a free student 4caba membership for next year. This year our registration for the conference went online (through Paypal). We are pleased to report that it was successful.

To learn more about 4CABA and become a member, visit our website at www.4caba.org.

Georgia ABA

BY STACEY LANE

The Georgia Association for Behavior Analysis (GABA) had an exciting year in 2010. Over the year, our membership doubled as a result of the relationships we formed with behavioral professionals, teachers, parents, students, and caregivers. The conference in September was a great success; the large attendance was an encouraging sign that the organization is reaching the public. Many changes were made to improve our website and we are now on Facebook. GABA is looking forward to continuing this trend of growth and participation in the upcoming year. GABA has recently reorganized our leadership with offices of a president and four vice-presidents. This change was made to spread responsibilities and ensure business runs smoothly. Some of our goals for 2011 include continuing to increase membership, maintaining our quarterly newsletter, recruiting members for leadership positions across the state, and organizing another successful conference in the fall. There are now 114 BCBA's and BCaBA's in the state and many others from surrounding states that provide services in Georgia. As the field of applied behavior analysis (ABA) grows in the state of Georgia, we plan to be there to support the professionals in the field and educate others who seek information. Our website will be updated to provide general information on ABA and how to go about hiring a behavior analyst for those not familiar with the field. We expect to increase the number

of service providers on the website, as it has become a frequently used resource for many seeking services. In order to meet these goals we will need the support, time, and expertise of our members. If you are interested in joining the leadership team, volunteering at events, providing information for the newsletter, or have new ideas for the organization, please contact us through the website. We are looking forward to another great year.

Hawaii ABA

BY TODD ADDLESON

As the community of behavior analysts in Hawaii continues to grow, HABA has continued to find new ways to connect this diverse group of professionals living across the Hawaiian island chain. A major accomplishment this year included the use of online meetings to hold frequent conference planning sessions with participants on several islands—our conference chair and president on Maui, president-elect on Kauai, and secretary on Oahu. Additionally, we were able to involve behavior analysts from Maui and the Big Island of Hawaii in quarterly meetings using online conferencing simultaneously with in-person gatherings.

We held a fantastic annual conference featuring Dr. Brandon Greene from Southern Illinois University. He spoke on several topics related to deprivation and creating an enriched environment. For the first year, we held the conference in a more professional hotel setting (in past years we have rented space from churches or schools). Based on input from members, we elected for a catered event to encourage people to connect and network. Both the content and overall organization of the conference was well-received by the audience, which included parents, teachers, and behavior analysts. We were also very pleased to be able to offer six type 2 continuing education units (CEUs) to all HABA members free-of-charge. We also offered the first hour of the workshop to parents for free (non-CEU topic) as we felt it was a valuable topic and service we could provide.

This year we began an initiative to reach out to others in the community who might be interested in learning more about behavior analysis and our organization. A key meeting in this regard was held with Dr. Jenny Wells, the chair of the University of Hawaii's master's program in special education with a focus on autism. We discussed the possibility of addressing students about the field of applied behavior analysis (ABA) and possibly assisting in teaching a class or specific topics related to ABA. We also met with a parent and volunteer for Autism Speaks to better understand efforts that have been previously made regarding insurance reform in the state of Hawaii. While nothing has been successfully passed, this did broaden our knowledge of issues specific to the Hawaii legislature

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and we hope to follow and, when appropriate, be involved in current efforts related to this topic (a new proposal was recently submitted).

Finally, after several failed attempts at establishing nonprofit status, this year under the direction of our president-elect, we have made a major push to meet this goal. While not yet finalized, necessary paperwork has been completed and submitted with the assistance of an attorney to help ensure we don't make similar mistakes that have derailed this process in the past.

We are excited to have filled all necessary positions on our board for the coming year, with several new faces jumping in to support HABA's efforts. This includes a new newsletter editor, secretary, and president-elect. We look forward to finding new avenues for strengthening the community of behavior analysts in Hawaii and reaching out to the community we serve.

Heartland ABA

BY TIFFANY KODAK

HLABA held its fifth annual conference on March 3-4 in Omaha, Nebraska. We were honored to recruit Dr. Mark Sundberg and Dr. Steve Taylor to conduct preconference workshops. Dr. Mark Sundberg offered a workshop titled, "Designing and Implementing a Behavior Language Intervention Program Based on the VB-MAPP." Dr. Steve Taylor's workshop was called "Ethics for Behavior Analysts." Both workshops were well-attended by individuals from a variety of fields and from surrounding states. We also had several invited conference presenters, including Dr. Mark Shriver, who presented on the assessment and treatment of selective mutism; Dr. Cynthia Ellis, who presented on psychopharmacological interventions for individuals with developmental disabilities; Dr. Mark Sundberg, who presented on future directions in Skinner's analysis of verbal behavior; and Dr. Pamela Neidert, who presented on behavioral maintenance under conditions of extinction. We offered a poster presentation award for the third year in a row, which is meant to contribute financial support to a student attending the annual ABAI convention in May. The winning poster, titled "Treatment of Feeding Problems in Young Children in Inclusive Early Education Environments," was presented by Danielle Gureghian.

Conference attendance increased from last year, which we attribute to several variables. First, we modified the date of the event in an effort to prevent overlap with other regional ABAI chapter conferences. Second, we recruited numerous esteemed colleagues in the field of applied behavior analysis and behavioral medicine, and the topics of their presentations were diverse and interesting to a variety of professionals. Finally, attendance at the

preconference workshops increased from previous years. We had 115 conference attendees, which represents approximately a 50% increase in attendance. Our sixth annual conference will be held in March, 2012. We are currently in the process of identifying prominent behavior analysts in the field to present or conduct workshops at our next conference.

The HLABA Executive Board for 2011 includes Dr. Valerie Volkert as our past president, Dr. Tiffany Kodak as our current president, Amber Paden as our vice-president, Anney Farenholtz as our secretary-treasurer, Krista Gabriau and Doug Boem as our representatives-at-large, and Kathryn Peterson as our student representative. Dr. Steve Taylor helped found HLABA, and he remains an integral part of our HLABA organization.

Dr. Steve Taylor and Anney Farenholtz worked on an initiative to help HLABA become a nonprofit organization. We recently became incorporated, which was a necessary step. We achieved nonprofit status in October of 2010.

HLABA continues to provide on-going training opportunities to behavior analysts in Nebraska and surrounding states. We offer a monthly speaker series that is free of charge to our HLABA members. The speaker series allows members to obtain continuing education units for BCBA certification, and many members join the speaker series in Omaha, NE, via teleconference.

Hong Kong ABA

BY JEREMY H. GREENBERG

The Hong Kong Association for Behavior Analysis was founded on March 30, 2010, and became an affiliated chapter of ABAI at the annual convention in San Antonio, Texas on May 29, 2010. We have been recognized as a "Society" under the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) criteria. This recognition enables us to apply for charitable organization status through the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) of HKSAR.

Membership began at a modest 10 people and has grown slowly over the past year; our current membership is about 12 people. All of our members are practicing behavior analysis in the field of special education, and most are working with students who have special needs. We even have one social worker! Two of our members have bachelor's degrees, eight have master's degrees, and there are two doctoral members of our group to date. All but two reside in Hong Kong. Some are in private practice and apply behavior analysis in English or Cantonese. A few of our members work at The Children's Institute of Hong Kong that provides one-to-one special education using applied behavior analysis in an inclusive international setting within The Harbour School.

In just 12 short months, we have made many significant achievements. We completed our first

successful conference on March 17, 2011. Presenters included a keynote speaker, the esteemed Dr. William Heward, and Dr. Neil Martin from the Behavior Analysis Certification Board (BACB). Presentations were also given by HKABA founding members, such as past president Nhu DeBastiani and current president Jeremy H. Greenberg. Colleagues from SEEK organizations in California and Taiwan also contributed to a sizable audience of about 100! Over the last year, we have registered a URL and have a website. Please see www.hkaba.org to see for yourself. In March, we held our annual elections for the new Executive Committee and committee chair positions. All positions can be found on our website. HKABA has also achieved status as an agency of continuing education (ACE) by the BACB.

This year, we expect to host another conference and additional educational events where participants can earn continuing education units. HKABA is involved in the dissemination of behavior analysis throughout Hong Kong; research, practice, and application with individual students and families; and initiatives at the government and university levels. Forging these relationships will no doubt be an ongoing challenge and is a high priority for our group. We have also worked on publishing our first semiannual newsletter that will not only convey information and research about our science, but also provides a resource for practicing behavior analysts and consumers and serves as a forum to recruit members.

Our team will continue to work hard to educate the community about the benefits of our science through our members' professionalism, research, resource dissemination, and effective service delivery. Wish us luck in our mission across this Year of the Rabbit, as we hop into an ascending trend of development, growth, and stability.

Hoosier ABA

BY BOB RYAN

The purpose of the Hoosier Association for Behavior Analysis (HABA) is to facilitate humane, ethical, and effective behavioral practices in academic, research, home, school, clinic, community, and other settings. To this end, HABA has several objectives:

- Promote the basic science upon which behavioral technology is grounded
- Support the Behavior Analyst Certification Board as the appropriate credentialing body for practitioners of applied behavior analysis in the state of Indiana
- Serve the professional community as a reference group for other practitioners concerned with the application of behavior analysis
- Conduct an annual conference focused on research and professional practices in behavior analysis

- Offer opportunities for BCBAs and BCaBAs to earn continuing education units
- Facilitate and conduct peer review committees
- As an affiliated chapter, promote participation in activities organized by the ABAl

Membership in HABA is broken into two groups, full members and affiliate members. Full members are individuals who hold at least a bachelor's degree in behavior analysis, psychology, education, or a related field with training or professional experience in behavior analysis and whose interests include teaching, research, and/or the practice of behavior analysis. Affiliate members are students, direct care staff, parents, consumers, or individuals with an interest in the field. The annual dues structure matches these distinctions with a current annual cost of \$15 for affiliate members and \$50 for full members. The executive committee is elected annually from full members with the addition of an elected student representative.

We hold monthly business meetings and quarterly meetings that include educational presentations offering continuing education credits and clinical case reviews. In addition, we hold an annual conference.

Iceland ABA

BY INGIBJORG SVEINSDOTTIR

The Icelandic Association for Behavior Analysis (ICEABA) is in its seventh year. It is a small association with a diverse membership. We are currently planning our second convention for the fall of 2011, which will be held in the Gerðuberg Convention Center. We are planning a preconvention workshop on organizational behavior management and an exciting conference with prominent speakers from Iceland and abroad. The Call for Papers and Presentations will be issued soon. Work on the Icelandic lexicon of behavior analytic terms is progressing. Our online journal, *Atferli*, is a peer-reviewed electronic journal that publishes papers on research, practice, and conceptual issues in behavior analysis. It is the only journal in Icelandic devoted to these topics. Members of the editorial board are Zuilma Gabriela Sigurðardóttir, associate professor at the University of Iceland; Valdimar Sigurðsson, principal research fellow at the University of Reykjavík; and Jón Grétar Sigurjónsson, doctoral student at National University of Ireland, Galway. Our annual meeting is held in May and is open to all members. This meeting is the highest decision-making event for the chapter. Our popular coffee house meetings continue throughout the year; members present their research findings or other interesting topics in behavior analysis and lively discussions usually ensue. The three Icelandic BCBAs continue to monitor the international discussion

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on legislation and certification in the field with special attention to how these can be applied in the Icelandic environment. For more information about ICEABA and our convention, please visit our website at www.atferli.is.

Iowa ABA

BY EVELYN HORTON

The Iowa Association for Behavior Analysis (IABA) met to revise its bylaws this year. Revisions included changes to types of membership, the addition of a Legislative Committee, and updates to some terminology.

The Legislative Committee and other members of IABA were participants in the first annual “Autism on the Hill” day sponsored by the Autism Society of Iowa. On this day, over 125 people gathered at the capitol to rally and meet with legislatures concerning the status of the insurance bill in Iowa, as well as other issues relevant to services. Members of the Legislative Committee also participated in the Governor’s Autism Council and were instrumental in getting certified behavior analysts included in the allowed providers list for insurance billing.

IABA was well represented at the 36th ABAI Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas. Several members of the board presented in workshops, meetings, the Expo, and poster sessions. Here are some of the presentations by members of IABA:

- Poster Presentation: “The Challenging Behavior Service: A Training Service for Members of Challenging Behavior Teams in Iowa” By Tory J. Christensen, Brenda J. Bassingthwaite, David P. Wacker, and Kelly M. Schieltz (University of Iowa); Todd G. Kopelman (University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics); and Sean D. Casey and Barbara Ohlund (Iowa Department of Education)
- Workshop: “Developing a Dialectical Behavior Therapy Program Suited for Persons With Intellectual Delay and Coexisting Conditions” by Susan M. S. Smith, James R. Prickett, Jan Munson, Cindy Gronert, George Dobrzynski, and Sheri Bowles (Woodward Resource Center)
- Workshop: “Communication-Based Behavior Interventions: A Review of Functional Communication Training and Interdisciplinary Collaboration” by John Pokrzywinski (Woodward Resource Center), Evelyn Jo Horton (The Homestead), and James R. Prickett (Woodward Resource Center)
- Poster Presentation: “Crying in 6-Month Old Infants: A Sign of Jealousy or Are They Mending Interaction?” by Maria G. Valdovinos and Adam Gallenberg (Drake University), Samantha Nelson (University of North Texas), and Dustin F. Baker (Drake University)

IABA members collaborated with Heartland ABA to provide continuing education (CE) credits through teleconferencing with Woodward staff, Susan Smith, John Pokrzywinski, William Steffen, and James Prickett presenting their work on October 26.

CE credits were also made available for the first time at the Autism Society of Iowa annual conference through John Pokrzywinski, an approved CE provider.

Israel ABA

BY EITAN ELДАР AND TALİ WOLF ZUKERMAN

The Israel Association for Behavior Analysis (IABA) was established in 2003 and held its first conference shortly afterwards. It has been offering a yearly conference and workshops ever since. IABA is growing consistently, and had about 100 members in 2011. All of the IABA members actively support applied behavior analysis (ABA) in various academic and clinical fields and more than 200 additional professionals participate in IABA’s activities every year.

More than 100 students are studying yearly in two approved BACB programs. These programs are offered at Tel-Aviv University, led by Professor Amos Rolider (BCBA-D), and at the Zinman College, led by Dr. Eitan Eldar (BCBA-D).

IABA has published the Hebrew version of applied behavior analysis (ABA) terms and ethical principles in addition to a few text books in Hebrew, written by several Israeli scholars. Notably, most of the students who have graduated from the above mentioned programs were employed in a variety of educational and clinical agencies in Israel. Some are already holding key positions in the education system and in other organizations. IABA has the following goals:

- Promote ABA as a leading science in human behavior
- Gain Ministries of Health and Education recognition for the discipline as a distinct and unique profession
- Have more members and friends join the IABA
- Establish an ABA newsletter/journal in Hebrew
- Establish an additional approved ABA programs in other universities and initiate the first full ABA graduate program
- Promote both experimental and applied behavior analysis research in Israel
- Strengthen our ties with the BACB and ABAI and encourage more Israelis to take part in their activities

The first 2011 IABA convention, “From Skill to Expertise,” dealt with acquirable teaching skills to enhance effective learning, and offered several workshops on intonation and motivation, enhancing teaching pace, the usage and implementation of games in the classroom as a motivator to develop target behaviors, and creating a

positive classroom climate to reduce behavior problems. A concluding discussion was held among participants.

The second 2011 IABA convention, “This Is the Last Time I Am Telling You This Is the Last Time,” focused on ABA educational interventions in parent-child’s relationship and offered workshops on authority, effective parent-child communication, and teaching kids self-management. A concluding discussion was held among participants.

The recent IABA newsletter dealt with ABA and physical activity. The issue included articles on improving behavior; learning among children with severe behavior problems in a special education school using physical education, physical activity, and confrontation games as a tool for identification and assessment of aggressive behaviors in kindergarten; and the effect of a physical education program on teaching self-management skills and generalizing them to other settings in kindergarten.

The main theme of the upcoming newsletter is interventions in the educational system and will include articles on the functional assessment of communication behaviors of five children with a hearing disability in a regular school and the efficiency of self-management interventions in elementary school—a suggestion for a class wide intervention.

IABA has strengthened its relationship with the Ministry of Education, while refining the criteria for preparing behavior analysts to meet the requirements of the Israeli regular and special schools. Special attention has been devoted to promoting inclusion in various educational settings.

The new IABA website has become a major platform of communication for behavior analysts and other professionals. It also includes a special forum for posting job demands and offers.

Facing a substantial demand for behavior analysts in Israel and in order to assure the best professional outcomes, IABA is striving to achieve high quality behavior analyst preparation and appropriate certification.

Istituto Europeo per lo Studio del Comportamento Umano

BY FRANCESCO POZZI

The Istituto Europeo per lo Studio del Comportamento Umano (European Institute for the Study of Human Behavior; IESCUM) is the Italian chapter of ABAI and was established to translate into specific actions a vision of science in Italy, both on the experimental and on the

applied side. Since its constitution, IESCUM has been committed to promote the full range of behaviour analytic scientific and humanistic potential. From this premise, IESCUM committed to the training, development, and evaluation of behavior analysis in clinical settings in the various forms recently developed.

IESCUM has offered experiential trainings during the past year in clinical behavior analysis, acceptance and commitment therapy, and functional assessment procedures with scholars and professionals like Kelly Wilson, Peter Sturmey, Lanny Fields, Jonathan Kanter, and Vincent Carbone.

The dissemination of a sound culture in applied behavior analysis (ABA) has been carried out institutionally through a 2-year postgraduate BACB accredited coursework, which is now in its fifth edition, along with as many as five 150-hour BACB accredited courses targeting operators whose aim is to become assistant behavior analysts. The growing request of ABA interventions for children with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder has set the *modus operandi* for a strong demand in ABA training. Thanks to collaboration with The New England Center for Children, Treehouse, Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies, and contributions from Philip N. Chase, Neil Martin, and Vincent Carbone, the students of the IESCUM coursework get in touch with high standards and reinforcing contingencies of learning. These courses are addressing this request for autism training, but are not limited the educational contents and purposes to this strong, yet limited, field of application. IESCUM looks at its BACB accredited courseware as an opportunity to spread behavior analysis beyond the boundaries of autism treatment. From those initial experiences based on solid collaboration with BACB, IESCUM has taken an active role in the development of the internationalization of behavior analysis certification, working jointly with other accredited courses in Europe.

IESCUM has favored the development of an integrated model of intervention called the Italian Model of Early and Intensive Intervention for Autism (MIPIA). MIPIA is characterized by individual, early, intensive, integrated, inclusive, and sustainable programs. Although interventions are deployed in family homes, baseline assessment and program efficacy and effectiveness procedures of evaluation are centralized. This allows for the creation of a homogeneous environment both for clinical and research goals. Though we may speak of a “virtual” structure, in the absence of a specific building in a specific location, the model of the project and the association behind it may represent a feasible way to spread ABA intervention procedures and models in a wide territory, while maintaining a high quality of service within the

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spirit of BACB standards of quality. This model includes designing and delivering ABA interventions to children and their families, but also uses clinical behavior analysis to train and support tutors and consultants, as well as the families of the children, in an integrated and clinical comprehensive fashion.

One of the aims of IESCUm is to show the potential of a science of behavior to address relevant social problems. Within this vision, a joint project with the University of Bangor was carried out in collaboration with Fergus Lowe and Pauline Horne. An extension of the Food Dudes program was implemented in Italy to address the obesity epidemic among young children. Originally developed in the UK and then extended to Ireland, this is the first implementation of the Food Dudes program in a non-English speaking country. The pilot research project involved more than 2,000 kids attending elementary schools in five cities of Sicily and was supported by the regional Department of Agriculture. The Food Dudes program implements on a large scale well-known and effective behavioral principles, thus demonstrating how the same principles applied at the level of a single individual may also work when applied in the context of large groups. While waiting for the long-term results of the program, it is a fact that the mid-term results are very encouraging. The Food Dudes program was able to change the eating behaviors of the students, promoting a healthy life style. Strong support and positive comments were received by teachers and families after seeing the changes in the behavior of their children. The initiative received good coverage by Italian national and local media, too. IESCUm is working hard to expand the program to other areas of Italy.

A relevant number of researchers and students of IESCUm have attended the European Analysis of Behavior Group conference in London (2011), the ABAI annual convention in San Antonio (2010), and the European Association for Behavior Analysis conference in Rethymno, Crete (2010) where they have delivered basic, applied, and theoretical presentations. IESCUm has organized the Ninth International Congress on Behavior Studies, in Rethymno, Crete (2010). IESCUm will also host the IX ACBS World Conference in Parma, Italy, during the month of July, 2011.

All of these actions have been developed under and with the supervision of IESCUm, working as an umbrella organization, and are detailed and visible at www.iescum.org.

Japan ABA

BY KENJIRO AOYAMA

A Special Message From the Japanese ABA President:

On March 11, 2011, an earthquake hit a large area in eastern Japan. Over 25,000 people are either missing or deceased. We received many encouraging sympathy notes from around the world. I would like to express my deepest gratitude for these messages. We hope the Japanese ABA can play a significant role in recovery efforts. Thank you for your continued support.

Kenichi Fuji

President, Japanese Association for Behavior Analysis

The Japanese Association for Behavior Analysis (J-ABA) was originally formed as the Society for the Study of Behavior Analysis in 1979, and changed its name to the Japanese Association for Behavior Analysis in 1983 when its first annual convention was held at Keio University. The main goal of J-ABA is to promote the experimental, theoretical, and applied analysis of behavior, as originated by B. F. Skinner. Since its establishment, J-ABA has made great strides and is now one of the most successful international chapters of ABAI. Our 896 members in 2010 came from a wide variety of professions, including researchers, school teachers, counselors, social workers, nurses, animal trainers, and business people.

J-ABA organizes an annual convention, publishes the *Japanese Journal of Behavior Analysis* twice a year, distributes a newsletter (*J-ABA News*) four times a year, operates a website (www.j-aba.jp), and hosts workshops and symposia for its members and anyone else interested in behavior analysis and its applications. All this is in keeping with our goal of disseminating behavior analysis throughout Japan.

We have also been actively collaborating with other academic societies in Japan and promoting international exchanges. Thirty to forty members, including students, attend ABAI meetings every year, and our 2011 conference will be held at Waseda University, Tokyo, September 18–19, 2011. In 2008, J-ABA elected new board members for 2009–2012, and Kenichi Fuji of Ritsumeikan University was reelected as President. J-ABA recently started two new programs to encourage young students living in the US as well as in Japan. The first is financial support for two students from Japan to attend ABAI events. The other program is donating books to young Japanese behavior analysts who are studying or working in the US.

Jordan ABA

BY MARIA ISABEL MUÑOZ BLANCO AND LINDA J. HAYES

The Jordan chapter of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (JorABA) was founded in 2009 at the first JorABA conference. The first conference featured presentations by 11 graduates of the Applied Behavior Health Analysis (ABHA) Program at the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST), with discussions by Dr. Barbara Kohlenberg, Dr. Linda Hayes, and Erick Dubuque. Since its establishment in 2009, the membership of JorABA has increased to 45, including 34 student members and 11 full members. The next meeting of JorABA is scheduled for December 2011. This conference will celebrate the graduations of the second and third cohorts in the ABHA Program and feature their final research projects. In addition to these conferences, JorABA has a website (<http://jordanaba.org/>) where members can find information about future events and job opportunities in the region. The website is also used to promote the training program at JUST and disseminate information about behavior analysis. The current president of JorABA is Ala'a Awad.

Kansas ABA

BY EDWARD K. MORRIS

The mission of the Kansas Association for Behavior Analysis (KansABA) is to provide a forum for (a) disseminating information about the science and practice of behavior analysis, and education and training therein; (b) addressing issues relevant to the science and practice of behavior analysis; (c) maintaining disciplinary, professional, and ethical standards; and (d) recruiting and enhancing interest in behavior analysis throughout the State of Kansas and in the Kansas City metropolitan area (i.e., Clay, Jackson, and Platte Counties in Missouri).

Governance

KansABA is governed by an Executive Council that consists of a president (Ed Morris), a full member representative (Linda Heitzman-Powell), an affiliate representative (Jessica Royer), and a student representative (Brooke Jones). The Council is assisted by a secretary (Brooke Jones, again) and a treasurer (Linda Heitzman-Powell, again). In addition, KansABA has a Legislative Affairs Committee (Nan Perrin, chair), a Membership Committee (Jill Koertner, chair), a Website Committee (Adam Brewer, chair), and a BACB Certification Committee (Claudia Dozier, chair).

Membership

KansABA has membership categories for full members—members who meet the requirements for full membership in ABAI (\$35 membership fee), student members—students

who meet the requirements for student membership in ABAI (\$15), affiliate members—citizens of the state of Kansas and Kansas City metropolitan area who express an interest in behavior analysis in Kansas (\$25), and adjunct members—citizens in other states and countries who also express an interest in behavior analysis in Kansas (\$15).

Conference

Our main activity this past year was an April 23 conference titled, "From Research to Practice: Evidence-Based Strategies in Education." BACB continuing education units (CEUs) were available, as were certificates of attendance. Unlike other affiliated chapters, KansABA has built a conference program around themes in research, training, and practice in Kansas and one relevant keynote speaker from outside the region. The theme of research-to-practice (and practice-to-research) informed the organization of our sessions, the presentations within them, and the content of some presentations. Kansas sites and speakers from this year's conference are listed below:

- The University of Kansas Life Span Institute, Juniper Gardens Children's Project: Jay Buzhardt, Charles Greenwood, Dale Walker, Rawni Anderson, and Waylon Howard, "A Web-Based Tool to Support Data-Based Intervention Decision-Making for Infant and Toddler Language Growth"; Howard Wills and Debra Kamps, "The Class-Wide Function-Related Intervention Team (CW-FIT) Program: A Tiered Approach to Classroom-Based Behavior Intervention"; and Charlie Greenwood and Judy Carta, "Developing Tier 3 Language and Literacy Interventions for Preschoolers Not Making Expected Rates of Progress"
- The Kansas School-Wide Positive Behavior Support Consortium: Rachel Freeman, "An Overview"; Dawn Miller and Jamie Wolfe, "PBS in the Shawnee Mission School District"; and April Earley, "PBS in the Gardner/Edgerton School District"
- The University of Kansas-Lawrence Center for Teaching Excellence: Daniel J. Bernstein, "How Behavior Analysis Contributes Answers to Higher Education's Pressing Challenges"
- The University of Kansas-Lawrence Department of Applied Behavioral Science: Derek Reed, "Behavioral Economics in the Classroom"; Florence DiGennaro Reed, "Evidence-Based Teacher Consultation: Promoting Student Outcomes"; and Jan B. Sheldon, Andrea Courtemanche, and Todd Merritt, "Reducing Truancy: Mentoring, Monitoring, Motivating"

This year's outside keynote speaker was Nancy Neef (The Ohio State University). Her presentation was titled, "Behavior Analysis Goes to College: Examining Educational Practices in Higher Education."

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KansABA Website

If you type “KansABA” into Google’s search engine, you will find that KansABA is the first listing, as well as the second and third, on through the seventh listing. If you wish to become a member, you may remit through PayPal at our site, which we will continue to update and expand.

Science and Education Activities

KansABA also advanced science and education in behavior analysis this year by cosponsoring and providing BACB CEUs for two University of Kansas Department of Applied Behavioral Science (ABS) colloquia. One was by Professor Stephen T. Higgins (University of Vermont) titled, “Using Monetary Incentives to Reduce Drug Use and Improve Health”; the other was by Edward K. Morris (University of Kansas) titled, “The Gernsbacher Lectures Redux: The Good, the Bad—and My Ugly.”

Autism Insurance Legislation

Through the efforts of many Kansans and KansABA members—Linda Heitzman-Powell and Nan Perrin, in particular—the state of Kansas has mandated pilot legislation for autism treatment insurance. Linda and Nan are on the Governor’s Committee on Autism. Linda described the situation this way:

The Kansas Senate recently voted on House Bill 2160, which mandates that insurance providers ‘test-track’ coverage for autism treatments to children. This means that a pilot project will be implemented in which employees enrolled in a state health plan will have coverage for autism assessment, diagnosis, and treatment. Under this bill, insurers are required to provide autism coverage to anyone younger than 19 who is covered by the state’s insurance plan for 2011. Coverage is capped at \$36,000 for children up through the age of 6 and at \$27,000 for children age 7 through 19. This bill specifically targets the use of evidence based practices, applied behavior analysis in particular: ‘Applied behavior analysis means the design, implementation, and evaluation of environmental modifications, using behavioral stimuli and consequences, to produce socially significant improvement in human behavior, including the use of direct observation, measurement, and functional analysis of the relationship between environment and behavior (S. Sub. for HB 2160, p. 2, 2010).’

The next move is to extend this legislation, such that insurance mandated for all citizens of Kansas. Although significant lobbying is occurring for this, the current legislation will expire on December 31, 2011, followed by a review of its impact. If, after review, the state decides to retain the mandate, the earliest this is expected is 2013.

Plans for 2011–2012

In addition to monitoring this legislation, updating and upgrading our website, and hosting another conference—likely on clinical behavior analysis—we will pursue Internal Revenue Service tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) organization, as opposed to a 501(c)(6) organization, and have a membership drive to actively advance our mission.

Kentucky ABA

BY KEITH HERSH

The Kentucky Association for Behavior Analysis (KY-ABA) was officially approved as an affiliate chapter at the 36th ABAI Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas. At that time, we held our first official meeting, which included many enthusiastic behavior analysts and students who were interested in joining, volunteering, and learning more about what KY-ABA would offer to members. There was a great deal of excitement regarding how the organization could influence the current state of affairs relating to behavior analysis in Kentucky.

Since its inception, we have experienced significant growth. The association was able to merge with another organization, the Kentucky Association for Behavior Specialists. This allowed for combining resources as both organizations shared similar goals. At this time, there are approximately only 60 individuals who are certified by the BACB in the entire state of Kentucky. Given Kentucky’s relatively low number of certified behavior analysts, the organization is very pleased to have successfully recruited 64 members.

Based on experience and recommendations from other affiliated chapters, KY-ABA developed four membership types: Full membership is for professionals who have a master’s degree in applied behavior analysis (ABA) or a related field and anyone who is board certified. Full members have voting rights, including the ability to vote for executive members. Affiliate membership is for individuals interested in behavior analysis, but do not meet the criteria for full membership. These members are allowed to vote on matters pertaining to the chapter, but not during elections for executive members. Student memberships are offered to current students studying ABA or a related field. Finally, family membership is for parents or family members looking to become involved. The membership database indicates that there are 40 full members, 23 student members, and 1 family member.

The president of the KY-ABA, Dr. Nicholas Weatherly, has considerable experience in systems development and organizational behavior management. Because of him, KY-ABA has a well-developed organizational flow chart with detailed descriptions of duties and expectations (see Figure 1). The Board of

Directors consists of the president, director of operations, and three representatives-at-large—one each for eastern, central, and western Kentucky. The chapter's structure for board members includes the following committee chairs: a membership committee chair, a legislation committee chair, an education/student committee chair, a public relations/newsletter committee chair, and a conference committee chair. Each position has formally outlined duties and expectations, which has helped the organization reach several goals, including holding our first annual conference, development of a membership database, development of credit card processing capabilities directly linked to KY-ABA's bank account, newsletters released three times per year, and a formal process for recruiting new members and reaching out to other universities, agencies, and professionals in related areas such as psychology and education.

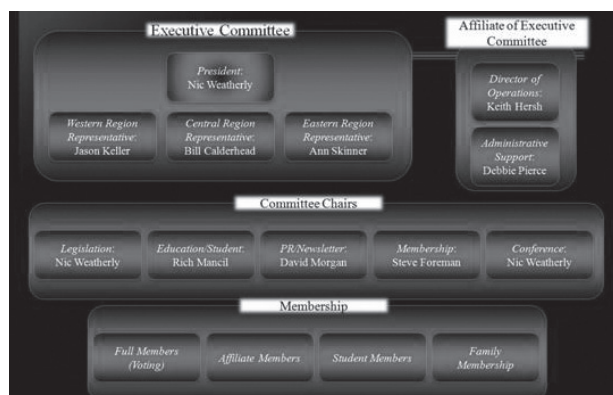


Figure 1. KY-ABA's Organizational Flow Chart.

KY-ABA is also taking a lead in political matters in the state that will influence ABA and behavior analytic services. Particularly, the organization has an insurance forum that communicates current successes and failures pertaining to obtaining authorization for ABA services and billing questions. Kentucky does have a house bill that mandates insurance to cover ABA services, however, this bill was just enacted in January 2011. Many behavior analysts have never dealt with private insurance in the past, and have myriad questions pertaining to service implementation. KY-ABA has been a central voice addressing these issues. KY-ABA has also become involved in discussing changes to Medicaid services, and community living supports. Kentucky's waiver system is currently planning to completely change the structure for services, and many behavior analysts are concerned with the credentialing and level of training required by Medicaid to implement behavior analytic services. Formal position statements and meetings with government officials has allowed KY-ABA to have some input into this process and make recommendations to assure quality for clients who will receive these services.

In conclusion, KY-ABA is a growing affiliate chapter that has taken on great responsibility. For a chapter that is small in terms of membership, our executive board and committee chairs have dedicated a great deal of time to furthering the influence of KY-ABA. The chapter will continue to be a source for information about behavior analysis, conduct clinical training seminars, conduct CEU events, and continue to have influence on legislative issues surrounding ABA in the state of Kentucky.

Lone Star ABA

BY GERALD E. HARRIS AND WENDY J. NEELY

The mission of the Lone Star Association for Behavior Analysis (LSABA) is to promote the analytical science of behavior and its associated technologies:

- Serve as a scientific and professional network and reference group for all in the Houston Metropolitan Area who identify themselves as scientists or practitioners in disciplines that embrace the principles and practices of behavior analysis
- Promote research that will advance understanding of behavioral processes
- Identify and promote the use of effective and humane behavioral procedures in meeting the educational and habilitative needs of people within the Houston Metropolitan Area
- Advise political, legislative, and policy-making bodies with respect to all matters pertaining to behavior analysis in the Houston Metropolitan Area
- Work to support and develop quality standards for the practice of behavior analysis

LSABA was established in 2009 to provide local support for applied behavior analysis (ABA). LSABA is an organization for professionals and students in the field of ABA who live and work in the Houston Metropolitan Area. Members include practitioners as well as educators who work in either the public or private sectors. While a majority of the members are involved in the application of ABA to children with autism, LSABA recognizes and supports those professionals who utilize ABA across a wide variety of populations and problems.

The regular LSABA meetings are an excellent forum to inform members of ABA-related news, events, and issues. At the beginning of each meeting, the chair for each of LSABA's six committees presents specific information on current issues, typically followed by a lively discussion.

Legislative issues related to the practice of ABA are, of course, forefront in professionals' minds. The LSABA Legislative Committee is devoted to monitoring legislative activities that affect members and consumers in the Houston Metropolitan Area. The Legislative Committee

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informs LSABA members about how legislative actions will impact them and their consumers. This committee (as well as LSABA's individual members, when appropriate) responds to various requests for support or information from lawmakers and works to influence local laws and regulations that are related to the practice of ABA.

Many local ABA practitioners are particularly interested in third-party insurance issues related to ABA treatment for children with autism. The LSABA Insurance Committee has made huge (and, at times, difficult) strides in establishing vital rapport with several major insurance companies' autism policy and claims groups. This committee has worked in collaboration with insurance companies to help educate relevant decision-makers about ABA and related important considerations for treatment, thus increasing efficiency for processing claims for ABA treatment as well as required periodic reporting of progress resulting from treatment. Committee members have also participated in events within the community, such as Houston's Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT-Houston) round-table discussions and presentations, to provide important information about properly completing claim forms, specific coding information and procedures (e.g., relevant laws and provider restrictions), and requesting pre-authorizations for ABA treatment. One of the Insurance Committee's current projects is building a very extensive database of resources (e.g., references, white papers, model form letters, etc.) that will be very helpful when providing guidance and support to practitioners and families during the appeals process for Employee Retirement Income Security Act health plans that do not include (or, specifically exclude) benefits and/or coverage for ABA treatment.

Each LSABA meeting also includes a continuing education component, with BACB-approved continuing education units (CEUs). Current ABA research articles are selected, presented, and discussed in depth. The mix of practitioner and scholar viewpoints usually results in a very informative, lively, and interesting educational experience.

An important goal of LSABA is to inform and support the use of ABA in the Houston Metropolitan Area. To that end, we work closely with FEAT-Houston. An LSABA representative attends and participates in FEAT-Houston board meetings in order to facilitate communication between the two groups and help coordinate locally supported ABA activities. Such activities include LSABA BCBAs providing regular, full-day ABA workshops for the community. The "ABCs of ABA" workshops provide a foundation in ABA for parents, teachers, and others, while the "123s of ABA" workshops provide more detailed information about specific applications. LSABA also provided CEU support during FEAT-Houston's first annual conference. A new cooperative endeavor by LSABA and

FEAT-Houston involves creating and delivering a training program for childcare workers (e.g., nannies, babysitters, etc.) that will provide a basic pragmatic skill-set to use when caring for children with special needs; this particular service has been much requested by the community. LSABA and its individual members also support other local organizations and participate in local events to promote ABA within the community to both professionals and consumers. For example, LSABA members have promoted the benefits of ABA through presentations given for The DePelchin Center and the Houston chapter of the Autism Society, as well as for specialized schools within the Houston Metropolitan Area. LSABA also participates in area autism resource fairs and special events.

LSABA is also very appreciative of the state chapter, Texas ABA, and works cooperatively with them to further the goals of ABA professionals. There is a good system of information exchange in place, and LSABA and its members participate both as an organization and individually to assist with TxABA activities and events.

At the national and international level, LSABA has certainly been supported and encouraged by ABAI, and expresses gratitude for all the assistance from that organization. As an affiliate of APBA, LSABA has received welcome support and encouragement from those professionals as well.

Louisiana ABA

BY TIFFANI CARLIN AND TIFFANY WILLIAMSON

The Louisiana ABA (LouABA) chapter of ABAI has been operating for 3 years. LouABA has worked with local organizations to provide informational workshops to the community, including students, parents, teachers, and BCBAs. These workshops provided educational resources to those who attended. The topics covered included potty training, doctor visits, challenging behaviors, and ABA in the classroom. The workshop series also included topics for social skills, food acceptance, and promoting language. We publish a semiannual newsletter that is available to all on the LouABA website at www.mcneese.edu/louaba. We are still in the process of planning our first state convention. LouABA does offer BCBA members the option to have contact information, along with their practicing location, displayed on our site at no charge. This enables parents and others to easily locate BCBAs within their vicinity. We also provide graduating master's-level students a free 1-year membership at the professional level. Current students do receive discounted registration fees at all LouABA sponsored events. LouABA posts appropriate applied behavior analysis related events information to our site at no charge for nonprofit organizations. We also have current job postings on the website for BCBAs or others in the field.

Mission

LouABA is committed to the advancement of the profession and practice of behavior analysis in Louisiana. Our fall and spring workshops bring leading experts in the field to Louisiana to share state-of-the-art training for the practice of behavior analysis. LouABA seeks to expand the professional opportunities for its members by advocating for behavior analysis services statewide, supporting higher education certificates and degree programs, and through our website providing an accurate information resource on behavior analysis for the community.

Membership

Membership in LouABA includes professionals, students, parents, and other interested parties.

Manitoba ABA

BY KERRI L. WALTERS AND KIRSTEN M. WIRTH

The Manitoba Association for Behaviour Analysis (MABA) is in its sixth official year of affiliate status with ABAI. During our fifth year, we accomplished a number of goals including increasing awareness of our organization on local, provincial, and national levels; increasing membership numbers; and hosting a highly successful fifth annual conference.

Our Newsletter Committee published two newsletters during 2010 (in July and December). Some highlights from those newsletters include a research address from Mark Leonhart and Dr. Bill Leonhart entitled, "Behavior Analysis Information on the Internet: What Might People Want to Know?" and an interview with Dr. David Wacker (professor of pediatrics at the University of Iowa). Other highlights include the following articles: "A Comprehensive Review of Applied Behaviour Analysis in the Classroom," a manuscript prepared for submission by Carly Thiessen (University of Manitoba, St. Amant Research Centre, and St. Amant ABA Program) and Dr. Kirsten Wirth (St. Amant ABA Program); "A Review of the Literature on Toilet Training" by Cheryl Zoledowski (St. Amant ABA Program and St. Cloud State University); and "A Tradition of Knowledge Translation" by Dr. Toby Martin (St. Amant Research Centre).

They also included a section on our featured behaviour analyst, Dr. Larry Hardy (executive director for the Community Living Program in Manitoba). Since 2009, our newsletter has been distributed electronically to our members with paper copies only being provided to MABA donors and newsletter contributors. For the upcoming 2011 year, the Newsletter Committee will generate two newsletters (May and December) and is exploring an online newsletter posting option which would extend our objectives for "going green."

MABA was successful in collaborating with the University of Manitoba's Psychology Department to host Dr. David Wacker as an invited speaker for the department's colloquium series. In 2011, we plan to collaborate with the University of Manitoba and the St. Amant Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Program by hosting events with Dr. Brian Iwata (University of Florida).

Our 2010 annual conference featured presentations by Drs. David Wacker and John Walker (University of Manitoba) and was attended by 66 individuals. Our conference was funded by a number of sources at the University of Manitoba. The line-up consisted of eight presenters covering a variety of research and application topics, seven posters, and two exhibitor booths. Our 2011 conference will feature presentations by our guest speaker, Dr. Brian Iwata and our invited speaker, Dr. Vivienne Rowan (Assiniboine Psychological Group, Winnipeg).

As a way of recognizing the outstanding contributions made to the field of applied behaviour analysis in the province of Manitoba, MABA developed an Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Applied Behaviour Analysis Award in 2009, which was granted to Dr. Joseph Pear of the University of Manitoba. In 2010, Dr. Carl Stephens, president and CEO of St. Amant, was recognized for his significant contributions to the field in Manitoba. During Carl's roles of vice-president, president, and CEO of St. Amant, he has been instrumental in establishing the Research Program in 1997, which continues to facilitate research opportunities for University of Manitoba ABA faculty members and for their students to conduct research in developmental disabilities and autism. He has also been instrumental in building, maintaining, and providing guidance to the partnerships with government and Manitoba Families for Effective Autism Treatment to support the delivery of the St. Amant ABA Program for preschool and school-aged children with autism. St. Amant employs the largest number of behaviour analysts in the province. Carl has led St. Amant in providing generous financial contributions to the Psychology Graduate Fellowship, specifically as a way to support new graduate students majoring in ABA. More recently, St. Amant established a partnership with the University of Manitoba, which played a crucial role in securing two new tenure-track faculty positions in the ABA admissions area in the Department of Psychology.

In 2011, MABA will be unveiling a new website with improvements for visitors. The development of the new site is currently underway. Two key objectives for MABA in 2011 involve (a) improving BACB certification opportunities in Manitoba, and (b) partnering with the Psychological Association of Manitoba (PAM) to develop an ABA licensing model for the province. At present, Manitoba has five Board Certified Behaviour Analysts. This has made

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it difficult for the rapidly growing number of clinicians completing their graduate training and practicing in our province to obtain the necessary supervision to become board certified themselves. Since April 2010, MABA has been working with the BACB to establish a plan that will increase the number of supervision opportunities for local behaviour analysts to acquire their BACB supervision hours. Parallel to this process, MABA is working in partnership with PAM, the provincial psychology regulatory body, to ensure regulation of ABA in our province. In the fall of 2009, it was brought to our attention that one of our members was denied registration as an ABA area psychologist with PAM due to changes in their licensing practices. Since that time, MABA has been in communication with PAM and the University of Manitoba to address these changes and to advocate for our members' rights to register as psychologists. In the fall of 2010, an ABA practice area was developed by PAM, at which time all pending applications were accepted for C. Psych. Candidate status. To date, however, the criteria for examinations—educational requirements, and scope and venue of practice—have not been specified to reflect the work of behaviour analysts. Our goal for 2011 is to work in collaboration with PAM to establish these criteria.

In closing, MABA looks forward to another year of growth, during which we hope to achieve the goals we have outlined while providing our members with a new website, two newsletters, and a lineup of exciting conference presentations this fall.

Maryland ABA

BY SUNGWOONG KAHNG AND LISA M. TOOLE

The Maryland Association for Behavior Analysis (MDABA) held its 13th Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, on Friday, December 3, 2010. Our conference is devoted to the dissemination of behavior analysis—both basic and applied—to our members from the Mid-Atlantic area. Over 230 members heard presentations from Gina Green (Association of Professional Behavior Analysts), Marc Branch (University of Florida), James Carr (Auburn University), A. Charles Catania (University of Maryland, Baltimore County), and Mark Sundberg (Sundberg & Associates). Over 90 people attended the preconference workshop held by Mark Sundberg. Additionally, Catherine Taylor-Santa (Caldwell College), Maranda Trahan (The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine), and Allison Tetreault (West Virginia University) were selected to present at this year's MDABA Student Paper Symposium. Each student received a \$200 award for his or her paper. Staff and students presented nearly 30 posters from organizations such as University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), Kennedy Krieger Institute, the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Bancroft, Caldwell

College, Optimal Beginnings, West Virginia University Institute of Technology, West Virginia University, Devereux New Jersey, and The Vista School. We would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's conference. Finally, we would like to thank our sponsors—the Kennedy Krieger Institute, Achieve Beyond, Behavior Development Solutions, the Johns Hopkins University School of Education, and Trellis Services—for their support.

At the conclusion of the conference, John Borrero (UMBC) stepped down as president, Greg Lieving (West Virginia University Institute of Technology) assumed the role of president, and Stephanie Contrucci-Kuhn (Westchester Institute for Human Development) took on the role of president-elect. Melissa Gonzalez (Kennedy Krieger Institute) was elected member-at-large and Amber Mendres (UMBC) was elected student representative. We would like to thank Jennifer Crockett (Kennedy Krieger Institute), Carrie Borrero (Kennedy Krieger Institute), and Abbey Carreau (UMBC) for their time on the executive committee.

Plans are currently under way for the 14th annual meeting to be held on Friday, November 18, 2011 in Baltimore, Maryland. Our preliminary list of speakers includes Leonard Green (Washington University) and Gregory Hanley (Western New England College). Additionally, Maureen van Stone (Kennedy Krieger Institute) will be discussing policies related to restraint and seclusion. We expect to add another distinguished behavior analyst to our line-up of speakers and are working on conducting another preconference workshop. Additionally, we will have our annual MDABA Student Paper Symposium, which is open to all behavior analysis students. For more information about our upcoming conference, please visit our website at www.marylandaba.org.

MDABA has also provided support to conferences and presentations sponsored by other organizations such as the Organization for Autism Research, Virginia Association for Behavior Analysis, Kennedy Krieger Institute, and Behavioral Directions, LLC. Finally, representatives from MDABA worked with Autism Speaks to support the Maryland House of Delegates Bill 783 and Maryland Senate Bill 759, Health Insurance—Coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorders sponsored in the Maryland Senate by Senator Katherine Klausmeier (District 8) and in the House by Delegate Kirill Reznik (District 39). SungWoo Kahng, MDABA co-director, testified in front of the Maryland House of Delegates' Health and Government Operations Committee in support of this bill. Unfortunately, this bill did not go beyond the respective committees. MDABA will continue to provide support to increase access to services for children with autism.

Massachusetts ABA

BY STEVE WOOLF

The purpose of the Massachusetts Association for Behavior Analysis (MassABA) is to regularly bring together a community of behavior analysts for professional development, promote the growth of the field, and to obtain and disseminate information relative to state legislative developments. MassABA is a true trade association directed by elected officers and governed by bylaws. It offers an annual conference, regular opportunities for professional networking, sponsors charitable events, and provides professional development in the form of advanced continuing education (CE) events scheduled throughout the year.

This has been a very exciting year for MassABA) and the chapter enjoyed several accomplishments:

- Assisted with the passage of Massachusetts' Act Relative to Insurance Coverage for Autism (ARICA) bill
- Increased professional membership from 30 to over 350 members
- Hosted the First Annual MassABA Conference at Bentley University; with over 340 attendees
- Revised and implemented MassABA bylaws
- Successfully filed the MassABA Articles of Incorporation
- Submitted a nonprofit association application to become a 501(c)(3)
- Conducted an insurance workshop for members
- Conducted four CE-issuing events to help enable members to maintain their professional credentials

The MassABA Board of directors would like to thank our keynote speakers who helped to make our first annual conference a success: Dr. Aubrey Daniels, Dr. Keith Allen, and Dr. David Wacker. We would also like to thank the other first-class presenters who contributed. The chapter also had 13 exhibitors and three organizational members (Beacon ABA services, Melmark New England, and the Evergreen Center) sponsoring the conference. MassABA has already begun planning for our second annual conference, with a date set for April 6, 2012, at Bentley University. Our goal for the 2012 conference is to repeat having a sold-out event and to offer behavioral practitioners an array of both internationally recognized speakers and local professional talent.

The MassABA Board of Directors is also actively supporting the licensing bill introduced by Representative John Scibak, which is designed to further professionalize the work of behavior analysts and increase consumer protection in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Representative Scibak presented his proposed licensing bill at the MassABA conference legislative update panel discussion. It is our belief that the creation of the behavior analyst license will offer increased consumer

protections for individuals utilizing behavior analysis services, allow increased reimbursement relative to serving children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder under the ARICA law, permit practitioners to provide services to individuals beyond the scope of developmental disabilities, and add increased professional credibility to the behavioral profession.

For the 2011–12 year, membership fees in MassABA are waived. Fees are charged at continuing education events for those who wish to receive BCBA CE's. All full members of ABAI who reside or practice in Massachusetts can join MassABA at no charge by sending an e-mail to massappliedbehavioranalysis@gmail.com. To become a professional voting member of MassABA one must qualify in one of the following categories:

- Full membership in ABAI
- BCBA, BCBA-D, or BCaBA
- Licensed as a professional in a profession in which applied behavior analysis is provided for within the "Scope of Practice"

MassABA will continue to offer regularly scheduled BCBA CE trainings to members. With the support of membership, we hope to create a vibrant and sustainable association that represents the voice of all behavior analysts across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mid-American ABA

BY JONATHAN BAKER

The Mid-American Association for Behavior Analysis (MA-ABA), a regional affiliate of ABAI, is a membership organization devoted to promoting scholarly interchange in behavior analysis through its annual convention. The 11th annual MA-ABA convention was held October 22–23 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. More than 180 people attended the convention, with graduate and undergraduate students comprising the majority of attendees. The convention began when Dr. Mark Dixon (Southern Illinois University) gave his presidential address called "Behaviorism at 150." Dr. Ronnie Dietrich (Wing Institute for Evidence-Based Education) presented his talk titled, "From the Boutique to the Mainstream: The Role of Behavior Analysis in Education Reform," and Dr. Corina Jimenez-Gomez (University of Michigan) provided a talk called, "A Behavioral Perspective on the Study of Drug Cues." Later, Dr. Derek D. Reed (University of Kansas) led a discussion called, "The 'Paradox' of Choice: Can There Be Too Much of a Good Thing?" and Dr. Adam Derenne (University of North Dakota) gave a presentation titled, "Peak Shift Reconsidered: Does a Little-Known Laboratory Phenomenon Broadly Affect Choice?" During the afternoon of the first day, Dr. Patrick Friman (Boys

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Town) gave a presentation called, “Boys Town: Walden III for Out of Home Teenagers” and Dr. Jennifer McComas (University of Minnesota) presented a talk titled, “Using a Stimulus Equivalence Paradigm to Teach Numeracy in English, Ojibwe, and Dakota to Preschool Age Children.” The first day ended with a panel discussion and poster presentations by students and faculty.

The second day of the convention began when Dr. F. Charles Mace, (Nova Southeastern University) discussed his paper titled, “Translational Research in Behavioral Momentum: Models of Treatment Relapse” and Dr. Susan Schneider (University of the Pacific) presented her paper entitled, “Nature and Nurture: Interactions, Behavioral and Neural Plasticity, and More Good News.” During the final session, Dr. Jack J. McDowell (Emory University), gave a talk called, “A Selectionist Theory of Behavior Dynamics and Its Application to Human Social Behavior of Clinical Interest.”

The 2011 convention will be held October 20–22 in Bloomingdale, Illinois at the Chicago/Indian Lakes Resort. The conference will again include addresses on both basic and applied behavior analytic research.

MA-ABA holds a business meeting at the annual convention. Persons interested in this organization are welcome to attend either meeting. The current president of MA-ABA is Dr. Cynthia Pietras (Western Michigan University). MA-ABA’s president-elect is Dr. Diana Walker (The Chicago School for Professional Psychology). More information about MA-ABA and the annual convention can be found at the organization website (www.uwec.edu/maba/) or by contacting Jonathan Baker at jonathan.c.baker@siu.edu.

Minnesota Northland ABA

BY TIM MOORE

The past year (2010) was full of exploration and growth for MNABA thanks to expanding membership numbers and an infusion of energy from new faces on the Executive Board. Our annual conference was held in Minneapolis for the first time, keynoted by Michael Potegal, a neuropsychologist in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota. He challenged the group (almost 130 people—our largest conference to date) to understand the neurology of behavior as an important adjunct to functional analysis. Bruce Overmier (Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota) brought the house down with his energetic talk called, “Differential Outcomes Effect.”

New members to the Executive Board were elected at the conference and immediately integrated into the group.

Amanda Besner (University of Minnesota), Laura Grow (St. Cloud State University), Kendra Marvin (Behavioral Dimensions, Inc.), Matt Oelke (Behavioral Dimensions, Inc.), and Kim Tasky (TSE, Inc.) have spearheaded planning for our 2011 conference, coordinated student events, rejuvenated our website, and represented our Community Outreach Committee (COC) at events in the Twin Cities. The COC completed a statewide survey project last month identifying members throughout the state for enrollment in our initiative to become a more visible and available go-to resource in Minnesota for information on behavior analysis.

MNABA also completed a survey of our membership about credentialing in Minnesota. Following an informational session with representatives from APBA and ABAI, respondents were evenly divided in their support for the BCBA as a sufficient credential for independent practice and additional requirements beyond the BCBA in the establishment of a behavior analysis license. Given these data, the Executive Board is moving forward in the near term with support for the BCBA credential in the autism insurance mandate bill currently under debate in the Minnesota legislature, and initiating conversations with licensing authorities in the state. It is our intention that BCBAs be recognized as qualified independent practitioners, and for increasingly stringent training and continuing education requirements to evolve for the protection of consumers and our field.

This will be a year of continued growth for MNABA as we make connections around the state, provide more opportunities for students and other members to get together (we had a great time on our trip to the Wisconsin ABA Road Show in April), and push forward with legislative initiatives. We hope to see people from around the region at our annual conference on September 30 at St. Cloud State University—stay tuned for details—Minnesota is a great place to visit in the fall!

Missouri ABA

BY JOHN M. GUERCIO

The Missouri Association for Behavior Analysis (MOABA) has had a very eventful year to say the least. Autism reform legislation was passed in 2010 that went into effect in January, 2011. The legislation made the reimbursement of applied behavior analysis (ABA) services by a qualified professional a legal mandate. In addition to this law, the definition of a qualified professional was further delineated through the subsequent passing of a licensure bill for practitioners of behavior analysis. The board members of MOABA were extremely active throughout this process as the language for the bill evolved. The state now has a license for our profession that is defined in a manner that ensures the utmost in consumer

protection. The specific education and experience guidelines that define what a practicing behavior analyst should be are now in place to allow for the best possible service provision for those seeking ABA services. The deliberations related to this bill are still ongoing as of April, 2011, due to the payment and other issues related to the successful implementation of the law in Missouri. Other occurrences were the most recent MOABA conference and the election of new board members.

The MOABA annual conference was held in November, 2010, and included a turnout of over 115 attendees from all over the state. A number of interesting presentations were held related to the upcoming licensure issues in the state. Crucial practitioner issues and therapeutic approaches were also addressed from leaders in the field such as Drs. Jonathan Tarbox, Jesus Rosales-Ruiz, Gina Green, and Traci Cihon. Both professional and student membership were up this year. These numbers were reflected in the significant participation that we had in the MOABA elections. More than twice the number of members voted this year than in years past. The new board members for the 2011–2013 term are as follows:

- President: John Guercio, Ph.D, BCBA-D, LBA
- Vice-President: Jenny Frisbee, MS, BCBA, LBA
- Treasurer: Todd Streff, MS, BCBA, LBA
- Secretary: Jenie Nowak, MS, CCC, SLP
- Members-at-Large: Tami Galensky-Pentz, MS, BCBA, LBA and Jeanne Marshall, MS, BCBA
- Student Representative: Wendy Wright-Bell

This was the first year that MOABA has instituted a student position on the board. Recent academic activity in the state has seen the rise of two to three new master's program offerings for behavior analysis, where before 2011, there were none. The need for ABA practitioners has well exceeded the number of qualified therapists for a number of years as is the case for many states across the country. These efforts are in an attempt to close that gap and to provide more evidence-based services for individuals with special needs. Our state organization is dedicated to working closely with these sites to make sure that they are able to develop the most comprehensive course sequences that will allow for the production of well-trained behavior analysis research practitioners. To that end, we have been engaged in conversations with faculty members from these programs to provide feedback and to discuss the potential internship and practicum options for some of their students.

Nevada ABA

BY KENNETH R. MACALEESE

The Nevada Association for Behavior Analysis (NABA) hosted a conference on October 16–17, 2010. The conference featured presentations and posters in basic, applied, and conceptual areas of behavior analysis. Featured speakers included Drs. Kent Johnson, Linda Parrott Hayes, Frances McSweeney, and Caio Miguel, among other notable regional clinicians, researchers, and educators. The new Joe Crowley Student Union on the University of Nevada, Reno's (UNR) campus provided an excellent backdrop for our conference, which was cosponsored by the Behavior Analysis Club at UNR. Our continued focus to forge new relationships in Nevada's behavior analytic community resulted in a number of new registrants and members at the 2010 conference—a result we are committing to accomplish again in 2011.

NABA made a number of organizational improvements in 2010 as well as completing an update of the website (<http://www.nevadaaba.org>). In an effort to strengthen our position in the Nevada community, NABA held two parent-oriented events in the last year, articulated a statement on autism treatment released during the past Nevada government elections, provided support to legislative bills and budget meetings related to consumers of behavior analytic services, and assisted the State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners with information as they constructed the licensing regulations for behavior analysts required by the recently passed autism insurance mandate.

The parent-oriented events included a “Parents in the Park” event and a free training to parents new to the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process. The “Parents in the Park” provided an opportunity to give thanks to parents of children with disabilities in the Northern Nevada community and was attended by over 100 total providers, parents, and children. The IEP training process occurred in collaboration with Nevada Parents Educating Parents (Nevada PEP) and our local school district and was offered as a free workshop for parents as part of our annual conference.

A statement on autism treatment was released in October prior to the Nevada elections in response to political comments made by candidates threatening to repeal the autism insurance mandate, among other state mandates affecting parents and children, in Nevada.

Nevada, like many other states, is undergoing substantial stress to its financial system. Because of this, a number of consumers of behavior analytic services have faced the prospect of decreased or eliminated funding in recent budget discussions. NABA board members have offered testimony at legislative meetings and constructed letters supporting

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behavior analytic professionals and those who receive those services in clinical and educational settings.

NABA members have supported the State of Nevada Psychological Examiner's Board in their establishment of licensing behavior analysts in Nevada arising from the passage of an autism insurance mandate, AB162, in 2009. Members have been present at meetings of the board and have offered information and research to board members regarding our profession and practice. A number of behavior analysts have added the designations "licensed behavior analyst" (LBA) or "licensed assistant behavior analyst" (LABA) to their credentials as a result of being licensed in Nevada. Many in traditional, direct-line tutor/therapist roles have added the "certified autism behavior interventionist" (CABI) credential as well. A total of 44 applications for licenses and/or certificates have been received as of the writing of this report. The Examiner's Board reports that new applications are received each month. A behavior analyst will be appointed to serve on the Psychological Examiner's Board in 2011.

Nevada has many critical issues facing behavior analysts and consumers of their services that require unification of behavior analysts in our state. Current threats to public funding sources for consumers of behavior analytic services, the school districts that support those children, and systems of higher education (who train behavior analysts and further develop behavior analytic science through research) are but a few of the immediate issues that cast a gloomy cloud on Nevada's future. Without organization, behavior analysts have no local voice to unite behind in attacking these issues and no visible presence in the affairs that influence them—a grim prospect for our profession and science. NABA hopes to fill that organizational need dealing with issues related to our profession and our consumers while continuing to provide opportunities for intellectual development and exchange.

For more information on upcoming conferences, please visit www.nevadaaba.org or "like" us on our Facebook account.

New Jersey ABA

BY JOHN L. BROWN

The New Jersey Association for Behavior Analysis (NJABA) held its sixth annual conference on March 25, 2011, which had the highest attendance to date. The keynote address of this year's conference featured a panel presentation about insurance coverage for applied behavior analytic services. This was a timely topic given that the New Jersey State Department of Banking and Insurance issued a bulletin that directs health insurance carriers governed by New Jersey's Autism Insurance Reform Bill (P.L.2009, c.115) to provide coverage for medically necessary applied behavior analysis

services. The bulletin specifically identifies those holding the Board Certified Behavior Analyst credential as qualified to provide ABA services. This represents a major recognition of behavior analysts by the state of New Jersey. It also represents a new system of funding services that behavior analysts need to navigate. The keynote speech addressed both the structure of the insurance system and the necessary procedures to receive payment for services under the new regulations. This year's conference also featured a number of original research presentations by New Jersey behavior analysts and a lively poster session. Our annual summer workshop will be held on July 15, 2011, at Rowan University.

As provided for in NJABA's bylaws, new members of the Board of Directors were elected this past summer. Dr. Gregory S. MacDuff was elected to the position of president-elect for a second time. Dr. MacDuff will assume the presidency of NJABA on July 1, 2011. In addition, Kara A. Reagon was reelected to a 2-year term as representative at large.

NJABA continues to actively seek state recognition of the profession of behavior analysis. To date, the state of New Jersey has recognized behavior analysis in its insurance regulations, approval of private schools using applied behavior analysis as an intervention methodology, and approval of a number of graduate programs in behavior analysis. We are pleased that Caldwell College recently opened the first doctoral program in New Jersey offering a degree in applied behavior analysis. The new doctoral program will award a Ph.D. in applied behavior analysis and was recently approved by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

New York State ABA

BY VICKI MADAUS KNAPP AND DENNIS MOZINGO

The New York State Association for Behavior Analysis (NYSABA) represents scientists, scholars, and practitioners in psychology, education, and related fields. We sponsor local presentations, publish a newsletter and mailing list, and run an annual conference. NYSABA keeps members in touch with events that affect those of us living and/or practicing in the state of New York. NYSABA supports quality education for human services in New York through the applications of ethical, humane, and effective principles of behavior analysis.

NYSABA has an Executive Board that includes the president (Vicki Madaus Knapp), past-president (Dennis Mazingo), president-elect (Deborah A. Napolitano), treasurer (Linda Matey), and secretary (J. Helen Yoo). The full NYSABA board includes Consumer Representative Gail Aiken and our representatives-at-large: Joseph Pancari, Dana Reinecke, Paul Luyben, Helen Bloomer, and Frank Cicero. Also on the board

are our committee chairs: David McAdam (education), Michael Friga (public relations), Dennis Mozingo and Cathy Bryson (legislative), Joseph Pancari (finance), Daniel Fienup (student activities), Frank Cicero (membership), and Paul Luyben (conference). The NYSABA board relies on Office Manager Dave Atkinson for his web-hosting, e-blasting, and organizational skills.

In November 2010, NYSABA held its 21st Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY, which featured Gina Green and Peter Gerhardt as the keynote speakers. Nearly 300 people from Western, Central, Upstate and Downstate New York attended our conference and we are proud to report that the number of students who attended our conference increased by six times.

We are currently planning our 22nd Annual Conference to be held at the Gideon Putnam Resort in Saratoga Springs, NY, which will occur on November 10–11, 2011. Preconference workshops will be held on November 9. We are pleased to announce that Brian Iwata and Sandra Harris will be featured as our keynote speakers. Additionally, we are planning six-tracks including the topics of autism, developmental disabilities, schools, experimental analysis of behavior, behavior disorders, and behavior therapy.

NYSABA is sponsoring a 1-day conference at the Crowne Plaza in White Plains, NY on December 2, 2011. This conference is being planned by Bobby Newman and will include several distinguished speakers, including Peter Gerhardt and Joanne Gerenser.

NYSABA's Legislative Committee has led the way in the organization's mission to gain recognition of the profession of behavior analysis in New York and to advocate for consumers of behavior analysis in state policy and legislation. The committee has been more active in the last 6 years than at any point in its history. Recent activities have included working closely with the New York State Department of Health on the revision of its early intervention regulations, which now include limited recognition of BCBAs and BCaBAs. This work continues as the department is rolling out the new regulations. The state Office for People With Developmental Disabilities has sought NYSABA's guidance preserving state-level positions that implement behavior analysis services as an exemption for these professional approaches its end point. Finally, NYSABA has worked with Autism Speaks and the legislature in providing recommendations for wording of legislation that requires insurance funding for individuals with autism spectrum disorders. Such a bill unanimously passed both New York state houses last fall, but met with a veto at the governor's desk. A similar, improved bill, is currently working its way through the legislature.

NYSABA is committed to continuing its leadership in New York on behalf of our constituents—researchers,

practitioners, and the consumers of behavior analytic services. For more information about any of NYSABA's activities, please visit our website, www.nysaba.org.

New Zealand ABA

BY LEWIS BIZO

The New Zealand ABA (NZABA) chapter has 156 members, primarily consisting of staff students and recent graduates of the seven major universities in New Zealand. Additionally, our membership includes therapists and business consultants.

In 2010, the seventh annual conference of the NZABA was hosted by the Department of Psychology at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch (September 3–5). The conference featured 26 paper presentations and 5 poster presentations that represented a wide range of topics drawn from both the applied and experimental analysis of behaviour, and described research on a wide range of species that included humans, rats, pigeons, hens, and possums. The student prize was won by Andrew Hucks from the University of Canterbury for his paper "Probability Bisection in the Pigeon."

The conference is perhaps going to be best remembered for the massive earthquake that occurred there at 4:36 am on Saturday morning. Fortunately, none of the attendees suffered any serious injury, and despite the major disruption to the conference venue, the event continued.

The eighth annual conference of the NZABA will be hosted by the School of Psychology at the University of Waikato in Hamilton from the 26–28 of August 2011. The Call for Papers is open until August 1, and those interested should contact Lewis Bizo (lbizo@waikato.ac.nz) for more information.

The NZABA would also like to acknowledge recent awards that have been given to its members:

- Michael Davison has been awarded the American Psychological Association Division 25 Distinguished Contributions to Behavior Analysis Award.
- Dr. Chris Podlesnik—who arrived at Auckland to take up a lecturing job on February 17—has been awarded the American Psychological Association Division 25 Early Researcher Award.

People interested in joining NZABA should note that there is no formal application process or fee. Active membership is achieved by attending the annual conference and paying any necessary fees (note that there is no fee for student presenters). Any interested individuals should contact Celia Lie (celia@psy.otago.ac.nz) to register for membership, or complete the online form on the NZABA website (<http://nzaba.org/membership/>).

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Norsk Atferdsanalytisk Forening

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Norsk Atferdsanalytisk Forening (Norwegian Association for Behavior Analysis; NAF) was formed in 1973 and is a registered nonprofit organization open to anyone interested in behavior analysis and its application. Traditionally, behavior analysis in Norway has been very strong in applied settings, but not as strong in academic settings. However, undergraduate programs in applied behavior analysis are now provided in two university colleges: Akershus University College and Ostfold University College. Furthermore, Akershus University College (AUC) offers a master's and a Ph.D. program in behavior analysis that are certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board.

In 2010, the NAF had 969 members and this number has been relatively stable for the past 10 years. The vast majority of the members hold a bachelor's degree in social welfare. Furthermore, about 6% hold a master's degree in behavior analysis, 8% are psychologists, and 2% have a Ph.D.

NAF is run by a board of seven members with full executive powers, chaired by a president. The association is an affiliated chapter of the ABAI. Behavior analysis in Norway is central within the field of developmental disabilities and autism; one of the focus areas of NAF has been to stimulate contributions in other fields. NAF has several regional affiliated chapters and special interest groups; the chapter sponsors seminars, publishes books, provides equipment, organizes local activities around the country, and provides international representation at important conferences.

NAF arranges an annual conference. The number of attendees in 2010 was 767 and has been at that level for many years. The conference is a 4-day event with five or six simultaneous tracks. Although most of the presentations at the conference are experimental papers concerned with applied behavior analysis or practice guided by behavior analysis, there has been an increasing number of theoretical and conceptual papers. International speakers have long been invited to present at the conference and in 2010, Julie and Ernest Vargas were invited speakers. Both gave presentations at a special symposium on verbal behavior, but they also delivered keynote addresses on "B. F. Skinner's Discovery of the Operant" (Julie) and "Skinner's Theory of Contingency Selection" (Ernest).

NAF publishes two journals: *The Norwegian Journal for Behavior Analysis* and *The European Journal of Behavior Analysis* (EJOBA). *The Norwegian Journal for Behavior Analysis* is published quarterly. The journal is peer-reviewed and features papers on research, practice,

and conceptual issues in behavior analysis, mostly in Norwegian. EJOBA (www.ejoba.org) is a peer-reviewed journal published twice a year. EJOBA is primarily for the original publication of experimental reports and theoretical or conceptual papers relevant to the analysis of the behavior of individual organisms. EJOBA has published a number of special issues since the first volume was printed in 2000. Special issues have focused on behaviorism, stimulus equivalence, bereavement and grief, precision teaching, a tribute to Skinner, and noncontingent and contingent reinforcement.

NAF has specifically focused on expanding its current activities and furthering the influence of behavior analysis into new areas to broaden the impact of the science.

North Carolina ABA

BY R. M. "DUKE" SCHELL

The North Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis (NCABA) held its 22nd Anniversary Conference in Charlotte during February. This is the third time that NCABA has held the conference in the Queen City, the first time being in 1989 for our inaugural conference and then in 1994, so we were happy to be back. It was a tremendous conference thanks to the leadership of Ya-yu Lo, our president, as well as our other NCABA board members including Jennifer Deacon (past president), Mark Stafford (president elect), Jim Phillips (vice-president), Beth Schmitt (secretary), Nancy Poteet (treasurer), Callie Plattner (member-at-large), Vicki Harper (member-at-large), Alicia Saunders (student representative), Jamie Clary (publications editor), Fred Spooner (senior advisor), and Duke Schell (liaison to ABAI).

The NCABA conference always begins with the presentation of awards to honor people whom have promoted behavior analysis in research and everyday practice. This year's honorees included Ed Konarski for the Fred S. Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award, Skip O'Neal for the Technical Utilization Award, and Jamie Clary for the "Do Things" Award. Two outstanding students were recognized for NCABA Student Scholarship Awards: Albee Ongsoco and Susan Flynn. In addition, the North Carolina chapter of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (NCAIDD), recognized a student who submitted an outstanding poster on the topic of intellectual disabilities. The student honored was Susan Flynn.

Invited speakers at this year's conference included Denny Reid, Diane Browder, Travis Thompson, Phil Hine, Dennis Russo, Michelle Duda, and Mark Galizio. Over 25 other speakers participated in concurrent sessions, the highlighted student symposium, and panels. In addition, NCABA hosted an excellent evening poster session the first day of the conference. At the conclusion

of the poster session, NCABA recognized Michelle Duda and Shelley Clarke in the professional category and Alicia Brophy in the student category. We would like to thank our poster judges, Travis Thompson and Phil Hine. Overall, we had 172 conference participants with 148 attending our six workshops. Of the 120 NCABA members, 108 were in attendance. NCABA was proud to have over 20 students in attendance at the conference and offered free registration for the first 20 student members. Many conference participants attended the NCABA conference social for an evening of fellowship, networking, and dancing to live music from the Bad Ash Band. Check out the pictures at our website!

NCABA continues to provide both certified behavior analyst and NC psychologist continuing education credits. During the conference 68 certified behavior analysts from North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Oklahoma, and Massachusetts earned 881 continuing education credits and 51 North Carolina psychologists earned 153 continuing education credits. The NCABA conference continues to provide a wide range of topics and speakers—who received excellent feedback—for attendees seeking professional continuing education at a reasonable price.

NCABA hosted a poster during the ABAI Expo session at the 37th ABAI Annual Convention in Denver, handing out “virtual” memberships to interested visitors. Please visit our website at www.nc-aba.com and see additional highlights from the 22nd Annual NCABA Conference. At the website, you can see descriptions of our awards, our newly elected officers, and find information on becoming an NCABA member. The NCABA website also provides information about our history since 1989, links to newsletters, and information about the conference and upcoming events, including NCABA sponsored mid-conference workshops and planning for the 23rd Annual Conference to be held next February, 2012.

Northwestern ABA

BY DANA STEVENS

The Northwestern Association for Behavior Analysis (NWABA) is excited to announce that the 2011 regional conference will be held at the University of Washington in Seattle, WA, on October 7–8, 2011. More information will be posted on the NWABA conference home page.

We would also like to take this opportunity to announce a call for papers. NWABA program proposals are now invited from NWABA members, students, and others interested in experimental and applied behavior analysis. The NWABA conference is a time for everyone in the Pacific Northwest interested in behavior analysis to hear from some of the leading figures in our field and share

our activities of the last year with each other. A successful and interesting conference depends on presentations and participation by our members, so let us know how you can contribute. Submissions can be made online at the NWABA website (www.cwu.edu/~zayacr/nwaba). The deadline for all submissions is September 15, 2011.

NWABA is now an approved continuing education (ACE) provider. The organization is also looking into providing CE/clock hours for licensed psychologists, social workers, counselors, and teachers. Please check the NWABA website for more information on CE credit availability in early fall.

If you are interested in becoming a member or registering for the 2011 conference, please visit our new website and send us your contact information. We are always looking for new members who are dedicated to the acquisition, evaluation, and dissemination of information regarding behavior analysis.

Ohio ABA

BY TERRI HESSLER

This was a busy year for the Ohio Association for Behavior Analysis (OH ABA), the Ohio chapter of ABAI. Our chapter experienced tremendous growth by not only doubling its membership, but also growing out beyond Columbus to include members from across the state.

Certainly, the highlight of 2010 was the first annual OH ABA mini-conference held on Saturday, November 20, 2011, at the Haugland Learning Center in Dublin, Ohio. Titled, “Closing the Research-to-Practice Gap: Emphasizing the Applied in Applied Behavior Analysis,” this 1-day event was filled with interesting and informative presentations and posters. Conference attendees were treated to a keynote address given by Bill Heward. Dr. Heward shared his vision of the tremendous potential of behavior analysis to improve society in various areas of human endeavor. At times cheerleader, coach, and knowledgeable sage, Dr. Heward inspired audience members to harness the powerful principles of applied behavior analysis and widen the positive impact we can have in our own spheres of influence.

Many thanks to the doctoral students of The Ohio State University (OSU) for their participation and attendance, but just as importantly, for providing the manual labor necessary in setting up for the conference and “tearing down” afterwards. Congratulations to OSU student, Chris Tullis, for winning the Student Presentation Award. Chris received \$100 for what the judges considered the best presentation of research among all student presentations.

One of the goals of OH ABA's charter mission came to fruition with the launching of our website,

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www.ohaba.org. Still in its initial stage, the aim is for it to be a portal of information for those in Ohio interested in (a) finding clinics providing services based on applied behavior analysis, (b) earning continuing education units and/or professional development opportunities, and (c) learning about legislative and advocacy information and events relevant to behavior analysts. The board is grateful to Student Representative Cara Nash for her efforts to get the website up and running.

Another goal of OH ABA, to become an advocacy organization, was boosted by the addition of Marla Root to the Executive Board. Marla brings years of relevant experience, including her affiliation with Step by Step Academy.

OH ABA is planning its second annual mini-conference to be held on October 22, 2011. A call for presentation proposals will go out soon, and if you do not receive one, but are interested in presenting or attending, please contact OH ABA's 2011 conference chair, Quinn Montgomery, at Quinn.Montgomery@osumc.edu. This is an excellent opportunity for students, both graduate and undergraduate, to share their research using interventions based on applied behavior analysis. Vendors and sponsors are encouraged to contact Terri Hessler at hessler.16@osu.edu for marketing/advertising opportunities at our 2011 conference.

OH ABA is intent on growing its membership; if you are interested in joining OH ABA, you can find a membership form on our website, www.ohaba.org. Benefits of membership include a reduced registration fee for the OH ABA mini-conference. If you are interested in any of the officer positions, or in some way supporting the Executive Board in the running of the organization, please contact any of the chapter officers listed on our website.

Ontario ABA

BY DARRYL NURSE

We have had another exciting and busy year in 2010 as we strive to lead the Ontario Association for Behaviour Analysis (ONTABA) into the future. Our annual conference was held November 18–20 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The event was a great success and your feedback has been positive and helpful. We were fortunate to have some excellent invited speakers and some cutting-edge local research and practice information disseminated. Thank-you to all the members that presented and attended the conference and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2011. We will once again be hosting our annual event at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on November 10–12, 2011.

As some of you may be aware, ABAI's Executive Council has recently released an article providing an update regarding ABAI's future directions (please refer to

Inside Behavior Analysis, Vol. 3, No. 1). In short, the article is a reaffirmation of its mission, "to contribute to the well-being of society by developing, enhancing, and supporting the growth and vitality of the science of behavior analysis through research, education, and practice." The Board of Directors of ONTABA, as an affiliated chapter of ABAI, has taken the opportunity at our first meeting of 2011 to review and recommit to our mission to "demonstrate leadership, knowledge, and innovation in education, training, and research for the ethical and effective application of behaviour analysis." As the field is continuing to grow quickly throughout the province, we will strive to provide a quality annual conference for all members and will support several satellite conferences in different geographical locations. We have recently completed a revision of the ONTABA Standards of Practice to help guide professionals in the field and will remain a source of information and point of contact for members and stakeholders who may have questions and concerns. We acknowledge the importance of licensure and certification and have recently established a task force to explore the feasibility of establishing a collage of behaviour analysis. The board continues to support this work and receives regular updates; however, we will be refocusing on the association's mission in the year ahead. We will be working on several initiatives this year:

- A review of ONTABA bylaws
- Website development and redesign
- Dissemination of the ONTABA Standards of Practice
- Expansion of satellite conference agreements
- Establishment of special interest groups in the province
- Possible research grants for local educational institutions
- Increase membership input and participation

As the field continues to grow in the province, ONTABA will continue to lead this growth and have a prominent position in guiding future directions. We will continue to strive to serve the membership and fulfill our mission in the year ahead.

Oregon ABA

BY SARAH SCHAEFER AND MARK VOGL

It has been a busy and productive year for the Oregon Association for Behavior Analysis (ORABA). ORABA continues to grow and advocate for evidence-based practices in the state. We successfully hosted our first annual conference in October 2010, which was attended by parents, family members, behavior analysts, and several other professionals. ORABA was proud to welcome Dr. John Rapp, Dr. Vincent Carbone, Dr. Alan Neuringer, Dr. Jane Howard, and Colleen Sparkman, as well as local presenters. ORABA is busy planning for the second annual conference, tentatively scheduled for October 2011.

ORABA elected its second official Board of Directors in February 2011. The board is working diligently to continue on the productive path ORABA started at its inception in November 2008. In addition to extensive involvement with state legislation and local academic programs, the ORABA Board of Directors is in the process of improving the efficacy of organizational management. They are in the process of reviewing and revising the organization bylaws and establishing effective systems for managing member information and membership enrollment. They are also updating the organization's website to include current and relevant information about ORABA activities, local events, and upcoming quarterly meeting details.

ORABA has endorsed and spent much of this year involved with the Autism Insurance Mandate currently in legislation. ORABA has been advocating for BCBA recognition and unlimited inclusion of applied behavior analysis (ABA) in the proposed bill. Even though changes to the proposed bill are anticipated, ORABA is hopeful that it will pass and improve the services available to children and adults with autism in the state. ORABA is eternally grateful for the support and guidance that Dr. Gina Green from the APBA and Dr. Jim Carr and Dr. Jerry Shook from the BACB have provided during this legislative process.

ORABA has also been working with Dr. Marialynn Kessler and Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) to finalize the already approved BCaBA certification program, which is tentatively scheduled to start during the 2012 winter semester. OIT's long-term goal is to evolve this program into a BCBA certification program and eventually a full master's degree program. The establishment of these academic programs is essential for the future growth of ABA services within the state, especially at a time when legislation including BCBA recognition is likely. ORABA plans to continue focusing on assisting local colleges and universities in establishing successful programs in behavior analysis.

Last, but definitely not least, ORABA's Board of Directors was invited to attend CalABA's very successful annual conference in February. They had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Jane Howard and Colleen Sparkman from the CalABA Board of Directors to discuss ways of effectively growing ORABA's membership and further integrate the organization in the community.

ORABA would like to thank everyone from across the country who has reached out to support the state chapter. We are eternally grateful for the willingness of these individuals to take the time to offer advice, support, and dialog regarding state and chapter events. Maintaining the Oregon chapter presents its own specific challenges and ORABA would not be where it is without the help of these amazing people.

Pennsylvania ABA

BY RICH MILLER

The membership of the Pennsylvania Association for Behavior Analysis (PennABA) continues to grow and our organization has expanded our presence to Facebook. Our annual conference was held on March 24–25 at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA. It was our most widely attended conference to date and attracted 130 attendees from across Pennsylvania and several other states. On the first day of the conference, we offered four workshops:

- “Six Common Teaching Mistakes and What To Do Instead” by William Heward, Ed.D., BCBA-D
- “Asperger's Disorder” by Michael DeWulf, Ph.D.
- “There is No Easy Answer to Stereotypy: A Comprehensive Approach for Treatment and Promoting Functional Skills” by William Ahearn, Ph.D., BCBA-D
- “Behavioral Methods and Strategies for Working With Neurologically Impaired Adults” by Michael Mozzoni, Ph.D., BCBA-D

On the second day of the conference, we offered a speakers' series:

- “Why Be a Behavior Analyst?” by William Heward, Ed.D., BCBA-D
- “Do This, but Don't Do That: Observational Learning and Children With Autism” by Bridget Taylor, Psy.D., BCBA-D
- “Services for Adults With Autism Spectrum Disorders in Pennsylvania” by Michael J. DeWulf, Ph.D., and Edward A. Toyer, Ph.D.
- “The Elusiveness of Best Teaching Practices: Research in the Trenches” by William Ahearn, Ph.D., BCBA-D
- “Translational Research on Extinction: A Link Between the Lab and Treatment of Problem Behavior in Applied Settings” by Kathryn Potoczak, Ph.D., BCBA-D
- “Behavior Management of the Neurologically Impaired Adult” by Michael Mozzoni, Ph. D., BCBA-D

The feedback from our attendees was very positive and we are looking forward to a productive year for all of our members.

Polskie Stowarzyszenie Terapii Behawioralnej

BY NINA ZAWIDNIAK AND EWA KULIGA

Polskie Stowarzyszenie Terapii Behawioralnej (the Polish Behavioral Therapy Association; PBTA), is a countrywide nonprofit organization, consociating active practitioners of behavioral therapy. PBTA's mission is to provide multidirectional, comprehensive, and professional help

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to the disabled—in particular to persons suffering from emotional and intellectual disabilities—and to their families. Another vital purpose of PBTA is promoting behavioral therapy among therapists and academics.

Currently, PBTA has 140 registered members from every significant behavioral therapy center in Poland, as well as the parents of persons undergoing behavioral therapy and other concerned experts (physicians, academics, and students). It provides substantial patronage for and cooperates with a number of Polish centers and institutions (in Gdansk, Kielce, Krakow, Warsaw, Zabrze, etc.) focused on providing effective help to persons with autism and publishes the informational periodical *Krok za krokiem (Step by Step)*, which contains articles by world-renowned experts on teaching persons with autism.

PBTA has promoted behavioral therapy by organizing specialist trainings for a wide range of attendees (mainly the teachers and parents of the emotionally and developmentally disabled). Over 700 participants attended such trainings in 2010.

The boards of Poland's two affiliated branches of the ABAI (i.e., PBTA and the Polish Society for Behavioral Psychology) have initiated a joint program aimed at unifying the formal requirements for behavioral therapists in Poland. The aim of these actions is to consolidate and formalize the occupational trainings for behavioral therapists that are currently in place in Poland and thus define the requirements for practicing therapists in order to make behavioral therapy clearly identifiable with the highest quality of therapeutic services. Therefore, in light of that common goal, the two associations have decided to create a registry of practicing behavioral therapists in Poland to integrate and regulate the existing system of trainings and occupational education that enables applicants to obtain the title of a behavioral therapist. As of this moment, 70 people in Poland have been granted the title of licensed behavioral therapist. A set of theoretical and practical trainings framed as five preparatory routes, as well as the appropriate examination criteria, have been prepared for persons applying for the granting of the occupational title of behavioral therapist:

- *Route I* (for practicing therapists) includes submitting an official application for the granting of the title of a behavioral therapist. The application shall include a confirmation of the applicant's qualifications, documents confirming no less than 3 years of professional practice under supervision, and a positive reference from the head of the relevant therapy center.
- *Route II* includes completion of a three-level course in behavioral therapy and at least five specialization courses, completion of no less than 30 days of internships at any of the collaborating centers, 2 years of professional practice under supervision (a minimum

of 50 hours of supervision per year), and a positive reference from the supervisor.

- *Route III* includes completion of the following courses from the Institute of Psychology at Jagiellonian University: "Wprowadzenie do psychologii behawioralnej (Introduction to Behavioral Psychology)" and "Terapia behawioralna: teoria i praktyka (Behavioral Therapy: Theory and Practice)", completion of at least five specialization courses, no less than 20 days of internships at any of the collaborating centers, 2 years of professional practice under supervision, and a positive reference from the supervisor.
- *Route IV* includes completion of the postgraduate studies in applied behavior analysis at the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities, completion of no less than 20 days of internships at any of the collaborating centers, 2 years of professional practice under supervision (a minimum of 50 hours of supervision per year), and a positive reference from the supervisor.
- *Route V* includes completion of the postgraduate studies in applied behavior analysis at the Sopot School of Social Sciences and Humanities, 1 day of work observation at no less than three collaborating centers, 2 years of professional practice under supervision (a minimum of 50 hours of supervision per year), and a positive reference from the supervisor.

PBTA has conducted practical trainings (training and observational internships) for pedagogy (The Pedagogical University of Cracow, Jagiellonian University) and psychology (Jagiellonian University) students and tutors from other educational institutions. It has published the book *Czas na dialog! Materiały informacyjne z II, Ogólnopolskiej Konferencji Nauczycieli Szkolnictwa Specjalnego (Time to Talk! Informational Material From the Second Polish Conference of Special Education Teachers)*.

PBTA also organized the conference "Czas na dialog! Porozmawiajmy więc o integracji" (Time to Talk! Let's Talk About Integration) for special education teachers. The participants included 450 special education teachers and psychologists from all over the country who professionally help persons with a wide range of disorders and employ various methods of therapy. A goal of the 2011 conference is to produce a postconference book that is to collect the lectures and records of the discussions conducted during the event.

PTBA continues to fulfill statutory activities in forms focused on helping the disabled:

- The Behavioral Therapy Clinic (BTC) in Cracow and a local branch of the BTC in Wroclaw provides therapeutic support for the families of developmentally and emotionally challenged persons from all over Poland. The BTC's operations include diagnostic consultations for children with suspected developmental

disorders (performed usually by a committee consisting of a psychiatrist, a psychologist, a speech therapist, a special education teacher, and a rehabilitator) and conducting home therapy programs. The consultations are an opportunity to establish a program for therapy and the parents are instructed on its implementation; during subsequent visits, such a program undergoes the necessary modifications and the parents' skills are further improved. Currently PBTA's BTC oversees home therapy for 450 families throughout Poland.

- The Emergency Intervention Team (EIT) is a short-term (up to 2 weeks), intensive therapy for persons with developmental and behavioral disorders and their families facing material and other hardships. In 2010, around 20 families from all over Poland used this form of therapy.
- The integration classes (IC) are aimed at younger children with disabilities identified as belonging to the spectrum of autism, but possessing basic group-work skills. The classes are conducted on the basis of preschool teaching methodology and the principles of applied behavioral analysis. The objectives of the classes are to integrate the children within a group and develop their social competence. There are currently eight children participating in the classes.
- The social skills training (SST) are classes conducted in small groups and intended to develop positive social behaviors. The classes are aimed at older children with emotional disorders, Asperger's syndrome, and high functioning children with autism. Eight students currently attend these classes.
- PBTA works to obtain resources that allow further development of the organization and introduce new statutory activities (including research programs).
- One of the more important events of 2010 was a behavioral rehabilitation camp. Twenty families from across Poland participated in the event. The camp involved intensive therapy work aimed foremost at instructing and supervising parents and guardians of persons with developmental and emotional disorders under the care of the BTC. The camp also included theoretical trainings, the purpose of which was to broaden and deepen the scope of the parents' and guardians' knowledge of applied behavior analysis.

This year, PBTA intends to continue its work with the BTC, EIT, IC, and SST. Considering the enormous demand and the popularity of last year's rehabilitation camp, the PBTA plans to repeat a behavioral rehabilitation camp this summer. As in the previous year, the purpose of this camp shall be to aid the families of persons with emotional disorders from all over Poland, in particular the families of the patients of the behavioral therapy centers supervised by the PBTA, as well as the patients of the BTC and EIT.

Sociedad Mexicana de Análisis de la Conducta

BY CARLOS SANTOYO, RAUL AVILA, AND GUSTAVO BACHA

The aim of this report is to explain the main goals and activities of the Sociedad Mexicana de Análisis de la Conducta (Mexican Society of Behavior Analysis; MSBA) for 2011 and to summarize activities in 2010.

The dissemination of behavior analysis in Mexico and other countries is one of the key objectives of MSBA. Some of the main activities for reaching this goal include the publication of the *Mexican Journal for Behavior Analysis (MJBA)*, hosting annual conventions (with tracks focused on basic, translational, and applied research), and providing behavior analysis workshops.

The 20th MSBA Convention was held at Oaxtepec, Morelos, in August 2010. Also this year, MSBA celebrated its 35th anniversary of working for the dissemination of behavior analysis in Mexico and other countries with a special convention. During this convention, a permanent poster session was established as a tribute to MSBA members who made significant contributions to behavior analysis and experimental psychology in Mexico and who have passed away. Nearly 200 papers and posters were presented during this event.

In 2010, the Colloquium for Undergraduate Students Who Participate in Behavioral Research was conducted at Mexico City (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México); 52 papers representing dissertation research advances and participation in experimental psychology laboratories were presented. In these papers, learning experiences from behavioral research and application were discussed. Student participation was supported by their research advisors.

This year, the Second Colloquium of Undergraduate Students Who Participate in Behavioral Research was held in April 2011. Most of the 48 papers were collaborative works on different topics like self-control, temporal discounting, memory and learning, social behavior, temporal assessment, behavioral sequences, and so on. The principal goal of this program was to disseminate information about behavior analysis and scientific psychology among potential psychologists throughout the country and to encourage them to enroll in postgraduate programs focused on behavior analysis. In doing this, MSBA has promoted undergraduate student participation in diverse research tasks and the growth of behavior analysis in Mexico.

MJBA is a member of the Mega Project of Scientific Journals in the Catalogue of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, hosted at www.journals.unam.mx, and received financial support from the National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT/Mexico).

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Finally the XXI Convention of MSBA was held at Acapulco, Guerrero, on August 29–September 2, 2011. The Call for Presentations program is now open and can be found at MSBA's website, www.smac.org.mx.

South Carolina ABA

BY BARBARA AGNELLO

The South Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis (SC ABA) has had an exciting year in 2010. Our efforts have included making enhancements to the SC ABA website, creating mailing addresses, and procuring a primary meeting location in Columbia with the support of the South Carolina Autism Society (SCAS). Throughout the year, chapter officers and members attend workshops and conferences focused on applied behavior analysis (ABA). Attendees report on information gathered from the conferences and workshops attended during the 3-month period at each quarterly business meeting, and this activity is now a standing item on our agenda. We are in the process of updating our website to reflect this information exchange.

During the summer of 2010, the Ethics Task Force worked on developing "Guidelines for the Ethical Practice of Applied Behavior Analysis of the South Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis." At the quarterly meeting held in July 2010, members gave feedback on the draft document. Following the business portion of the meeting, Jodi Cholewicki-Carroll and Zahra Hajiaghamseni gave a presentation regarding an initiative underway by the University of South Carolina and South Carolina Autism Society, "South Carolina's Autism Training Collaborative: Current Approaches to ASD Training in South Carolina."

The quarterly business meeting in October was held in conjunction with the SCAS conference. The final version of the "Guidelines for the Ethical Practice of Applied Behavior Analysis of the South Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis" was provided to SC ABA members for a vote. At this meeting, there was an election for new vice-president, which was accepted by Mark Knight. A report of SC ABA activities over the last 2 years was also provided. An update from each committee chair concluded the business portion of the meeting. The SCAS conference offered an opportunity to earn three continuing education (CE) credits toward BACB recertification with a presentation by Dennis Reid titled, "Enhancing Application of Evidence-Based Practices: Effective Strategies for Teacher, Parent, and Staff Training."

In January 2011, Barbara Agnello began her term as president of SC ABA. At the quarterly business meeting held in January 2011, updates were given for each of the SC ABA committees. Because the Ethics Task Force completed the creation of "SC ABA Guidelines for

Ethical Practice," a new committee was identified to target coordinating the dissemination of the document. Vice-president Mark Knight gave an overview of initiatives associated with Project Hope Foundation, an organization offering applied behavior analysis services.

During the quarterly business meeting of April 2011, SC ABA members reviewed and confirmed current committees and new process for committee updates. This information will also be included as an enhancement to the SC ABA website. There are currently four SC ABA committees: BACB/Legislative Update Committee, Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Liaison Committee, Department of Education Liaison Committee, and the Ethics Committee. Barbara Agnello, the current president of SC ABA, and Christian Martin, the past-president of SC ABA, piloted an ethics workshop to provide CE credits toward BACB recertification.

SC ABA continues to be shaped by national movements in the field of ABA and the needs of individuals in South Carolina. Therefore, our roles and efforts have continued to evolve during the past 3 years. We are in the process of planning an SC ABA conference, but our plans have not been finalized.

SC ABA membership is open to anyone who is interested in the application of the principles and procedures of behavior analysis. Currently, SC ABA has active members who include, but are not limited to, BCBAs, parents, support providers, teachers, and psychologists from many counties across the state. If you are interested in becoming a member of SC ABA or would like more information about our chapter, feel free to visit our website www.sc-aba.org, or contact us by e-mail at southcarolinaaba@gmail.com.

Southeastern ABA

BY KAREN G. ANDERSON

The Southeastern Association for Behavior Analysis (SEABA) is a regional affiliate of ABAI. SEABA seeks to promote scholarly discourse within and about behavior analysis. Membership and convention registration are open to anyone with a scholarly interest in behavior analysis.

History

In 1984, Aaron Brownstein (University of North Carolina, Greensboro) rallied a group of prominent behavior analysts in the Southeastern United States around the idea of a regional conference on the science and philosophy of behavior analysis. The Southeastern US contained a large number of strong, but geographically scattered, academic and research groups (e.g., Florida, North Carolina, West Virginia, Alabama, and others) without a venue for scholarly interaction. For many, the Southeastern Psychological Association had served this

purpose, but the content of that conference had become overwhelmingly professional rather than scientific (i.e., following the direction of APA). SEABA was founded to provide that scholarly focused venue for behavior analysts. SEABA was structured specifically to foster high-level discourse on research and theory in behavior analysis. The organization's sole activity would be to conduct an annual conference. The conference format was developed specifically to replicate the environment of early behavioral conferences and scientific specialty organizations (e.g., the Behavioral Pharmacological Society). To this end, the conference was to be a day-and-a-half, single-track program so that all participants could conveniently attend all presentations, establishing a common basis for discussion and interaction. Speakers were to be selected based on content and quality of their empirical and theoretical work, and to comprise a well-balanced program of basic, applied, conceptual, and philosophical presentations. A final important component was to actively encourage student attendance by establishing a low student conference fee of \$3, inviting students from regional schools to introduce the invited speakers, and having largely student projects make up a poster session.

The fall was selected as the best time for the conference, so as to complement the main ABAI convention held in the spring, and the first meeting was held in the fall of 1984 at Myrtle Beach, SC. The first officers were Fred Keller, past president; Aaron Brownstein, president; Steve Hayes, secretary; and Scott Lawrence, treasurer. Sadly, Aaron Brownstein died in 1986. At that year's conference, Steve Hayes presented the association with a banner in Aaron's memory, and it has been unfurled to open every conference since.

A Special Emphasis on the Future of Behavior Analysis

A guiding philosophy of SEABA is that students are junior colleagues, with an emphasis on the latter portion of the term. Consequently, SEABA strives to keep membership and convention registration fees low to facilitate student attendance. It is a SEABA tradition that students typically assist in the planning and orchestration of the annual meeting, introduce invited speakers, and contribute to its scholarly well-being through numerous poster presentations.

SEABA membership is open to anyone with a scholarly interest in behavior analysis. Current members include both academic and professional people; psychologists and persons in related disciplines such as education, psychopharmacology, and social work; established scholars; and students. Most members reside in the Southeastern US, although an increasing number of members participate from other parts of the country.

For more information visit us at www.seaba.org.

Svenska Föreningen för Beteendeanalys

BY ULRIKA LÅNGH AND NED CARTER

Svenska Föreningen för Beteendeanalys (Swedish ABA; SWABA) has nearly 150 members, a drop from 2009. The drop in membership is attributed to the introduction of annual dues, for the first time since being founded in 1996. The interest for behavior analysis in Sweden has grown over the last years, with increasing demands for applied behavior analysis from parents and support groups for autism and developmental disorders. The interest among professionals is also growing, mainly among psychologists, special educational teachers, and speech therapists.

The interest for organizational behavior management (OBM) is attracting Swedish consultants working in several areas (e.g., health care, industry, banking and governmental services). There are now several opportunities to learn OBM in Sweden, such as workshops with visiting behavior analysts and more extended national courses. Several books about OBM, from Swedish authors and consultants, were published in 2010.

During spring 2010, SWABA arranged its annual meeting as a 1-day conference in Stockholm. Empirical studies, reviews, and philosophical issues were presented and discussed. A similar meeting was held in November, with presentations covering a range of topics.

SWABA was represented at the 36th ABAI Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas, USA. During the convention, SWABA presented a poster at the Expo. Also, bids were accepted for a unique SWABA t-shirt, the proceeds of which were donated to the SABA International Development Fund.

SWABA maintains a web forum for its members, that can be reached from the organization's website (www.swaba.org). Hopefully, the website will go through major changes during 2011.

SWABA would like to encourage anyone who plans to visit Sweden or Scandinavia to contact Ulrika Lång (ulrika.lang@sll.se), the current president, to arrange a meeting. SWABA will arrange its next annual meeting in early spring of 2011, and its annual fall meeting in October 2011.

Taiwan ABA

BY HUA FENG

During the past year, Taiwan ABA (TABA) has accomplished quite a lot. First of all, through continuous support from SEEK Education and the Taiwanese government (e.g., Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, etc.), we held an international conference in Taipei City on March 19–20, 2011. Positive behavior

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intervention for severe behavioral problems has recently been a big issue for professionals in Taiwan. The invited speakers—three honors scholars: Dr. Brian Iwata, Dr. Michele Wallace, and Dr. Neil Martin—and senior behavioral consultants and directors from Seek Education designed a 2-day conference to introduce the functional behavioral assessment and intervention for dealing with problem behaviors. There are more than 300 participants in this conference, which included a poster session. In addition, TABA also held a round table session on March 21, 2011, for universities interested in establishing BCBA certified programs. Five faculty members representing four universities in northern and southern Taiwan attended this meeting. During session, Dr. Martin discussed his programs in Europe and the movement to establish BCBA academic programs that has taken a big step forward.

For the annual training program, three 2-day workshops were held in north, central, and south Taiwan, and attracted more than 300 participants. With a donation from a foundation, we also held two 2-day workshops in far-off cities (Miao-li and Taitung City) without participant fees; about 150 participants attended the workshop.

The Graduate Institute of Rehabilitation Counseling at National Changhua University of Education continues to offer BCBA course sequences through the on-campus master's degree program, and the number of students enrolled in this program has steadily increased. SEEK Education also has joined the satellite program offered by the University of Nevada, Reno, and is trying to offer other options for professionals interested in pursuing BCBA accreditation in Taiwan. TABA offers a BCaBA program (28 students), and will finish the third and fourth course sequence by the end of 2011.

With the donation from a different foundation and SEEK Education, TABA has created different intervention programs, such as parent's one-on-one behavioral counseling, institutional staff training programs, social interaction training for adults with autism, and so on. SEEK Taichung is the major service provider for all the intervention programs.

Plans for the coming year include holding the fifth TABA annual convention in June, which will include invited speakers, posters, and paper presentations to share evidence-based research taking place in Taiwan. At least one issue of the *TABA Journal* will be published and TABA will maintain a website (www.tabatw.org.tw), which will include conference announcements, a membership directory, a parents' sharing section, and links to other behavior analysis sites.

Tennessee ABA

BY BETH URBANCZYK AND JASON OTTO

The Tennessee Association for Behavior Analysis (TABA) held its 13th Annual Conference at the Scarritt Bennett Center last October 22–23, 2010. TABA members were pleased to have Richard W. Malott, Vince Carbone, and Jim Johnston as invited speakers. Many participated in the poster and paper sessions including behavior analyst practitioners in Tennessee and professors and students from East Tennessee State University (ETSU), Vanderbilt University, Southern Illinois University, Spalding University, and the University of Memphis. In the spring of 2011, TABA held its annual regional meetings. The West TABA Meeting was held on March 4, 2011, at the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Services in Arlington, TN. This was a full-day conference with topics on ethics, functional assessment and behavior intervention plans, The Good Behavior Game (a treatment package for aggression), and electronic data collection. The East TABA Meeting was held on April 15, 2011 at ETSU where Martin Ivancic discussed his paper titled, "Considering Covert Reinforcement Contingencies." Finally, the Middle TABA Meeting was held on April 26 at the Renaissance Center, where a team of presenters held a full-day training event titled, "Increasing Appropriate Communication to Decrease Inappropriate Behavior."

As an organization, TABA is in a period of growth. TABA's website changed to www.tennesseeaba.org when www.BehaviorScience.org began web-hosting and consulting on TABA's web design. The improved website has allowed members to enter their membership information and register for the annual conference, while improving TABA's tracking of membership. Members are able to access past Executive Committee minutes and newsletters. Also in 2010, TABA became a 501(c)(3), recognized by the IRS as a charitable organization focused on education. This came after several years of TABA's efforts toward this goal. TABA also became an affiliate of the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts.

TABA's 14th Annual Conference is on October 20–21, 2011, at the Scarritt Bennett Center. The colorful fall season and its historic campus and buildings have led to high reviews from participants attending TABA at Scarritt Bennett. Our Continuing Education Committee has invited several speakers: Gina Green, Linda LeBlanc, Jose Martinez-Diaz, Jim Johnston, Michael May, Bruce Davis, and Elizabeth Roof.

In an effort to develop TABA into a strong and vibrant organization, it attempts to stay abreast of current events that have a strong likelihood of impacting the practice of behavior analysis in Tennessee. The president and Executive Committee of TABA will forge ahead, develop,

and implement its strategic plan to strengthen behavior analysis in Tennessee. The plan follows TABA's mission statement, but specifies the details needed for further action. The Executive Committee and related volunteers involved with TABA's committees for publications, continuing education, professional standards, and membership all play their relevant roles in this action. Of course, Tennessee is "the volunteer state," and so far it shows in TABA! These volunteers are helping TABA realize its mission.

The Executive Committee and recently appointed chairpersons held its annual face-to-face meeting in Nashville on March 5, 2011. The three primary objectives at this time are to hold the 14th Annual Conference, increase TABA membership, and implement TABA's strategic plan. If you want to join TABA or attend the 14th Annual Conference, go to www.tennesseeaba.org for more information.

Texas ABA

BY GORDON BOURLAND

The past year has been a very special one for the Texas Association for Behavior Analysis (TxABA). The year marked the 25th year of TxABA's existence representing behavior analysis in Texas and the adjoining states.

This year's TxABA annual conference was held in beautiful Galveston, Texas, from February 25–27, 2011. This year's conference highlighted TxABA's having reached the mature age of 25 years! Conference events occurred at the spacious and beautiful Galveston Convention Center, and this was the first conference to be held over 3 days. The conference was well attended (approximately 500 people registered), and postconference feedback was overwhelmingly positive regarding all the facets of the event. Presentations on Friday occurred in different tracks: The autism track, chaired by Jenn Fritz, included two 3-hour workshops by Sarah Bloom and Andrew Samaha for professional behavior analysts. The autism track also included two 3-hour introductory-level workshops by Andrew Samaha and by Sarah Bloom. Anna Petursdottir chaired the general track, which included 3-hour workshops by Douglas Woods and Gina Green. The basic and applied research track, chaired by Manish Vaidya, provided 1-hour presentations by five researchers—Kimberly Kirkpatrick, Gerson Yukio Tomanari, Yusuke Hayashi, Karen M. Lionello-Denolf, and Erik Arntzen. On Friday evening, a poster session and a student-led social event were held. (Special thanks to Jenn Fritz and the Applied Behavior Analysis Student Organization of the University of Houston–Clear Lake for planning and hosting the social.) On Saturday, the Autism track presentations were conducted by Linda LeBlanc, Andrew Samaha, Iser G. DeLeon, Shala Alai'-Rosales, and Sarah Bloom. General track presentations

on Saturday were conducted by Douglas Woods, Henry D. Schlenger, Gina Green, Brian Iwata, and William G. Rantz. Saturday's sessions concluded with Richard W. Malott (ABAI president) presenting "A Practitioner Model for Undergraduate and Graduate Training in Autism." On Sunday morning, as part of TxABA's celebration of its 25th year, Richard Malott made a presentation titled, "Dream Chasers," reflecting the contributions of a number of behavior analysts—some well known and some not—to the field and to the world at large. Robin Rumph followed Malott with a presentation tracing the founding and development of TxABA. The final presentation of the conference was a panel discussion, chaired by Sigrid Glenn and including Shala Alai'-Rosales, Deb Grossett, and Anna Petursdottir addressing the future of behavior analysis and TxABA with respect to research, training, and intervention services. Continuing education credits acceptable to the BACB were available for all presentations. Appreciation is due to the Conference Committee, composed of the program track chairs and conference coordinator Billy Edwards, all of whom contributed much time and effort, and demonstrated much patience throughout the year to make the conference such a success.

On Saturday evening of the 37th ABAI Annual Convention in Denver, TxABA hosted a special celebration for having reached its 25th year. This special event, planned by the 25th Anniversary Celebration Committee—chaired by Robin Rumph, one of the founding members of TxABA—began with a special dinner and a video presentation. The presentation reflected TxABA's founding and activities, with photos of TxABA events and participants, and included reflections and comments by a number of TxABA officers, past and present. (The video, prepared primarily by Carla Smith, will be placed on the TxABA website after further editing and expansion.)

Following the dinner, TxABA presented awards recognizing the contributions of a number of behavior analysts in Texas. The Pioneer in Behavior Analysis in Texas Awards were presented, posthumously, to Donald Whaley, James Kopp, and Joel Greenspoon and reflected upon their early contributions to the development of behavior analysis in Texas—all predating the founding of TxABA. Sigrid Glenn and Don Williams both received TxABA's Career Contributions to Behavior Analysis in Texas Award in recognition of their behavior analytic work in a variety of roles (e.g., researchers, practitioners, administrators) for over two decades. The Public Service Contributions Award was presented to Jeffrey Enzinna in appreciation of his successful efforts promoting the recognition of behavior analysis by state agencies that fund human services in Texas. Gordon Bourland, TxABA president, provided comments commemorating Jim Kopp,

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a founding member of TxABA and the first president of the organization, who died in late 2010. Following a champagne toast by Robin Rumph and Gordon Bourland, recognizing TxABA's past and expressing positive expectations for its future, the evening continued with live music and dancing. Special appreciation is due to the 25 Anniversary Celebration Committee—Robin Rumph (chair), Anna Petursdottir, Leslie Burkett, Deb Grossett, Ron Manns, Carla Smith, Heather Barahona, Mandy Rispoli, Tracey Lepper, and Sigrid Glenn.

During the convention, two student scholarships were awarded: Chris Varnon and Rebecca Kunkel (both from the University of North Texas) each were granted a \$500 scholarship from TxABA to assist with their expenses in attending the 2012 ABAI Annual Convention in Seattle. To be eligible for the award, a student had to be the presenting author of a presentation accepted for the event. Lori Russo and Sarah Lechago reviewed submissions, selecting the two who scored the highest on the review criteria. The TxABA Council named the scholarships the James L. Kopp Memorial Student Scholarships in honor of Jim Kopp.

TxABA's activities are overseen by the TxABA Council. For 2010–2011, council members were Duy Le, Anna Petursdottir (term of office expired in April), Lori Russo, Traci Lepper (student representative, term of office expired in April), Manish Vaidya (past president, term of office expired in April), and Gordon Bourland, (president, term of office expired in April). Elections in February resulted in Anna Petursdottir being elected president for 2011–2013, Jennifer Fritz elected to the TxABA Council (for 2011–2014), and Summer Koltonski elected as student representative (for 2011–2012). Gordon Bourland will serve as past president (for 2011–2013). Excellent support for the council continued to be provided by Leslie Burkett (treasurer) and Heather Barahona (administrative coordinator). At present, TxABA has approximately 600 members across the various levels.

Communication with members and others interested in TxABA continued as a major point of emphasis this year. Information continues to be provided via e-mail, the TxABA Facebook fan page, and the TxABA website (www.txaba.org), which was revised during the year.

During the past year TxABA has provided comments and recommendations to public agencies on several issues. This has been done through submission of written comments as well as testimony at agency meeting. Issues addressed have included the proposed addition of persons with little or no training in behavior analysis to develop intervention plans for persons served by Medicaid-waiver programs, state funding of services to persons with disabilities (especially young children diagnosed with autism), and possible licensing of behavior analysts.

Introduction of possible legislation to license behavior analysts in Texas seems highly unlikely at this time, but funding concerns continue as the legislature remains in session at the time of this writing. These activities have involved the TxABA Council as a whole as well as the TxABA Legislative Committee, chaired by Billy Edwards.

Several other committees have been established to distribute the work of TxABA and to address important issues. One group that completed its work during the year was the Task Force on Licensure of Behavior Analysts, chaired by Don Williams. This group reviewed information related to licensing behavior analysts, especially as germane to Texas. The group's report with recommendations for the TxABA Council was received and the recommendations endorsed. A second committee, the Non-English Behavior Analysis Materials Committee, chaired by Lori Russo, identified and reviewed Spanish-language materials regarding behavior analysis. The information will be made available on the website. A new TxABA committee is the Publicity and Membership Committee. This group will provide information regarding TxABA and behavior analysis to TxABA members, persons interested in TxABA and/or behavior analysis, companies, agencies, and governmental entities interested in TxABA and/or to which information regarding TxABA and/or behavior analysis is relevant. An additional task of the committee is promoting membership in TxABA.

During the year the number of TxABA's special interest group (SIG) operations grew. Both previously established groups, the Central and South Texas Autism SIG (Lupe Castaneda, chair) and the Dallas-Fort Worth Area Autism SIG (Kecia Adams-Wright, chair) have been quite active in providing professional education and social opportunities for persons interested in behavior analytic interventions for persons with autism spectrum disorders. The TxABA OBM SIG (Domonique Randall, chair) joined them. This group conducts meetings to review and discuss OBM literature and issues, promotes informal interaction among members, and maintains a website with a discussion forum.

The coming year is expected to be another busy one for TxABA. Virtually all the previously mentioned activities will be continued. Pursuing the tasks of the Publicity and Membership Committee will be emphasized during the year. Additionally, the TxABA Council will continue actively interacting with both public and private sector entities to promote support for behavior analysis in matters germane to the field and to the public interest.

Utah ABA

BY SARAH BLOOM

The Utah Association for Behavior Analysis (UtABA), founded in 2010, seeks to encourage scientific activity, professional training and development, and intellectual

activity related to behavior analysis in the state of Utah. UtABA held its first meeting in June 2010, in cooperation with the Effective Practices for Teachers and Human Service Professionals Conference at Utah State University. UtABA participated in that conference by offering presentations within the behavior analysis strand. UtABA's first annual business meeting was held at that conference; the keynote speaker was Dr. Brian Iwata of the University of Florida, who gave a presentation titled, "Experimental Approaches to Behavioral Assessment and Practical Considerations for Conducting Functional Behavior Assessments." Additional national speakers within the behavior analysis strand were Dr. Jennifer Fritz of the University of Houston-Clear Lake and Dr. Jennifer Hammond of Stanford University. Some additional topics in the behavior analysis strand included designing and implementing functional communication training using signals, increasing language for individuals with autism and communication disorders, using independent activity schedules to promote play skills in children with autism, and preventing school avoidance.

This year's June conference (June 20–23, 2011) was again held in cooperation with the Effective Practices Conference at Utah State University. Dr. Rob Horner of the University of Oregon delivered the keynote address. Dr. Stephanie Peterson of Western Michigan University also gave a presentation. Additional behavior analysis presentations and an UtABA business meeting were held. This year, we added two behavior analysis research symposia and a poster session to the schedule.

UtABA is a BACB-approved type 2 accredited continuing education provider. Current UtABA officers are Sarah Bloom (president), Tom Higbee (president-elect), Andrew Samaha (secretary/treasurer) and Amy Odum (member-at-large).

Vermont ABA

BY K. J. TRAVIS

This past year has been an exciting one for the Vermont Association for Behavior Analysis (VtABA). In 2010, VtABA's membership doubled in size; this impressive increase in membership can be attributed in large part to the VtABA-sponsored events held over the past year, including an ethics training provided by VtABA's own David Powsner. We also hosted a successful first annual conference in Burlington, VT, with Dr. Gregory Hanley as the keynote speaker. Dr. Hanley provided the audience with a wealth of information during his presentation titled, "Understanding, Preventing, and Treating Problem Behavior." VtABA thanks Dr. Hanley for such an engaging and informative training session. This year VtABA will continue to focus on bringing benefits to its members. We are looking forward to hosting our second

annual conference on Thursday, October 20, 2011, in Montpelier at the Capital Plaza Hotel and Conference Center with Dr. Dennis Reid as the keynote speaker. In June 2011, VtABA will be holding a fundraising event; participants will be informed of the status and substance of the latest legislative initiatives within the state regarding autism insurance reimbursement. This event will also be an opportunity for professionals and consumers of behavior analytic services to come together and discuss the proposed legislation and the ongoing role of applied behavior analysis in Vermont. We are excited to provide these opportunities to continue educating the community about applied behavior analysis, its diverse utility, and to facilitate meaningful collaboration between service disciplines and providers for the betterment of all Vermonters. During this next year, VtABA will continue to research, educate, and advocate on behalf of board certified behavior analysts, board certified assistant behavior analysts, and consumers of behavior analytic services across the state. Learn more about VtABA and its upcoming events by visiting our website, www.vtaba.org.

Virginia ABA

BY TRACY E. ZINN

On April 2, 2011, the Virginia Association for Behavior Analysis (VABA) held its seventh annual meeting. We invited six speakers:

- Heather Jennett (Kennedy Krieger Institute), "Behavioral Assessment and Treatment of Anxiety in Individuals With Intellectual Disabilities"
- Edward Morris (University of Kansas), "The Gernsbacher Lectures Redux: The Good, the Bad, and My Ugly"
- Miranda Reed (West Virginia University), "Altered Reinforce Efficacy: One Explanation for Perseverative Behavior?"
- Bryan Saville (James Madison University), "Interteaching: A Behavioral Approach to Increasing Student Performance and Enjoyment in the Classroom"
- Amber Valentino (Marcus Autism Center), "Verbal Behavior: Overcoming Stimulus Control Problems When Teaching Functional Language to Children With Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities"
- Carole Van Camp (University of North Carolina Wilmington), "Training and Motivating Caregivers to Implement Behavioral Interventions"

In addition, there was also a poster session and social at the end of the day.

Because of a scheduling mistake at the hosting university, VABA was inadvertently scheduled on the same weekend as the First Annual Association of

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Professional Behavior Analysts Conference in Boston, MA. This resulted in smaller than anticipated attendance at VABA. Nevertheless, we had approximately 60 conference attendees and, by all accounts, there were positive reviews of the conference and speakers. Attendees represented academic institutions, such as West Virginia University, University of North Carolina Wilmington, and James Madison University, as well as organizations such as the Kennedy Krieger Center, Commonwealth Autism Services, and the Virginia Public School System.

VABA is a type 2 accredited continuing education provider (OP-05-0070) for the Behavior Analyst Certification Board and offered six continuing education units (CEU) through attendance at this year's conference. We do not have a final count of the number of CEUs offered in total this year. We see it as one goal of our organization to provide CEUs for the practitioners in our state.

The annual VABA conference is the primary mission of our organization and is its only annual meeting. Membership in VABA includes registration for the annual conference; therefore, we do not distinguish between the number of conference attendees and the size of our organization. The eighth annual VABA conference will be held on March 24, 2012. Because of changes in our leadership, we will be undergoing an election for new officers. Questions about VABA should be directed to Tracy Zinn (zinnte@jmu.edu) in the interim period.

Wisconsin ABA

BY WENDY MACHALICEK

The Wisconsin Association for Behavior Analysis (WisABA) was founded in 2004 as a local chapter of ABAI with the mission of promoting an evidence-based understanding of human behavior and helping the people of Wisconsin to improve their lives and the lives of those around them. WisABA is also an affiliate of the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts. WisABA's recurring and ongoing activities include the annual WisABA Conference (focused on behaviorally based solutions in Wisconsin), collaborative road shows with academic and professional organizations around the state, continuing education opportunities for behavior analysts, social networking activities for members and other interested parties, position statements on issues within the state of concern to behavior analysts and their clients, educating interested community groups about applied behavior analysis, and advocating for behavior analysts and behavior analysis through public policy input. Depending on interest, experience, and training, membership in WisABA may take one of three types: full, affiliate, and student.

This past year was successful for WisABA. On May 11, 2010, Wisconsin Act 282 was enacted as state law, which allowed for the state licensure and inclusion of board certified behavior analysts as qualified providers of applied behavior analysis under the state autism insurance mandate. State licensure includes certification by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. This was a major achievement for behavior analysis in the state of Wisconsin and we wish to note and applaud the considerable efforts made by WisABA officers, members, concerned practitioners, students, and families to lobby for the passage of this important legislation. Our third annual conference was held in August 16–18, 2010, at the Memorial Union Terrace at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This 3-day conference was well attended with local and nationally recognized speakers presenting on a variety of behavior analytic topics. Workshops focusing on verbal behavior, functional behavior assessment, and picture exchange communication were also available. We wish to thank all those who presented and came.

This year presents some new challenges and opportunities for WisABA. This spring, we had a full day of behavior analytic presentations at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, hosted by Dr. Kevin Klatt. Students, professors, practitioners, and researchers traded ideas and established new collaborations and friendships. Our business meeting held in Denver at ABAI's annual convention provides WisABA members with the opportunity to review the past year's accomplishments and plan next year's major activities. Our fourth conference is scheduled for August 20–21, 2011, at the Waisman Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Once again, we have an impressive line-up of presenters from around Wisconsin and the United States. All are welcome—we are looking forward to the exchange of ideas and data-based research. On the advocacy front, we continue to work toward efforts to support humane and ethical methods of education and treatment at local and state levels, provide information to consumers regarding qualified behavior analysis practitioners in Wisconsin, and lobbying for legislation that protects the right to effective education and treatment for those who benefit from the science and application of behavior analysis. Here's to a great year and we hope to celebrate our growth and accomplishments with you at the Waisman Center on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus during our next conference. ❖

New ABAI Organizations

ABAI welcomes new affiliated chapters in 2011:

Albania ABA

Arizona ABA

Switzerland ABA

ABAI welcomes new special interest groups in 2011:

History of Behavior Analysis SIG

Multicultural SIG: Multicultural Alliance of Behavior Analysts

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Updates From ABAI's Special Interest Groups

Applied Animal Behavior

BY CHRISTY A. ALLIGOOD

This has been an exciting year for the Applied Animal Behavior SIG. We have worked on crafting and instituting a set of bylaws to guide the SIG as it continues to grow in the coming years. During the development of the bylaws, we have had productive discussions about the goals of the group. These discussions led to a new mission statement that is aligned with the mission of ABAI, and to several lines of focus as we move forward. The new mission statement is as follows: The mission of the Applied Animal Behavior SIG is to promote applied animal behavior analytic research, set high standards in methods and techniques of animal training, support those in the applied animal behavior field, and promote the well-being of animals in applied settings wherever they are found.

Areas of focus include communication with SIG members, ABAI members, and applied animal behaviorists in other organizations; promotion of scholarship in applied animal behavior; and certification/licensure issues affecting applied animal behaviorists.

Our SIG's Yahoo Group continues to serve as our primary means of communication with SIG members and the vehicle for strategic-planning discussions. To join the Yahoo group, contact the communications liaison, Terri Bright, at terribright@comcast.net. We continue to discuss ways to generate dialogue with other groups within ABAI and with other applied animal behavior organizations.

We again recognized excellent student scholarship in applied animal behavior this year with the Marian Breland Bailey Award for Student Research and Scholarship. We have experimented over the past 2 years with changes to the submission and evaluation process for the awards, and we will continue to discuss ways to raise the profile of the awards and promote student participation. As we are often asked about programs of graduate study in animal behavior, SIG member Eddie Fernandez has created a listing of such programs, which can be found at <http://faculty.washington.edu/eduferna/AABprograms.xlsx>.

Certification and licensure issues are of increasing interest to a number of SIG members and were the impetus for the organization of a symposium and panel on certification in applied animal behavior at this year's ABAI annual convention. The SIG conducted our annual business meeting and presented a poster at the ABAI Expo, and SIG leaders attended the ABAI SIG Leadership Training: Effective Organizational Strategies to Sustain Your Special Interest Group. In addition, SIG members, invited speakers, and other researchers presented an impressive array of applied animal behavior analytic research at the convention.

The SIG also teamed with the ABAI Student Committee to offer a panel discussion on careers in applied animal behavior as part of the Professional Development Series.

The membership of the Applied Animal Behavior SIG is diverse and includes academicians, researchers, and practitioners from a variety of disciplines dedicated to, affiliated with, or interested in animal behavior and/or behavior management or behavior therapy with animals in applied settings. We welcome new members who share our interest in animal behavior and applied behavior analysis. For more information, contact SIG president Christy A. Alligood at Christina.Alligood@disney.com.

Autism

BY LORI BECHNER, ROBERT ROSS, AND RUTH DONLIN

The Autism SIG is grateful for the support from the officers and volunteers who have provided valuable input. Previous Autism SIG president's Ruth Donlin, Mary Jane Weiss, and David Celiberti continue to be involved in developing the group. Lori Bechner is the current president and Bob Ross is the president-elect; the additional core committee includes Sara Gershfeld (website master), Amy Hansford (secretary/treasurer), Pam Gorski, David Fisher, Suzannah Ferrioli, Kristin Foley, Chigusa Haldeman, and Suzanne Buchannan.

Membership Committee

This year we reached over 1,000 members! The Autism SIG remains the largest special interest group within ABAI. The Autism SIG welcomes all members to join our committee. There are no fees required, and membership information is kept confidential. For more information, send an e-mail to a.hansford@gmail.com.

Student Research Award

We sponsor an annual student research award. This year's student research winner is Nitasha Dickes of the Munroe-Meyer Institute for Genetics and Rehabilitation and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. As the winner of this year's award, her study will be printed in the next issue of the Autism SIG newsletter, and she will be awarded a certificate honoring her achievement at the 2011 ABAI Autism SIG meeting in Denver, Colorado. We extend our appreciation to our volunteer judges Jane Carlson, Peishi Wang, and Emily Johnson. We welcome all student poster research submissions.

Consumer Resource Committee

This committee is currently focusing on revising The Consumer Guidelines. The guidelines provide valuable information for consumers of applied behavior analysis (ABA) services. This resource was developed to help

enable parents, school districts, and other professionals to identify qualified practitioners of ABA services for individuals with autism spectrum disorders. The current guidelines were last revised in the fall of 2007 and do not fully reflect the many changes that have taken place since that time. An internal committee of Autism SIG members has been established to conduct the initial review (Mary Jane Weiss, chair; Robert Ross; Suzanne Buchannan; Andy Bondy; and Michael Fabrizio) and a number of external review panels will also participate in this revision. This is an enormous undertaking that will include layers of planning and collaboration. The SIG would like to thank some of those who will be involved as our external review members: Gina Green, Ph.D. BCBA-D; Dick Malott, Ph.D. BCBA-D; and Jerry Shook, Ph.D. BCBA-D.

Newsletter Committee

The newsletter underwent several changes this year. Our long serving editor, David Fisher, is no longer able to serve in this role and we are not able to replace him in this formal position as of yet. We also changed the format of our newsletter to make distribution and access to content easier. Now, in addition to e-mailing the electronic version to all members, newsletter content is incorporated in the related links on our website.

Website Committee

Sara Gershfeld, our webmaster, gave our website a complete revision with features that expanded our exposure and streamlined our information. We also ensure that all newsletter content is directly accessible via the site. We are planning some big changes this year; we hope to be able to provide updated information on research related to peer-reviewed studies of autism treatments. We hope that this will become a go-to site for information both on effective treatments and on research of treatments that have been found to be ineffective. We share our site with our close collaborator, the Parent-Professional Partnership SIG. Please check out our website for valuable information and sign up to join one or both of our groups at www.autismppp.sig.

In preparing for this upcoming year, we plan to have a formal membership drive that will begin in the summer. We are excited about the revisions to The Consumer Guidelines and look forward to the work of the committees (internal and external). We are hopeful that we will be able to find a new newsletter editor. As mentioned above, we intend to continue to expand our website to make it a true resource for our members and the public by including a featured section devoted to research regarding therapies that have little or no scientific support. This area would also be used to highlight breakthroughs or new research that supports

various interventions. Please consider joining if you are not a member and if you are, we hope you will consider becoming active by helping in any way you can.

Behavior Analysis and Selectionist Robotics

BY JOSEPH CAUTILLI

Behavior analysis focuses on what environmental factors occur to establish learning in humans and animals. Since the 1990s, attempts have been made to take information learned in this area and help develop robots that can learn from the same environmental factors. Often this is referred to as "selectionist approaches to robotics." Robots are not the future; they are the present. Right now thousands of robot designs and programs are being constructed. Research and development money for the field continues to grow.

Robots are used in everything from constructing automobiles to fixing the nuclear reactors damaged in the tragedy in Japan. Robotic knowledge grows rapidly, and yet basic operant technology has much to offer the field. This SIG has two goals: It tries to offer behavior analysts interested in research and development in the robotics field opportunities to learn the basics of programming operant principles, and it helps those exploring behavioral principles with machines to design experiments that would not be ethical to do with humans.

The SIG currently has both a listserv (<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/behavioranalysisandrobotics/>) and a Facebook page (http://www.facebook.com/update_security_info.php?wizard=1#!/pages/Behavior-Analysis-and-Selectionist-Robotics/203462914195). Currently, the SIG has 66 members on its listserv. These members come from the field of behavior analysis, but also include cognitive psychologists, computer scientists, and experimental researchers. Our listserv tends to have a low number of e-mails, averaging about 18 messages per month.

The SIG has discussed topics ranging from programs on stimulus control and verbal behavior to job announcements for positions in robotics departments. Often the members will post demonstration projects that they have created on YouTube to highlight their work.

Last year, the SIG petitioned the ABAAI Executive Council to add a research and development position focused on operant contributions for technology development. In addition, it petitioned ABAAI to place all robotics symposium and workshops on the same day, so that these could be placed on a separate flyer and sent to robotics and computer science departments. ABAAI declined both petitions.

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Behavior Analysis for Sustainable Societies

BY JULIA H. FIEBIG AND MARK P. ALAVOSIUS

Since its beginnings in December 2010, the Behavior Analysis for Sustainable Societies Special Interest Group (BASS SIG) continues progress in building a membership from within and beyond the behavior analytic community. Through the support of the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies and the Center's Green/Environment Solutions Group, the ABAI Executive Council, and the efforts of many other individuals, BASS has continued to grow in membership and spark interest in behavior change and sustainability initiatives. The BASS Facebook page, established by Donny Newsome, has reached approximately 200 "likes" and has evolved into a forum for sharing information on sustainability efforts across disciplines. Additionally, Todd Ward established the BASS Yahoo group as a vehicle for discussion and continued development of BASS objectives, topics of interest, and initiatives.

The first BASS SIG business meeting was held at the 37th ABAI Annual Convention in Denver, Colorado. Officer elections were held for various positions including chairperson, associate chairperson, membership coordinator, communications/web coordinator, treasurer, and outreach/ liaisons contact. Meeting notes and contact information can be found on the BASS Yahoo discussion group.

In line with BASS' mission to advance applications of behavior analysis to environmental issues, members of BASS presented nine papers at the 37th ABAI Annual Convention in Denver:

- Teaching Environmentally Friendly Behavior to Preschoolers (Wilhite & Williams, 2011)
- Measuring the Impact of Elementary Science Curriculum on Increasing Student Conservation Behaviors (Fiebig, et al., 2011)
- A University Undergraduate/Graduate Course Sequence Covering Human Behavior in Relation to Global Warming and Environmental Protection (Luke, et al., 2011)
- Cooperatives as a Model Promoting Greener Consumer Behavior (Newsome & Alavosius, 2011)
- Climate Change as Presented in the Media (Brown, et al., 2011)
- Conceptualizing Research Directions in Applied Research Related to the Environment (Newsome & Alavosius, 2011)
- Behavior Analysis of Sustainable Community Practices (Luke & Alavosius, 2011)
- Board member Eric Carlson discussed the role of behavior analysis in environmental issues during a panel presentation.

- Board member Mark Alavosius discussed accreditation of "green-behavior" initiatives within business during an invited symposium on advances in cultural analysis.

Future objectives of BASS include continuing to support initiatives that directly contribute to applications of behavior analysis to environmental issues. The BASS SIG supports collaborative initiatives for multidisciplinary research and practical applications of behavioral solutions for environmental issues. Below are BASS SIG's target goals:

- Increase BASS SIG membership within ABAI and expand membership to include other scientists, researchers, professionals, and students interested in approaching behavior change and sustainability from a multidisciplinary perspective
- Establish relationships with other SIGs in ABAI and other organizations interested in collaborating on disseminating research and practical applications of behavioral solutions to climate change, pollution, overconsumption of resources, and imbalances in environmental sustainability
- Develop resources for individuals interested in behavior change and environmental issues
- Develop textbooks, curriculum, and additional educational resources that address sustainability and the application of behavior analysis
- Develop an information base of current effective practices/initiatives, government policies, and employment for behavior analysts interested in behavior change and environmental issues

Additional information can be found by signing up to the Yahoo group (<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/behavioranalystsfor sustainablesocieties/>) or joining the BASS Facebook page at (www.facebook.com/BASS-Behavior-Analysis-for-Sustainable-Societies#!pages/BASS-Behavior-Analysis-for-Sustainable-Societies/115936941800586). Be sure to periodically check www.abainternational.org/Special_Interests/BASS.asp for updates.

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Behavior Analysis Online

BY PAUL MALANGA

Behavior analysis has been used to improve performance in a wide array of fields including behavioral medicine; mental health; health, sports and fitness; developmental disabilities; school wide positive behavioral support; special education; organizational dynamics; criminology; offender rehabilitation; and education. The emphasis on prevention, early intervention, comprehensive functional behavioral assessment, collaboration, and problem solving demands behavior analysts to be creative thinkers in the application of evidence-based procedures on principles of the science of human behavior. Staying current with best practices is critical to ensuring a client's right to effective behavioral intervention while wide dissemination helps "save the world with behavior analysis." The Behavior Analyst Online organization is dedicated to helping behavior analysts remain current in research and methodology while providing free online access that helps ensure worldwide availability to some of the latest behavior analysis research. This is demonstrated in the fact that approximately 46% of the site's viewers are located outside the US, comprising of 16 countries including Kuwait, China, Ireland, and the United Kingdom.

The Behavior Analyst Online.org will develop and deploy new resources, making them available on the internet free-of-charge to the public. These resources will be dedicated to educating the public about behavior analysis as well as serving as a resource for professionals involved in research and/or application of behavior analysis principles.

It will be responsible to its membership to develop resources that the membership will find useful in everyday research, education, and application of the science of behavior and will be operated under the guidance of its Senior Membership Board. Listed below are examples of what this site provides for behavior analyst:

- Theory, basic and applied research based on behavioral principles, behavioral development, and behavioral practice
- Expectations and roles of the behavior analyst

- Collaboration and communication with other stakeholders
- Assessment strategies including functional assessment and analysis, curriculum-based measurement, direct and analogue assessment
- Behavioral interventions across an array of disciplines including behavioral health, education, criminology, consultation, verbal behavior, and early intervention
- Laws, funding, and public policy
- Organizational behavior management-level strategies and interventions for mental health, developmental disabilities, and educational interventions and systems for intervening
- Training and professional standards

Objective

The objective of Behavior Analyst Online.org is to develop specific resources including, but not limited to:

- Online e-journals
- Online referral services
- Professional placement services
- Behavior analysis web boards
- Document shares
- eNewsletters
- Online behavior analysis storefronts

Subscribe

See <http://baojournal.com/subscribe.html> for directions to subscribe to specific journal mailing lists.

Behavioral Gerontology

BY JONATHAN BAKER

Behavioral gerontology is the application of behavior analysis to aging and age-related issues (LeBlanc, Raetz, & Feliciano, in press). By the year 2030, nearly 20% of the American population will be over the age of 65 and our society will face increasing challenges in providing adequate and affordable supports to the growing number of older adults who need them. The Behavioral Gerontology SIG (BGSIG) has the mission of fostering interest among behavior analysts in addressing and researching aging-related issues. Even as we grow the number of potential providers in this area, we face the barrier that most existing care agencies for seniors are unaware of the potential benefits of incorporating opportunities for behavior analysis into their practices. Thus, there are many opportunities for behavior analysts to make a powerful social impact, but those opportunities come with the challenge of convincing consumers of the value of our craft. The BGSIG holds a meeting during ABAI's annual convention and honors a student presenter each year. In addition to ongoing business activities, this meeting typically includes a discussion

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of challenges involved in working in multidisciplinary service settings and brainstorming of ideas for research studies to foster future student participation. A newsletter is distributed twice per year and the spring newsletter always includes a list of the aging related presentations at the upcoming convention. Information about the SIG, including previous newsletters, is available on the website (<http://bgsig.wordpress.com/>).

Behavioral Medicine

BY ALYSSA WILSON

The mission of the Behavioral Medicine SIG is to promote clinical applications and evidence-based treatments in the area of behavioral medicine. The SIG has sustained this mission by supporting a journal, presenting workshops and clinical symposia, and hosting annual meetings for SIG members at the annual ABAI convention. We believe in the dissemination of behavioral science through the support of current evidence-based treatment approaches. Staying true to our mission, the SIG will be taking on new roles this next year, one of which is the support of a new journal.

There are currently 48 active members, ranging from clinicians to graduate students. All ABAI members are welcome to join free of cost (go to <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/ABA-B-Med-SIG/members> to join). This year the SIG hosted workshops and clinical trainings for members and interested nonmembers at the annual ABAI convention in Denver. The SIG was grateful to Becky L. Nastally, Ph.D., for her commitment to the annual SIG-supported workshop entitled, "Contemporary Behavioral Perspectives on the Treatment of Obesity." The workshop focused on acceptance-based and control-based treatment approaches to weight loss. Additionally, the SIG hosted its annual meeting for SIG members and interested nonmembers at the annual convention. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss future activities, expand the leadership roles of the SIG, and discuss general states of affairs for the SIG. This year the SIG elected two new committee members and expanded its council.

Future Directions

With the growth of the SIG and the new committee members, the SIG will begin to expand its online discourse on behavioral health and medicine. These new elected officers will assist in creating a more up-to-date website and internet community, serve as discussion leaders for web-based forums, and help establish and publish a newsletter for members. One of the primary goals for the SIG this upcoming year will be to sponsor a student research paper contest and distinguished speaker series. The student paper contest will be available to any interested ABAI member, and all students are

encouraged to submit their research. The distinguished speaker series will be an ongoing series throughout the year, with varying topics from across the behavioral medicine spectrum. We will also be establishing a monthly newsletter for SIG members, to serve as a reference for behavioral research on health and medicine related topics. Finally, the SIG will also be adding a new web-based space for students and clinical practitioners to dialogue and perhaps collaborate to disseminate behavioral applications to health and medicine. As part of the mission, the SIG will soon serve as a catalyst in bridging the gap between researcher and clinical practitioner—project to publication.

Now is the time to join the SIG! We hope that this year we will continue to see growth and interest from ABAI members.

Behaviorists for Social Responsibility

BY STEPHEN E. WONG

The mission of Behaviorists for Social Responsibility (BFSR) is to expand applications of behavior analysis and cultural analysis to address important social issues, particularly those related to social justice, human rights, and the environment.

BFSR cosponsors a peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary journal, *Behavior and Social Issues (BSI)*, edited by Mark Mattaini. In 2010, *BSI* published articles on a wide range of topics, including sustainable world economies, global warming, emergence and metacontingencies, training mental health professionals to be skeptical of the biomedical model of mental disorders, the misrepresentation of applied behavior analysis in Europe, and teaching behavior analysts supportive verbal behavior. Articles accepted for publication in *BSI* are immediately posted online and published in hard copy later in the year. The journal welcomes the submission of scholarly papers that advance the analysis of human social behavior concerned with, but not limited to, issues of social justice and human rights.

BFSR maintains its own Facebook page, which highlights social issues of interest to behavior analysts and provides a forum for discussion and organized social action. John Glass manages the Facebook page, which at last count had 1,033 fans. Some of these fans are members of ABAI, but many are not, thereby exposing people outside of the behavior analysis sphere to BFSR and ABAI. BFSR members have been discussing the development of a new web page that might provide the SIG with web-based communication and information resources.

Some of the members and energy of BFSR have been diverted by the recent start-up of Behavior Analysis for

Sustainable Societies, a new ABAI SIG. Remaining members of BFSR are pondering this development and how it will define the future focus of BFSR.

Members of ABAI are invited to visit the BFSR Facebook page and to participate in or to initiate discussions on that site. Those interested in joining this SIG or learning more about it should contact John Glass at JGlass@collin.edu or Stephen Wong at wongse@fiu.edu.

Behaviorists Interested in Gambling

BY JONATHAN BAKER

The mission of the Behaviorists Interested in Gambling Special Interest Group (BIG-SIG) is to foster and promote research on gambling and treatments for problem gambling from a behavioral perspective. Meeting this mission is important for behavior analysis because it, as a field, has largely been silent in the literature on gambling.

In the past year, the BIG-SIG has continued to publish two issues a year of *Analysis of Gambling Behavior*, a print journal with back issues available online. The journal's website is up and running (<http://analysisofgamblingbehavior.org/page1/page1.php>) and work to arrange electronic access via PubMed and PsychInfo is continuing, which will help raise the profile of behavior-analytic research on gambling. Authors are encouraged to consider *Analysis of Gambling Behavior* as an outlet for their work. Recent issues have included a special issue based on the 2010 ABAI Annual Convention that focused on the future of gambling research, as well as a special section on delay discounting (with accompanying commentaries) and cutting-edge research on multiple potential of slot machines, the role of alcohol in maintaining gambling behavior, and effects of stopping devices and win rates on preferences in slot machine gamblers.

The University of North Dakota, with Dr. Jeff Weatherly, publishes *Analysis of Gambling Behavior*, and potential subscribers should contact him:

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Department of Psychology, University of North Dakota
Grand Forks, ND 58202-8380.

Subscription rates are \$40 for professionals and institutions, and \$20 for students. Dr. Jeff Weatherly is the current editor of *Analysis of Gambling Behavior*.

In May 2011, BIG-SIG members presented their research in several symposia at the ABAI annual convention in Denver, as well as at several international conferences.

To find out more and to get involved with the BIG-SIG, send an e-mail to BIGSIG-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or visit <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/BIGSIG>.

Clinical Behavior Analysis

BY THOMAS J. WALTZ, EMILY JOHNSON, AND CRISTAL WEEKS

Clinical behavior analysis (CBA) involves the application of behavior analytic principles to the full range of human problems, many of which have traditionally been considered "mental health" issues. CBA clinicians work with the relationship between thoughts, feelings, and other behavior to help people move beyond their problems and toward living more fulfilling lives.

The Clinical Special Interest Group of ABAI is for those who have an interest in clinical applications of behavior analysis. Clinical behavior analysts work in both research and applied settings. Below is a sample of clinical domains in which CBA clinicians work:

- Anxiety disorders
- Behavioral gerontology
- Behavioral health
- Childhood disorders
- Cognitive rehabilitation
- Couples therapy
- Developmental disabilities
- Family therapy
- Forensic psychology (assessment and treatment)
- Habit disorders
- Health psychology
- Mood disorders (e.g., depression)
- Serious mental illness (e.g., borderline personality disorder, schizophrenia)
- Substance abuse
- Trauma

The Clinical SIG is dedicated to facilitating collaboration between researchers and clinicians to further the field's ability to serve clinical populations. This group seeks to promote CBA at ABAI events and is interested in maintaining the long-standing relationship between basic research and clinical application.

At the 2011 convention, the Clinical SIG met to continue work on several ongoing projects. A new Clinical SIG newsletter is being developed and will have regular features such as brief updates from CBA academic training programs and research labs, promoting workshops and conference events, and coordinating events for the annual ABAI convention. The Clinical SIG is working to develop an annual student paper competition; categories and timelines were discussed at the ABAI annual convention and updates on this project will be found in the next SIG newsletter. SIG members are working on a special issue of the *International Journal of Behavior Consultation and Therapy*. Please check our group listing at <http://tech>.

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groups.yahoo.com/group/Clinical_SIG/ for updates on these endeavors.

If you would like to join the Clinical SIG, please contact us using the link at www.abainternational.org/Special_Interests/clinical.asp.

Crime, Delinquency, and Forensic Behavior Analysis

BY TERESA BALAJEJDER, HALINA DZIEWOLSKA, AND JOSEPH CAUTILLI

The Crime, Delinquency and Forensic Behavior Analysis Special Interest Group (CDF SIG) of the ABAI (www.abainternational.org/Special_Interests/crime_and_delinquency.asp) has had a busy year. The SIG voted on having a conference this year. Arcadia University was interested in co-sponsoring the event. Arcadia decided to continue the conference as part of the development of its new emotional and behavioral disorders certificate program. It will have the event in the fall at King of Prussia, PA.

In addition, SIG members have testified on behavioral intervention to reduce crime. Behavioral interventions can reduce crime by approximately 13–20% (Redondo-Illescas, Sánchez-Meca, & Garrido-Genovés, 2001) and prison misconduct (French & Gendreau, 2006). The SIG plans to remain active in this area over the coming year.

This SIG has much to offer those behavior analysts who are interested in the prevention and treatment of offenders to prevent recidivism, lessen the burden on our prison system, save society money, and reduce crime and the damage it does to families. These past years' focus was spent on tracking bills related to the Second Chance Act and other mental health bills related to the prison system. In addition, some effort was made to promote the use of evidence-based practices in the juvenile and adult systems.

The SIG operates and maintains a listserv. We currently have 108 members who contributed to 347 posts pertaining to such subjects as providing consultation for veterans in prison, child medications, the psychology of false confessions, risk assessments, and functional behavioral assessment. Finally, the SIG also posts job positions for members seeking employment or a career change.

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Developmental Behavior Analysis

BY GARY NOVAK

As noted on our home web page:

The Behavioral Developmental Analysis SIG has focused on behavior-analytic functional relations in a developmental frame, that is, where those relationships are examined across two or more points in a developmental sequence. The SIG's emphases are upon environmental-unit/behavior-unit interactions in basic and applied contexts, in mammalian species, and across any sequences or combinations of developmental points (and, in initial phases, at single developmental points). Species-specific considerations are taken into account in relation to the functional relationships. Use of demographic independent variables is not encouraged, except when they could facilitate clearly uncovering the underlying behavioral processes. Occasionally, the environment-behavior interactions in a developmental frame are grouped under a superordinate concept (e.g., "attachment," "learned helplessness"), to allow the behavior-analytic description/explanation to be evaluated against an alternative description/explanation. More generally, the SIG examines also how different theoretical positions, within and outside of behavior analysis, approach identical questions (<http://adultdevelopment.org/bdev/index.php>).

The Developmental Behavior SIG (DEV SIG) had a very successful convention in Denver. In addition to our annual SIG dinner and our business meeting, we presented our customarily broad and diverse convention program. The program included two B. F. Skinner lectures. The first was given by Dr. Robert Siegler, a cognitive-developmental researcher of renown. Siegler earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Stony Brook University where, among other things, he took a symposium from Howard Rachlin that also included Len Green and Gary Novak among the students reading *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior* articles. While Siegler has written many books and articles from an information-processing perspective, he is known for his interest in the functions of cognition. The second Skinner lecture was delivered by William Pelham, who also received his doctorate in clinical psychology from Stony Brook. Now at Florida International University, he described his decades-long research program on the effectiveness of behavioral interventions for the treatment of attention deficit disorder and issues to consider in implementing behavioral treatments alongside pharmacological ones.

DEV SIG also sponsored an invited address by William Baum that brought into question the utility of the concept of private events in behavioral accounts. We were also responsible for bringing to ABAI the efforts of international behavior analysts working to prevent obesity development through the development of healthy eating behaviors. The effectiveness of the program, Food Dudes, was presented in an invited address by one of its founders, Fergus Lowe, and its implementation in various nations was reported on in a DEV SIG-sponsored symposium.

All told, DEV SIG sponsored six symposia, one invited address, one workshop, one paper session, and a panel discussion following Siegler's lecture.

DEV SIG sponsors an online journal, *The Behavioral Development Bulletin*, hosted by Behavior Analyst Online (<http://www.baojournal.com/BDB%20WEBSITE/index.html>). *The Behavioral Development Bulletin* publishes empirical, theoretical, and review articles relevant to the goals outlined above. Martha Pelaez is the founding editor, and Michael Lamport Commons is the co-editor. Submissions to *The Behavioral Development Bulletin* are encouraged.

Direct Instruction

BY WENDY L. KOZMA

Direct instruction is a logical choice for a wide variety of learners. Frequently, the instructional needs of learners with autism spectrum disorders and other learning challenges are often not so dramatically different from the needs of typically developing learners. As a stated goal, the Direct Instruction Special Interest Group (DISIG) strives to coordinate and support a continuum of ongoing education, training, and networking opportunities for all individuals interested in direct instruction implementation as an effective evidence-based instructional practice. The significance of evidence-based instructional practices has been established and numerous studies support direct instruction as an effective practice within this domain. Direct instruction is a system of teaching in which instructional variables are controlled using carefully designed materials, sequences, and teaching strategies to ensure students will master content at a reasonable rate.

DISIG held its annual business meeting on Sunday, May 29 at the 37th ABAI Annual Convention in Denver. During the meeting, the SIG established goals and projects targeted for the coming year, including a plan to design and launch a DISIG website. A committee was formed to accomplish the task of authoring and submitting a direct instruction symposium proposal for the 2012 ABAI Annual Convention in Seattle. The DISIG also committed to the continued promotion of a collaborative relationship with members of the Parent Professional Partnership SIG and the Autism SIG. Representatives from the three

groups met in Denver to discuss ways the SIGs could work together toward common goals and develop an action plan. Suggested goals for this collaborative group included planning for and providing ongoing training for professionals on multiple levels (introductory, intermediate, and advanced/research level) and offering education and support for parents and practitioners attending ABAI-sponsored workshops and presentations.

Several members of the DISIG were invited to participate as trainers and forum presenters at the Second Annual Effective Programs for Learners With Autism Spectrum Disorders Conference, hosted by the Association for Direct Instruction (ADI). Workshops were conducted by practitioners with considerable expertise in implementing direct instruction programs with learners on the autism spectrum. This year, the conference will be held Thursday through Saturday, October 20–22, at the Hilton Newark Penn Station in Newark, New Jersey. Following the conference, ADI will again host a forum. Several members of the DISIG were invited to participate in the forum.

The forum participants will identify various challenges, administrative practices, and implementation strategies pertaining specifically to teaching individuals on the autism spectrum. These elements will be analyzed with respect to learner characteristics and discussed in relationship to obstacles and challenges to direct instruction implementation. Members of the forum will seek to propose and catalog solutions to instructional obstacles, including modifications and adaptations. Forum participants will continue to develop a systematic process for determining best practice guidelines and publishing standardized processes for implementing solutions. The committee formed to develop research projects validating the effectiveness of direct instruction implementation with learners on the spectrum and will continue work on several research proposals that were established at the conclusion of the 2010 conference.

This annual event provides an important opportunity to advance the use of direct instruction with learners on the spectrum. The sponsoring association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and supporting the use of direct instruction programs. ADI hosts direct instruction conferences, provides online networking and assistance, and publishes the *Direct Instruction News* and *The Journal of Direct Instruction*. For more information on ADI, please visit www.adihome.org.

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Dissemination of Behavior Analysis

BY JOSH PRITCHARD

Our science is one whose potential to impact the world far outweighs its visibility to the lay population. It is the goal of this special interest group to close that gap. As the autism frenzy booms, we are seeing more and more recognition of treatment based in applied behavior analysis. This is very good news for us, as we see more and more action supporting our science such as legislation mandating insurance coverage and licensure laws protecting consumers and our professionals. While this is, in general, a good thing it can also have some detrimental effects on the field, if we are not careful to make known our ability to help in other areas of life. We run the risk of people viewing applied behavior analysis solely as a treatment for autism. Fortunately, 2010 saw several popular media outlets covering behavior analytic treatment approaches to things other than autism. The members of the Dissemination of Behavior Analysis (DBA) SIG have been busy this year promoting more of these types of approaches.

Our listserv has been busy with over 350 threads this year, many of them highlighting good media coverage, asking for letters to the editor and authors supporting this behavior, and in general providing support for those trying to get the science out there.

This year, we instituted the B. F. Skinner Journalism Award to reinforce good journalism about behavior analysis. Details can be found here: <http://aboutbehavior.com/BFSAward2010.pdf>. Happily, we have selected a winner for 2011—David Freedman. David wrote an article in *Scientific American* titled, “How to Fix the Obesity Crisis,” in which he discusses the current state of science on obesity and losing weight. He concludes that behavioral weight-loss approaches are the most successful and cites B. F. Skinner and his development of our science. He goes on to feature prominent scientists in our field: Michael Cameron, Matt Normand, and Richard Fleming. Congratulations to David and a big thank you for shedding light on the great work being done by Drs. Cameron, Normand, and Fleming.

Additionally, DBA SIG member Benjamin Witts (doctoral student at the University of Nevada, Reno) began a podcast in which he has had five shows featuring interviews with the field’s leaders on topics ranging from the nature versus nurture debate, safe driving, and effective teaching strategies. Additionally, Matt Normand is featured in one of the shows to talk about his work on obesity. These podcasts can be found at <http://aboutbehavior.com/podcasts/>.

Finally, Amanda Kelly created and maintains a DBA SIG Facebook page, with over 100 fans, and is working on an overhaul of the website. The DBA SIG Facebook page is located at www.facebook.com/pages/Dissemination-of-Behavior-Analysis-DBA-SIG/163639323680055.

This year, the DBA SIG has been busy trying to promote our science in a positive light. We have had much more substantive membership help, raised some money through our value-based dues, and made our first B. F. Skinner Journalism Award. We are proud of the work of all of our members, and plan to continue highlighting the work done by anyone in our field. If you have ideas to enhance the public view of our science, please get in touch and share. Joining our listserv is free and easy; just point your browser to www.aboutbehavior.com/listserv.php, and fill in the information!

Evidence-Based Practice

BY MARK HARVEY

The Evidence Based Practice Special Interest Group (EBP-SIG) of ABAI emphasized increasing membership as the primary focus during 2010–2011. Members agreed that developing a website should be priority one, as it would serve to both increase membership and streamline administrative tasks inherent in an expanding organization. A domain name was secured, and members were polled to identify contemporaries who would be willing to act as webmaster. At present, no webmaster has been identified. Information to be included on the website consists of upcoming conference events, symposia that are evidence based, current and past issues of the EBP-SIG quarterly newsletter, a portal for joining the SIG, and highlights of research activities of members and research teams who are examining the components and parameters of evidence based practice in educational and clinical settings.

David Test and colleagues continue to distribute an outstanding quarterly newsletter entitled *Savage Controversies* via the listserv. SIG members are encouraged to contact the newsletter editor (dwtest@uncc.edu) with presentations and publications that may be of interest to the readership. A concurrent emphasis for the EBP-SIG is to develop organizational goals and an infrastructure to continue to serve the membership of ABAI. During the annual meeting EBP-SIG members reviewed the current mission statement and offered revisions that were needed prior to inclusion on the website. Several EBP-SIG members contacted journals about developing special sections on evidence based practice. *The Journal of Positive Behavior Interventions* is reviewing four articles penned by EBP-SIG members for inclusion as a special section on evidence based practice in educational settings. At present,

there are no membership dues for the EBP-SIG. Anyone interested in joining the EBP-SIG should e-mail Teri Lewis (teri.lewis@oregonstate.edu).

Experimental Analysis of Human Behavior

BY ERIC JACOBS AND MANISH VAIDYA

The mission of the Experimental Analysis of Human Behavior Special Interest Group (EAHB SIG) is to promote basic experimental and translational research with human participants. The EAHB SIG works toward this mission in several ways:

- **Sponsoring an annual Student Paper Competition.** The goal of the paper competition is to encourage basic experimental and translational research by recognizing the best exemplars from the work of students. Student submissions receive journal-style reviews from established researchers in the field. Finally, the winners are recognized at the ABAI annual convention meeting of the EAHB SIG where students are asked to present their experiments to the audience.
- **Sponsoring an annual Distinguished Career Award.** The goal of this award is to recognize the contributions of behavioral scientists whose work has helped to define EAHB as an interesting and viable area of study. Prior recipients have included Alan Baron, Murray Sidman, Joe Brady, Joe Spradlin, A. Charles Catania, David Schmitt, Grayson Osborne, and Travis Thompson.
- **Sponsoring the *Experimental Analysis of Human Behavior Bulletin* (EAHB Bulletin).** The *EAHB Bulletin* (ISSN 1938-7237) is an online, ongoing journal (www.eahb.org) dedicated to the publication of original, peer-reviewed empirical articles, notes on research in progress, technical notes, and descriptions of other activities related to human operant research. Thanks to the efforts of Manish Vaidya, many of the past hard copy volumes of *EAHB Bulletin* are now available online. We are grateful to the Department of Behavior Analysis at the University of North Texas for technical support in this endeavor.
- **Sponsoring an annual meeting for interested parties at the ABAI annual convention.** The goal of these meetings is to discuss the business of the EAHB SIG, the *EAHB Bulletin*, and the general state of affairs in EAHB, the experimental analysis of behavior, behavior analysis, and the world at-large. The SIG also uses this meeting to recognize our Student Paper Competition winners and to deliberate and decide upon the next recipient of the EAHB Distinguished Career Award.

Report of 2010–2011 activities

The EAHB SIG held its annual meeting at the ABAI annual convention in San Antonio, TX. The SIG

recognized the winners of the Student Paper Competition, April N. Kisamore for “Effects of a Visual Problem-Solving Strategy on Complex Categorization Task Performance” (James Carr, sponsor) and Nicholas Vanselow for “Describing Naturally Occurring Schedules: Analysis of Feedback Functions for Shooting During Basketball Games” (Jason Bourett, sponsor). The SIG is indebted to Chata Dickson for coordinating the competition and to all participants and reviewers who made the event possible.

Finally, the SIG was excited to present its 2011 Distinguished Career Award to Dr. Travis Thompson. Dr. Thompson gave an award address titled, “Can We All Get Along? A Case for Blended Autism Interventions,” on Tuesday, June 1. The SIG thanks Timothy D. Hackenberg for chairing the event.

Upcoming plans for 2011–2012

Plans for the upcoming year will continue to remain focused on our three primary goals: promoting the experimental analysis of human behavior and basic behavioral research by encouraging student research and scholarship in the experimental analysis of human behavior, recognizing outstanding career-long contributions to the field, and maintaining an outlet for publishing human operant research.

Progress toward these goals has been made by recognizing the 2010 Student Paper Competition winners at our meeting in Denver. These students' contributions were selected out of several submissions because of the quality of their work and because of their potential to contribute to our understanding of the determinants of human behavior.

The EAHB SIG presented the Distinguished Career Award to Dr. Jack Michael. To honor Dr. Michael and his many contributions to the field, we organized a symposium featuring presentations by former students and colleagues. The speakers include Teodoro Ayllon, Caio F. Miguel, Henry D. Schlenger, and Mark L. Sundberg. The symposium (#418) was held on Monday, May 30, 2011 in room 406 of the Convention Center. Thanks to everyone who joined us to celebrate the career of Dr. Michael and to all of the participants who contributed to this special event.

The EAHB SIG continues to increase the size of its membership (currently 30 ABAI members) by (1) presenting a poster at the ABAI Expo, (2) promoting the annual Distinguished Career Award address, and (3) increasing the visibility of the *EAHB Bulletin*.

During this year's meeting, we also discussed business related to the *EAHB Bulletin* including election and term limits of the publication's editorial board and strategies for increasing its impact. We will also discuss possible nominees for next year's Distinguished Career Award.

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Bulletin, and membership can be found at www.eahb.org. Those interested in the student paper competition should consult the website for contest rules and instructions. We are accepting nominations for next year's Distinguished Career Award. Submissions to the *EAHB Bulletin* are always welcome.

Health, Sport, and Fitness

BY MARIANNE JACKSON

Over the past year, the Health, Sport, and Fitness SIG (HSF SIG) has continued efforts to increase membership, creating a lasting structure for our financial affairs, and provide useful services and events for our members. We have continued to update our Facebook page and now have 133 fans on this site. We have utilized it to provide members with information on all health, sport, and fitness related events at the annual ABAI convention and to provide other SIG-related updates. We currently have 50 people on our e-mail contact list and also provide information on upcoming SIG events through this list. In addition, we distributed a survey to all members on our e-mail list just prior to the annual convention. This information was shared with all members in attendance at the annual business meeting. The survey asked for information on ABAI membership status, education level, affiliation, specific interests and activities within the SIG, and suggestions for future directions. We would like to thank our membership coordinator, Jennifer Klapatch, for her assistance with this project.

We have recently resumed our efforts to create a website and discussion board for the SIG. Albert Malkin has been working with a programmer to develop this website, which we hope will not only provide us with a central means of communication with members, but also serve as a place for an official membership form and the payment of optional dues. Our treasurer, Jeffery Jacobs, continues his tireless efforts with the IRS to obtain our own Federal Tax ID number, required for us to establish an official bank account for the SIG. This is the initial step in our efforts to provide a firm financial basis for the SIG that will fund future events and initiatives.

At this year's annual ABAI convention in Denver, the SIG members provided fitness related events for all ABAI members, including the consistently popular yoga/Pilates class and the introduction of a 6K run within the local area. We would like to express our thanks to all SIG members who contributed to these events as well as all those who attended.

The HSF SIG continues to grow and encourages interested parties or new members to contact us. The chair,

Marianne Jackson, can be reached by e-mail for further information at majackson@csufresno.edu. Information may be found on the Facebook page listed as the "ABAI Health, Sport & Fitness SIG" or on the ABAI website under the "Special Interest Groups" tab.

Thanks all those who contributed their time and efforts throughout the year.

Interbehaviorists

BY MITCH FRYLING

While the Interbehaviorists SIG has a relatively long history within ABAI, it has not been active in recent years. However, we have recently decided to reignite the SIG, and have several short-term goals. First, while interbehaviorism has obvious relevance to behavior analysis, relatively few know about it and even fewer understand its potential to foster further development in the field. Thus, a primary aim of the SIG is to preserve and disseminate the interbehavioral position to behavior analysts. Toward this goal, we will organize symposia and presentations specifically aimed at disseminating aspects of the interbehavioral position at ABAI annual conventions. Recently, we have developed a Facebook page for the SIG that is primarily focused on preserving work in the area and disseminating information on upcoming events related to interbehaviorism. To the extent that others have similar websites, we will coordinate information to disseminate amongst the ABAI membership.

Secondly, several members of the SIG were recently present in Bogota, Colombia for the Fifth International Colloquium of Interbehavioral Psychology, where the International Association for Interbehavioral Psychologists was formed. This conference is a biannual event, and heavily influenced by our colleagues in Latin America. The SIG hopes to foster a relationship with this organization, develop collaborative initiatives, and more. Dr. Linda Parrott Hayes was nominated as the United States representative during this meeting.

In addition to participating in the conference in Bogota, symposia and presentations related to interbehaviorism were given at the most recent California ABA conference in Burlingame, CA. The SIG also had a presence at the 37th ABAI Annual Convention in Denver, CO. The SIG aims to organize "tutorial" or "primer" type symposia and presentations for future conferences. Again, as interbehaviorism and interbehavioral psychology are relatively less understood, it is important that the fundamentals be presented in an audience-friendly manner.

As the SIG is in a very early developmental phase, we primarily consist of Linda Hayes's research group at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) and several alumni and friends of the UNR behavior analysis program. During this time, Mitch Fryling (The Chicago School of

Professional Psychology) will serve as the primary contact for the group and Maria Isabel Muñoz Blanco will serve as the SIG's secretary.

Thus, we have made some good initial efforts to reestablish the SIG and hope to continue pursuing the above goals and expand upon them in the future. Individuals interested in participating and/or helping the SIG should contact Mitch Fryling (mfryling@thechicagoschool.edu) and visit our Facebook page by searching for "Interbehaviorists in ABAI SIG."

Neuroscience

BY SIMON DYMOND

The Neuroscience SIG brings together researchers, academics, clinicians, and students interested in the intersection of behavior analysis and neuroscience as it relates to basic research, clinical interventions, or general neurological dysfunction. The Neuroscience SIG has three primary missions: (1) To introduce behavior analytic research to the neurosciences and introduce neuroscience research to behavior analysis; (2) to serve as both a meeting place and training environment for students and professionals alike interested in basic and applied neuroscience research; (3) to serve as a forum for collaborative relationships, funding applications, and the sharing of best-practice; (4) advocate for and promote high standards in the application of behavior analytic treatments for individuals with neurological dysfunction.

The Neuroscience SIG sponsors and organizes convention events at the annual convention of ABAI. Within behavior analysis, there has been a rapid growth in basic neuroscience research and clinical research devoted to understanding the interplay between behavioral treatments and neural dysfunction. Accordingly, the Neuroscience SIG provides a forum for building collaborations, freely exchanging ideas related to basic and applied neuroscience issues, and resources for addressing practical issues related to conducting research.

To join the NeuroSIG, please visit http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/ABAI_NeuroSIG/ or send an e-mail to ABAI_NeuroSIG-subscribe@yahoo.com.

Organizational Behavior Management Network

BY HEATHER MCGEE, SARAH VANSTELLE, TAREK ABOUSALEH, KRISTYNA RILEY, JEANA KOERBER, AND RICHARD KAZBOUR

The past 2 years have been great for the Organizational Behavior Management Network (OBMN). This past year, OBMN held its first ever, two-track conference (OBM and OBM in health and human services) in Tampa, Florida.

The following are updates from the various functions of the Network.

Membership

Membership in OBMN has reached an all time high; this is a very exciting time for all of us here at the Network. Our goal for 2010 was to have 300 members in OBMN; we were at 303 members on December 31, 2010. As of April 14, 2011, we have 336 members! We also had a very high attendance rate at the 2011 OBMN conference with over 200 attendees, compared to about 150 in 2009. Membership data trends will likely change over the coming years as we begin our rolling membership in 2011; meaning that membership is valid for 1 year after date of payment.

We have been able to attract many first time members over the past year, in part due to the dual conference tracks at the 2011 conference, one of which focused on using OBM in health and human services (HHS). We hope that our new HHS members find value in the networking opportunities with our existing student, faculty, and professional members of OBMN!

We are also proud to report that our international presence is continually growing every year. We have had an even higher number of international members in 2011; to date, we have 67 international members who represent 20 different countries.

We hope to continue to grow throughout 2011 and hope to begin to involve students from OBM universities in our effort to recruit and retain members. Thank you to those of you who have helped to recruit new members.

Please consider joining OBMN and learn how OBM can help improve performance in your organization! Join at www.obmnetwork.com.

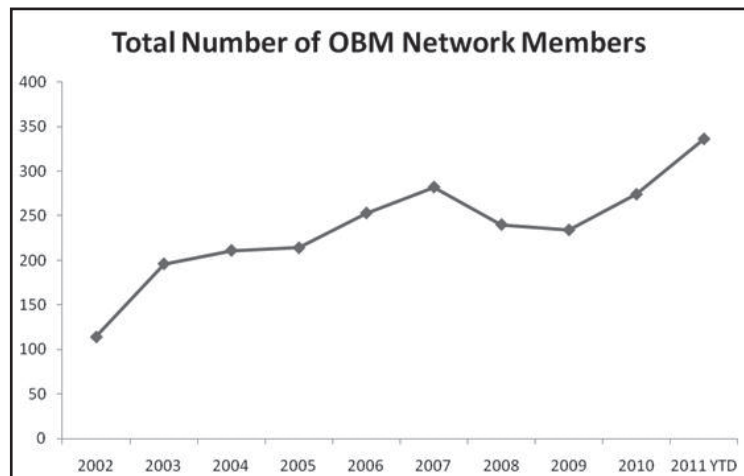


Figure 1. Total number of OBMN members

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Website

Over the past couple months, the officers of OBMN have worked together to maintain and expand the website in order to attract attention and activity. The main purpose of the website for the last months has been to inform members about the recent conference in Tampa, Florida. Now that the conference has successfully ended, the website is moving in a direction of interactivity and information. The discussion forums allow members to communicate with each other regarding various topics that are OBM related. Work is currently being done to add videos of the talks at the conference to the website for people to view. As membership continues to grow, more ideas will be implemented in the continuous expansion and enhancement of the OBMN website.

Newsletter

The Network staff was very excited to launch a new design for the *OBMN News* this year. We would like to thank Sammy Gross at 144design for helping us to establish a fresh and modern look. We worked very hard to release three issues of the *OBMN News* in 2010. Additionally, we plan to put out three issues in 2011. As always, we strongly encourage submissions to the newsletter. Please see the website for more details, or contact the newsletter editor, Krystyna Riley at krystyna.a.riley@gmail.com.

Treasury

OBMN is in good financial health. Funds currently total \$22,049.08 from membership and conference registration; most of these funds cover costs related to the *Journal of Organizational Behavior Management* (which comes as a member benefit), website and software costs, marketing and copy costs, conference costs, and costs from the business meeting at the annual conference. The Chris Anderson Research Award Fund currently totals \$3,848.19. The General Donations Fund totals \$29,870.25, a result of the generous donations from the 2011 OBMN conference in Tampa, FL. Donations can be submitted to:

The OBM Network
c/o Dr. Heather M. McGee
Western Michigan University
Department of Psychology
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5439

Please make checks payable to the Organizational Behavior Management Network and specify the purposes you wish the money to be used for (e.g., Chris Anderson Research Fund; General Donation Fund; other). If you prefer, you can join, pay for membership, and donate (through a secure system) online at www.obmnetwork.com.

The 2011 OBMN Conference yielded an overall profit of \$6,290.82 thanks to the generous donations from Aubrey Daniels International, the Continuous Learning Group, and the May Institute. The total income from the conference was \$36,225.00 with \$26,025.00 contributed by conference registrants. The total expense from the conference was \$29,934.18.

OBMN Conference 2011

The biannual OBMN conference was held March 31–April 1, 2011 in Tampa, Florida. This year's conference was headlined with a keynote talk to start each day by Jon Bailey and Dennis Reid, and wrapped up with a discussion keynote by Julie Smith. In 2011, we had a number of firsts: We offered a dual track to attendees (traditional OBM and OBM in HHS), and provided a total of 11 continuing education units (CEU's). This service, sponsored by the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis, was available for those interested in working toward their annual CEU requirements according to the BACB.

In 2011, we had 197 total registrants (including speakers). This number exceeded our previous conference (2009) by 51 people. The following is a breakdown of responses from three general questions in our postconference survey:

TABLE 1
CONFERENCE FEEDBACK: QUESTION 1

I found the conference to be		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	56.0%	28
Good	38.0%	19
Fair	4.0%	2
Poor	2.0%	1
Yuck	0.0%	0
answered question		50
skipped question		1

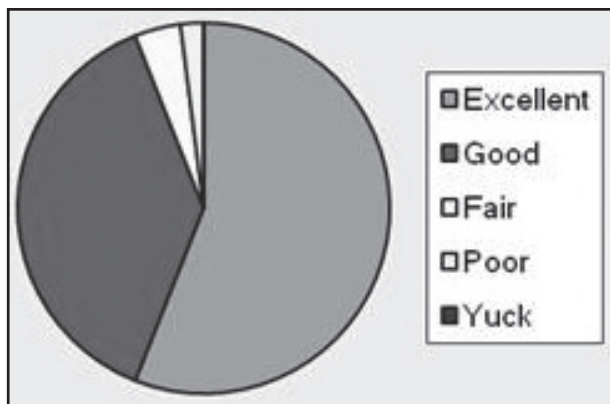


Figure 2. Question 1 survey results

TABLE 2 CONFERENCE FEEDBACK: QUESTION 2		
I would come to a conference like this again.		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	90.0%	45
No	2.0%	1
Maybe	8.0%	4
answered question		50
skipped question		1

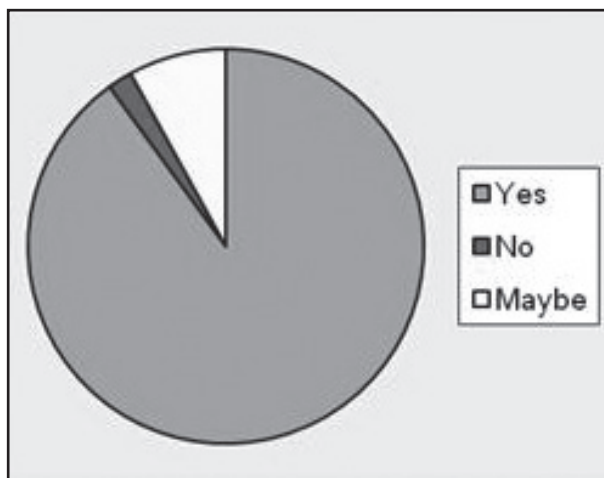


Figure 3. Question 2 survey results

TABLE 3 CONFERENCE FEEDBACK: QUESTION 3		
The conference facilities were		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	35.3%	18
Good	37.3%	19
Fair	25.5%	13
Poor	0.0%	0
Yuck	2.0%	1
answered question		51
skipped question		1

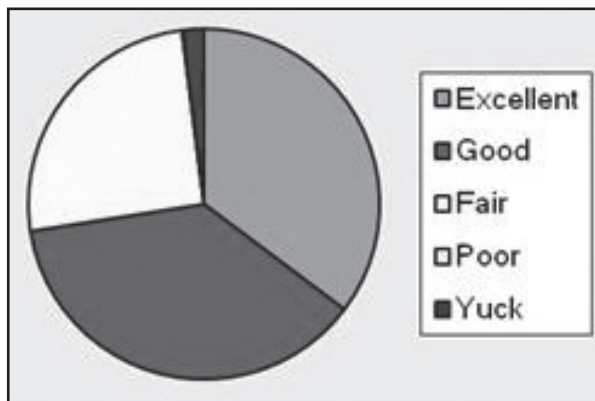


Figure 4. Question 3 survey results

Parent-Professional Partnership

BY DAVID CELIBERTI AND PAM GORSKI

The Parent-Professional Partnership Special Interest Group (PPP SIG) is now in its 11th year and was originally developed to help address the needs of the growing numbers of parents within the behavior analysis community. The PPP SIG provides information, networking, and resources for these parents. Although the bulk of our efforts center around autism spectrum disorders, parents of children with other disorders and disabilities may be interested in our SIG's activities or our website. The PPP SIG is quite different than other SIGs within ABAI. Aside from educating parents about behavior analysis, our SIG's other primary initiative is

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helping parents get the most out of ABAI and its events. The PPP SIG has several ongoing initiatives:

- Help parents involved in applied behavior analytic (ABA) services become more familiar with ABA through information, resources and links
- Provide parents with access to accurate information from other existing resources via links or summaries
- Share information with parent attendees prior to the ABAI annual convention
- Host an orientation to parent newcomers at the start of the ABAI annual convention
- Sponsor formal conference events that target issues of significance to parents
- Create opportunities for networking
- Provide a forum for discussion of objectives at our annual business meeting

Below is a list of active PPP SIG projects:

- Broaden the scope of our website (www.autismPPPSIG.org)
- Expand upon our website's existing FAQ section
- Encourage ABAI to develop more consumer friendly content on its website (we formally provided the Executive Council with a template for a consumer page and detailed suggestions)
- Create new resources to help parents become more familiar with behavior analytic interventions and services, how to better advocate for services, and how to promote accountability
- Identify new ways to reach out to parent attendees at ABAI events with the support of ABAI

All interested parents and professionals are encouraged to join PPP SIG. To join, send your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to Denise Grosberg at denise@denisegrosberg.com.

Current Officers (2010–2011)

Co-president: David Celiberti, Ph.D., BCBA
 Co-president: Pamela H. Gorski, MPA, BCBA
 Secretary-treasurer: Denise Grosberg, MA
 Webmaster: Sara Cohen, MA, BCBA

Consumer Liaisons

Kerry Ann Conde, MS, BCBA
 Lynn Faerber, BA
 Peggy Halliday, M.Ed., BCBA
 Jennifer Hieminga, M.Ed., BCBA (International Member)
 Germaine Ibrahim, M.Ed.
 Kelly McDonough, MA
 Audrey Meissner, M.Ed., BCBA (International Member)
 Alison Moors, MA, BCBA
 Barbara Wells (Parent Member)
 Jacqueline Weber, M.Ed., BCBA

Officers and consumer liaisons serve on a number of committees. Currently the PPP SIG carries out its mission and initiatives through the work of three standing committees: Website, Convention, and Public Relations.

Website Committee Objectives

- Develop the website with respect to PPP SIG-related information
- Expand and update content on www.Autismpppsig.org
- Work closely with the Autism SIG regarding mutual website efforts

Convention Committee Objectives

- Develop and distribute materials for parents attending the ABAI annual convention
- Organize networking opportunities for parents and professionals at the convention
- Inform SIG members about upcoming conference experiences that may interest them
- Provide an orientation for parent newcomers at the ABAI annual convention
- Coordinate our activities with ABAI

Public Relations Committee Objectives

- Forge alliances with organizations that have compatible goals with the PPP SIG
- Support the public awareness of the websites for the PPP SIG and the Autism SIG by sharing our resources with other organizations and distributing information about the SIG
- If requested, support the ABAI in reaching out to the local and adjoining communities that host the annual ABAI convention, as well as autism-specific conferences

Become Involved With the PPP SIG

If you would like to join the Parent Professional Partnership SIG or discuss ways to become more involved, send your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to Denise Grosberg at denise@denisegrosberg.com. If you have suggestions for resources and links for our website (www.PPPSIG.org), please contact Kerry Ann Conde at kconde11@gmail.com. If you have a suggestion for a consumer friendly, behavior analytic conference that can be added to our conference listing, please also contact Kerry Ann Conde.

Pediatric Feeding Disorders

BY CATHLEEN C. PIAZZA

The Pediatric Feeding Disorders SIG is off to a great start. One year after its formation, the group has over 50 members and interest in the group continues to be high. We receive new queries about the group every week. Individuals who are interested in the SIG may direct their questions to Cathleen Piazza at cpiazza@unmc.edu. The mission of the Pediatric Feeding Disorders SIG is to generate interest; foster collaborative research; share clinical information; and impact training, practice, and reimbursement for pediatric feeding disorders. The SIG will attempt to tackle some tough issues that face clinicians who treat children with feeding disorders. Key issues that the group discussed were the development of standardized outcome measures, standardization of practice guidelines, and the development of current procedural terminology (CPT) codes for feeding services, among others. Standardized outcome measures could be used to evaluate the efficacy of programs and serve as a useful tool for families and third party payers to determine the quality of a program. Standardized practice guidelines could be used to ensure that practitioners are providing high quality, empirically driven, and state-of-the-art services to children with feeding disorders and their families. CPT codes are desperately needed for pediatric feeding services to facilitate the pre-authorization and billing process. Currently, there are no standard CPT codes specifically for pediatric feeding services. Therefore, clinicians must use preexisting CPT codes that do not adequately fit the provided service or unspecified codes that are unlikely to be reimbursed without extensive pre-authorization efforts. The SIG formed committees to explore these issues over the course of the year. Heading up the committees are Cathleen Piazza for standardized outcome measures, Michele Wallace for standard practice guidelines, and Adel Najdowski for insurance and billing. Interested SIG members volunteered to participate on these committees and discuss the issues over the course of the upcoming year. Anyone interested in these issues is encouraged to contact the committee head. Members were encouraged to exchange ideas throughout the year via e-mail and telephone. We also generated a list of the members with contact information and program affiliation. We will resume discussion of these issues next year. Input is welcome and appreciated from all interested parties.

Practitioner Issues in Behavior Analysis

BY JOE CAUTILLI

The Practitioner Issues in Behavior Analysis (PIBA) SIG is the leading special interest group with a focus on behavior analytic practitioners. Within the first year as a group, we developed the first model licensing act for behavior analysts. We developed this act after then-chair of the SIG, Joseph Cautilli, had communication with several psychology boards from around the country. Several issues emerged from these meetings, the primary one being that it is unethical for a licensed psychologist to refer a patient to an unlicensed professional. The reasoning was that unlicensed professionals should not practice. Thus, SIG members recognized early that the choice for behavior analysts was either to continue illegal and unethical practice or reform their ways and start the process of licensing. Other licensing documents, such as the BACB's model act, drew heavily from our act and are in many ways less stringent than the requirements we set forth. While the SIG has taken down its original model act, it is important to recognize two things:

- Entry costs into a profession play into insurance reimbursement (the low entry costs—just a master's degree and a few courses, for example—currently have rated behavior analysts at two-thirds the insurance reimbursement of counselors)
- Low access to reimbursement coupled with limited populations negatively affects future student draw

These are issues over which the PIBA SIG will continue active communication with the Practice Board. After the creation of the model act and the survey of our personnel on the Behavior Analysis and Public Policy Yahoo listserv, the PIBA SIG immediately took to the road and started promoting the act (Cautilli & Dzielowska, 2008) among nonmembers (Hassert, Kelly, Pritchard, & Cautilli, 2008). At this point, PIBA members have testified and offered guidance to a number of states, including Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Vermont, and Delaware on the need for behavior analytic licensure.

PIBA has not limited itself to the adoption of licensure. In 2009 and 2010, we undertook our boldest initiative: trying to seek a place for licensed behavior analysts in the Health Care Reform Bill. The enactment of health care reform legislation was a crowning achievement for the Obama administration. The legislation was, in many ways, frightening to the American public and lent itself to the same level of mischaracterization as the adoption of the Social Security Act in 1935 and Medicare legislation in 1965. Our

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goal was to attempt to get licensed behavior analysts included into the bill for both Medicare reimbursement and professional training and development (things like loan forgiveness, etc.). These were all factors that other professions, like psychologists and professional counselors, were pursuing for their practitioners. The SIG started late into the cycle with several nonmembers questioning why we should pursue such a goal. We formally started our push while the House was passing its version of the bill. The SIG members actively met with a number of present and former staffers for representatives and senators. Given the millions of dollars of reimbursement at stake for behavior analysts, as well as the potentially game-changing nature for our profession to develop, SIG members privately paid for lobbying help in the matter. The SIG—at the suggestion of members Corrine Donley, Regina Frey, and Joseph Cautilli—started a petition for inclusion of behavior analysts online. Unfortunately, when the first House bill passed, we were just starting the process of an active pursuit. The Senate bill took a very different tone than the House bill and in the end, all was not enough on Thursday, March 18, when the House passed the Senate version of the reform bill and unveiled a package of changes. Due to the need to reduce the budget deficit with each change (a requirement for a reconciliation bill), behavior analysis was not included. Many provisions by other professional groups and wanted by health care advocates were also not included or were jettisoned from the legislation. The field of counseling immediately began to pursue other options, asking members to create a new bill—HR 1693 and S. 671. As a group, PIBA SIG members decided to take time to regroup and discuss the upcoming legislative agenda at the ABAI annual convention.

Also in 2010, we created our own Yahoo Group. The SIG currently supports 34 active members who are interested in both local and national legislation. PIBA is in the process of soliciting SIG members interested in developing a white paper on behavior analysis in education for the upcoming changes to the No Child Left Behind Act. Since education is largely a supervised endeavor from the school system with no independent practice endorsement, simple certification should be sufficient for those regulations. PIBA held elections at the ABAI annual convention in Denver; only SIG members were welcome to attend our meeting. Finally, the SIG plans to release a newsletter this year.

This past year, we tracked a bill that would allow counselors to bill Medicare, but we wanted to see how far licensing behavior analysts would go before pursuing any action. We currently have 46 members who contributed to 383 posts pertaining to such subjects as clinical trials, training, ethical issues, evidence based practices, and

public policy. Finally, the SIG also posts job positions for members seeking employment or a career change. This group is important to our members and others as it provides a source for individuals to explore the various types of issues that can have an impact on providing services to those in need.

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Rehabilitation and Independent Living

BY CHRIS PERSEL

The Rehabilitation and Independent Living Special Interest Group (RAIL SIG) continued to support the need for expanding the impact of behavior analysis in the field of rehabilitation, neurorehabilitation, and related areas. Following the 2010 ABAI annual convention and SIG business meeting, the RAIL SIG developed a Facebook page to maintain contact and present information of interest to its members. Visit the page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/ABA-Rehab-Special-Interest-Group/118243448217580>.

Individuals can join the SIG anytime by sending a message through the Facebook page to Chairman Chris Persel or visit the group at the next SIG business meeting.

Members will be working to develop standards for behavior assessment and treatment guidelines in neurorehabilitation due to the current lack of consistent direction and a reliance on pharmacological interventions. Rehabilitation, such as that for individuals with acquired brain injuries, bridges a gap between the medical model and the community reintegration model. The goals of behavior analysis strongly mirror those of rehabilitation, yet are used infrequently in both models. Functional skill development and retraining, intensive social skills treatment, and management of maladaptive and crisis behavior are just a few examples of areas in rehabilitation that require a behavior analysts input. The struggles of our soldiers who have suffered brain and other injuries continue; rehabilitation facilities and professionals—including behavior analysts—must develop partnerships with the Veterans Administration to meet the tremendous need of the returning service personnel. Sports concussion information and efforts from the NFL have raised the awareness of the severe impact of repeated brain injury on athletes at all levels of play. The civilian rehabilitation population faces significant challenges with uncertainty of health care reform and tightening

insurance guidelines. Behavior analysts must participate in providing intervention for individuals from all of these arenas. Why would a discipline (behavior analysis) with proven effectiveness and evidence-based support not push for increased acceptance in rehabilitation services?

In rehabilitation, there is a strong need for training staff from a number of other allied health professions—such as physical and speech therapies—on how to approach behavior challenges effectively. There are also tremendous challenges for families of individuals in rehabilitation when it comes to addressing difficult behavior. Behavior analysts are again an excellent resource for providing the training on behavior interventions. Training for the treatment team and families will contribute to greater maintenance and generalization of treatment goals.

The RAIL SIG has welcomed members from such diverse backgrounds as physicians and brain injury professionals to students and concerned family members. The power of that diversity is evident in lively discussions and informative exchanges of information. Members are encouraged to share articles, program ideas, and professional experiences. Members of the RAIL SIG must be a part of the solution. Growth of the RAIL SIG has come from current members networking with their peers and having the courage to rise to significant challenges this treatment population presents. The RAIL SIG business meeting took place in Denver on Sunday, May 29. Opportunities to exchange research concepts, job openings, internships, and thoughts on future SIG directions were welcomed.

Sex Therapy and Educational Programming

BY FAWNA STOCKWELL, BOBBY NEWMAN,
SORAH STEIN, AND ANDREW SHEN

The Sex Therapy and Educational Programming SIG (STEP SIG) was formed to help disseminate empirically verified information regarding sex education and therapy, and it currently also supports basic and applied research on the emergence and maintenance of sexual behaviors. Members are professionals, teachers, direct service providers, parents, and consumers who are concerned with issues of sex therapy and sex education.

The SIG was founded in 2007 and has been providing an annual symposium at ABAI's annual convention since its inception date. Past topics have included sex education for students with developmental disabilities, the ethical treatment of inappropriate sexual behavior, and scientific descriptions of basic processes involved in the formation of sexual behavior.

At the 2011 ABAI annual convention, the various facets of SIG interests were demonstrated through the symposium. Current behavior-analytic treatments of sexual problems were reviewed, a qualitative analysis of erotic video content was provided, and the significance of neurobiology for sexual orientation and sexual behavior was explored within the context of behavior analytic research and practice.

In the upcoming year, we are looking to expand the number of SIG presentations and other related activities. Our goals include holding a STEP SIG symposium at the 2012 ABAI annual convention and having SIG members present symposia at the annual conventions of professional organizations specifically concerned with sex research, education, and therapy. Such organizations include the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality; the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists; and the Community-Academic Consortium for Research on Alternative Sexualities.

STEP SIG has an active yahoo group—<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stepsigaba/>. All who are interested in participating are welcome to log in and join.

Speech Pathology

BY TRACIE L. LINDBLAD

The mission of the Speech Pathology Applied Behavior Analysis (SPABA) SIG is to promote the dissemination of behaviourally oriented speech and language research and the application of evidence-based practices to speech and language professionals, as well as to foster active dialogue between behaviour analysts and speech-language pathologists studying issues in speech, language, and communication.

The SIG has been active during the past year conducting research; disseminating information regarding evidence-based practice; applying the principles of applied behaviour analysis (ABA) to the research and the treatment of speech, language, and communication disorders in children and adults; and teaching and/or mentoring students in both the fields of ABA and speech pathology. These activities have taken place in North America and internationally.

The SPABA SIG would like to highlight some of our member activities from over the past year:

- Carol Afferbaugh (Kaufman Children's Center) presented a session entitled, "Teaching Verbal Skills to Learners With Autism" at the 2010 National Autism Conference held in Pennsylvania last August.
- Amy Bergen presented "Beyond Discrete Trials: Effectively Using a Behavioral Approach for Autism" at Touro College's Graduate Program in Speech-Language Pathology.

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- We extend congratulations to SIG member Dr. Jim Carr, on his move to Auburn University. Dr. Carr has given nine national and international speaking engagements within the field of ABA since the ABAI annual convention last year. He has also published one empirical article and five nonempirical articles/books/book chapters since June 2010. He was also extremely busy at the ABAI convention and was an author or participant/panel member at seven events during the convention in Denver, CO. Dr. Carr also found the time to contribute as a Planning Committee member for the CalABA-sponsored Task Force on Service Delivery Standards for ABA Treatment in Autism.
 - Lynn (Dales) Carson completed her master's in speech pathology and presented her research project (which garnered her a Student Research Grant in 2010, presented by the SPABA SIG) at the Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Conference in Montreal, Quebec in May 2011.
 - Julie Diep, a bilingual Vietnamese speech language pathologist (SLP) who is pursuing her BCBA in order to raise the standard of care for autism in her local community, completed a four-part interview regarding speech pathology and autism on *Little Saigon TV*, which can be viewed on YouTube.
 - Nikia Dower presented "The Importance of Manding: Early and Intermediate Learners" to Parents of Autistic Children-Northern Virginia (POAC-NOVA). Nikia is on the Board of Directors for Commonwealth Autism Services and an Advisory Board member for POAC-NOVA.
 - Dr. Barb Esch has also continued to further the SIG mission by interspersing her SIG duties as co-chair and Student Task Force Committee leader by giving two presentations combining speech-language pathology and ABA. She conducted a 4-day training event for therapists, teachers, and parents involved with the intensive behaviour intervention program in Ontario, Canada, co-presented with SIG member Dr. John Esch.
 - Tammy Frazer sat on a task force looking at regulation of BCBAs and BCaBAs in Ontario, Canada.
 - Dr. Joanne Gerenser (Eden II Programs), will present a full-day workshop at the ABAI annual convention in Denver entitled, "Applied Behavior Analysis and Speech Language Pathology: An Integrated Approach to Promoting Language in Learners With Autism."
 - Dr. Laura Grow presented "Identifying Best Practices for Teaching Receptive Language Skills to Children With Autism Spectrum Disorders" at a Research Colloquium at the University of British Columbia (UBC), BC, Canada. UBC's Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Collaboration in Autism (CIRCA) also announced that Laura would be joining the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education as an assistant professor (tenure track) in July 2011.
 - Tamara Kasper also presented workshops this past year throughout the US, promoting the incorporation of ABA in order to develop functional communication. She has coauthored an empirical study published in June 2010.
 - Tracy Lepper is currently dual-enrolled in the master's programs at Western Michigan University in ABA and at Texas Christian University in experimental psychology. Her Texas Christian University master's thesis entitled, "A Comparison of the Effectiveness of Discrimination Training and the Stimulus-Stimulus Pairing Procedure When Utilized to Increase Target Vocalizations of Children With Autism," received financial support from the Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis 2011 Master's Thesis Grant and the Speech and Language Association of Behavior Analysis 2010 Student Research Grant.
 - Miriam Leuin is continuing her studies in speech-language pathology and is currently serving as the secretary and newsletter coordinator for the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (San Jose State University Chapter).
 - Tracie Lindblad also continues to juggle co-chair of the SPABA SIG with participation in a number of initiatives in Ontario, Canada in order to further the dissemination of ABA research and practice for speech, language, and communication disorders. This past year, Tracie was the first speech-language pathologist to obtain her BCBA in Canada. She co-authored a poster presented at Ontario ABA's conference and ABAI's annual convention in Denver entitled, "A Direct Comparison of Selection-Based Versus Topography-Based Manding in Children With Autism."
 - Dr. Julie Ray presented a poster called, "Speech-Language Pathologists' Knowledge of Autism Spectrum Disorders and Applied Behaviour Analysis: A Survey," at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association sponsored Symposium on Autism Spectrum Disorders at the 28th World Congress of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics held in August 2010, at Athens, Greece.
 - Sara Vank received the annual Outstanding Portland State University Graduate Student Award from the Oregon Speech-Language-Hearing Association in recognition of her enthusiastic willingness to help others and dedication to leadership.
- Over the past year, the SIG has continued in their efforts to provide grants for student research awards. SPABA provides one annual Research Grant and one annual Application or Dissemination Grant to ABAI members who conduct empirical research or raise awareness about

behaviour analysis among SLPs. Research projects should advance the evidence base for behaviour-analytic conceptualization or treatment of speech, language, communication, and feeding disorders. Application or Dissemination projects should involve effective application of the science-based principles of behaviour by SLPs or distribution of accurate information about the science-based field of behaviour analysis among SLPs. This year's grant recipients presented their research at the SIG's business meeting during ABAI's annual convention. Student members of ABAI may obtain updated information about submitting research proposals for the current year on our website, www.behavioralspeech.com.

SPABA also created a SIG Student Task Force consisting of graduate-level lab members from various university-based research labs in speech pathology and behaviour analysis across North America. These student volunteers are currently working on projects to further the dissemination of behavioural speech-language treatments. Several initial projects are in process. These include (1) participating in writing and managing a "Research Corner" on the SPABA website, (2) establishing a must-read list of relevant behavioural articles for students and new professionals in the field of speech pathology, and (3) working on the production of a document that identifies clinical issues encountered by SLPs and that provides references for behavioural solutions that may be relevant to those concerns.

The SIG also disseminated an online survey regarding SIG policies and practices in order to meet the needs of our membership. The survey results were presented at the ABAI annual convention in Denver and assisted in informing future activities and direction for the SIG.

Finally, the SIG is working on ways to encourage more of its members to pursue the BACB or BCaBA credential. Information about this process can be found at the website for the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (www.bacb.com).

If you're interested in learning more about the Speech Pathology SIG, wish to volunteer to sit on a committee, or assist with a specific project, please visit us at www.behavioralspeech.com or e-mail us at SPABASIG@yahoo.com.

Standard Celeration Society

BY KERRI MILYKO

This year has been full of change and excitement for the Standard Celeration Society (SCS). In May 2010, members elected their new Executive Council: Owen White (president), Kerri Milyko (vice-president), Bill Helsel (past president), Timothy Yeager (secretary), and Chuck Merbitz (treasurer). The SCS also appointed Doug Kostewicz as the

new editor of the *Journal of Precision Teaching and Celeration*. Therefore, the SCS would like to extend gratitude to the past Executive Council: Bill Helsel (president), Kelly Ferris (vice-president), Michael Fabrizio (past president), Regina Claypool-Frey (secretary), Chuck Merbitz (treasurer), and Rick Kubina (editor). A slight shifting in the new council occurred in the spring of 2011: Owen White resigned as president. Therefore, Kerri Milyko transitioned into the presidency and the SCS opened elections for a new vice-president. To those who served on the council, even if just for a brief moment, your service to the SCS in promoting excellence through standard charting is priceless and will always be remembered.

The SCS held its annual International Precision Teaching Conference (IPTC) in Seattle, WA in November 2010, hosted by Morningside Academy and the Organization for Research and Learning. The Ogden Lindsley Lifetime Achievement Award was extended to two brilliant researchers: Ian Spence and Steve Graf. These men have dedicated their lives to expanding the use of the standard celeration chart (SCC) through research, technology, and education. To continue and expand their work, the keynotes and invited speakers relit a passion for research that will hopefully translate into publications. This surge of enthusiasm and commitment resulted in a successful and monumental conference.

Harnessing the energy to promote the SCC and precision teaching, the Executive Council is excited about its upcoming events. The society has a new, updated logo; to accompany the logo, a new, updated website will be launched in summer 2011. Furthermore, various committees are forming that encourage participation from all types of members, from well-seasoned charters to those new on the block. The collective goal of these committees is to show others how frequency and celeration charted in a standard fashion is not only relevant, but is essential to robust behavior change. In addition to being the eclectic group that "hearts" a busy blue chart and sings songs about such affection, its members are researchers, teachers, parents, academics, business owners, and students who change lives in a significant way. This change is due to our use of the most sensitive behavior analytical tool: the SCC.

Our main event of 2011 is IPTC in Reno, NV. This conference will continue the newly identified SCS theme of dissemination. With keynote speakers Tony Biglan and Steve Hayes and invited speakers Michael Fabrizio, Carl Binder, and Doug Greer, an energetic, challenging, and insightful conversation is bound to last the entire weekend. This memorable weekend will be December 8–10. Please visit www.celeration.org for more details about the conference or about the SCS as a whole.

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Teaching Behavior Analysis

BY CHRISTINE H. BARTHOLD

This has been a busy year for the Teaching Behavior Analysis (TBA) SIG. The majority of our activity came from our e-mail discussion list, the TBA-L. Dr. Pat Williams of the University of Houston-Downtown did a fantastic job organizing and moderating the list. Conversation on our listserv was lively; many topics of interest to all ABAI members were discussed: certification, evidence-based practice, basic research, and suggestions for future endeavors.

In addition to discussion, there were also opportunities to try new products and collaborate with others. Announcements for new products—textbooks, books for the public, software, and websites—were often posted to the list. For the fourth year in a row, members used the TBA-L listserv to put together panel discussions and symposia for this year's ABAI annual convention in Denver. Many were able to attend these great presentations.

Because of discussion, we recently completed a survey of our membership. The purpose of this survey was to determine what members saw as the strengths and needs of the TBA SIG. The SIG would like to thank Dr. Cheryl Young-Pelton of the University of Montana, Billings for leading this project. While we are still analyzing the data, we hope that this will help us determine what our mission, vision, and activities will be for next year.

We are proud to say that we have over 400 members on our listserv. Only 79 of these 400 members have filled out a membership form on our website. We are asking all SIG members to take the time to tell us who they are! According to the membership data we have, members come from all parts of the world, such as the United States, Canada, Brazil, the United Kingdom, and Pakistan. Our group is diverse—all facets of behavior analysis are represented. The membership data suggest that a little over half of our members teach in higher education. The remaining members are service providers and parents. Most of the service providers who responded stated that they work with children in home and school settings. We also have quite a few graduate students who are part of our SIG. (The TBA SIG thanks Mr. Andrew Netta of the University of Delaware for his help compiling and analyzing the data.)

Of course, new members are always welcome. Please visit our website at <http://teachbehavioranalysis.com> and fill out a membership form, if you have not done so already. We encourage people to get involved in our SIG. It is great to have a forum where consumers, students,

researchers, and service providers can interact and learn from each other. It is also a good place for those new to the field to converse directly with well-known behavior analysts. This is another reason we encourage membership in this SIG. The TBA SIG is truly one that all ABAI members should consider joining, not just those who teach in higher education.

We thank the membership of TBA and TBA-L for a productive year, and look forward to more excellent discussions of behavior analysis in the coming year. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Christine Barthold at chrisbarthold@bartholdautism.com.

Verbal Behavior

BY TRACI M. CIHON

The Verbal Behavior Special Interest Group (VB SIG) council has been extremely dedicated to promoting the SIG's mission and making our goals a reality. We are continuously in awe at the hard work and productivity of our current council.

The council has written and approved a set of bylaws that will streamline the operations of the internal actions of the VB SIG. Most importantly, these bylaws outline the responsibilities of each council member, describe the general membership categories and procedures for becoming a member, and outline the length of term for each council member. In summary, the chair will serve a 4-year term and then serve in the role of past-chair for an additional 2 years, the treasurer (currently Season Almason) will serve a 2-year term. All other positions will be held for a 3-year term. This year marks the first year that we will hold an election to replace one of our current council members. Ms. Almason's term will come to an end at this year's business meeting. Season, thanks for your commitment to the VB SIG!

We are excited to announce the launch of our new website and Facebook page. Dr. Sarah Lechago has been working diligently to give the SIG a new look. After several challenges and many hours of work, we launched our new website this year! As a note to our members, the Facebook page will serve several functions; however, one of its major roles will be to replace the VB SIG listserv—as of May 2011, the VB SIG listserv was no longer active.

Drs. Judah Axe and Sarah Lechago have maintained the SIG's commitment to supporting and encouraging research and undergraduate and graduate instruction in Skinner's verbal behavior. Winners of the Student Research Competition and the Student Grant Competition were announced at our annual business meeting.

Several council members have helped to showcase the VB SIG by sharing our expo poster at a variety of regional conferences. For example, Dr. Axe took the expo poster to Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy's

conference and Dr. Lechago showcased the expo poster at the Texas ABA convention. A group of University of North Texas students and Dr. Traci Cihon displayed the VB SIG expo poster at the Missouri ABA convention. The willingness of our council members to represent the SIG in these venues helps us to support and encourage others to become connected to the VB SIG and ensures our sustainability. We hope you stopped by the expo during the ABAI convention this year to see the newly designed poster. Be sure to look for it at upcoming affiliated chapter events!

Ms. Kerry Ann Conde and Ms. Danielle LaFrance have also made significant contributions to the SIG this year. Ms. Conde keeps us up-to-date on our current membership numbers while simultaneously reminding us of what we have discussed and proposed in our monthly conference calls. Ms. LaFrance ensures our communication with members by planning, reminding us to submit updates, and designing the annual newsletter.

The VB SIG council looks forward to working together with its members to continue our overall goals and uphold the SIG's mission. We engage in several activities to support our members:

- Support and encouraging research efforts to improve our understanding of verbal behavior
- Support practice-based issues in utilizing the analysis of verbal behavior
- Support undergraduate and graduate instruction of Skinner's verbal behavior
- Communicate with other organizations making use of Skinner's verbal behavior
- Disseminate information regarding a behavioral approach to studying language

As always, we welcome any input from our current members. Please feel free to e-mail us with any questions, comments, or suggestions at thevbsig@gmail.com.

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From Demand Curves to Public Policy:

A Recap of the Behavioral Economics Conference in Chicago

BY MARIA E. MALOTT

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Among the most significant theoretical advances in the study of behavior over the past few decades is the integration of economic and psychological perspectives—what has come to be called behavioral economics.

Behavioral economics, broadly construed, is an approach to understanding how constraints—restricted income, limited options, incomplete and uncertain information about the world—influence behavior. In recent years, this approach has been applied to a wide range of health-related problems such as addictions, gambling, and obesity, demonstrating how behavioral economics is of both practical and theoretical importance.

In light of these developments, ABAI organized a conference at the Hyatt Regency Chicago in Chicago, IL, titled Behavioral Economics: From Demand Curves to Public Policy. This conference started out as a 2009 Science Board proposal thoughtfully developed by Timothy Hackenberg, then chair of the Science Board, with input from board members Thomas Critchfield, Gregory Hanley, Gregory Madden, Amy Odum, and Raymond C. Pittsand members of the conference Program Committee. Dr. Hackenberg developed the program structure and provided the list of invited addresses. A major aim of this event was to constructively engage different behavioral-economic perspectives and produce new insights into behavioral and neural mechanisms of economics. Conference presenters also considered how behavioral economics might inform public policy. The event featured talks from a distinguished group of contributors:

- Gregory Madden kicked off the conference with a behavioral economics primer that addressed a range of topics, including demand curves, open/closed economies, essential value, the substitute to complement continuum, delay discounting, and some of the translational value of these concepts and findings.



- Warren Bickel discussed Competing Neurobehavioral Decisions Systems Theory, reviewed data supporting this new approach to addressing addiction, and described how it provides a new conceptual system to examine a variety of suboptimal behavior.
- Frank Chaloupka reviewed the effectiveness of taxation and other pricing policies on promoting healthy behaviors and discussed their potential to curb nationwide obesity.
- Leonard Epstein highlighted the importance of integrating basic and clinical research and talked about the potential for multidisciplinary approaches to improve healthy eating and exercising behaviors.
- Leonard Green discussed the importance of examining the roles that multiple impulsivities play in decision-making during large time scale situations.
- Stephen Higgins addressed the issue of persistent behavior problems that are not only harmful to an individual's long-term health, but also a financial burden on the U.S. health care system. He reviewed a program of research that has produced evidence suggesting financial incentives can be effective

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1 Posters at Behavioral Economics: From Demand Curves to Public Policy. 2 John Borrero speaks to the audience. 3 Leonard Green and Joel Myerson take a question from the audience.





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in promoting health-related behavior change and improving health outcomes.

- James MacKillop's talk focused on evidence indicating that more impulsive delayed-reward discounting in individuals correlates with addictive behaviors.
- Samuel McClure discussed the tremendous variance in discount rates observed in experiments that require subjects to select between rewards available at different points in time (intertemporal choice) and argued that a two systems model provides a superior account of behavior than the standard hyperbolic discounting model.
- Michael Platt presented evidence that neuronal activity in the posterior cingulate cortex (CGp) varies with learning, memory, reward, economic risk, and task engagement and suggested that a healthy CGp is necessary for organizing flexible behavior in response to an ever-changing environment.
- Howard Rachlin described a typical game theory analysis, in which benefits from immediate and discounted delayed rewards to the player would be supplemented by discounted rewards to another player or players. He discussed how experimental tests confirmed the prediction that the degree of cooperation by one player would increase as a function of the amount of reward to the other players or the number of other players receiving benefits.

The conference also featured the opportunity to review approximately 50 research posters on topics as varied as evaluations of demand functions for attention and food in children with autism to the applications of electronic data collection in the field of behavioral economics. The sessions featured students from 37 universities. Major research areas included autism; behavioral pharmacology; clinical, family, and behavioral medicine; community interventions, social and ethical issues; developmental disabilities; the experimental analysis of behavior; and theoretical, philosophical, and conceptual issues. Conference attendees, who appreciated the opportunity to learn about and discuss the latest developments in



this important field, responded very positively. Of the 74 surveys returned to the ABAI office, 99% gave the overall conference program a score of “very good” or “excellent.” Other high scoring aspects of the event included registrations (96% “very good” or “excellent”), ABAI staff (96%), on-site staff (94%), location (93%), continuing education (89%), and the hotel (84%).

Due to the creation of our new Learning Center, you now have the ability to access Behavioral Economics Conference presentations from your own computer. You can purchase and view individual sessions or buy the “Premier Pack” for this conference, which will grant access to all the audio/visual content for a single fee. This new service is part of ABAI’s effort to provide more opportunities for members to earn continuing education credits. You can access this feature by clicking on the “Learning Center” tab in your ABAI portal account (<http://portal.abainternational.org/portal/default/frmLogin.aspx>).

Thanks to all the speakers, poster presenters, ABAI staff, and participants for making this event possible. ❖

4 From left to right: (front) Richard W. Malott, Leonard Epstein, Stephen Hursh, John Borrero, Stephen Higgins, Leonard Green, Joel Myerson, Amy Odum, and Raymond Pitts; (back) Gregory Madden, Howard Rachlin, James MacKillop, and Timothy Hackenberg. **5** Michael Platt thinks over the answer to a question. **6** Leonard Epstein waits as he is introduced before his presentation. **7** Attendees converse at the poster session. **8** Stephen Hursh looks on during an invited presentation. **9** Samuel McClure talks at a panel session. **10** Warren Bickel delivers his presentation. **11** Timothy Hackenberg gives the closing remarks.



Dr. Joseph V. Brady (COL, Retired) President of the Institutes for Behavior Resources and Professor Emeritus, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Dies at 89

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Noted pioneer in space research, behaviorist and behavioral pharmacologist, Joseph V. Brady, Ph.D., died at Gilchrist Hospice on July 29, 2011 in Baltimore, MD. Dr. Brady is famous for having trained the first primates that the United States space program sent into space, paving the way for the historic flight by John Glenn. Dr. Brady also founded the Institutes for Behavior Resources, Inc., and the Behavioral Biology Research Center of Johns Hopkins University. His scientific contributions span more than 60 years and include pioneering work in a wide range of human behaviors. His many achievements include serving as a member of the Belmont Commission, which established the standards for informed consent in the conduct of human research. He also conducted the first studies using animal models to examine drug effects, linking environmental stress to peptic ulcers, the implementation of mobile methadone treatment services, and studies of simulated space environments. This expansive range of activities attest to Dr. Brady's insights into behavioral dynamics and his spirited and unabashed enthusiasm for rigorous behavioral methodologies. His collegiality and commitment to the experimental analysis of behavior is both legendary and inspirational.

Dr. Brady was born in New York City in 1922. He received a BS degree from Fordham University in 1943. His army career spanned from 1943 through 1970. He served as a combat infantry platoon leader during World War II. After the war, he attended the University of Chicago where

he earned his PhD there under Howard Hunt in 1951. His PhD research on conditioned anxiety and drug effects became a model for modern behavioral pharmacology.

In 1951, he was assigned to Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington, D.C. He served as Chief of the Department of Experimental Psychology from 1951 to 1963 and Deputy Director of the Division of Neuropsychiatry from 1963 to 1970. Among the many important discoveries of this interdisciplinary neuroscience team was the finding that psychological stress could be far more damaging than physical stress. Brady's article in *Scientific American* (1958) entitled "Ulcers in Executive Monkeys," is a classic work, which became the textbook example of how environmental stress can lead to somatic illness.

Dr. Brady's 1956 paper on the effects of reserpine on conditioned anxiety was one of the first of the modern era to demonstrate the usefulness of behavioral conditioning in animals to study the effects of psychoactive drugs. His subsequent enthusiastic efforts to convince pharmaceutical companies of the value of these methods for screening behavioral effects of drugs helped create the field of behavioral pharmacology.

Not content merely to manage events on Earth, Dr. Brady oversaw the training of the first U.S. primates in space as Director of the Space Research Laboratory at the University of Maryland. These studies served as a prelude to the U.S. manned space flights. He continued his association with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and established the programmed human environments at the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Brady retired from the Army as a Colonel in 1970 and moved to the Division of Behavioral Biology of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. There he fostered innovative research in behavioral pharmacology and physiology, behavioral medicine, and drug abuse treatment. His studies of the etiology of drug use in animal models were highly influential in changing basic theories of addiction and leading to modern approaches to drug abuse treatment.

In 1960, Dr. Brady founded the nonprofit Institute for Behavioral Resources (IBR). The purpose of IBR is to enhance the scientific understanding of behavior and to apply behavioral principles to the solution of human problems. A number of applied behavioral research projects and related services continue to the present day. IBR served as the venue to study the effectiveness of a mobile methadone treatment unit in Baltimore. That successful program became a model for extending treatment services to under-served communities.

In 2001, Dr. Brady took the bold step to purchase a six-story building on Maryland Avenue in Baltimore to house the corporate offices and human performance research laboratories of IBR. The building also serves as the permanent home for a thriving and innovative substance abuse treatment program serving over 500

patients daily. On May 2, 2011, IBR celebrated its 50th anniversary and inaugurated a drive to fund the Joseph V. Brady Behavioral Sciences Center.

During his long career, Dr. Brady has won many awards, including the prestigious National Space Biomedical Research Institute's Pioneer Award. He has held many elected offices in learned societies, such as the American Psychological Association, the Pavlovian Society, the Society of Behavioral Medicine, the Behavioral Pharmacology Society, the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, and the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology. He has served on advisory panels and review boards including the President's Science Advisory Committee to the National Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Brady is survived by his wife Nancy, his brother James and his children Barbara Fincham, Michael Brady, Kathleen Brady, Nancy Brady, Joanne Brady, and step-daughter Meg Sullivan, by 13 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Private burial will be held at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC. In lieu of flowers, the Brady family requests that tax-deductible contributions be made to the "Joseph V. Brady Behavioral Sciences Center" which will be located on the 4th and 5th floors at IBR offices in Baltimore. Visit www.ibrinc.org/JVBMemorial.



Dr. Joseph V. Brady, 1922–2011

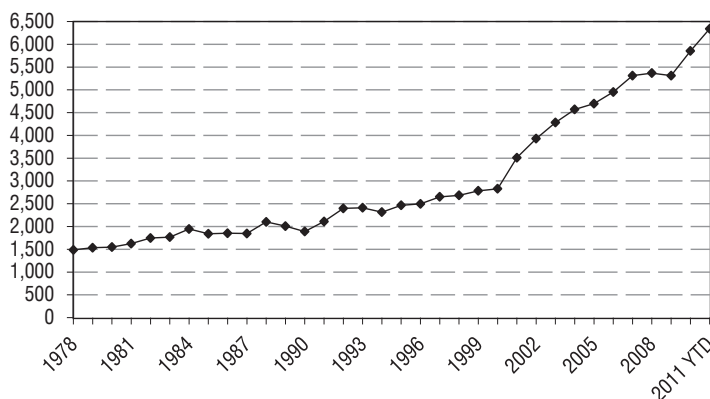


Figure 1. ABAI Member Trends

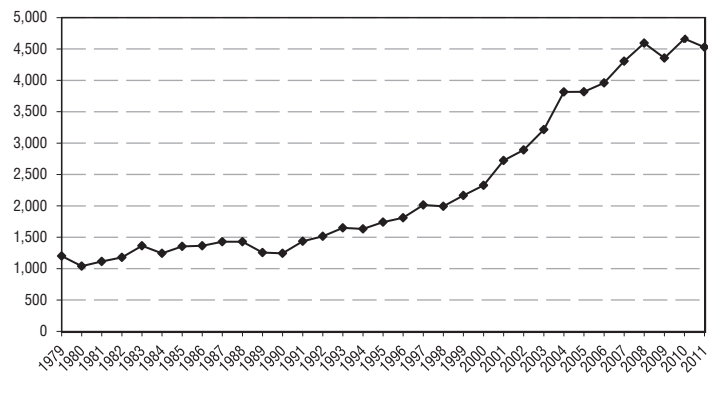


Figure 2. ABAI Annual Convention Registration Trends

Transforming the Administration of a Nonprofit Organization From the Bottom Up: Where We Have Been and Where We Are Now

BY MARIA E. MALOTT, RICHARD W. MALOTT, KURT SALZINGER, AND MICHAEL J. DOUGHER

At ABAI, we have long stated our commitment to improvement—but what exactly does that mean? For the past 15 years, as membership has grown and demands varied, the organization has attempted to serve its members' needs through the direction of the Executive Council. As the landscape of behavior analysis has changed, ABAI has been confronted with diverse challenges and perhaps some inevitable growing pains. Over the years, we have found ourselves at many different crossroads and it is important, every now and again, to pause and celebrate all we have achieved.

In a 15-year period, we have grown from an infrastructure with limited scope and ability to one that provides a robust package of services and opportunities for our members. As you can see in Figure 1, membership has increased dramatically, and each year of growth has been accompanied by new and more complex expectations from association members.

Under the guiding principle of improving society through behavior analysis, ABAI has provided a variety of events, publications, and education opportunities. In 15 years, ABAI's capabilities have grown from an ability to conduct a single annual convention to the point where we now organize and coordinate multiple conferences. These conferences, which now average four a year, provide a wealth of information on how behavior analysis can contribute to a better world across a spectrum of areas, from education to organizational management to

theoretical concepts. Our annual convention itself has grown to the point where the attendance at the 2011 convention in Denver was over four times the attendance at the 1979 convention in Chicago (see Figure 2). Our biannual international conference has been held in Italy, Brazil, China, Australia, and Norway, and will be in Spain this year. We also offer single-track events on autism, behavioral economics, education, sustainable societies, and theory and philosophy.

We have expanded from a single journal—*The Behavior Analyst*—first offered in 1979 to three today. In 1982, we acquired *The Analysis of Verbal Behavior*, and we introduced *Behavior Analysis in Practice* in 2008. Over the past three years, our journals have been indexed in PubMed Central. This should increase citations of behavior analysis literature, thus expanding the influence of our research. Currently, all articles featured in our journals can be accessed in full on PubMed two years after each issue's printing. Now we are working for our articles to be indexed in MEDLINE, such that all abstracts and titles will eventually be available online immediately following publication. And recently, we renamed our newsletter *Inside Behavior Analysis* and redesigned it to have a more professional look.

Learning Center

One of our most important endeavors is to bring behavior analysis education to a larger audience and to increase the number of outstanding continuing education (CE) opportunities for our members. This spring we launched the ABAI Learning Center. This on-line service utilizes the web to distribute many of our conference presentations, providing a hub for on-line audio/visual content of key presentations from ABAI's events, allowing our members more options to earn CE, and making behavior analysis more widely accessible. The Learning Center contains invited presentations from both the 2011 Autism Conference: New Tools for Translating Science to Practice and Behavioral Economics: From Demand Curves to Public Policy. Select presentations from the 2011 ABAI Annual Convention in Denver will soon be available. We have

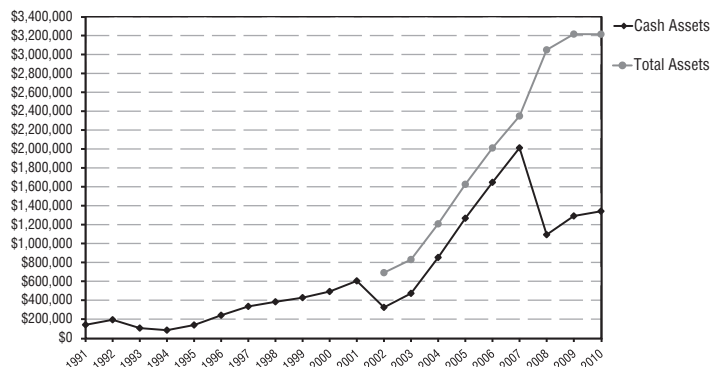


Figure 3. Assets by Year End

also built a library of DVDs that contains recordings of key presentations from several of our past events, including autism conferences beginning in 2007, the 2008 ABAI Education Conference, and annual conventions of 2004 and 2006.

Membership Services

ABAI has done much to expand and enhance its services for our members. Since 1995, we have offered a bookstore at our annual convention and autism conference. At the Denver convention, the bookstore had more than 600 titles.

The number of convention exhibitors has grown from 10 in 1996 to 79 this year in Denver. Our Exhibitor Center, which allows us to quickly and efficiently attend to the needs of participating organizations, now includes an Internet café and a poster center to assist presenters with poster set up.

Our job placement service has grown from a hand-recorded system with only a few job posts to the streamlined, Internet-based system that currently has 4,112 position postings and 4,954 résumés. This service opens up the larger job market to behavior analysis employers and job seekers.

To form the basis of future services, we distributed membership cards this year, each with a unique member identifier. The card will provide multiple benefits, which we will expand over the next several years. ABAI has also negotiated member discounts for car rentals, hotel stays, and computer purchases. And, as of last year, our members can get professional liability insurance for behavior analysts, with a nearly 20% discount on premiums. Currently, 731 members benefit from this coverage. We will keep members updated on new benefits.

We have developed a system that makes it easier for members to arrange their personal schedule for ABAI events, as building a schedule for a convention that sometimes has 35–40 simultaneous presentations in a single hour can be incredibly difficult. Now members can review the program, select the most interesting sessions, add additional information, and print or download the schedule as a .pdf document. We have also created an

Upcoming ABAI Events

Sixth International Conference

November 24–26, 2011

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Granada, Spain

2012 Autism Conference

January 27–29, 2012

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown
Philadelphia, PA

38th Annual Convention

May 25–29, 2012

Washington State Convention Center
Seattle, WA

Behavior Change for a Sustainable World Conference

August 3–5, 2012

The Ohio Union at the Ohio State University
Columbus, OH

Theory and Philosophy Conference

November 2–4, 2012

Inn and Spa at Loretto
Santa Fe, NM

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archive system on the member portal that allows for review of presentations from earlier events. We continue to refine this system, and the latest round of feedback has been quite positive.

We have also added to the portal account an on-line directory to search for other members. And we have developed open forums for member discussions with colleagues from all over the globe. We hope that these new features will encourage communication and networking within the ABAI community.

Finally, we have transformed a manual, in-house system into an on-line store, linked to member portal accounts. This allows members to register for events, subscribe to publications, review transaction history, and print receipts.

Infrastructure

The ABAI office has experienced dramatic evolution over the years. The ABAI office has grown from a staff of two to a talented team of nearly 20. The value of their contributions is tremendous. We have a great team, and each staff member contributes significantly to the services and operation of the ABAI. This expansion of office infrastructure necessitated a new space to make room for and better organize and allocate operations. In 2008, the ABAI office moved into a larger building

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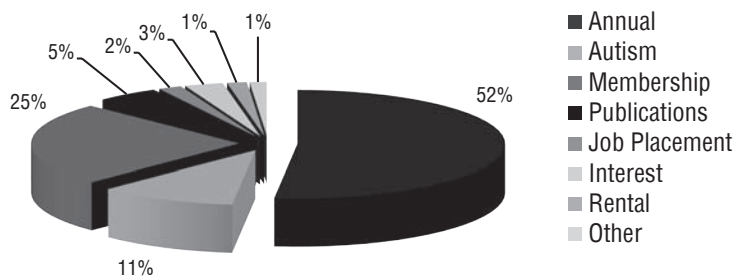


Figure 4. ABAI Sources of Income in 2010

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to accommodate this need. This move provided us with extra space and resources to support ABAI's healthy growth and to continue our development.

ABAI's assets totaled about \$82,000 in 1993. Today, the organization has assets of \$3.2 million. Every year since 1994, we have had positive net assets; and some of these assets have allowed us to develop our infrastructure. In 2008, ABAI purchased a larger building to accommodate the larger office staff and resources needed to support ABAI's healthy growth in membership and services. At the end of last year, we had \$1,873,427 in fixed assets and about \$1,340,829 in cash and securities to guard against unforeseen emergencies and liabilities. ABAI's net worth (assets minus liabilities) was \$2,667,973. We have solid fiscal health, as demonstrated in Figure 3.

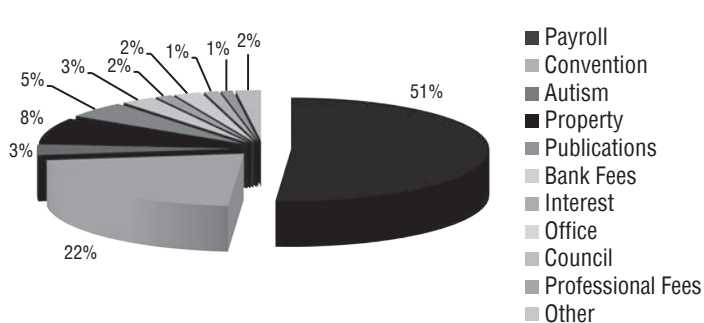


Figure 5. ABAI Expenses in 2010

Our income in 2010 was \$2,428,302 and was distributed as follows: 52% from the annual convention, 25% from membership fees, 11% from the autism conference, 5% from publications, 3% from interest, and 5% from other sources (see Figure 4). ABAI's net income was \$56,434.

Our expenses were \$2,286,070 distributed as follows: 51% for payroll and benefits, 22% for the annual convention, 8% for property, 5% for publications, 3% for the autism conference, 3% for bank fees, and 8% for other costs (see Figure 5). ABAI's fixed-interest mortgage totaled \$546,283, the interest rate on which was 4.78%.

ABAI's current state and future prospects are strong. Our members, the Executive Council, boards, and office staff all contribute to our continued growth and evolution as an association and to the continued growth of behavior analysis as its influence and importance in the world increases. ❖

Summary of Council Minutes

Full members can view the summary of council minutes for the May meeting via their ABAI portal.

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We are looking for individuals with a master's degree in applied behaviour analysis with a BCBA (or eligible to sit for the BCBA exam), a Ph.D. in applied behaviour analysis with ability to register with local psychology regulatory body (<http://www.cpmc.ca/>), or a Ph.D. in a related field of study with a BCBA and the ability to register with local psychology body.

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Please contact Kerri Walters at kwalters@stamant.mb.ca, (204) 256-4301 ext. 3627 or Daniela Fazzio at dfazzio@stamant.mb.ca, (204) 256-4301 ext. 3474.

Calendar of Upcoming Conferences

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September

Brazil ABA

September 7–10
Salvador, Bahia, Brazil
Pestana Bahia Hotel
www.xxencontroabpmc.com.br

Florida ABA

September 21–24
Daytona Beach, FL
Hilton Daytona Beach Resort/
Ocean Walk Village
<http://fabaworld.org>

Minnesota Northland ABA

September 30
St. Cloud, MN
St. Cloud State University
www.mnaba.org

October

Manitoba ABA

October 1
Winnipeg, MB
St Paul's College
University of Manitoba
www.maba.ca

Alabama ABA

October 5–7
Birmingham, AL
Doubletree Hotel
www.alabamaaba.com

Nevada ABA

October 8–9
Reno, NV
Silver Legacy Hotel and Casino
www.nevadaaba.org

Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy

October 13–14
Amherst, MA
University of Massachusetts
www.babat.org

October (cont.)

Vermont ABA

October 20
Montpelier, VT
Capitol Plaza Hotel
<http://vtaba.org>

Tennessee ABA

October 20–22
Nashville, TN
Scarritt-Bennett Center
www.tennesseeaba.org

Mid-American ABA

October 21–22
Bloomington, IL
Chicago Hilton Indian Lakes Resort
www.uwec.edu/maba

Hoosier ABA

October 21–23
Fishers, IN
Fishers Hospitality
and Conference Center
www.hoosieraba.com

Ohio ABA

October 22
Columbus, OH
Physical Activities and
Education Services Building 245,
The Ohio State University
www.cwu.edu/~zayacr/nwaba

Southeastern ABA

October 27–30
Charlotte, NC
DoubleTree Suites by Hilton
<http://psychweb.cisat.jmu.edu/zinnte/seaba/index.html>

November

Hawaii ABA

TBD
www.hawaiiaba.org

Georgia ABA

November 4
Atlanta, GA
Crowne Plaza Ravinia
Perimeter/Dunwoody
www.georgia-aba.com

New York State ABA

November 9–11
Saratoga Springs, NY
Gideon Putnam Resort
www.nysaba.org

Ontario ABA

November 10–12
Toronto, ON
Metro Toronto Convention Center
<http://ontaba.org>

Missouri ABA

November 18–19
St. Louis, MO
Holiday Inn St. Louis-Southwest Viking
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