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A Letter From the ABAI President

BY MIKE PERONE

The ABAI Executive Council—acting on proposals by officers of the various boards and committees that do the work of the association “on the ground”—took several actions in May 2013 that should have a positive impact on our membership. The decisions affect the annual convention, our journals, accreditation of programs of higher education, and our relationships with other organizations of behavior analysts.

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Convention

Although ABAA serves many functions, its original purpose was to organize an annual convention and this remains our single most important endeavor. Efforts at improvement are perpetual, initiated primarily by the Program Board through its coordinators (Mark Mattaini and Jesse Dallery). In addition, the convention has benefited from recommendations from a Science Board Task Force established in 2011 and a Convention Program Task Force established last year (Jennifer Austin, Jesse Dallery, Iser DeLeon, Sarah Dunkel-Jackson, Ramona Houmanfar, Mark Mattaini, Chris Newland, Carol Pilgrim, Raymond Pitts, Kathryn Saunders, and Jennifer Zarcone).

Two noteworthy changes will be implemented in next May's convention. The first simplifies the schedule: All sessions will start on the hour and will last either one or two hours (well, to be precise, 50 minutes or 110 minutes). Eliminating the 90-minute sessions will prevent the conflicts created when sessions partially overlap one another and creates new flexibility in the organization of symposia. A one-hour symposium can consist of two presentations and a discussant or three presentations. A two-hour symposium will consist of four presentations and a discussant. Panel discussions and professional development presentations will last an hour.

The second change is designed to facilitate interactions at poster sessions. We plan to incorporate discussants into each poster session, with a goal of 1 discussant for every 10 posters. The discussants will spend time at each of their assigned posters, converse with the presenters, and learn about the presenters' research. To recruit volunteers, the submission form for the 2014 convention will ask presenters to indicate their interest in serving as a discussant in their area of interest. The Program Committee will use this information to select discussants, whose names will be listed in the program book.

Journals

ABAA now publishes three journals: our flagship publication, *The Behavior Analyst* (edited by Matthew Normand), *The Analysis of Verbal Behavior* (edited by Anna Pétursdóttir), and *Behavior Analysis in Practice* (edited by Mark Dixon). Because of a sustained increase in submissions to *The Analysis of Verbal Behavior*, Council has approved an increase in production from one issue per year to two. This decision recognizes the excellent stewardship of the journal provided by Anna as well as the strength of scholarship in the field.

An exciting development that affects all our journals is in the works. Our Chief Executive Officer Maria Malott is in final negotiations with a major international publishing vendor to provide a range of services to benefit our editors, authors, and subscribers starting in 2014. Among the services we are planning are these:

- Simultaneous publication in print and electronic formats for all subscribers
- Electronic subscriptions on mobile devices, including tablets and smart phones
- The option to purchase a single journal article online
- Online search and preview of abstracts online
- A centralized electronic site for manuscript submission and review to streamline the editorial process

Perhaps most important is the vendor's ability to market our journals worldwide to both individual and institutional subscribers. This will help us fulfill our mission to advance behavior analysis, improve the visibility of our field and our association, and attract submissions.

Accreditation

The future of behavior analysis depends on well-trained scientists and practitioners, and we seek to ensure the quality of training by accrediting programs of higher education. As of this writing, 27 graduate programs at 19 universities—all in the United States—are accredited by ABAA. Our accreditation process is led by the Accreditation Committee (chaired by Patrick M. Ghezzi over the last 6 years and now chaired by Claudia Dozier from 2013–2016), which is a component of the Education Board (coordinated by Linda Hayes from 2010–2013 and to be coordinated by Jennifer Austin from 2013–2016). The Accreditation Committee receives and reviews self-studies from programs seeking accreditation, appoints site visitors who evaluate the self-studies and interview program faculty and administrators, receives and reviews the reports of site visitors, and makes recommendations to the ABAA Council. The Council makes the final decision about whether to grant accreditation.

This process has functioned well, but as we have gained experience we have developed a more sophisticated appreciation of the strengths and limitations of our approach. After discussions spanning several years, the Education Board and Council have made a commitment to increase the rigor of our process. We will do this by attaining the requirements for recognition by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA; www.chea.org).

CHEA describes itself as “a national advocate and institutional voice for self-regulation of academic quality through accreditation.” When an organization's accreditation process is recognized by CHEA, it is an affirmation of the quality and integrity of the process. As our colleges and universities are pressed to conserve their resources, it is becoming increasingly important that we convince administrators of the value of ABAA accreditation. CHEA recognition—the de facto gold standard—allows us to do that. Indeed, the Council is convinced that achieving CHEA recognition is essential to maintain ABAA's credibility as an accrediting organization.

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Meeting CHEA's standards will require some significant organizational changes, notably the creation of an accrediting body within ABAI (a proposed name, not official, is the "Behavior Analysis Accrediting Commission") that would review and accredit programs independently of the Council. Although the Council, Education Board, and other bodies within ABAI would set the standards of accreditation, the commission would have independent authority to apply the standards. This is to ensure that accreditation is conferred or withheld on the basis of fair and consistent application of academic standards rather than political considerations.

The Education Board has begun laying the groundwork for our application to CHEA; we anticipate that it will take at least 2 years to achieve recognition.

Organizational Relationships

We continue to seek collaborative relationships with organizations that share ABAI's core values in advancing behavior analysis. On May 28 representatives of ABAI (Past-President Kurt Salzinger, President-Elect Linda Hayes, Chief Executive Officer Maria Malott, and I) met with leaders of the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts (President Bill Ahearn, Executive Director Gina Green, Chief Executive Officer Stephen Anderson, and Mary Riordan) and the Behavior Analysis Certification

Board (President Jane Howard and Chief Executive Officer James Carr) to discuss various avenues for cooperation. In addition, ABAI has partnerships with a host of other groups, including Division 25 of the American Psychological Association, the Society for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior, the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International, the Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences, the Cambridge Center for Behavior Studies, the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, and the Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology Specialty Council. We also have begun to explore ways in which we can collaborate with the Association for Positive Behavior Support. If all of us continue to work together, we will change the world.

Transitions

The May meeting marked the end of the terms of three esteemed Council colleagues: Richard Malott (past president), Gregory Madden (at-large representative), and Antonio Harrison (past student representative). Their insight and judgment have been instrumental in ABAI's recent progress, and their diplomacy and humor lightened the load of long meetings. They can't really be replaced, but they are succeeded by a new group that we can count on to work just as hard: Linda Hayes (president-elect), Mark Dixon (at-large representative), and Jonathan Friedel (student representative-elect). ❖

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Sharing the Best of Science, Practice, and Education of Behavior Analysis: ABAI Conventions and Conferences

BY MARIA E. MALOTT

This past May, thousands of attendees gathered in Minneapolis, MN, at ABAI's 39th Annual Convention. The event drew those with an interest in behavior analysis—researchers, practitioners, students—to learn, discuss, and share. This year, we celebrated the 100th anniversary of John B. Watson's seminal address, "Psychology as the Behaviorist Views It," which provided a thematic thread that wove itself into several program events, including the ABAI Social.

Significant efforts have been made in the last couple of years to review the convention program and improve its quality. And these efforts have paid off—over 90% of all evaluations received scored the B. F. Skinner lectures, invited presentations and tutorials, and overall program as excellent or very good. These are the highest scores the program has ever achieved. We want to especially thank to the Program Task Force who, through their recommendations, made these scores possible. Thanks to Jesse Dallery, Iser DeLeon, Sarah Dunkel-Jackson, Ramona Houmanfar, Mark Mattaini, M. Christopher Newland, Carol Pilgrim, Raymond Pitts, Kathryn Saunders, and Jennifer Zarcone.. Additionally, we owe special gratitude to the Program Committee and area coordinators for the extraordinary work they provided in building a quality convention program. Special thanks to Program Board coordinator, Michael Perone and Program Committee co-chairs, Mark Mattaini and Jesse Dallery. Area coordinators for this convention program included Kennon A. Lattal

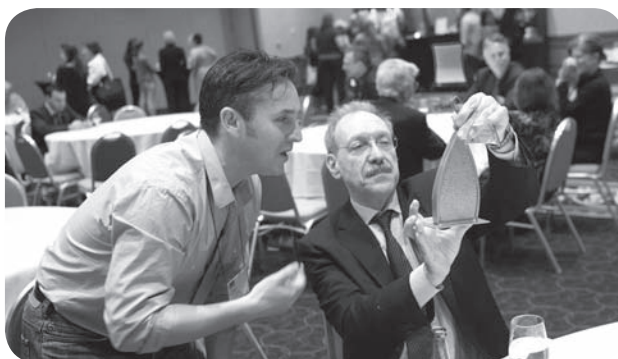


and Megan E. Maxwell (applied animal behavior), Dorothea C. Lerman and Jennifer N. Y. Fritz (autism), Paul L. Soto and Jonathan Pinkston (behavioral pharmacology), Thomas J. Waltz and Scott T. Gaynor (clinical, family, behavioral medicine), Patricia Bach and Mark P. Alavosius (community interventions, social, and ethical issues), Jennifer M. Asmus and Anjali Barretto (developmental disabilities), Hayne W. Reese and Martha Pelaez (human development), Federico Sanabria and Matthew C. Bell (experimental analysis of behavior), Jennifer L. Austin and Cynthia M. Anderson (education), Sigurdur Oli Sigurdsson and Lori Diener (organizational behavior management), Mark Shriver and Jennifer Zarcone (practice), M. Christopher Newland (science), Nicole Luke and Grant Gautreaux (teaching behavior analysis), Per Holth and Marleen T. Adema (theoretical, philosophical, and conceptual issues), and Barbara E. Esch and Anna Ingeborg Pétursdóttir (verbal behavior). Our continuing education opportunities also got the highest scores of the last several years. We also thank Dick Malott, who has been helping to coordinate behavior analyst continuing education credit since 2002.

The tone for an excellent program was set with the Opening Event and SABA Awards Ceremony, during which the ABAI community publicly recognized leaders in the field. This year, SABA awarded Kennon Andy Lattal for distinguished service to behavior analysis, SEEK Education, Inc. for international dissemination, George E. Bigelow and Maxine Stitzer for scientific translation, the University of São Paulo Experimental Psychology Graduate Program for enduring programmatic contributions to the field, and Aubrey Daniels for effective presentation in mass media. This year, in partnership with the West Michigan Glass Society (www.wmglass.org), we organized a competition and encouraged West Michigan artists to submit proposals for the design and creation of the awards presented during the convention. The winner this year was Kathy Kreager from Holland, Michigan. Kathy is a full-time glass and metal artist and the 2006 recipient of the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo's Irving S. Gilmore Foundation Emerging Artist Grant. You can learn more about Ms. Kreager at www.kathykreager.com.

The B. F. Lecture Series, which also received its highest score in 5 years, addressed a variety of topics and interests while accentuating contributions from complementary disciplines such as economics, linguistics, neuroscience, ecology, animal training, biology, pharmacology, and psychopathology. In addition, the presidential scholar's address was once again a popular event. This year's speaker featured Marlene Zuk, writer and professor at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Zuk is known for her nationally published articles and general audience books such as *Sex on Six Legs: Lessons on Life, Love and Language From the Insect World* (a *New York Times* "Editor's Choice")

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1 Janet Twyman (left) and Allen Neuringer (right) chat at a social event. **2** Hironobu Matsuoka (left) and Yoshiaki Nakano (right). **3** Martha Hübner waves to the crowd. **4** J. Carl Hughes and Fabio Tosolin examine the award for the SABA International Development grant.



5 Members and supporters of SEEK, Inc. pose with the Award International Dissemination of Behavior Analysis. **6** George Bigelow and Maxine Stitzer wait as they are introduced as the winners of the Scientific Translation Award. **7** Professor Vahan Agopyan, provost of the University of São Paulo, accepts the Award for Enduring Programmatic Contributions to Behavior Analysis on behalf of his university's Experimental Psychology Graduate Program. **8** Aubrey Daniels talks with audience members after accepting Effective Presentation of Behavior Analysis in the Mass Media.

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and *Paleofantasy: What Evolution Really Tells Us About Sex, Diet and the Way We Live*. Her talk, "Paleofantasy: What Evolution Really Tells Us About Modern Life," focused on exposing the flaws of popular theories about how our ancestors lived and how such ideas are based on a basic misunderstanding of evolution.

Invited addresses and tutorials were also very well received this year and these presentations from leaders in the field earned high praise from convention guests. Highlights from this collection of presentations included Trevor Stoke's talk on the challenges facing ABA practitioners ("Generalizations on the Practice of Applied Behavior Analysis"); Wayne Fisher's presentation on improving functional communication training for individuals with ASD who display destructive behavior ("Enhancing the Effectiveness, Efficiency, and Practicality of Functional Communication Training"); Jon Bailey's account of the Garrido v. Dudek trial in Florida ("ABA on Trial: A True Tale of Deception, Denial, and Redemption Told by an Expert Witness"); Mark Sundberg's discussion on Skinner's treatment of motivation in Verbal Behavior ("A Treasure Hunt Through Verbal Behavior: Digging Up Gems From Skinner's Analysis of Motivation"); and many others.

Also highly praised this year was the presidential address, "The Avoidance Paradox," in which Mike Perone discussed the modern relevance of studying situations in which the variables controlling an organism's behavior are obscure. Dr. Perone argued in his presentation that analyzing and understanding situation with elusive behavioral factors can help to raise the prominence of behaviorists in combating diseases of lifestyle and increasing healthy behavior.

ABAI—with the collaboration of Andy Lattal and the Health, Sports, and Fitness SIG—celebrated the significance of Minneapolis to behavior analysis with a 2.75 mile run around Lake Harriet. This was a popular event that earned high marks from those who participated.

The Student Committee contributed to unique tracks at the convention that focused on topics complimentary to its mission. These events included the Professional Development Series—a series of panel discussions designed to help students of behavior analysis transition to becoming practitioners and researchers. Thanks to committee members Megan Aclan, Antonio Harrison, and Zachary Morford.

Behind the scenes, our entire staff and interns from Grand Valley State University, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, and Western Michigan University helped to keep the convention running smoothly. This year 93% of attendee evaluations scored our staff as "excellent to very good."

Work is already underway for 40th Annual Convention, when ABAI returns to the city where the convention began: Chicago. Already, we are happy to announce that the presidential scholar will be American science writer Gary

Taubes, author of *Nobel Dreams*; *Bad Science: The Short Life and Weird Times of Cold Fusion*; *Good Calories, Bad Calories*; *The Diet Delusion*; and most recently, *Why We Get Fat: And What to Do About It*. The convention will take place at Hyatt Regency McCormick Place and will once again be held over Memorial Day weekend (May 30–June 3, 2014). The ABAI Program Committee especially invites submissions for the 2014 Annual Convention that pay homage to or otherwise reflect on the growth of the field and the association since 1974. Events celebrating ABAI's 40th anniversary will receive special recognition in the ABAI Convention Program.

ABAI has many other incredible events planned for the remainder of this year and for 2014. On October 6–8 of this year, we will hold the Seventh International Conference at the Hotel Fiesta Americana in Mérida, Mexico. The objective of the conference is to further the global dissemination of behavior analysis and to facilitate collaboration among, and networking opportunities for, behavior analysts in Mexico and around the world. The conference will boast an excellent group of invited speakers, including Carlos A. Bruner, Julio C. deRose, Lanny Fields, R. Douglas Greer, M. Jackson Marr, Mark Mattaini, Joseph J. Pear, Ricardo Ricardo Pellón, Hayne W. Reese, and Kurt Salzinger. Maria Martha Hübner is the chair of the program committee, which includes A. Daniel Gomez Fuentes, Javier Nieto Gutiérrez, María Antonia Padilla Vargas, Kurt Salzinger, and Maria E. Malott.

On November 8–10, ABAI will go to Chicago, IL, for our second education conference titled, “Innovations in Education: Apps, Games, Technology, and the Science of Behavior.” This single-track event will showcase the role of behavior analysis in the development and use of emerging technologies that revolutionize teaching, learning, and instruction. The conference will feature interactive tutorials and inspirational sessions and attendees will learn from leaders in instructional design, digital technology, and systems design. The program chair is Janet Twyman and the list of guest presenters includes Ryan Baker, Richard Culatta, Erick Dubuque, R. Douglas Greer, John Hopson, J. Carl Hughes, T. V. Joe Layng, Ryan O'Donnell, Joseph Pear, Joshua Pritchard, Joanne Robbins, and Cathy Watkins.

We will begin 2014 in Kentucky for our annual autism conference in Louisville. This conference will take place on February 28–March 2 at the Galt House Hotel and will once again feature research and best practices of relevance to the treatment of children and adults on the autism spectrum. In addition to invited presentations, there will be poster sessions and workshops that will offer attendees a robust conference experience. The conference will be co-chaired by Wayne Fisher and Jennifer Zarcone.

We hope you mark your calendars and make plans to attend one or all of our upcoming events. While each convention and conference begins with the efforts of ABAI

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9 Leasa Androl shows off her miniature Etch-a-Sketch during the ABAI Expo. **10** Attendees talk during a poster session. **11** Friends pose for a photo during Saturday's poster session. **12** Rebecca Hardiman takes a break between sessions.



1 Daniel J. Moran (left) and Kurt Salzinger (right) pose with an Outstanding Mentor Award. **2** Tiffany Kodak holds her Outstanding Mentor Award and stands with Dr. Salzinger. **3** Outstanding Mentor Award winner E. Scott Geller shakes hands with Dr. Salzinger. **4** Outgoing Board Coordinator Linda Parrott Hayes and Dr. Salzinger.

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committees, staff, and volunteers, their strength relies upon the enthusiastic and intelligent participation of association members. We thank you for your contributions and hope to see you soon. ❖

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2013 ABAI Presidential Scholar's Essay

BY ANDRESSA ARANA SLEIMAN

This year's presidential scholar, known for her witty and ingenious writing, is Dr. Marlene Zuk. Dr. Zuk is an evolutionary biologist at the University of Minnesota where she studies emerging questions in behavioral ecology and evolutionary biology.

More specifically, Zuk focuses her studies on sexual selection and reproductive behavior, acoustic communication, influences of host-parasite interaction on behavior, evolution, and ecology. Furthermore, Zuk studies women in science and academia and how gender influences the practice of biology. Zuk has actively disseminated her scientific knowledge and has coauthored more than a hundred peer-reviewed publications. In addition to her scholarly accomplishments, Zuk is known for her writing for the general public. Zuk's

writing, although often controversial, highlights thought-provoking topics in a humorous tone. For example, the article "Anthropomorphism: A Peculiar Institution" draws parallels between "slave-making" ants and human slavery. Further, Zuk states that ants do not need big, complex brains to do big things; bringing into question the biological requirements necessary to the development of complex behavior. Zuk has authored three general audience books: *Sex on Six Legs: Lessons on Life, Love, and Language from the Insect World*; *Riddled With Life: Friendly Worms, Ladybug Sex, and the Parasites That Make Us Who We Are*; and *Sexual Selections: What We Can and Can't Learn About Sex From Animals*. Furthermore, Zuk's scientific and general-audience writing has been featured in popular publications such as the *New York Times*, the *Scientist*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. Most recently, *National Geographic* wrote an article about Zuk's research on Hawaiian crickets' evolution of "silent" wings to evade parasites.

Zuk has extended her findings of animal behavior to describe more complex human behavior, examining questions about sex, life, and love. Zuk argues that studying the anatomy of less complex organisms may lead to a greater understanding of the relationship between genes, environment and behavior. For example, in her book, *Riddled With Life*, Zuk talks about how diseases and parasites help shape human behavior. Zuk draws a parallel between disease and other natural phenomenon like gravity, earthquakes, and thunderstorms and argues that diseases are necessary for survival. Zuk's approach to the necessity of disease presents a different perspective and understanding about parasites, evolutionary medicine, and the nature of life.

As a result of Zuk's ingenious research, popular writing, and community contributions, it is no surprise that she has received numerous awards. Zuk received an Outstanding Young Investigator Prize from the American Society of Naturalists (1988), the Quest Award from the Animal Behavior Society (1996), the National Science Foundation's Young Investigator Award (1992 and 1997), Sigma Xi's National Lectureship (1998), became a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science

(1999), and most recently received an Honorary Doctorate from Uppsala University (2010).

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Zuk received her bachelor's degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Although she initially planned to major in English, Zuk soon realized that her passion was biology. Zuk received her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1986 and conducted her dissertation on sexual selection, mate choice, and gregarine parasite levels in field crickets. Zuk conducted her postdoctoral work at the University of New Mexico. Upon completion of her doctorate, Zuk joined the faculty at the University of California, Riverside. Currently, Zuk is a professor in biological sciences at the University of Minnesota. Her current research focuses on the conflict between sexual and natural selection in Pacific field crickets. Her lab seeks to understand how natural and sexual selection pressures shape the behavior, life history, and morphology of animals.

Zuk's scholarly approach examining the relationship between genes, behavior, and environment of nonhuman animals and applying those findings to contemporary issues about sex, life, and love can contribute to and further enhance our understanding of behavior. Further, Zuk follows the steps of one of the twentieth century's most widely recognized psychologists, B. F. Skinner, by actively writing for the popular press and general public. Analogous to Skinner's efforts to disseminate the principles of behavior to the general public, Zuk's history of dissemination to the non-scientific community is admirable and serves as an excellent contemporary model for future scientists (Rutherford, 2004). Given these many contributions to science and society, the ABAI community is pleased to recognize Dr. Marlene Zuk as the 2013 presidential scholar.

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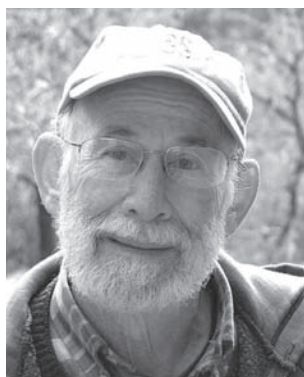
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T. V. Joe Layng

Dr. T. V. Joe Layng received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, where he was a student of Israel Goldiamond. Dr. Layng is the co-founder of Headsprout and is its former Senior Scientist. He currently is the Director of Learning Sciences at Mimio, an interactive classroom technologies company that provides hardware and software, as well as scientifically designed and tested online and whole-group teaching/learning applications for use in schools and homes. Dr. Layng and his colleagues have designed, tested, and implemented the MimioSprout Early Reading and MimioReading Comprehension programs, which are based on behavior analytic instructional technology. They will soon be releasing MimioScience, a comprehensive interactive whiteboard science curriculum for grades 3–8. In addition, he and his colleagues have recently launched Music Learning Lab for iPad, iPhone, and iPod touch that teaches children music fundamentals. These programs have greatly expanded that technology and have directly benefited countless children.



Allen Neuringer

In so doing, they have demonstrated the positive effects of instructional systems based on behavioral principles. Dr. Layng has published more than 30 articles describing, documenting, and analyzing these instructional programs, and has given more than 50 invited presentations of his work both in the US and abroad. He has four patents that reflect his work related to educational applications of behavior analysis. Before joining Headsprout, he held a number of positions in schools, universities, and other public institutions related to instructional design, educational technology, large-scale performance improvement, and clinical behavior analysis. His work has also been well received outside behavior analysis, as exemplified by MimioReading Comprehension's receipt in 2010 of the CODiE Award for best "online instructional solution" from the Software Industry and Information Association and two different public service awards from the city of Chicago. He also serves on the boards of a number of organizations,

including the Chicago School of Professional Psychology, dedicated to advancing both education and behavior analysis. His far-reaching work involving the applications of behavior analysis in education and other areas brings positive visibility to our discipline as a whole.

Dr. Allen Neuringer received his Ph.D. from Harvard University and is presently MacArthur Professor Emeritus in the Department of Psychology at Reed College. At Reed, he has guided more than 120 year-long senior thesis projects, many leading to publications. Moreover, he has managed, after almost 50 years of creative research, to publish 12 papers or chapters, plus many oral presentations, over the course of the last few years—this at a time in his career when many others slow down or even stop. Recipient of many grants from NIMH and NSF, he has steadily produced research findings that have attracted wide attention both within and outside of behavior analysis. At the same time, he served on the editorial boards of five different journals. He has served as reviewer for many other journals, including—despite the fact that he has worked in behavior analysis for his entire career—many journals clearly not behavioral, such as *Cognition*, *American Psychologist*, *Memory and Cognition*, *Psychological Review*, and *Science*. Even though his research contributions are beyond admirable, the most impressive thing about Professor Neuringer's research is its originality. One of his reviewers described what is a widely held assessment of Dr. Neuringer: "Allen is simply the most creative researcher in our discipline." He has, among other things, taken a variable, variability, that is a moving target and shown its lawfulness. Some of his research on this topic has been cited close to 200 times, with over 50 of his papers having been cited more than 10 times each. He has worked successfully and creatively in other areas that offer challenges equal to those of his research

on variability, such as self-experimentation and responding for food reinforcement in the presence of free food. Professor Neuringer's exemplary career as a researcher and teacher sets a high standard for others in our discipline.

Dr. David Palmer completed his Ph.D. in 1988 at the University of Massachusetts, on the blocking of conditioned reinforcement. Since 1989, he has been teaching courses on behavioral psychology and statistics at Smith College, where he is currently a Senior Lecturer. Both his teaching and research reflect his ardent advocacy of the behaviorism of B. F. Skinner. His important and frequently cited paper in *American Psychologist* (1992), co-authored with John Donahoe, explains the advantages of a selectionist approach to the study of complex behavior and the shortcomings of the essentialist approach typically adopted in cognitive science. In about 50 journal articles, book chapters, reviews, and commentaries, Dr. Palmer has offered a far-reaching conceptual analysis of language and cognition from the standpoint of modern behaviorism, and has addressed fundamental issues such as the unit of analysis, response class, and private events. His critiques of other researchers' structural views of language, and his own tutorial articles, have advanced the analysis of verbal behavior. His textbook co-authored with Donahoe, *Learning and Complex Behavior* (1994, 2010) integrates behavior analytic and biological approaches to the study of behavior and is still regarded as being at the cutting edge of our basic understanding of behavior. In addition to his articles, critiques, and commentaries, Dr. Palmer has been an energetic contributor to ABAAI meetings and other symposia, and has deservedly earned a reputation for being a superb spokesperson for behavior analysis.

Dr. Kathryn Saunders received her Ph.D. from the University of Florida and is Research Professor at the Schiefelbusch Institute for Life Span Studies at the University of Kansas. Her research on stimulus control has contributed substantially to the knowledge base of a wide range of topics from reading instruction to equivalence class formation to conditional discrimination, particularly as applied to individuals with intellectual disabilities. Dr. Saunders's work is a model of translational research that not only bridges experimental and applied behavior analysis but also builds connections between behavior analysis and traditional audiences in reading and the communication sciences. In addition to writing for a large number of behavior analytic journals, Dr. Saunders has made her work visible in the broader community of scholars by publishing in journals such as the *American Journal on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*, *Augmentative and Alternative Communication*, and *Developmental Disabilities Research Reviews*. Her extensive record of funding by NICHD and most recently by the U.S. Department of Education is powerful testament to her skills in helping non-behavior analysts appreciate the relevance and importance of a natural science approach. She has supported and trained numerous post-doctoral students, many of whom have gone on to prominent faculty and research positions after spending time in her lab. Dr. Saunders's leadership contributions to behavior analysis also merit recognition. She has served as President of Division 25 of the American Psychological Association (where she is also a Fellow), on the Executive Council of ABAAI, and as ABAAI's delegate to the Federation of Behavioral, Social, and Cognitive Sciences (now called the Federation of Associations in Brain & Behavioral Sciences).



David Palmer



Kathryn Saunders

Designation as Fellow of ABAAI

The purpose of the ABAAI 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).

- Only Full members of ABAAI are eligible to be named Fellows.
- The nominee must have a documented record of sustained and excellent contributions in one or more primary areas. An aggregate of contributions across the three areas may also make an individual eligible.
- Nominations are only accepted from current Fellows of ABAAI, each of whom may make a single nomination per year, and who solicits a second letter of support from another Fellow.

Updates From ABAL's Affiliated Chapters

Alabama ABA

BY PAIGE MCKERCHAR

The Alabama ABA (ALABA) serves as a scientific and professional organization that embraces the principles and practices of behavior analysis. Our goal is 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 individuals' educational and habilitative needs. In addition, ALABA strives to serve as a resource for political, legislative, and policy-making bodies in Alabama in ways that support the scientific and professional interests of behavior analysis.

ALABA holds an annual convention in Birmingham every fall to allow members and other professionals to hear keynote addresses from nationally recognized behavior analysts as well as presentations by active researchers and knowledgeable practitioners in the region. The convention also offers members opportunities for networking and earning continuing education credits. The 21st annual convention was held October 3–5, 2012. The program kicked off with two successful workshops addressing sleep problems of children with autism and related disabilities (conducted by Dr. Gregory Hanley) and feedback on staff performance (conducted by Dr. Florence DiGennaro Reed). The remainder of the convention was full of outstanding presentations covering a variety of current issues in practice and professional development, including keynote addresses by Dr. Hanley ("Some Common Mistakes Made by Applied Behavior Analysts When Addressing Problem Behavior and Ways to Avoid Them"), Dr. DiGennaro Reed ("Treatment Integrity Considerations: Barriers, Assessment, and Intervention"), and Dr. Derek Reed ("Countering Myopic Views of Climate Change and Sustainability Through Behavioral Economics").

ALABA is finalizing the schedule for this fall's 22nd annual convention being held October 2–4 at the Doubletree Hotel Birmingham. Our invited speakers this year include Dr. William Heward, Dr. Jill Dardig, Dr. Susan Schneider, and Dr. Jeffrey Tiger. Dr. Heward and Dr. Tiger will also offer workshops. We look forward to these wonderful learning opportunities! Please visit us online at www.alabamaaba.com for more information and to register for the convention.

In 2012, the ALABA Executive Committee recognized our outgoing executive director, Dr. Jennifer Gillis, for her many years of outstanding leadership and wished her our best for her new adventure as associate director of the Institute for Child Development at Binghamton University. Many thanks! Dr. Paige McKerchar was appointed the new executive director. And in other news, ALABA remains active in state legislative issues and will continue to improve our member services and website.

Albania ABA

BY VAL DEMIRI, ANJEZA DISHNICA, AND ERMAL NGJELINA

Albania ABA is in its second year of activity. It has been a very important year in terms of expanding our mission of applied behavior analysis dissemination. Since last year, our activity was focused on (1) promoting applied behavior analysis and informing specific interested groups in Albania and Kosovo and other Albanian territories of Macedonia and Montenegro (mainly related to autism); (2) continuing intervention through standards of practice, mostly to the autistic population; and (3) continuing our own education in applied behavior analysis.

We are happy to report that we have completed the fiscal registration of Albania ABA, and as a legal entity we have our tax identification number. Completion of the process created the needed space and freedom for presenting our association to parents, professionals, and students. We have presented to the Albanian public workshops and symposia aimed at educating consumers about applied behavior analysis.

We have raised the number of Albania ABA members to 25; these include parents, professionals, and students. Additionally, we have completed construction of the Albania ABA website and hope to go live before the end of May 2013. The Albania ABA website will provide information on ABA, how to join, and where to find information and other resources related to applied behavior analysis. We are optimistic!

Perhaps our most significant growth is in the area of social media; we have built a social network of more than 700 subscribers via Facebook. We have translated and provided information about applied behavior analysis and its application and effectiveness, as well as post news and other association activities.

Mainstream news media has been another tool used to promote applied behavior analysis as a science. The president of Albania ABA, Anjeza Ngjelina (Dishnica), can be found online in two interviews, with Club FM Radio (a radio and local TV station in the capital, Tirana) and on UTV, a university television station in Tirana. Additionally, invited lectures to local non-public universities have also been provided by the president of Albania ABA.

Albania ABA hopes to partner with colleges and universities in the fall of 2013 to begin education in applied behavior analysis. Since June of last year Albania ABA has supported the creation of a new center where applied behavior analysis is practiced mostly with children with developmental disabilities.

Goals for the upcoming year include expanding and promoting behavior analysis via conferences and workshops that Albania ABA will host.

Arizona ABA

BY ABBY TWYMAN, BECKY WISKIRCHEN, AND DIANA DAVIS-WILSON

The Arizona Association for Behavior Analysis (AZ ABA) has been very active in the past year. On November 3, 2012, we had our second annual conference, collaborating again with the Arizona Autism Coalition. There were 38 behavior analysts in attendance and an additional 25–30 students, parents, and community members. As the keynote speaker, Dr. Jane Howard of the BACB spoke to the attendees about ethical practices in behavior analysis, and how they are rooted in the history of the field. Other speakers addressed both state and national topics such as evidence-based practices, feeding disorders, quality of attention as a reinforcer, and changes to state funded services. The conference ended with a poster session, in which students and practitioners shared their research in the field.

In March of 2013, many members of the chapter attended the annual convention for the Association for Professional Behavior Analysts. Our members participated in a discussion on licensure, regulatory boards, insurance coverage, and how behavior analysts in different states can help each other navigate through these and other professional issues.

In April 2013, 63% of our members attended our Annual Chapter Meeting in person and via Skype. The meeting began by announcing the winners of our annual election, followed by updates from committee chairs and discussion amongst members regarding goals for the following year. The meeting ended with lunch and continued discussion surrounding topics of quality supervision, ways to boost membership, collaboration amongst organizations, increased need for higher education in behavior analysis, and program ideas for future events.

Arkansas ABA

BY CHRISTOPHER EWING AND SHERYL HAHN

Arkansas ABA (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.

ArkABA is working on increasing membership and participation so that the organization will be a viable voice in matters related to behavior analysis across the state. ArkABA is also planning activities to increase the opportunities for journal reviews/discussions and professional growth.

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, sustaining, and student members.

Association for the Advancement of Radical Behavior Analysis

BY ALESSANDRO VALDINA

Report of 2012–2013 Scientific Activities

The past year has been busy and fruitful for AARBA; we are happy to share our experience with other ABAI chapters because we think that by sharing our strategies and successes we are reinforced, we learn lessons, we instill hope, and we are instilled with hope.

Italian Authorities Support the Eighth AARBA International Conference (Rome, June 6–8, 2012) and Behavior Analysis

The two previous Italian Ministers of Labor, Maurizio Sacconi and Cesare Damiano, attended and spoke at the Eighth AARBA International Conference, held in Rome June 6–8, 2012. They underlined the importance of a scientific and not-bureaucratic approach to safety on the job. Then, in the middle of June 2012, the Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry on workplace accidents invited Professor Fabio Tosolin, AARBA president, to intervene at the Occupational Health and Safety National Day, with the attendance of Giorgio Napolitano, president of the Italian Republic, and of Elsa Fornero, current Minister of Labor.

The 2012 conference received the recognition of the Italian President of the Republic, a great honor for our association, recognized—for 3 years in a row—for its scientific contribution to safety at work.

As in previous years, about 400 people attended the conference in the prestigious location of Vatican University (Università Urbaniana). The conference had two tracks, one dedicated to OBM and one to education. Prominent international experts gave their contribution, including Richard Malott (former president of ABAI), R. Douglas Greer (Columbia University), Tim Ludwig (Appalachian State University), Ramona Houmanfar (University of Nevada, Reno), Mark Alavosius (University of Nevada, Reno) and Lori Diener-Ludwig (Zimmet Group).

Behavior-Based Leadership: The Focus of the Ninth AARBA International Conference

The Ninth AARBA International Conference will take place in Verona, May 8–10, 2013; it will be dedicated to leadership and it will have three tracks: OBM-BBS, clinical and educational psychology, and behavior analysis in dentistry. The last one is the real news of this edition, and we will celebrate 30 years of AARBA's commitment to disseminating behavior analysis to medical doctors, specializing in dentistry. Thanks to behavior analysis, these dentists have learned to train-manage-motivate their staff and to find consensus of the patients to accept and then to

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comply with their therapies. This is why Daniel J. Moran (CBS Association) has been invited to deliver speeches about ACT for all three different tracks of the conference. Other prominent speaker will be present at the conference, including Aubrey Daniels (Aubrey Daniels International), who participated in the Fourth Annual Conference in Milan; Grainne Matthews (Quality Safety Edge); and Tim Ludwig (Appalachian State University), who was greatly appreciated by the audience last year.

AARBA Delivers the 2013 Ettore Caracciolo Research Grant

In August 2011, the former AARBA honorary president and one of the founders, Prof. Ettore Caracciolo, passed away. According to his last will, every year his heirs will fund a 23,000€ research grant for a young Italian behavior analysis researcher elected by the AARBA board. The 2013 grant will be given to Francesca Cavallini, founder and president of TICE, an organization with three centers in Italy aimed to help children with autism and learning disabilities.

The B-BS Certifications and the Awarding of the 2012 SABA International Development Grant for the AARBA President

For the meritorious work of internationalization of behavior analysis and behavior-based safety, SABA decided to honor AARBA president Fabio Tosolin with a 2012 International Development Grant. AARBA will use this \$1,000 check to finance the registration of the authorship of the B-BS requirements, which defines the features of a behavioral safety process to be certified. AARBA, in collaboration with the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies (CCBS) and two leading certification bodies (TÜV, Rina), has worked for more than a year to establish the certification path that a company must follow in order to be said to have a process of B-BS capable of reducing accidents. This certification, unlike many others, will not focus on formal bureaucracy of the process but on the frequency and quality of B-BS tasks (checklists, observations, meetings, action plans, plans, awards, etc.) Above all, the certification will assess whether or not those activities have resulted in measurable reduction in injuries and medications. "You can be rightfully proud of your accomplishments," Maria Malott (secretary treasurer of SABA) said in the congratulation letter.

In parallel to this, AARBA defined a certification path for B-BS professionals and their role in the certification process as auditors, in collaboration with ICPREV, another important certification body. In May 2013, the first testing examination will assess the first candidate professionals. These B-BS certification activities, both for process and professionals, will also be promoted during the coming conference in Verona.

European Commission Keeps Financing AARBA for Working on Technology Enhanced Learning Projects

After the experience of the ManuVAR project, one of the biggest projects of the Seventh Framework Program financed by the European Commission, AARBA entered a consortium composed of 14 partners for the accomplishment of another project, Technology Enhanced Learning Living Lab for Manufacturing Environments (TELL ME). AARBA has been elected and financed due to its knowledge and expertise in precision teaching and OBM. This 3-year project aims to develop and trial in authentic contexts (SME-driven, human-centric, and service-oriented manufacturing workplaces) an innovative cross-enterprise methodology and IT platforms for continuous education and training in heterogeneous business ecosystems, blending precision teaching (PT) lifelong learning, and living lab (LL) participative co-creation aspects in ways that can address more business needs than traditional training.

AARBA Experiments With ABA in Collaboration With Universities

In 2012, AARBA worked with the Polytechnic of Milan in conducting a controlled study on the implementation of a B-BS process in Weir Gabbioneta (Sesto San Giovanni, Italy) within a thesis purpose of a student graduating in engineering. The multiple baseline design demonstrated that goal setting combined with feedback and a reward program was able to increase the frequency of safe behavior.

AARBA is working with the Dentistry Department of Ferrara University in conducting a controlled study on the implementation of PT training for dental assistants, within a thesis purpose of a medical doctor specializing in orthodontics. The experimental design aims to demonstrate the superior learning efficiency and efficacy of a behavior analysis based technology, as the PT software in use is, against traditional frontal lectures. Data are being elaborated on.

AARBA Helps Universities to Spread Behavior Analysis and Science

AARBA did tremendous work in 2012–2013 in education on behavior analysis principles and applications. The XX edition of the AARBA Master Course in B-BS (80 hours) has been completed successfully, in collaboration with Modena and Reggio Emilia University dedicated to Enzo Ferrari; Italy now has more than 350 qualified experts in B-BS.

In collaboration with Parma University and TICE, AARBA has organized an Academic Master Course in applied behavior analysis with the aim to educate psychologists and other specialists in behavior analysis for educational, clinical, and organizational areas. The course enrolled professors from all over the world and aimed to teach students both application and research skills. This is the first such university master's course organized in Italy,

and over 20 students attended it. More than 30 will attend the next edition.

In November 2012, AARBA conducted the third edition of the Train-the-Trainers Course in Padua; the aim of this 5-day initiative was to spread the basic knowledge of behavior analysis principles and to teach effective teaching techniques for workers and students. The course particularly focused on instructional design principles and precision teaching (PT) applications via e-learning.

The AARBA president has been invited to deliver lectures about B-BS and PT in several European athenaeum, including Cordoba University (Spain) and the Technical University of Lodz (Poland).

ABA of Brazil

BY MARTHA HÜBNER, JOÃO ILO COELHO BARBOSA, AND DENISE DE LIMA OLIVEIRA VILAS BOAS

The Brazilian Association of Psychology and Behavioral Medicine (ABPMC) was established in November of 1991, and it was one of the first South American membership organization for researchers, psychologists, psychiatrists, and professionals from similar areas, as well as students interested in the application, teaching, and scientific and technological development of behavior analysis. The central office is now located in Fortaleza, northeast of Brazil. The Brazilian ABA chapter, ABPMC, has more than 11,000 names in its mailing list and 3,500 members. Those members come from all over Brazil, and this year ABPMC has members from each of the 26 Brazilian states.

Every year since its foundation, ABPMC has held an annual convention, and this conference has had the honor to receive renowned researchers from all over the world, such as Carol Pilgrim, David Eckerman, Emilio Ribes, Ernest Vargas, Fred Keller, Gary Martin, Jackson Marr, Jay Moore, Julie Vargas, Kelly Wilson, Linda Hayes, Maria Malott, Michael Dougher, Murray Sidman, Steven Hayes, Richard Malott, Richard Serna, Robert Kohlenberg, Sigrid Glenn, Vicente Caballo, and William MacIlvane, among others. For the past 10 years, an average of 1,800 participants attended this conference, and in 2004, ABPMC had the honor to organize ABAP's Second International Conference, with 2,420 conference registrants.

In 2011, the XX Annual Meeting was held in Salvador, Bahia and occurred with the First South American Meeting of Behavior Analysis. Presenters from South America were invited, and they could contribute to exchange knowledge in behavior analysis. One of the greatest successes of this event was to have an increase in the number of people coming from the northeast of Brazil. In 2012 it was held in Curitiba, south of Brazil, and we had a record 3,500 attendees.

At the beginning of the year the board of directors made a strong campaign to increase the number of student members, and it was very successful: in 20 days we had received 1,592 new submissions!

ABPMC also supports many regional meetings on behavior analysis, and over the years those meetings have received more and more participants. Considering the annual and regional meetings, Brazil has more than 4,000 behavior analysts getting together every year to discuss, learn, present research, and divulge relevant advances in their areas. ABPMC is going to celebrate 21 years of its foundation, and many celebratory events are programmed.

Since 1997, in an attempt to publish the most relevant presentations of the annual meeting, ABPMC initiated a book series named *Sobre Comportamento e Cognição (About Behavior and Cognition)*, which already has 28 volumes about applied and basic research areas. The main goals of this collection of books are to publish articles that can be used as teaching material in behavior analysis. In 2011, the name changed to *Comportamento em Foco (Behavior on the Spot)*, and it has an electronic version.

ABPMC has also published, since 1999, 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. This journal publishes scientific contributions about behavior analysis, and in recent editions this journal is bilingual and has an electronic version (www.usp.br/rbtcc). In a more accessible language, the *Boletim Contexto (Context Bulletin)* is an electronic magazine with articles about relevant issues in behavior analysis and today is in its 36th volume.

Our chapter has been discussing better ways of accrediting behavior analysts all over the country, in order to endorse and to validate good practices and good training. Brazilian ABA is trying to find its own way of doing this, according to our country's needs and according to our reality. Brazilian ABA also represents the area in political matters and in the defense of behavior analysis.

Continuing the idea of dissemination and growth of behavior analysis, this year the 22st Brazilian Annual Convention of Psychology and Behavioral Medicine is going to take place from the 11th to the 14th of September in the city of Fortaleza, located in the northeast of Brazil (state of Fortaleza). The president of the association is João Ilo Coelho Barbosa, and the president of the annual meeting of 2013 is Denise de Lima Oliveira Vilas Boas.

ABA Colombia

BY WILSON LÓPEZ-LÓPEZ, MARIA CONSTANZA AGUILAR, AND LUIS MANUEL SILVA

Despite a long tradition of behavior analysis training in countries such as Brazil, educational processes in Colombia and Latin America are still insufficient, especially in areas such as autism. Colombia is not a stranger to this reality, because we currently lack educational processes on the scale required, and as a result, there is an insufficient number of behaviorally trained teams.

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Keeping this situation in perspective, ABA Colombia has continued to offer training activities. Together with the Association of Parents with Autistic Children in Cali, Colombia, we carried out a series of successful training workshops in 2012. It was noteworthy that these workshops took place in a different city from the country's capital, where most of the formal education in behavior analysis occurs. It is clear that we need more effort, and probably educational support of virtual methods, in order to spread these training processes to places where there are none. One workshop in the series was conducted by Professor Benjamin Giraldo, founder of Educando con Amor (Educating with Love)—its website delivers pertinent information for those looking for information on how to work with autism.

The second training process was performed in association with Saint Thomas' University in Colombia, and was conducted by the very successful and well-known Spanish psychologist Francisco Santolaya Ochoa (president of the Spanish General Council of Psychologists). The topic was social skills in patients with schizophrenia, and it was very well received by attendees.

ABA Colombia also continued developing its international presence through the Iberoamerican Federation of Psychology Association's Permanent Secretary for Latin America, which was involved in the Iberoamerican Congress of Psychology that took place in São Paulo, Brazil. Several collaboration initiatives were proposed, which will likely flourish in the next few years. Professors Joao Claudio Todorov and Martha Hübner (Brazil), Carlos Flores (Mexico), and Wilson López-López and María Constanza Aguilar (Colombia) created the ALAC Initiative, which aims to promote training and certification in behavior analysis in Latin America. Hopefully, this initiative will gain the importance we want it to have in terms of strengthening behavior analysis in this region. As a side note, Professor Todorov was the recipient of the award for distinguished contributions throughout his life to Latin American psychology. This award was first given to Emilio Ribes (Mexico) and Jose Rodriguez (Colombia) in Oviedo, Spain, last year.

These processes and initiatives have shown that ABA Colombia continues to support efforts and actively seeks alliances, with the goal of strengthening and developing behavior analysis in Latin America.

ABA España

BY JAVIER VIRUES ORTEGA, KATERINA DOUNAVI, AND VIRGINIA BEJARANO

During this year, ABA Spain has continued with its well-established training and dissemination activities in Spain and beyond. We have offered a new edition of our online course sequence. Next year, we plan to include new classes led by outstanding young professionals such as Dr. Tara Fahmie (California State University, Northridge), Dr. Katerina

Dounavi (Queens University Belfast), Dr. Emma Hawkins (Jigsaw CABAS® School, UK) and Ms. Nicole Dias (private consultant, Portugal). This year, over 50 students from 10 different countries have signed up for the course. A few of those students have met the requirements of our supervised practicum program. We also continue our long-standing association with the New England Center for Children, where we have been able to send several interns over the last few years, and with the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. The latter collaboration has allowed us to create a number of ABA practica placements for a number of students in the Madrid area. Our excellent practica coordinators, Virginia Bejarano and Katerina Dounavi, have made this possible.

We are excited that the Spanish expanded fifth edition of Miltenberger's book, *Behavior Modification*, will be available in all major bookstores in Spain through Piramide, one of the major academic publishers in Spain. The book adds a number of novel features including a glossary of behavioral terms in English and Spanish, a referenced version of the fifth edition of the "BACB Task List" translated into Spanish, and a chapter on verbal behavior authored by Dr. Caio Miguel (California State University, Sacramento). A group of ABA Spain members and scholars have volunteered their time to develop this edition over the last 3 years. Also with the support of ABA Spain members, it became possible to translate the BACB exams into Spanish. This has been the cause of excitement for many who have been waiting on this important breakthrough for years. We have to thank the late Jerry Shook for honoring a commitment discussed since our first interactions with the board back in 2008. We expect that 10–20 former students will sit for the BCBA over the period 2012–2014. This does not seem like much, but we have to keep in mind the meager numbers of certified behavior analysts in Europe.

The ABA Spain members Maria Dolores Romera and Katerina Dounavi have worked intensively over the last year and a half in the development of a Spanish version of the Simple Steps system (simplestepsautism.com). Simple Steps is an international ABA-based resource for parents of children with autism that will become available in Spanish this year. This collaboration has been made possible through Dr. Karola Dillenburger (Queens University at Belfast) and her excellent team of professionals in Northern Ireland.

Finally, our website—aba-elearning.com—has become a prime source of information for prospective students, professionals, and customers seeking information about training and certified professionals in Spanish. Our website and its branches in social media reach several thousands of users every month.

ABA India

BY SMITA AWASTHI AND SRIDHAR ARAVAMUDHAN

ABA India organized the Third ABA Conference in December 2013 titled "Applications of Applied Behavior

Analysis for Growth: Reaching out to Individuals, Organizations, & Society.”

The conference was hosted for the first time in the historic city of Kolkata. Dr. Neil Martin, BACB international representative; Dr. Per Holth; and Dr. Samir Parikh were keynote speakers at the event. Dr. Martin’s session, called “The Science of ABA: Certification, Ethics, and Optimism,” had many students keen to know about the BACB attending the session. Per Holth’s session, “Category Mistakes—How Behavior Is Often Mistakenly Explained in Colloquial Speech and Psychology,” was a basic lesson in ABA for the audience that had had little introduction to ABA. Dr. Samir Parikh, a renowned psychiatrist at a hospital at Delhi, addressed the audience on “Child Mental Health: Beyond Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment.” The conference was inaugurated by Mita Banerjee, Disability Commissioner West Bengal Govt., who encouraged ABA India by offering her support. Dr. Joyce Tu, Dr. Geetika Agarwal, and Cory Robertson were the other international speakers. Joyce conducted a workshop on social skills training, and Geetika had a packed house in her workshop on eating disorders. Cory conducted a well attended workshop, “From Misery to Mastery: How We Change Lives Through the Power of Positive Reinforcement.” Smita Awasthi and Sridhar Mudhan presented a workshop called “Play Skills.” The Third ABA Conference had 24 papers and 6 workshops. Many paraprofessionals working under BCBA guidance made data based presentations with video support along with local BCBA and BCaBA professionals. Thus the ABA India conference is gradually improving in the quality of papers and is the only conference where data based intervention specially documented work on children with autism is presented. The final plenary session included the “Parent Perspective” session in which four parents made a touching presentation through videos showing how they made the journey from being nonbelievers in applied behavior analysis to using the principles of the science.

India now has six BCBAs and six BCaBAs of Indian origin practicing in India and at least another 10 mentoring professionals who are studying ABA through distance education. President of ABA India, Sridhar Aravamudhan, will complete 2 years this year. He started some new initiatives in fund raising through a half marathon run in which he takes part with the ABA India banner. The newsletter committee is working with full force and have released their second bi-annual e-newsletter recently. The translation of the PEAT book to Hindi by Keenan, M., Kerr, K. P., and Dillenburger, K. The book *Parents’ Education as Autism Therapists*, printed by Jessica Kingsley Publishers, is complete and is in print since ABA India found a funding source. The website committee head under Tasneem Hegde is more active in updating the website in a timely fashion.

ABA India participated in the 2012 WAAD where professionals networked for the cause with other

organizations in Bangalore, while in Chennai Gita Srikant, Vice President South, actively participated in the “Light it up blue” campaign through her organization We Can.

ABA India organized workshops for ABA awareness in Madurai, Ahmadabad, and Bhubaneswar. ABA India founder Smita Awasthi’s TV interview covered by Oriya TV in Oriya, Hindi, and English received many inquiries about behavior analysis. The Fourth ABA Conference in India will be organized for Dec. 14-15, 2013, at the academic city of Chennai. We invite participants from across the globe to contact us for more details.

ABA Switzerland

BY GHADEER AL BARGHOUTHY

The ABA Switzerland chapter has been very active in the past year. We have been able to advance on all the projects and goals that we set as well as gain more recognition across the country from various professionals, associations, and universities.

We currently have up to 52 members mainly from various regions across Switzerland (German, Italian, and French) as well as from neighboring European countries. Our members include full, affiliate, supporting, and student members. With help from our board members and volunteers, we were able to get a great logo and a website going this year. Our members can now access our website in all three languages to stay up to date with chapter developments as well as get exclusive access through the members section.

One of our main objectives since our last report was to provide continuing education units (CEU) to our board certified members and to increase the number of available workshops that are translated into the Swiss languages. After a great deal of hard work from our board members, ABA Switzerland was approved as a CE provider by the BACB. Our first CEU workshop will be in collaboration with a local Swiss association this June. We will be providing 16 CEUs for Dr. Peter Gerhardt’s 2-day workshop called Bridging to Adulthood for Learners With Autism Spectrum Disorders. After the workshop, ABA Switzerland members will get an exclusive and free 1-hour question and answer meeting with Dr. Gerhardt. This will allow them the benefit of asking more detailed and specific questions with regards to their profession or clients. Other CEU opportunities have also been planned for November but the details have not been confirmed yet.

The ABA Switzerland chapter has also been working on a great deal of translation of important documents for dissemination of behavior analysis. We hope that providing valuable documents in the three official Swiss languages will help make our science more accessible for people across the country. Our ongoing translation projects include finalizing the translation of an Italian applied behavior analysis glossary as well as a competencies framework project that

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we mentioned in the previous article. This project advanced faster than other translation attempts, as we were able to work in collaboration with various Italian behavior analysts. The same documents will also be translated into German and French throughout this year. Hopefully, we will be able to collaborate with other German and French speaking countries to speed up the process and get the documents reviewed by external sources. Furthermore, we are planning to translate behavior analytic and scientific websites with permission of the developers to make them available to people in Switzerland and all the neighboring countries that speak the same languages.

Finally, our members would like to develop journal clubs and meetings to discuss recent studies and developments in our field. So our next year will be focused on organizing such events. Moreover, we will be working hand in hand with parent associations as well as research projects to help push for government funding and support for intensive behavioral intervention for individuals with autism. We also hope to build connections with potential behavior analysts working in other fields like behavioral economics and management.

Australian Association for Cognitive Behaviour Therapy

BY ROSS G. MENZIES

The Australian Association for Cognitive and Behaviour Therapy Ltd. (AACBT) is a nonprofit organization that promotes the scientific study and ethical practice in understanding and changing cognitions and behaviors in applied settings. It is a multidisciplinary association for professionals with an interest in research and the application of established and emerging evidence-based cognitive and behavior therapies (CBT) to help bring about emotional, cognitive, and behavioral change. It is the national professional body for practitioners and researchers of cognitive and behavioral therapies, with branches in most Australian states.

The association is concerned with the application of behavioral and cognitive sciences to understanding human behavior, developing interventions to enhance the human condition, and promoting the appropriate utilization of these interventions. It encourages, organizes, and supports professional development activities and the dissemination of published information about CBT. It also encourages and supports research in CBT. The association has the following objectives:

- To undertake and promote research and education into cognitive and behavior therapies.
- To publish and disseminate information about developments in cognitive and behavior therapies within Australia and other countries.

- To provide education and training in the principles and practices of cognitive and behavior therapies.
- To support evidence-based practice of cognitive and behavior therapies within Australia.

The 36th National Conference of the AACBT will be held in Adelaide in October this year. The theme of the conference is "Innovations in Australasian Mental Health Care." A fantastic program of scientific papers and training workshops covering CBT; ACT; MBCT; IPT; the nature, origin, and development of mental health problems; and innovative approaches to helping people change is being built by the scientific committee. In addition, we have an outstanding social program planned with dinners, wine events, and winery tours.

Finally, the AACBT has been expanding its presence through social media in 2013. The association Facebook page has grown from 100 to 1,000 likes in the last 6 months. We continue to update the public on news, journal articles, conference opportunities, workshops, lectures, and other professional development activities in cognitive therapy and behavior therapy. We try to remain relevant to anyone seeking to help people change—psychologists, psychiatrists, teachers, counselors, coaches, doctors, personal trainers, OTs, physios, social workers, weight loss professionals, and many more groups.

Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan

BY JAMES T. TODD

The 28th annual convention of the Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan (BAAM) was held February 22–23, 2013, at the Student Center on the Campus of Eastern Michigan University (EMU) in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Approximately 320 people representing more than a dozen universities and colleges from eight states and the province of Ontario braved cold weather and a sudden Friday morning snowstorm to attend the BAAM convention. BAAM again had a record number of submissions, requiring five tracks to accommodate all the presentations and attendees. Many local and regional agencies sent staff and administrators. BAAM scheduled all regular sessions in meeting rooms overlooking EMU's Lake House area. New BAAM features included an online subscription program with the BAAM schedule and program offerings, and online submission of CEU session feedback. As always, the BAAM staff and volunteers led by Caitlyn Sorensen, Aimee Moore, and Gyða Dögg Einarsdóttir did excellent work organizing and running the convention. We thank Jennifer Kowalkowski for her work vetting BACB CEUs. BAAM extends special thanks to the staff of the EMU Events Planning Office, especially Linda Panzica Moore, the EMU Catering Department, and to all

the workers in the Student Center for their contributions to making the conference run smoothly.

Reflecting the theme of the conference, “100 Years of Behavior Analysis,” the 2013 keynote address was delivered by Jay Moore of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, who spoke on “Conceptual Issues in a Science of Behavior From Watson to Skinner.” Edward K. Morris of the University of Kansas added to the theme with a special invited address, “History of Applied Behavior Analysis: Its Founding Publications,” co-authored with Nathaniel G. Smith (University of Kansas) and Deborah E. Altus (Washburn University). A workshop by Mark Sundberg on “Advanced Topics in a Behavioral Approach to Autism Treatment” was especially popular. Other convention highlights are too numerous to fully list, but included “Elopement Prevention for People With Traumatic Brain Injuries Living in Residential Facilities” by Joseph Welch and Jennifer D’Angela (Rainbow Rehabilitation Centers, Inc.); “Thirty Points About Motivation From Skinner’s Book *Verbal Behavior*” by Mark Sundberg; “Ethics: Settling the New Frontier of Cyber Services and Telehealth” by Flora Hoodin (Eastern Michigan University); “100 Years of Behavior Analysis: A Selective Visual History” by James T. Todd (Eastern Michigan University); “Applied Behavior Analysis and Academic Instruction for Students With Emotional and Behavioral Disorders” by Sara E. Byrd and Kim Killu (University of Michigan-Dearborn); “Eat It. Just Eat It: The Basics of Pediatric Feeding Disorders and Development of a Comprehensive Feeding Program at the University of Michigan” by Amy Drayton (University of Michigan Medical School); a symposium on “Clinical Intervention and Education for ABI Clients in a Residential Rehabilitation Setting: A Proactive Intervention to Prevent Risky, Unsafe, and Inappropriate Sexual Behaviors in Relationships” with discussant Deborah Adams (Eisenhower Center, Ann Arbor, MI) and paper presenters Lawrence R. Kowalski, Misty C. Sonk, and Kristina N. Alitawi (Eisenhower Center); “Acquisition and Maintenance of Two-Response Sequences With Delayed Reinforcement in Rats” by Robin Kuhn (Central Michigan University), John R. Smethells (Central Michigan University), Andrew T. Fox (University of Kansas), and Mark P. Reilly (Central Michigan University); the workshop “The ADOS: How Can the Diagnostic Report Inform My Treatment?” by Susan Risi and Caitlyn Sorensen (Eastern Michigan University); “Functional Behavior Assessment and Intervention for an Individual With Autism Engaging in Self-injurious Behavior” by Paul M. Doherty (Okemos Public Schools) and Joshua Plavnick (Michigan State University); and a special update on legislation to license behavior analysts in Michigan by James Todd (Eastern Michigan University), Wayne Fuqua (Western Michigan University), and Stephanie Peterson (Western Michigan University).

BAAM is especially pleased to acknowledge the continuing and excellent contributions of Western Michigan University students and faculty to the general program and especially to our poster session, which set a record for the number of submissions. A full copy of the schedule is available on the BAAM website.

BAAM will hold its 29th annual convention in February 20–21, 2014, in the Student Center on the Eastern Michigan University campus. 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 along with other new convention features. For more information, visit the BAAM website at www.baam.emich.edu.

Behaviour Analysis in Ireland

BY JENNIFER HOLLOWAY AND JULIAN LESLIE

Conference Reviews 2012–2013

Behaviour Analysis in Ireland (BAI), which is also the Division of Behaviour Analysis, Psychological Society of Ireland, hosted two symposia at the Psychological Society of Ireland’s Annual Conference in November 2012 in Cork, entitled, “Introducing Applied Behaviour Analysis to Marginalised Communities in Ireland: Outcomes and Experiences from Dublin’s Inner City and Developments in the Application of Behaviour Analysis Within Education.” The research from both symposia was well received.

Our main activity this year was the Seventh Annual Conference Division of Behavior Analysis, Psychological Society of Ireland in Galway, April 2013. As in previous years, this meeting was well supported by the behavior analysis community, and an addition to the program this year was a panel discussion which brought together leading experts from Ireland, Norway, and the US.

Seventh Annual Conference in the Galway Bay Hotel

The meeting took place over two very busy days at the end of April 2013 in Salthill, Galway, Ireland. Attendees had a choice of two of four workshops on the first day provided by Pat Friman (Boys Town and University of Nebraska, USA) on assessment and treatment of the major forms of incontinence, Per Holth (Oslo and Akershus University College, Norway) on behavior principles and joint attention, Brian McClean (Brain Injury Ireland) on the relationship in positive behavioral support, and Louise McHugh (University College Dublin) and Aisling Curtin (ACT Ireland) on acceptance and commitment therapy—working with parents of those with developmental delays. All these workshops well supported and well received.

The second day included symposia on organisational behavior management, behavioral interventions for secondary school students from marginalised communities, precision teaching of academic skills in mainstream settings,

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and derived relational responding and language. There were also numerous individual oral and poster presentations on a range of topics—not all of them related to autism!

Our two keynote speakers were thought-provoking and diverse: Pat Friman gave a talk called “Behavior Analysis in the Mainstream of Everyday Life,” and Per Holth gave a talk called “Novelty and Variability as Operants.” Noting that Skinner’s vision for behavior analysis as a mainstream science of everyday human life has not been realized, Pat Friman entertainingly illustrated how many mainstream problems can be addressed including male fertility, early child behavior problems, sleep and bedtime problems, anxiety, and littering. Per Holth reviewed the sources of novel behavior and behavioral variability, important issues for theoretical as well as for practical reasons. While many studies have shown that behavioral variability can result from reinforcement contingencies, he concluded that “novelty” primarily occurs during extinction of previously reinforced responses and that seemingly “operant” variability is essentially a selection of different responses.

BAI also hosted a data share event at this year’s annual conference. The data share is a speedy, informal gathering of ABA students and professionals that provides a forum to discuss their casework. It provides a great platform to discuss behavior analytic strategies used by other students/professionals and can help improve the presentation skills of all attendees. This gathering is data-driven, and therefore each presenter is required to provide a graphical display of their results (ongoing or complete). A BCBA professional is present at each data share to ensure that all interventions abide by ethical guidelines. All clients discussed remain anonymous, and fully informed consent is obtained by the student/professional before presenting data. This year, Dr. Pat Friman acted as convener for the event, bringing interesting and fun discussion points to it.

A panel discussion was an interesting addition to this year’s conference program. Julian Leslie (University of Ulster) chaired this, and the panel included Pat Friman, Per Holth, Denis O’Hora (National University of Ireland, Galway), and Ken Kerr (Rehabcare, Ireland). Delegates were invited to submit questions for the panel to discuss. The questions focused on the relation between ABA and EAB, the feasibility of randomized controlled trials to assess behavioral interventions, and why this turned out to be an all-male panel with a predominantly female audience. A lively and interesting discussion ensued.

Advocacy for ABA

There have been multiple changes in the treatment and education of individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) within Ireland over the past three years. BAI has spent time over the past year advocating for the science of ABA. Members of the committee have met parent groups

and elected representatives to provide information on ABA. In addition, the committee has written letters to the minister of education outlining the empirical support for ABA in the education and treatment of children with ASD.

Professional Accreditation for Behavior Analysts Within the Psychological Society of Ireland

The committee have appointed a subcommittee of university faculty to address the issues in relation to professional recognition of behavior analysts within the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI). The PSI have invited the committee to submit an outline of the competencies necessary for individuals to be recognised within the PSI as behavior analysts. Achieving this recognition will lead to a better standing for behavior analysts within schools and services across Ireland.

Upcoming Events

In the coming year, we intend to progress in all the areas mentioned above. We will host one or more international visiting speakers, contribute to the national PSI conference, and hold our own annual conference. We will continue in the advocacy role, and hope to have an opportunity to address the key government committee directly on the effectiveness of ABA for children with autism. We expect to make significant progress towards having behavior analysis recognized as a professional specialty within Ireland.

BAI Membership

The Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI) is the body representing professional psychologists in Ireland. The BAI represents recognised qualified professionals in the specific science of behavior analysis. Those wishing to apply for membership must be members of PSI and hold a postgraduate qualification in behavior analysis recognised by the Division Committee. Relevant experience will also be considered. Membership application forms can be found on the PSI website, www.psychologicalsociety.ie/division-behavior-analysis.

Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy

BY ALAN HARCHIK

The Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy is New England’s primary membership association for behavior analysts.

Annual Conference

The chapter’s 33rd annual conference was held October 11 and 12, 2012. Yet another new attendance record was set, with 1,025 attendees. Moreover, there was another record number of submissions, and a record number of invited speakers (25). Highlights of the conference included keynote

addresses by Aubrey Daniels, Denny Reid, Brian Iwata, Pat Friman, and Greg Hanley. In addition, the eighth annual Murray Sidman Award for Enduring Contribution to Behavior Analysis was posthumously presented to Jerry Shook for his tireless work that led to the formation of the national certification of behavior analysts and the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. Planning is well underway for the 2013 BABAT conference, to be held on October 17 and 18, 2013, at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Student Awards

BABAT was thrilled to recognize three students in behavior analysis for their exemplary research. We awarded the 2012 BABAT Student Paper Award to Joshua Jessel for his study entitled "A Laboratory Comparison of Response-Reducing Differential-Reinforcement Techniques," conducted under the direction of Dr. John Borrero at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Joshua received \$1,000, a plaque, and the chance to present in a stand-alone session in the auditorium at the BABAT conference. The second award—the BABAT/B. F. Skinner Foundation Student Research Award—was presented to Maeve Donnelly for her research proposal entitled "Prevalence and Effects of Teaching Errors on Acquisition of Self-Care Chains." Maeve was a student at Western New England University and her advisor was Dr. Amanda Karsten. This award was a certificate and \$500 to support the study. The third award was the BABAT/B. F. Skinner Foundation Student Poster Award, and this was presented to Anthony M. Palermo for his poster presentation entitled "Examining the Preference for Fixed Contingent and Fixed Noncontingent Reinforcement Schedules." Anthony was a student at University of Massachusetts, Lowell, and conducted his study under the direction of Dr. Lauren Beaulieu. We presented Anthony with \$500 and a certificate. Congratulations to the winners of the 2012 BABAT Student Research Awards!

Legislative Activity

BABAT is pleased to announce that qualified behavior analysts will be eligible for licensure in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professionals (AMHHSP). The process that led to this outcome was long and arduous, and there is still much work to be done. Massachusetts State Representative John Scibak met with a number of key stakeholders, including BABAT and MassABA, and crafted a licensing bill to establish a behavior analyst licensing board in Massachusetts. Through the advocacy of behavior analysts in Massachusetts, 38 legislators signed on to the bill as co-sponsors.

During the legislative process, the language of the bill was amended and authority to license behavior analysts was provided to AMHHSP. BABAT found this acceptable, as

we feel there is still an opening for an independent board and numerous suggestions from behavior analysts had been responded to favorably throughout the process. Governor Patrick signed the bill into law (Chapter 429 of the Acts of 2012) on January 8, 2013.

There is still much work to do. Two behavior analysts will be appointed to the AMHHSP board, and the licensing process will go into effect within 18 months of the promulgation of the rules and regulations for licensure. The board will be charged with establishing the regulations with respect to licensing behavior analysts as directed by the enacted law.

There are many people who worked very hard for this outcome, but there are none who deserve more thanks than Rep. John Scibak. Without his tireless effort and persistence this law would not have happened. Both APBA and the BACB also provided very helpful support. Finally, we are very thankful for all of the support that our parent advocate community, especially AutismSpeaks and AFAM, provided to us.

The New England Behavior Analyst:

BABAT recently sent out its fifth semi-annual newsletter, *The New England Behavior Analyst*, to over 700 members. The newsletter provides our membership with important updates on legislative matters, conference highlights, student award winners, reflections on recent trends in the literature, and upcoming events for behavior analysts in New England. It is available on our website.

BABAT Social

Our second BABAT social event was on April 11, 2013. The event was an opportunity for local behavior analysts to come together, network and socialize, hear from a great speaker, and earn CEs. BABAT members from 23 New England schools and agencies attended.

Bermuda ABA

BY ERICA R. SMITH

2012 has indeed been a busy year for our fledgling Bermuda Association for Behavior Analysis (BABA)—a year of establishment and growth and finding our feet as a new chapter promoting this profession.

As a bit of history, the profession of applied behavior analysis was introduced to Bermuda for the first time in a sustained and formal way when Tomorrow's Voices, Bermuda's first and to date only autism early intervention center, was established back in 2007.

With the establishment of Tomorrow's Voices, there was a conscious decision to pick applied behavior analysis, and more specifically verbal behavior therapy, as the desired approach for the early intervention center to use based on its being the most researched and scientifically validated

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therapy for people with autism spectrum disorders. It was important to be knowledgeable and offer a well-respected form of therapy to clients.

There was also a desire to employ professionals knowledgeable and experienced in the applied behavior analysis field, while also allowing younger Bermudians with interest in this sector to be hired at junior levels and become well-trained and knowledgeable in this profession over time.

Since 2007, the awareness and understanding of the therapy and profession in Bermuda have grown by leaps and bounds specifically due to the efforts of Tomorrow's Voices. This has led to the desire to establish a professional body to increase the knowledge base related to applied behavior analysis in Bermuda and to help integrate its practices into the daily operations of those delivering services to people with disabilities and challenging behaviors, and hence the establishment of BABA in fall 2011.

In 2012, the synergistic partnership between Tomorrow's Voices and BABA led to the following training workshops and seminars being presented by BABA members in subjects related to behavior analysis and disability issues. These workshop hosted parents, teachers, and allied health professionals.

- January 2012: Teaching Adaptive Behaviors to Youth With Disabilities
- February 2012: The Latest Research Into the Causes of Autism and Research-Based Best Practices for Autism Treatment
- March 2012: Effective Treatments for Youth With Aggressive, Disruptive, and Self-Injurious Behaviors
- April 2012: Practical Application of Verbal Behavior Techniques
- May 2012: Bermuda College Training—An Overview of High Incidence Disabilities
- May 2012: Assistive Technology in Educational Settings
- October 2012: Anything Is Possible! Speaking Event—International Speakers Mr. Sean Barron (co-author of *Unwritten Rules of Social Relationships* with Temple Grandin) and Ms. Barbara Protopapa shared their compelling and inspiring stories of navigating through childhood, adolescence, and teenage years with autism to become adults “recovered” from autism because it no longer adversely affects their day-to-day lives.

Continuing the partnership with Tomorrow's Voices, 2013 planned workshops and seminars will focus on the following:

- February 2013: Applied Behavior Analysis: A Tool Kit for Analyzing and Improving Learning and Behavior
- April 2013: Autism Uncovered! Putting the Puzzle Together: Features, Causes, and Treatments
- June 2013: Changing Behavior! The Reasons Why Behavior Occurs and How We Can Deal With It
- September 2013: Encouraging Positive Behavior From

the Children in Your Classroom and Home: Token Systems and Behavior Contracts

- November 2013: “My Child Is Included.” What Does This Really Mean?

Our priority focus areas for 2013 are to grow applied and verbal behavior analysis in Bermuda; to increase BABA membership; to lobby the local insurance companies for coverage of behavioral services; to influence public policy and legislation in Bermuda; and to provide continuing professional development for educators, allied health professionals, parents, and the wider community.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of BABA or finding out more information should contact Erica Smith at 297-4342 or info@tomorrowsvoices.bm.

British Columbia ABA

BY ELIZABETH ATHENS

The British Columbia Association for Behavior Analysis (BC-ABA) has been busy this year! We have developed an entirely new website that allows us to present information and conference registration to our members more efficiently, and allows for a members-only page with access to several behavioral journals. We have also started a Facebook page for our association where interested individuals can get up to date information about BC-ABA as well as training opportunities in the province, and any new research that may have been recently published. We currently have over 100 members!

We have also co-sponsored several educational workshops in the province, including “Beyond Wants and Needs: Supporting Social Interactions Between Students with ASD and Their Peers” with Pat Mirenda, “Early Start Denver Model—Its Origins, Research, and Contributions to Early Intervention in Autism” with Laurie Vismara, “ABA and SLP: Supporting Collaborations for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Preventing Challenging Behaviors: Prevent, Teach, Reinforce” with Glen Dunlap.

Our annual conference was also a success. We were fortunate to have Dr. Brian Iwata provide the keynote address at our conference, as well as host a popular workshop on problem behavior. We had over 200 individuals in attendance this year. Overall, it has been a wonderful year for our association and we look forward to continued growth and changes in the upcoming year!

California ABA

BY MICHELE WALLACE

Our mission is to promote the science and theory of behavior analysis through the support of research, education, and practice. This last year we have been diligent in regards to advocating for behavior analysis services and the profession, promoting quality assurance in behavior analysis, and advancing behavior analysis via professional

development activities in the state of California.

We had a successful 2013 conference in Southern California where we honored the 2013 Outstanding Contributor to Behavior Analysis recipient, Gina Green; the Gerald L. Shook Advocacy awardee, Eric Larsson; and the Julie Vargas Research recipient, Tracy Larson.

Our 2014 conference planning is underway; the conference will be February 28–March 2, 2014, at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport in Burlingame, California.

Chinese ABA

BY KARINA MIAO MIAO CHEUNG

In the past year, the China Association for Behavior Analysis (CABA) has focused on promoting the science of behavior analysis in mainland China by (a) electing the board of directors for the chapter, (b) initiating the process of developing a strategic plan, and (c) organizing its first annual conference.

Our first annual conference was hosted by the Institute of Mental Health of Peking University March 30–31, 2013. Scholars and practitioners from mainland China, Hong Kong SAR, the United States, and New Zealand attended the conference. Before the conference, we organized four preconference workshops. During the 3-day workshop, approximately 50 people participated in each workshop. A total of 200 people attended the conference.

Professors Jing Liu, Dai Zhang, Mei Xiang Jia, and Yan Qing Guo from Peking University Sixth Hospital presented at the conference. Topics of their presentations included (a) issues of diagnosis and treatment of children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), (b) recent and ongoing genetic research on ASD, (c) providing quality ABA programs for children with ASD, and (d) the concept of Academic Skills, Living and Life Skills, Social Rules and Social Skills, Occupational Skills (ALSO) first proposed by Dr. Yan Qing Guo.

Dr. Youjia Hua, assistant professor of special education at the University of Iowa, delivered a keynote address on evidence-based practice of treatment of children with autism. He first reviewed the history and the trend of applied behavior analysis in the treatment of children with autism. His presentation summarized the research in the areas of (a) early intensive behavioral intervention, (b) verbal behavior, (c) social skills, (d) functional behavioral assessment and behavioral interventions, (e) academic skills, and (f) functional life skills. He also discussed the issues of establishing evidence-based practices in the treatment of children with autism using single-case research designs.

Dr. Weihe Huang, behavior analyst at the Regional Center of the East Bay, part of the California Department of Developmental Services, and Dr. Dan Li from the Disabled Persons' Federation of Hubei Province conducted a three-day preconference workshop on pivotal response treatment (PRT) for autism. At the conference, they also

gave a joint presentation analyzing the role of PRT in the development of behavioral treatments for autism.

Ms. Jing Zhu, BCBA and registered psychologist in New Zealand, from Timnata Hou/IDEA Specialist Services, presented on an in-home behavior support service model in New Zealand and discussed the needs of families of children with autism. She proposed a behavioral support service model in China. Ms. Zhu also gave a three-day preconference workshop on understanding function of behavior and behavior management strategies and intervention plans in children with ASD.

Ms. Dorothy Zhang, BCBA and a licensed behavior analyst in the state of Virginia, from George Mason University, USA, and Ms. Miao Miao Cheung, BCBA, director of StarrySky Education and Research Center, Beijing, China, conducted a 3-day preconference workshop on theory and educational assessments of verbal behavior.

Connecticut ABA

BY SOLANDY FORTE

The Connecticut Association for Behavior Analysis (CTABA) hosted our Ninth Annual Conference on Friday, March 15, 2013, in Cromwell, Connecticut. We were excited to have a number of invited speakers join us this year, including Richard Foxx, Jose Martinez-Diaz, Christina Alligood, James Diller, Michael Dorsey, Robert LaRue, and Suzanne Letso. In addition, we received the largest number of submissions for call for papers in our history. We had our largest conference attendance at 328 people, as well as 16 vendor booths. Student Poster Awards were given out to Kerry Ann Conde, Amanda M. Karsten, Kate Brown-Hill, and Filip Novakovski for Exceptional Contribution to Behavior Analytic Research in Applied Context from Western New England University in Springfield, Massachusetts.

This past December, the CTABA Executive Council was saddened to share that one of the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, was an aspiring behavior analyst. Rachel D'Avino was a student enrolled in the graduate certificate in applied behavior analysis program at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, Connecticut. Rachel had completed her coursework requirements and was planning on completing her supervision in order to sit for the BCBA exam. Rachel was a teaching assistant at Sandy Hook Elementary. She had spent much of her professional career working with individuals with disabilities, and she planned to continue to work as a behavior analyst. At our 2013 conference, CTABA established a student award in Rachel D'Avino's honor.

Over the past year, CTABA has had several significant accomplishments in the development of the association. An important change was to our website design to make information more accessible to our members. Information

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that can be accessed via the CTABA website, www.ctaba.org, includes Executive Council meeting minutes, CTABA bylaws, legislative updates, job postings, and upcoming events. In addition, CTABA submitted the 501(c)(3) application to become a nonprofit organization. CTABA also introduced organizational membership and sponsorship over the past year. We would like to thank the following organizations for their support this year: Beacon Services of Connecticut, Applied Behavioral Strategies, the Center for Children with Special Needs, Creative Interventions, Program Builders, the University of Saint Joseph, ACES, and Naugatuck Valley Community College.

CTABA also had a poster at the ABAI Expo. The Conference Committee is already planning our 10th Annual CTABA Conference, to be held on Friday, March 7, 2014. In addition, CTABA will be organizing a series of BCBA supervision courses over the next year to meet the new requirements for supervision established by the BACB.

CTABA is the voice of behavior analysis for the State of Connecticut. For more information regarding CTABA, visit our website, www.ctaba.org, or email us at ctaba@ctaba.org.

Delaware ABA

BY CHRISTINE H. BARTHOLD

This has been an eventful year for Delaware ABA. We were formed only a few years ago, but are facing many of the same challenges as our colleagues in other states with regard to practice.

Last December, Senate Bill (SB) 22 was ratified in Delaware. This bill requires any health insurance plan covering state employees to reimburse members for applied behavior analysis services for children with autism. The regulations went into effect in May. Delaware ABA was at the table negotiating the best possible regulations. We are hopeful that SB 22 is a step in the right direction for bringing applied behavior analysis services to all individuals who might need them. In addition to SB 22, we are also closely monitoring SB 242, which affects the use of seclusion and restraint in public schools.

We are a small state—only three counties—and we continue to explore how to disseminate the science of behavior. Most of our state is very rural; therefore, dissemination is quite important. We are in the process of designing our website and will be including information on finding qualified and competent practitioners of behavior analysis. This information should be available by this summer at <http://delawareaba.com>.

Future endeavors include creating a journal club and regular meetings regarding the science and practice of behavior analysis. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining us, please email Chris Barthold at cbarthol@udel.edu.

Delaware Valley ABA

BY JAMES E. CONNELL

In the 2012–2013 year, the Delaware Valley chapter of ABAI hosted three exciting events. In the first presentation, Jessica Day, MA, BCBA, presented her master's project entitled, "Let Me Help You: Teaching Adolescents With Autism Helping Behavior." This study, now in review at the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* editorial office, demonstrated that video modeling was an active ingredient in a complex intervention designed to teach adolescents with autism spectrum disorders to engage in age appropriate helping behaviors. The second DVABA event entitled, "Billing Compliance and the Behavior Analyst: What You Should Know" was a presentation by attorneys Peter Katz and Denise Pedulla on the operationalization of policies and procedures needed to keep small and large business owners in compliance with federal Medicaid guidelines. The final presentation by Michael Passage, MA, described his recently published JABA manuscript, "Teaching Self-Control With Qualitatively Different Reinforcers." This exciting presentation demonstrated that "self-control" can be a function of carefully planned environmental arrangements.

We also took the opportunity to present two letters of commendation to the founders of DVABA, Phil Himeline and Saul Axelrod. In late Fall, Maria Malott informed us that DVABA was to receive a letter of commendation celebrating more than 20 years of outstanding service to the community and the greater association. Upon hearing the wonderful news, we asked for two letters so that the founding members could share the recognition. DVABA continues its work to this day, largely due to the efforts of both of these men.

Finally, this will be my last year as DVABA representative. I served the community for 4 years, and it is time to pass the torch. Over the years, the chapter has been very fortunate to host national and international experts in intervention and assessment. We hosted talks by insurance agents and compliance officers to support new autism insurance legislation and billing. We celebrated the retirement of two wonderful ambassadors of DVABA and behavior analysis (Drs. Axelrod and Himeline), and celebrated more than 20 years of DVABA service to the community. I have been enriched by these people, their work, and their dedication to the behavior analytic community. I thank the DVABA community for supporting these events, and look forward to a new and exciting direction for the chapter.

Experimental Analysis of Behaviour Group UK and Europe

BY AMY HULSON-JONES, CARL HUGHES, AND MIKE BEVERLEY

It gives us great pleasure to report on the Experimental Analysis of Behaviour Group's (EABG) 50th anniversary meeting, held 25–27 March, 2013, at the University College London.

If we were to measure success using conference attendee numbers alone, then the last 50 meetings would reflect a steady increase in success rate. EABG's 50th anniversary meeting was no exception to this trend, accommodating in excess of 200 delegates across the 3 days. If we were to also take into consideration the variation of delegate backgrounds, the quality and variety of the papers submitted, not to mention the highly esteemed invited speakers, then some might argue that this year's meeting may have been the best yet!

An encouraging mix of academics, applied researchers, parents, and nonacademics who work in the field as applied behaviour analysts attended, many of whom had traveled internationally.

Having so many distinguished invited speakers made the 50th anniversary of EABG particularly special. It was a great privilege to have Dr. Bill Heward from The Ohio State University to deliver the keynote address. Dr. Heward closed the last day of the conference with a very poignant and topical presentation on behavior change for a sustainable world. The presentation identified the effects of climate change on our planet, discussing the implications of human behavior both past and future. In an appeal to the field of applied behavior analysis, Dr. Heward highlighted the "uniquely poised" position that behavior analysts are in, to be able to assist with changing destructive human behaviors.

Dr. Janet Twyman, Department of Pediatrics, University of Massachusetts Medical School, closed the first day with an informative talk on methods for evaluating research, using a three-step approach: (1) use best practices, (2) measure what you teach, and (3) follow the data. Echoing a similar point made by Dr. Heward, Dr. Twyman emphasized the pertinent position behavior analysts are in to share the skills, tools, and expertise with families, enabling them with the skills to be able to distinguish between effective interventions.

We were also delighted to have the following invited speakers: Professor Richard Hastings, (Bangor University, UK), Dr. Peter Baker (Sussex Partnership, NHS Foundation Trust, Sussex/Tizard Centre, University of Kent), and Professor Erik Arntzen (Akershus University College).

Professor Richard Hastings presented a highly informative and thought-provoking talk entitled, "The Process of Developing 'Evidence:' Implications for

Behaviour Analysis." Professor Hastings outlined a model for reviewing the evidence of an intervention, and broadening our outlook to appreciate how "evidence-based" is viewed outside of behavior analysis. An important lesson if our evidence is going to gain widespread acceptance.

Dr. Baker delivered a presentation on positive behaviour support and the challenges PBS is currently facing, outlining the risks of potentially damaging the reputation and integrity of PBS through the over-generalization of the model by the media.

Professor Erik Arntzen updated the delegates on the history, current status, and future direction of the European Association of Behavior Analysis across Europe. Delegates were also informed about the next EABA conference, which will be held in Stockholm, Sweden, in September 2014.

Professor Julian Leslie and Dr. David Dickens presented a very special talk on 50 years of EABG, reflecting on the evolution of applied behavior analysis and the changes that the meeting has undergone in the last few decades.

We were extremely excited to host the launch of the UK Society for Behaviour Analysis introduced by Kate Grant, Sean Rhodes, Suzy Yardley, Jennifer Austin, and Louise Denne. Delegates were encouraged to become members via the website (<http://uk-sba.org>) and nominate board members (to be voted in by members).

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

This year's EABG meeting reflected the strong position of the UK and Europe in providing a large proportion of the CEUs for certified behavior analysts for no additional charge. EABG 2013 offered 22 events, including symposia, invited addresses, panel discussions, and workshops, accumulating a total of 32.5 CEUs. The number of CEUs being awarded to BCBA and BCaBA delegates this year exceeded the amount awarded during EABG 2011 (see Figure 1).

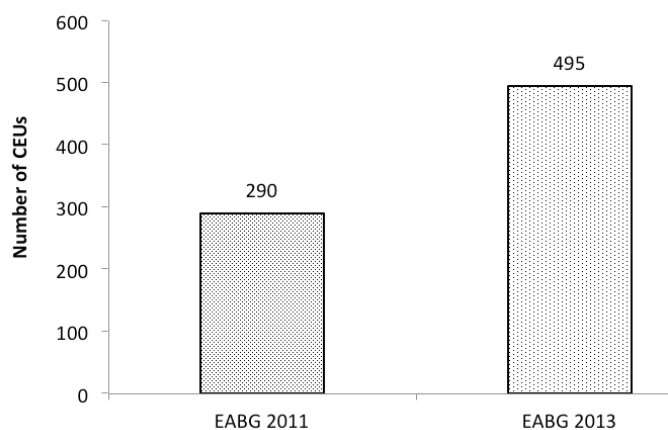


Figure 1. Comparison of total number of CEUs awarded at the 2011 and 2013 EABG conferences.

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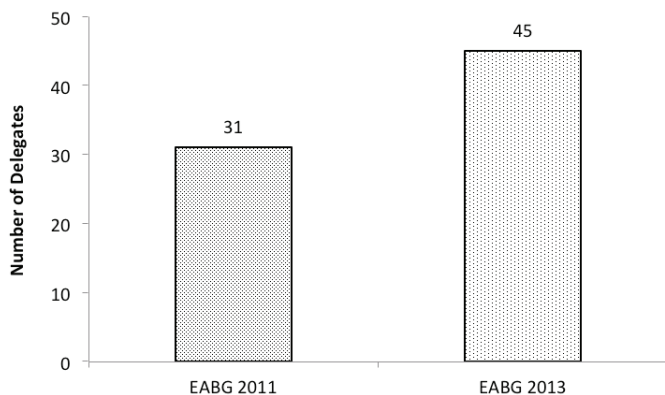


Figure 2. Comparison of total number of delegates collecting CEUs at the 2011 and 2013 EABG conferences.

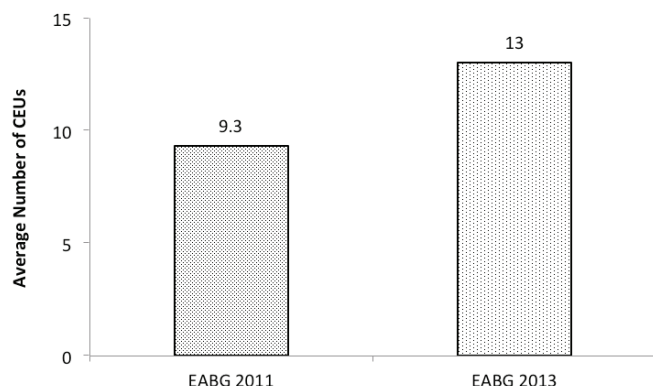


Figure 3. Comparison of average number of CEUs awarded to each delegate at the 2011 and 2013 EABG conferences.

The EABG team wishes to thank all the delegates and presenters who attended the 2013 conference and to our invited speakers who delivered truly inspiring and thought-provoking talks. Special thanks to students from Bangor University, Wales: Christie Culleton, Melissa Daw, Robyn Aldridge, Shiori Ono, Susan McCandless, Shwu Mey, and Yissell Gallardo who worked so hard in helping to put the conference together and facilitating the smooth running across the three days. A well-deserved special thanks also to John Draper and the support team at University College London Psychology for assisting and hosting the event again.

The broad range and high quality of behavior analytic research and training disseminated across EABG 2013 was an encouraging reflection of the strength and continued evolution of applied behavior analysis in Europe.

Florida ABA

BY KEVIN MURDOCK

The 32nd Annual Meeting of the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis (FABA) occurred September 19–22, 2012, at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. The

conference, which was attended by 877 members and 24 non-members, featured 34 paper sessions, 16 symposia, 7 panel discussions, 2 IGNITE sessions, 13 pre- and post-conference workshops, and 33 posters. Attorney Neil Kodosi's excellent keynote presentation was titled, "How Science and Medicine in the Courtroom Defeated AHCA's Policy Denying Coverage for ABA." Outstanding invited presentations also were provided by Linda LeBlanc, Matt Normand, Mark Sundberg, and Representative John W. Scibak. Many other notable behavior analysts presented, including, but not limited to (alphabetically) Jon Bailey, Jeannie Golden, Brian Iwata, Jose Martinez-Diaz, Patrick McGreevy, Ray Miltenberger, Trevor Stokes, Ron Van Houten, and Tim Vollmer. A conversation hour with Jack Michael honored his significant contributions to our field. Jerry Shook was fondly remembered in a touching tribute. Steve Coleman's presidential address gave sage advice on using FABA's political influence to promote applied behavior analysis.

FABA's Executive Committee and its Legislative and Public Policy Committee continued to have the good fortune of being guided by lobbyist Eric Prutsman. The committee and Eric have been extra busy this past year addressing legislation and policy changes regarding funding for behavioral services, insurance coverage of applied behavior analysis services, and restraint and seclusion in public schools, while being ever vigilant for any attempts to restrict the practice of behavior analysis.

The first week of September is proclaimed as "Florida Behavior Analysis Week." A few weeks later, FABA will have its 33rd Annual Meeting from September 25–28, 2013, at the Hilton Daytona Beach Resort. An outstanding conference has been planned and will kick off with a full day of workshops on Wednesday. Two full days of sessions will occur on Thursday and Friday. The conference will wrap up with additional workshops on Saturday. Please visit www.FABAWorld.org to view the conference program including descriptions of the keynote address and invited presentations. Kevin Jackson will present his presidential address. Many other excellent speakers will address a wide range of topics including effective and ethical professional practice, scientific research, developmental disabilities, autism, verbal behavior, education, parenting, organizational behavior management, and animal training and welfare.

Exciting events are planned throughout the conference to enhance networking opportunities and to make the conference enjoyable, informative, and productive for participants. Some of the favorite events are speed networking, poster bingo, roundtable lunch special interest group discussions, and book signings. Social events will include the popular Hospitality Suite on Wednesday, plus the traditional big gathering on Thursday.

Members are encouraged to bring family members and significant others and stay an extra night or two for some vacation time. The Hilton Resort is only a few steps from

Daytona Beach and is just a short drive from many theme parks, attractions, and 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, or to become a FABA member, please visit 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 DIXIE D. EASTRIDGE

The Sixth Annual Conference of the Four Corners Association for Behavior Analysis (4CABA) occurred on April 6–7, 2013, at the High Country Conference Center in Flagstaff, Arizona. The current 2013 president of 4CABA is Dixie Eastridge, MA, BCBA, CBIS (Learning Services Neurobehavioral Institute-West, Lakewood, CO).

The mission of the 4CABA is to promote the science of behavior and evidence-based technologies derived from basic science in the Four Corners (Utah, Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico) region. Keeping with our mission statement, the 4CABA conference promoted the balance of basic and applied research with speakers from both areas along with a speaker from outside behavior analysis to speak about behaviorally relevant topics. The 4CABA speakers for the 2013 conference included Ron Allen (Simmons College), Guy Bruce (Appealing Solutions, LLC), Randall Buzan (University of Colorado Medical Center), Ennio Cipani (National University), Wayne Fuqua (Western Michigan University), Brian Kangas (Harvard Medical School), Bud Mace (Nova Southeastern University), Richard Malott (Western Michigan University), and Jay Moore (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee).

This is the third year 4CABA gave a Best Poster Award to a student based on the quality of the poster presentation; this year's posters were judged by Dr. Guy Bruce and Dr. Jay Moore. This year's winning poster was Assessment and Treatment of Rumination Behavior Displayed by a 10-Year-Old Male With Autism—the presenters were Molley and Rebecca Wiskirchen of ACCEL and Michelle Reed of YETZ. The study addressed the assessment and treatment of rumination behavior displayed by a 10-year-old male diagnosed with autism. The functional assessment hypothesized that rumination behavior was automatically maintained. The treatment phase exposed the participant to treatments including liquid rescheduling at mealtime and gum chewing as a replacement behavior. Results displayed the effect of each intervention and discussion points addressed future directions for the participant's treatment program.

In our continuing effort to increase membership and inform regional behavior analysts about our program activities, 4CABA hosted a poster during the Expo at the ABAI 39th Annual Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

4CABA is open to anyone who is interested in the science and practice of behavior analysis. The majority of our members reside in the Four Corners region; however, we have numerous members from across the country who are invested in the organization and annual convention as a part of their professional experience. There are numerous benefits to being a 4CABA member; our low cost conference fees include registration and membership and our participants are exposed to cutting-edge knowledge regarding behavior analysis. Furthermore, the conference participants earn free CEUs. Please take a look at our website (www.4caba.org) for information on membership.

I am pleased to announce the newly elected governing board members: president-elect, Nicole Bishop, and secretary, Leigh Schrimpf.

French ABA

BY LAURENT MADELAIN

Looking back, this past year has been a great year for behavior analysis in France. Because 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 and bring new perspectives on behavior analysis. This year we had the great pleasure to host two renowned U.S. faculty members. Professor Andy Lattal, from West Virginia University, obtained a prestigious Fulbright Fellowship to spend a year in Lille and to launch a research program along with Professor Vinca Riviere on resurgence in children. Professor Timothy Shahan, from Utah State University, also decided to join us at the University of Lille to spend a sabbatical with our research group. Lille is the only French university hosting a research group devoted to studying behavior analysis in humans and providing a master's program in experimental and applied behavior analysis; the opportunity to collaborate and share ideas with prominent members of the behavior analysis scientific worldwide community is key to providing students, professionals, and academics with the most updated theoretical and applied developments. This is why we plan to further reinforce our research collaborations with Professor Machado's group at the university of Minho (Portugal) and Professor Tomanari's group at the University of São Paulo (Brazil). Providing training for young applied behavior analysts is our most important mission. This is why we strongly support the international development of the only French behavior analysis master's program (Université Lille III, North of France). About 15 new students join the program every year, and although we are well aware that this figure is much too small to fulfill the needs of certified behavior analysts we believe that this program is the key to the future of behavior analysis in France. We receive invaluable help from the behavior analysis program at West Virginia University.

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We also strongly support a 1-year applied behavior analysis training program for professionals in Tunisia. We also pursue the task of organizing behavior analysis professionals and developing behavior analysis in France through a whole new website which should be up and running soon, and an annual chapter meeting. We support a network of local associations of parents and professionals devoted to providing help to individuals with autism. To this end the chapter is developing a solid applied behavior analysis French network through formal scientific meetings and trainings.

Georgia ABA

BY NATHAN A. CALL

The major GABA event continues to be organizing our annual convention. In 2012, GABA held its fifth annual conference on October 26 in Atlanta. Attendance increased for the fifth consecutive year. A stellar lineup of speakers presented on a range of topics; these speakers included Janet Lund, who delivered the presidential address. Other speakers were Gina Green, Ph.D.; Timothy Weil, Ph.D.; Jon Bailey, Ph.D.; and Raymond Miltenberger, Ph.D. The speakers covered a broad range of professional, clinical, and scientific topics to appeal to the diverse interests of our membership. Titles of these talks included "Ethics is Not for Sissies," "Evidence-Based Practice: Implications for Behavior Analysts," "Public Policies on the Practice of ABA: Status and Some Lessons Learned," "Derived Stimulus Relations: Acceptance Requires Seeing What It Looks Like and How It Can Be Used to Effect Change," and "Teaching Safety Skills to Children: What Works and What Doesn't?"

In 2012, there were 144 members of GABA. Members come from a range of disciplines and backgrounds, including psychologists, educators, students, and advocates. Our members are also broadly distributed throughout Georgia, representing each region in the state.

GABA made a major effort in 2012 to obtain official status as a nonprofit organization. The major benefit of obtaining this designation is official recognition and legitimacy. Great progress has been made on this goal, and we are in the final stages of the process, with an expectation of being recognized as a nonprofit organization by June of this year.

Our goals for 2013 include (1) continuing to increase the attendance and number of local presenters at our annual conference, (2) updating our website, with a special emphasis on making it easier for current members to renew their membership, and (3) developing an increased capability to provide continuing education units to our members who are BCBAs. With respect to this final goal, it is our goal to offer training that meets the criteria for CEUs on the topic of supervision that will be required by the Behavior Analysis Certification Board (BACB) for those who wish to provide supervision hours beginning in 2014. In addition, we hope to develop our capacity to provide CEUs via distance

learning. Given the size of our state and the distance between many of our members, this ability would likely be a tremendous service to those members of our chapter who reside and practice in rural areas.

Again, we are happy to report the continued growth of GABA and its activities. We will continue to strive to support applied behavior analysis in the state of Georgia.

Hawai'i ABA

BY KIMBERLY HENKLE AND ANNE LAU

The Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis (HABA) had lofty goals for 2012, and they were met with the hard work of our Board of Directors. The membership committed doubled our membership from 42 to 93 members. After several years in the making, we finally received our nonprofit status. Our webmasters, Justin Kyriannis and Cathryn Masuda, created a new website with WordPress, making it easier to update and disseminate information regarding current events. We expanded our use of Google Apps to limit paper files stored at board members' homes to ease officer transitions.

HABA's eighth annual conference was held in Honolulu, HI. Steve Ward presented a two-day workshop entitled "Building Good Learner Repertoires," which was held at Dave & Busters—a great location for our first post-conference social. Steve's workshop included effective and practical procedures to capture and contrive a learner's motivation. He introduced the audience to several behavioral interventions, including his "Waiting for Permission and Calm Counts Protocols." He also facilitated great brainstorming of solutions to real problems presented by attendees.

The Events Committee had a successful 2012. Starting out as the "Fun" Committee, tasked with the job of increasing attendance at our quarterly meetings, the Events Committee set a new bar for HABA. Their work started with the Spring Quarter Meeting. Tom Caffrey spoke to HABA members about his experiences around the world as a behavior analyst and a parent of a child with autism. Dr. Peter Gerhardt flew out for our summer meeting and spoke about the nuances of teaching adolescents and adults with ASD. For our fall meeting, we hosted our very first webinar, which made it possible for Dr. Jon Bailey to easily present on his topic of expertise—ethics! He answered our ethical conundrums and made us think about issues that are frequently missed by behavior analysts. In 2013, we purchased a webinar service to increase our opportunity to disseminate information to the outer islands and to the mainland. The proceeds from this will also provide opportunities to invite quality speakers to present on our islands.

HABA award its first Student Scholarship to a hard working, dedicated student, Kelly Deacon, in 2012. For many students (and professionals) in Hawai'i, the trip to the mainland for the ABAI annual convention can be cost prohibitive. The proceeds from our quarterly meetings and webinar made it possible for our nonprofit to award free

student registration to the 2012 ABAI Annual Convention along with an ABAI student membership. In 2013, due to an increase in webinars, we were able to offer a more substantial scholarship that included free registration, flight, and hotel accommodations. HABA hopes to continue this trend of assisting students to attend the ABAI convention, to encourage the next generation of behavior analysts to meet the amazing community that is out there ready to teach, support, and inspire them.

We are looking forward to another excellent annual conference in paradise this fall. The conference committee has been hard at work and plans are well under way for our ninth annual conference on October 19, 2013. This year our conference will feature a variety of different speakers, as well as an afternoon workshop presented by Dr. Patrick Ghezzi from the University of Nevada, Reno. Anyone who is getting too cold on the mainland is welcome to join us for a relaxing retreat with the warm community of behavior analysts in Hawai'i.

Heartland ABA

BY ELIZABETH BULLINGTON

HLABA held its seventh annual conference on February 28th and March 1st in Omaha, Nebraska. We were honored to recruit Dr. Tiffany Kodak, Dr. Steve Taylor, and Dr. Jeff Tiger to conduct preconference workshops. Dr. Kodak and Dr. Taylor offered a workshop called "Ethical Guidelines for the Practice of Behavior Analysis." Dr. Tiger's workshop was called "Functional Assessment and Treatment of Problem Behavior." Both workshops were attended by individuals from a variety of fields and from surrounding states. We also had several invited conference presenters including Dr. Dustin Stairs who gave a talk called "Using Behavioral Procedures to Study the Effects of Environmental Enrichment on the Sensitivity to Stimulant Drugs in Rats," Dr. Tiger who gave a talk called "On the Representativeness of Behavior Observation Samples in Classrooms," Dr. Kodak who gave a talk called "Conducting Assessment Procedures to Identify Prerequisite Skills and Teaching Strategies for Children With Autism Spectrum Disorders," Dr. Claudia Dozier who gave a talk called "The Concept of Attention as a Reinforcer: Including Conditioning as Well as the Conditions Under Which It Functions," and Dr. Ed Daly who gave a talk called "What's Influencing Your Professional Judgment?" In addition, we offered a symposium called "Efficient and Practical Procedures for Measuring and Assessing Behavior in the Home Environment." The chair and discussant for the symposium were Dr. Kevin Luczynski and Dr. Tiger, respectively. For the fifth year in a row we offered a poster presentation award, which is meant to contribute financial support to a student attending the national ABAI annual convention. The winning poster was titled "Alternating Punishers for Treatment of Motor Stereotypy," presented by

Andrea Clements. In addition, Terri Newton was awarded the Heartland Association for Behavior Analysis Award of Excellence for her contributions to the field of applied behavior analysis in the Heartland area. We welcomed 47 preconference attendees and 97 conference attendees, which was an increase from previous years.

Our eighth annual conference will be held on March 6–7, 2014. We are currently in the process of identifying prominent behavior analysts to present and conduct workshops at our next conference.

The 2013–2014 HLABA executive board includes Amber Paden as our past-president, Elizabeth Bullington as our president, Kathryn Peterson as our vice-president, Dr. Steve Taylor as our secretary-treasurer, Bobbie Hightree as our representative-at-large, Terri Newton as our other representative-at-large, and Dan Mitteer as our student representative. HLABA continues to provide ongoing training opportunities to behavior analysts in Nebraska and surrounding states. We offer a monthly speaker series that is free to HLABA members. The speaker series allows members to obtain continuing education units for BCBA certification, and many members join the speaker series via teleconference. Upcoming speaker series include Dr. Amanda Rone who will be presenting a talk called "Assessment and Treatment of Food Stealing in Individuals With Prader-Willi Syndrome" and Dr. Jeanne Donaldson presenting a talk called "Evaluations of Time-Out Parameters in Young Children."

Hong Kong ABA

BY EMILY KWAN

Hong Kong ABA is the affiliated chapter of ABAI in Hong Kong SAR, China. We were established in 2010 by only a handful of BCBA's and others in the community dedicated to helping promote applied behavior analysis in Hong Kong. Since then, a number of BCBA's as well as individuals working in related fields have joined in and made an impact. We are entering our fourth year of operation in 2013.

Our current membership is about 12 people. Most of our members have earned the BCBA or BCaBA status. All of our members are promoting or practicing behavior analysis in the field of special education. The kind of activities we do include direct teaching, parent training, school consultation, and workshops for the public or other professionals. Some of us are in private practice, and a few of us work in an behavior analysis setting that provides one-to-one special education. All of our members conduct their services in Cantonese or English or both.

In the past years, we have launched four issues of the *HKABA Newsletter* and distributed it widely to other special education organizations, individuals who are interested in applied behavior analysis, and parents who are involved with behavioral services. The *HKABA Newsletter* conveys

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information and research about our science and services in Hong Kong. It includes two-part insightful articles contributed by our members. One part addresses various topics that are related to parents, and the other part is an article summary for our own professional development. The newsletter also includes summary of past workshops or events and information on upcoming events. Most recently, we published our second *HKABA Newsletter* and again, we have shared our resource and made it available to the public in hardcopy format as well as an online version available in PDF.

We held an introductory workshop for an organization that offers early intervention for children with special needs in the past year. In the upcoming year, HKABA will continue to be involved in the dissemination of behavior analysis throughout Hong Kong. A number of nonprofit organizations have expressed their interest in obtaining some of our expertise for the purpose of collaboration to promote and apply behavior analysis in their areas of work. HKABA and its members are preparing to hold workshops for organizations and parents interested in learning more about the research, practice, and application of behavior analysis.

To further educate and broaden the use of applied behavior analysis in Hong Kong, HKABA also successfully granted the status to start the first BCBA in-class program, and our first cohort of students started their class in August 2012. We received positive feedback and interest from professionals in Hong Kong as well as mainland China. Many individuals who are already in the field or plan to study special education, as well as a number of agencies in Hong Kong, have expressed interest in the program to assist in training staff to be BCBAs/BCaBA. It is indeed encouraging and exciting to see the recognition and demand for our program. We also gave our website a refreshing look in the past year; please visit us!

Hoosier ABA

BY SHEILA HABARAD

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 ABAI.

Membership in HABA is broken into three groups, full members, student 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. Student members are those who currently are enrolled in an academic degree program, internship, or resident program relevant to a career in behavior analysis. Affiliate members consist of 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 student members, \$20 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. Members on the executive committee are required to hold master's degree and to be Board Certified Behavior Analysts. The student representative is elected by the student members within the association and is currently enrolled in an academic degree program, internship, or resident program relevant to a career in behavior analysis.

We hold monthly business meetings to discuss the annual conference, the development of subcommittees, and current issues that impact the field of behavior analysis in the state of Indiana. Quarterly meetings are held offering educational presentations with continuing education credits available and clinical case reviews. HABA provides its members and the community the opportunity for educational discussions amongst behavior analysts across the state for review on current practices and policies, potential future changes, ethical guidelines, improving the quality of services that are being provided, and how to prepare for the changes that lie ahead of us.

In addition, we hold an annual conference to bring in professionals from the state of Indiana and throughout the country to promote research and professional practices in behavior analysis. The HABA annual conference takes place the second weekend in October in downtown Indianapolis. We hold a combination of panel discussions, symposia, workshops, paper presentations, and a poster session along with two keynote addresses by Dr. Julie Vargas and Dr. Aubrey Daniels. Our conference consists of a mix of professionals, students, parents, and teachers who are active in the field of behavior analysis.

Iceland ABA

BY JOHANNA ELLA JONSDOTTIR

ICEABA has been busy this year. There is a new board of directors, a president (Jóhanna Ella Jónsdóttir), and a new

secretary (Thelma Lind Tryggvadóttir). Our treasurer is the same as last year (Sigurður Viðar).

We were busy on the Internet we got our webpage updated and up and running. We celebrated its online opening in December 2012. *Atferli*—the online peer reviewed journal—published a new article this year since the webpage was finally up and running. We also started a very active Facebook group and a Facebook fanpage, and they are going really well. People are sharing information, ideas, and articles; it is a wonderful arena for behavior analysis in Iceland.

ICEABA has been working on a thesaurus for behavior analysis concepts in Icelandic, and it will be finished and hopefully published this year or the next here in Iceland.

We have our regular coffeehouse meetings and biannual and yearly meetings, and they have been well attended. The board of directors has also had frequent meetings, and the conference committee is starting their work this month.

ICEABA is growing and if you would like to be a part of our little group please contact us at satis.felag@gmail.com.

Illinois ABA

BY AUTUMN N. MCKEEL AND MARK R. DIXON

The second annual convention was held in Springfield, Illinois, on April 22, 2013. Illinois Association for Behavior Analysis (IL-ABA) holds a regional conference whose purpose is to promote behavior analysis, primarily through an annual convention. IL-ABA is a state chapter of ABAI. The goals of the organization include collaboration between behavior analysts in Illinois, fostering relations between practices and universities in Illinois, and creating a licensing bill for behavior analysts of Illinois. The speakers of the conference included a variety of professions from university professors to practitioners and educational leaders in behavior analysis. The agenda included a preconference workshop and six symposia led by relevant speakers who discussed current faculty research agendas for Illinois, practice agendas for Illinois, and student research agendas for Illinois. The research agendas included new research developments among universities in the state, funding for research, and opportunities for students. Practice agendas included discussion regarding funding, the need to disseminate behavior analysis to areas in need, and its place in homes, schools, and universities. The master's-level agenda discussed student opportunities during and after graduating from behavior analysis programs in the state. The conference ended in a business meeting to determine new board member and this year's objectives. The business meeting and discussion during and after the convention included the continuation of the development of a task force to examine and act on creating a licensing bill in the state. Future conferences will maintain a single-track structure that will emphasize science and practices within the state. This organization will serve as a connection for behavior analysis across the state and what we can do to improve

relations within the state rather than with out-of-state professions. The collaboration between behavior analysts across the state will allow mutual sharing and a relevant connection to continue effective strategies based on research. Also, by connecting university professionals, students, and practitioners, it will build foundations for contacts, resource management, research opportunities, and experience for students across the state. The IL-ABA annual convention will allow students, practitioners, and researchers to become heard, voice their concerns, and discuss ethical guidelines in practice. One of the major objectives of IL-ABA is to establish and encourage a licensure bill to be put into place in the state. This will happen with collaboration of active members of the organization in order to make sure that the bill is appropriately developed for behavior analysts of the state. There was also a chapter meeting held at the ABAI annual convention. Current and new members attended, and it allowed time to discuss further actions that should be taken. A website and a Facebook page were created to serve as innovative ways to encourage interaction among professionals in Illinois. The third annual convention will be held in Springfield, Illinois, again in April 2014.

Istituto Europeo per lo Studio del Comportamento Umano

BY PAOLO MODERATO, NANNI PRESTI, FRANCESCO POZZI

The Istituto Europeo per lo Studio del Comportamento Umano (IESCUM) is an 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 founding, IESCUM has been committed to promoting the full range of behavior 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.

Experiential trainings in clinical behavior analysis, in acceptance and commitment therapy, and in functional assessment procedures with scholars and professionals like Frank Bond, Peter Sturmey, and Robyn Walser have been offered in Italy in the last year through IESCUM.

The dissemination of a sound culture in applied behavior analysis (ABA) has been carried out institutionally through a 2-year postgraduate BACB-approved set of courses, which are now in their seventh edition, along with as many as five 150-hour BACB-approved courses targeting operators whose aim is to become assistant behavior analysts. The growing need for ABA interventions for children with autism spectrum disorder diagnoses has set the modus operandi for a strong demand in ABA training. Thanks to collaboration with the New England Center for Children; the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies; and

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contributions from Philip N. Chase, Neil Martin, Victor Carbone, Jane Howard, Michael Cataldo, and Michael Keenan, students of the IESCU coursework get in touch with high standards and reinforcing contingencies of learning. These courses are addressing this need for autism training, but are not limiting the educational contents and purposes to this strong, yet limited, field of application. IESCU looks at its BACB-approved courses as an opportunity to spread behavior analysis beyond the boundaries of autism treatment. From those initial experiences based on solid collaboration with the BACB, IESCU has taken an active role in the development of the internationalization of behavior analysis certification, working jointly with other accredited courses in Europe.

In 2012, IESCU announced that a fellowship named after Gerald L. Shook, founder of the BACB, for studying ABA, has been assigned to Hevin S. Kyurdi, a student of the postgraduate BACB-approved coursework. The grant has been funded through a personal donation by Jane Howard, president of the BACB, and co-funded by IESCU.

IESCU 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 (tailor-made), 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 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 IESCU 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 in Sicily and was supported by the regional Department of Agriculture. The program is now being applied in schools

in Milan. The Food Dudes program implements on large scales 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 lifestyle. 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.

Many researchers and students of IESCU attended the EABA Conference in Lisbon, Portugal (2012) where they delivered basic, applied, and theoretical presentations. IESCU organized the 10th International Congress on Behavior Studies, in Lisbon, Portugal (2012). An international conference on EBI in autism was hosted by IESCU in Brescia, Italy.

In 2013, IESCU is organizing a congress for the centennial of Watson’s manifesto. The congress will be held in Parma, Italy, and will see the participation of many international representatives of the behavioral research fields. Information about the congress is available at www.100behaviorism.com.

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

Iowa ABA

BY EVELYN HORTON

The Iowa ABA Chapter Board of Directors met three times this year. Each meeting was an open meeting with members and interested parties invited to attend. The members who attend the ABAI convention also meet during that time to share and connect with others. Each year they also participate in the Expo during the convention.

The annual election/meeting of the Iowa ABA chapter was held in Des Moines, Iowa, on October 10, 2012. The election of officers was conducted at the meeting with three new members elected as directors at large. Evelyn Horton and John Pokrzywinski were re-elected to the respective positions of chair and vice chair.

The meeting was immediately followed by a symposium entitled, “An Overview of Current Practice and Legal Issues in Applied Behavior Analysis.” Sean Casey, a board member, was the discussant for three talks. Topic were:

- “A Review and Discussion of Practice Issues for Providing Behavior Analytic Services in the State of Iowa” by Evelyn Horton (The Homestead) and Sean Casey (Iowa Department of Education).
- “A Current Review and Comparison of the Licensing of Behavior Analysts in Different States” by John Pokrzywinski (Woodward Resource Center).

- “The Current Status of Insurance Reimbursement in Iowa and a Summary of National Trends” by Josh Cobbs (Consumer and Chairperson of the Iowa Autism Council).

There were approximately 40 attendees including stakeholders from the Iowa Board of Psychology, Department of Education, University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa, Drake University, various area education agencies, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, Medicaid service providers, teachers, and parents. The symposium provided much needed CEs to behavior analysts in the state, but also proved to be a drawing point with several new members added in direct response to the meeting.

An open board meeting was also held on April 19, 2013, to discuss plans for the next year. It was determined that the board will continue to have meetings open to the public, and will increase those meetings to four times a year. In an effort to make the chapter more accessible across the state, two meetings will be held in central Iowa, one in eastern Iowa, and one in western Iowa. Those meetings will be held on the second Thursday of January, April, July, and October. At least one of those meetings will be followed by a symposium. The board discussed the possibility of collaborating with another ABAA chapter to hold a conference.

It was also determined that social media would be used to generate more interest across the state, with new board member and parent Angela Hotz leading that project. A sub-committee of the legislative action committee was formed to research and formulate a draft position statement on licensure. A program committee has been formed to work towards a conference and to continue to provide CEs during the board/member meetings.

The number of certified behavior analysts in the state of Iowa grew by more than 25% over the past year. While it is still a small number listed on the registry, it is evident that ABA is a growing field in the state and that the chapter is a great way for people to be involved in developing the systems that will be statewide. Many chapter members are already active participants and presenters in state, regional, and national conferences.

Israel ABA

BY EITAN ELDAR AND MICHAEL HIRSCHMANN

Israel ABA was established in 2003, held its first conference shortly afterwards, and has been offering a yearly conference and workshops ever since. IABA is growing consistently, reaching more than 120 members. All of the IABA members actively support behavior analysis in various academic and clinical fields, and hundreds of professionals participate in IABA's activities every year.

More than 200 students are studying yearly in three approved BACB programs. This figure is growing dramatically and consistently, indicating a substantial need and interest among educators, clinicians, and decision-

makers. These programs are offered at Tel-Aviv University, led by Dr. Shiri Ayvazo (BCBA-D); the College for Academic Studies, led by Professor Amos Rolider (BCBA-D); and the Kibbutzim College, led by Dr. Eitan Eldar (BCBA-D).

IABA has published the Hebrew version of ABA ethical principles and a Hebrew glossary of behavior analysis terms. The BACB task list has been translated too, in cooperation with the BACB. A few textbooks have been published 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. The Ministry of Education has recently appointed a nationwide applied behavior analysis advisor, and gradually regional advisors will take the lead in their area. This is an important development, showing the growing interest of educators in our field. On the same note, the Ministry of Health has issued new regulations, defining the role of behavior analysts in their special education institutions, while allocating specific applied behavior analysis hours to the curriculum. IABA has the following goals:

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

The 2013 IABA convention dealt with research and clinical applications regarding environmental arrangement in educational spaces designed for autistic students. More than 100 professionals, researchers, and educators participated. This was a nice “surprise” due to the very specific topic and mainly because the day of the conference was the stormiest of that winter.

The general assembly of IABA had been hosted by Alonim, one of several applied behavior analysis schools in Israel. Most teachers are graduates of behavior analysis programs, and the curriculum is based on applied behavior analysis. More than 100 members participated, discussing ethical issues in small groups. Plenary lectures discussed professional aspects of the work of behavior analysts in the education system.

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A joint conference for IABA and the Certified Behavior Analysts Organization was held May 1, 2013, at Kibbutzim College, Tel Aviv. The guest speaker was Dr. Jim Carr, chief executive officer of the BACB. The focus of the conference was professional aspects of the work of behavior analysts around the globe. Dr. Carr informed attendees that the BACB examination will be translated into Hebrew effective 2015. This is a seminal declaration, increasing the potential number of students in behavior analysis programs significantly, while deeply disseminating the science in Israel.

The recent IABA newsletter dealt with communication and speech. Papers described strategies for involving parents in improving social skills, training support staff in preschool, encouraging mands, and more.

Japan ABA

BY NAOKO SUGIYAMA

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 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, 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. The 919 members—as of March 1—come from a wide variety of professions, including researchers, school teachers, counselors, social workers, medical doctors, nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, 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 also promoting international exchanges. Every year, more than 30 members, including students, attend ABAI meetings and exchange information both personally and officially.

The 2012 annual convention was held at the Kochi Castle Hall in Kochi prefecture September 1–2, and more than 400 participants enjoyed the meeting, which provided an invited address, 3 symposia, 2 tutorials, and 96 posters.

This year we celebrate the 30th anniversary of our association and plan several special events: additional meeting entitled Behavior Analysis of Life in Kumano March 9–11, a commemorative ceremony and a memorial symposium in Nagoya on July 26, and the annual meeting at Gifu University on July 27–28. Please come and join us!

Jordan ABA

BY MARIA I. MUNOZ BLANCO AND MAHMOUD SHEYAB

The Jordan chapter of ABAI (JorABA) was founded in 2009 during the first JorABA conference. Since its foundation, the number of members has increased from 11 full members and 34 student members to 40 full members. The association is primarily composed by the graduated students from the Behavior Analysis and Health Master's Program at the Jordan University of Science and Technology. Currently, one of the members of the association has obtained his BCBA certification, and seven members are ready to sit for the BCBA exam. Members of JorABA are currently working in different clinics in the Middle East including, but not limited to, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan. Besides providing services to promote behavior analysis in the region, they are organizing workshops and informational meetings. Current officers are Mahmoud Sheyab, MA, BCBA as president; Fakhriah Nimrawi, MA as vice-president; and Belal Mustafa, MA as secretary/treasurer. Current plans include to maintain the network of communication among members and to disseminate behavior analysis in the region by providing opportunities for people to become educated in behavior analysis.

Kansas ABA

BY EDWARD K. MORRIS

The mission of the Kansas Association for Behavior Analysis (KansABA) is to (a) disseminate information about the science and practice of behavior analysis, and education and training therein; (b) address issues relevant to the science and practice of behavior analysis; (c) maintain disciplinary, professional, and ethical standards; and (d) recruit and enhance interest in behavior analysis throughout the state and in the Kansas City metropolitan area—Clay, Jackson, and Platte Counties in Missouri.

Governance

KansABA is governed by an Executive Council that consists of a presiden (Ed Morris), a full member representative (Linda Heitzman-Powell), an affiliate representative (Jill Koertner), and a student representative (Todd Merritt). The Council is assisted by a secretary (Todd Merritt, 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 (Jason Hirst, chair), and a BACB Certification Committee (Linda Heitzman-Powell and Jill Koertner, co-chairs).

Membership

KansABA has membership categories for full members, for those who meet the requirements for full membership in ABAI (\$25 membership fee); student members, for those

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

Conference on Organizational Behavior Management

Our main activity this year was organizing and holding an April 13, 2013, conference titled From Research to Practice: Organizational Behavior Management. The program chair was Florence D. DiGennaro Reed. Continuing education units (CEUs) were available through the Behavior Analysis Certification Board®; we also prepared certificates of attendance. Unlike most affiliate conferences, ours normally do not invite a slate of notable behavior analysts from outside the state. Instead, we build our conference programs around themes in research, training, and practice in Kansas and invite just one out-of-state speaker, except when few speakers are available in Kansas, as this year. The theme of research-to-practice (and practice-to-research) informs the orientation of our conferences and the content of many presentations. This year's program featured the following speakers and presentations:

- Michael Strouse and Jamie Price (Community Living Opportunities, University of Kansas), "HomeLink Support Technologies"
- Sarah R. Hyman, Jason M. Hirst, Veronica J. Howard, and Florence D. DiGennaro Reed (University of Kansas), "Priming Effects During Staff Training"
- Amy Henley and Florence D. DiGennaro Reed (University of Kansas), "Efficacy of and Preference for Feedback Sequence"
- Jason M. Hirst and Florence D. DiGennaro Reed (University of Kansas), "The Short- and Long-Term Effects of Inaccurate Feedback: An Examination of Task Acquisition in an Analogue Educational Setting"
- Veronica J. Howard and Florence D. DiGennaro Reed (University of Kansas), "An Analysis of Cost-Effective Pre-service Training for Animal Shelter Volunteers"
- Amy Loukus (Southern Illinois University), "Applying Behavior Analysis: Utilizing the Science Behind the Practice to Ensure Change"
- Heather McGee (Western Michigan University), "Behavioral Systems Analysis: Beyond Performer Level Analysis and Improvement"
- Timothy D. Ludwig (Appalachian State University), "The ABC's of 1's & 0's: How ABA Is Taking Over the World and Doesn't Even Know It"

Finally, Florence D. DiGennaro Reed presented KansABA's first Outstanding Contributions to Behavior Analysis in Kansas Awards. The awardees were Jan B. Sheldon and James A. Sherman, both from the University of Kansas.

KansABA Web Site

Our Website Committee chair, Jason Hirst, revamped our website this year. Please visit us at www.Kansaba.org. In fact, if you type "KansABA" into Google's search engine, you will see that KansABA has the first two listings (and three of the first four). We will continue to update and expand the site.

Autism Insurance Legislation

Through the efforts of Kansans and KansABA members—in particular, Linda Heitzman-Powell and Nan Perrin—the State of Kansas passed pilot legislation in 2010 that mandated insurance for the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of autism for state employees. Implemented in 2011, it has been extended through 2013. Last year, the House of Representatives passed House Bill 2764, which would have extended this coverage to all state-regulated group insurance plans for individuals with autism through age 18. The coverage would be up to \$36,000 a year for children through 6 years of age and up to \$27,000 a year for children and youth from 7–19 years of age. This year two similar house bills were proposed—HB 2317 and HB 2395. Unfortunately, HB 2395 only received a 30-minute "autism briefing" during this session, not a formal hearing. Progress on this bill is doubtful this year. The hope is that the state employee mandate will be continued and can be revived for a possible statewide mandate next year.

Plans for 2013–2014

In addition to monitoring this legislation, updating and expanding our website, and hosting another conference—this time, on autism and other developmental disabilities—we will pursue IRS tax-exempts status as a 501(c)(3) organization and continue our efforts to increase membership so that we can more actively advance our mission.

Korean ABA

BY YUNHEE SHIN

Past-President, Sang-bok Lee passed away at the age of 66 on February 24, after battling breast cancer. She worked as a professor in the department of early childhood special education at Daegu University in South Korea. She also was the president of Korean ABA and of the Institute of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science.

We are deeply saddened to announce this news. All of her fellows and students mourned for her. Prof. Sang-bok Lee's positive thinking made her a passionate professor and brilliant researcher. Her greatest love was for her colleagues and students; we'll remember her forever.

Korean ABA chapter holds an annual conference, and activities include professional training programs. This year, the chapter published four issues of the *Journal of Emotional & Behavioral Disorders*. The journal is released on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31.

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Korean ABA has various activities in the field of research and interventions for individuals with emotional and behavioral disorders (EBD):

- 2013 Spring Conference—Re-definition of Conception for Korean Students—on June, 1, 2013. Featuring the keynote address titled, “Exploring New Visions in Special Education,” and presentations “Considerations in Special Education Regarding Terms and Definitions of EBD” and “A Study on the Relevance of Definitions, Diagnoses, and Classifications of EBD.”
- 2013 Annual Autumn Conference—A date has not yet been set. Please visit our website as details emerge (www.ksebd.org/main.asp).
- Summer Professional Training Program, “Assessment, Diagnosis, and Evaluation for Individuals With EBD,” July 29–August 3, 2013
- Winter Professional Training Program, “Abnormal Behaviors and Psychology,” December 26–January 7, 2013
- Online Professional Training Program, “Assessment, Diagnosis, and Evaluation for Individuals with EBD”
- Online Professional Training Program, “Abnormal Behaviors and Psychology”
- Online Professional Training Program, “Intervention for Individuals With EBD”
- Online Professional Training Program, “Applied Behavior Analysis on PBS”

Korean Association of Child and Adolescent Behavior Therapy

BY JUNG YEON CHO

Founded in 2008, the Korean Association of Child and Adolescent Behavior Therapy (KACBT) is an affiliated chapter covering the Republic of Korea. The mission of KACBT is to support the Behavior Analyst Certification Board as the credentialing body for the practitioners of applied behavior analysis in the region and to promote evidence-based behavior practices in Korea.

With approximately 550 current members, the KACBT consists mainly of college members, including professors and undergraduate students, but its membership is also open to practitioners, special education teachers, and behavior analysts. The membership year is from March to February, as a new semester starts at the beginning of March in the Korean school system.

KACBT organizes training for practitioners and students on assessment and diagnosis of developmental disabilities, evidence-based practices for behavior analysis and intervention, functional behavioral assessment and implementation of tactics, evaluation of interventions, and presentations of case studies and seminars. Workshops are held twice a year, and there are periodic lecture courses.

It has been a very exciting year for KACBT. The 12th

behavior analysis workshop was held December 15 at Daegu University. The workshop was attended by approximately 200 members, including professors, students, practitioners, parents of disabled children, and special education teachers. The keynote speaker was Dr. Young-hye Song, professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Psychology at Daegu University. Dr. Song presented a case study on peer play intervention. Another speaker was Dr. Jung-yeon Cho, the president of KACBT and professor at Daegu Cyber University, who presented another case study on the improvement of social interaction by interventions to children diagnosed with ASD.

Newly formed behavior analysis research group seminars have been held every month. One of these outstanding seminars, the eighth, was held on May 26. The presentation was provided by Dr. Hyun-gu Kim, professor at Gyeonggi University, and the main topic was acceptance and commitment therapy. The ninth seminar occurred June 23 and was hosted by In-Kyung Kang, senior researcher at the Green Flower Behavior Therapy Center (www.gfbt.org). The seminar served as a practical guide to functional behavioral assessment. For more about KACBT, please visit the website at www.kacbt.or.kr.

Lone Star ABA

BY GERALD E. HARRIS

Lone Star ABA (LSABA) was established in 2009 to provide local support for applied behavior analysis. LSABA is an organization for professionals and students in the field who live and work in the Houston area. Members include practitioners as well as educators, including those 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 professional who show the utility of ABA in 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, different committee chairs or members present specific information on current issues, typically followed by a lively discussion.

Legal issues related to the practice of ABA are of course forefront in professionals' minds. The LSABA Legal Committee is devoted to monitoring, informing, and (where appropriate) influencing local laws and regulations concerning the practice of ABA. LSABA monitors new or evolving laws and regulations affecting the practice of ABA in the Houston area, tells members about opportunities to voice their opinions and concerns, provides relevant information to governmental individuals and agencies enacting and implementing those laws and regulations, and educates providers and the community on the practical impact for them.

The many local ABA practitioners are particularly interested in third party insurance issues related to

treatment for children with autism. LSABA has worked with insurance companies as they develop their systems to accommodate ABA services, informing and shaping the evolution of reasonable payments for quality services. LSABA also sends information to ABA providers to assist them in complying with and benefiting from the new third-party payment systems.

Each LSABA meeting includes a continuing education component, with ABAI approved CEU credits. Current research articles are selected, presented, and discussed in depth. The mix of practitioner and scholar viewpoints involved typically 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 area. To that end, we work closely with the Houston Families for Early Autism Treatment (FEAT). An LSABA representative attends and participates in FEAT board meetings in order to facilitate communication between the two groups and help coordinate local support activities. Such activities include LSABA BCBAs providing regular full-day workshops for the community. The “ABCs of ABA” workshops provide a basic foundation in behavior analysis for parents, teachers, and others, while the “123s of ABA” provide more detailed information about specific applications.

LSABA also supports local organizations and participates in events that promote the science within the community to both professionals and consumers. For example, LSABA had representatives at many of the Houston area autism awareness events this year. Information is provided to attendees about the profession of ABA and local services available.

LSABA continues to be very appreciative of support and recognition from 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 individually participate in and assist with Texas ABA activities and events, such as their annual convention.

CEU Program

At the national and international level, LSABA has certainly been supported and encouraged by ABAI, and expresses gratitude for the assistance provided by that organization. As an affiliate of the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts, LSABA has also received welcome support and encouragement from that organization.

Overall, for a still young organization—about 4 years old now—LSABA appears to have a good foundation and a good track record of accomplishments. LSABA is certainly blessed with having dedicated and caring members, and excellent support from the ABA professional establishment.

Louisiana Behavior Analysis Association

BY JANICE HUBER

Mission and History

The Louisiana Behavior Analysis Association (LaBAA) is a nonprofit organization that promotes ABAI's 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. LaBAA also promotes access to behavior analysis services in the state of Louisiana and serves as a scientific and professional reference and networking group for its members.

LaBAA was established in April of 2012 as a 501C(4) with the initial primary goal of formally organizing Louisiana behavior analysts to actively oppose multiple licensure bills brought before the Louisiana legislature that LaBAA members believed were not in the best interests of consumers and practitioners. In the summer of 2012, members of the existing ABAI chapter, Louisiana ABA, and members of LaBAA voted to merge the former into the latter. LaBAA become the ABAI affiliate state chapter in the fall of 2012. LaBAA is also an affiliate organization of the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts and a BACB ACE provider.

Officers

LaBAA is governed by its Executive Committee, which is comprised of a president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. Officers for 2012–2014 are President Grant Gautreaux, Ph.D., BCBA-D ; Vice-President Cassie Bradford, MEd, BCBA; Treasurer Emily Bellaci, MA, BCBA; and Secretary Janice Huber, MA, BCBA. The LaBAA Board of Directors is comprised of regional representatives from across the state, a parent representative, and a student representative. Statewide elections were conducted in June 2012 and resulted in the following 2012–2014 regional representatives: Chad Favre, MS, BCBA; Mary Elizabeth Christian, MD, BCBA; Mandy Parten, MA, BCBA; Kathy Chovanec, LPC, LMFT, BCBCA; and Alicia Pousson, MA, BCBA. Kaitlyn Jenkins from Nicholls State University is the student representative and Rebecca Ellis serves as the parent representative.

Membership

There are three classes of membership—full, affiliate, and student. Benefits of membership include:

- Professional representation: LaBAA is committed to protecting the interests of LaBAA BCBAs in the Louisiana state legislature
- Consumer/Affiliate representation: LaBAA is committed to protecting the interests of consumers of ABA services
- The right of full members to vote in all matters brought before LaBAA

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- The option for full members to be listed as service providers on the LaBAA website
- The option for full and affiliate members to post employment opportunities on the website
- Advocacy and professional networking for all levels of membership

LaBAA is working toward additional member benefits that will include reduced rates for an annual conference and opportunities to earn CEUs. At the time of this writing, there are approximately 50 LaBAA members.

Committees

The 2012–2013 Membership Committee was chaired by Dolleen-Day Keohane, Ph.D., BCBA. The committee developed membership materials, including the application and process, fee structure, and promotional materials. The goals of the committee are to continue encouraging Louisiana behavior analysts and advocates to actively participate in supporting LaBAA's mission and to foster student membership. The 2013–2014 chair is Janice Huber.

The 2012–2013 Fundraising Committee was chaired by Cassie Bradford, BCBA. The committee conducted statewide fundraising activities, which included regional raffles and t-shirt sales. The 2012–2013 committee co-chairs are Cassie Bradford and Janice Huber.

The 2012–2013 Social Media Committee was chaired by Chad Favre. The committee developed a website, www.labaa.net, a Facebook page, and a Twitter account for the purposes of disseminating information about LaBAA, behavior analysis, and related events to the public and LaBAA members. The 2013–2014 chair is Kathleen Fontenot, BCBA.

The Legislative Committee, chaired by Cassie Bradford, monitors legislative activity relevant to the field and practice of behavior analysis. Neither of the licensure bills LaBAA opposed during the 2012 session were enacted. SR 159, a study resolution, was enacted and establishes a study commission charged with making behavior analyst licensure recommendations to the 2013 legislature. Grant Gautreaux, represented LaBAA as a member of the SR 159 study commission. SB 134, a title and practice act for behavior analysis regulated by an independent board of behavior analysts, was filed during the 2013 legislative session. LaBAA endorsed the bill in its original pre-filed content.

For 2013–2014, a Conference Committee, chaired by Dolleen-Day Keohane, was established to plan and host the inaugural LaBAA annual conference to be held in October of 2013 in Baton Rouge. The Gulf Coast conference will feature keynote speakers, workshops, poster sessions, symposia, and CEU opportunities.

Other Activities:

"Team LaBAA," led by captain Kaitlyn Jenkins and co-

captain Melissa Coco Raymond, BCBA, participated in the inaugural Autism Speaks Walk in New Orleans during November 2012 by hosting a resource table and recruiting participants. Team LaBAA met its participant goal and fundraising goal. Team members donated more than \$700 to Autism Speaks. Plans are underway to participate in the second annual walk in the fall of 2013. LaBAA also hosted a resource table at the Active for Autism Walk held in Baton Rouge and supported the Autism Society Southwest Louisiana's Joining Hands for Autism Awareness Walk in Lake Charles. LaBAA held member meetings in Baton Rouge in February and at the ABAI Annual Convention in Minneapolis.

Many thanks to all of LaBAA's supporters and members for volunteering their time and talents to make LaBAA's first year one of significant growth and accomplishment.

Manitoba ABA

BY GENEVIEVE ROY-WSIAKI

The Manitoba Association for Behaviour Analysis (MABA) is in its eighth year as an affiliate chapter of ABAI. During our seventh year several objectives were met, including providing a public workshop in partnership with the Manitoba Psychological Society on behavioral strategies for managing and treating sleep problems in children, implementing an alternative pathway agreement reached between MABA and the BACB to increase the number of BCBAs in the province of Manitoba, working alongside the Psychological Association of Manitoba (PAM) to develop a model for licensing behavioral psychologists in Manitoba, and hosting our seventh annual conference in a newer and larger venue. Finally, to promote awareness of MABA, we presented a poster at the ABAI Expo during the ABAI Annual Convention in Seattle, WA.

MABA was successful in partnering with the University of Manitoba Department of Psychology and the St. Amant Autism Programs in hosting Dr. Per Holth (Oslo and Akershus University College) for a psychology department colloquia and a full-day workshop on joint attention training. Our 2012 annual conference was funded by a number of sources from the University of Manitoba, and featured presentations by Drs. Per Holth (Oslo and Akershus University College), T. J. Glahn (FUN & FUNCTIONAL Services, Inc. and The Children's Foundation), and Laine Torgrud (Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba); the conference was attended by 71 individuals. The line-up consisted of seven presenters covering a variety of research and application topics and six poster presentations. Our 2013 conference will feature presentations by our guest speaker Dr. Raymond Miltenberger (University of South Florida), invited speaker Dr. Leonard Greenwood (University of Manitoba), and a number of other researchers and practitioners.

As a way of recognizing the outstanding contributions made to the field of applied behavior analysis in the

province of Manitoba, MABA developed an Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Applied Behaviour Analysis Award in 2009, which was awarded to Dr. Joseph Pear of the University of Manitoba. In 2010, Dr. Carl Stephens was recognized for his significant contributions to the field, and in 2011, Dr. Garry Martin was awarded based on the many significant contributions he has made to the field locally, nationally, and internationally over the years. This past year, Dr. C. T. Yu received the award for his significant contributions to the field and for his mentorship to the students at the University of Manitoba.

In 2012, MABA unveiled a brand new website. We will continue working on enhancing the features and functions of our website in 2013 to make it more accessible and user-friendly for our members and guests.

With regards to certification and licensing in Manitoba, MABA implemented an alternative pathway agreement reached with the BACB to increase the number of BCBAs in the province. Furthermore, we continued our important work in advocating for the licensing of behavioral psychologists with PAM, our local psychology regulatory body, and we are currently in the process of finalizing an agreement for the licensing of applied behavioral psychologists.

In 2013, MABA attended the annual convention in Minneapolis, MN and presented a poster at the ABAI Expo. We also had the pleasure of participating in the leadership training session organized for the affiliated chapters.

To conclude, in addition to extending upon our 2012 achievements, our key objectives for 2013 include increasing the number of BCBAs in Manitoba through our established alternative pathway with the BACB; increasing the number of licensed behavioral psychologists in Manitoba through our new agreement with PAM; increasing our membership; providing a variety of presentations for the general public on matters relating to behavior analysis; organizing and hosting a student poster competition to promote our student membership; extending the scope and content of our website as well as further developing our Facebook page; partnering with local organizations, colleges, and universities to promote awareness of behavior analysis in Manitoba and to recruit members; publishing two newsletters; and hosting our eighth annual conference.

Massachusetts ABA

BY JOHN RANDALL

The Massachusetts Association of Applied Behavior Analysis (MassABA) is a chapter of ABAI and was officially incorporated May 2011. This nonprofit association has over 700 members representing the entire state. The current MassABA elected leadership includes:

- John Randall, MPA, M.Ed., BCBA, president
- Mariela Vargas-Irwin, PsyD., BCBA-D, past president
- Robert Ross, EdD., BCBA-D, president elect
- Steve Woolf, PhD., BCBA-D, treasurer

- Darlene Crone-Todd, PhD., experimental representative
- Joe Vedora, Ed.D., BCBA-D, applied representative
- Robert Kidd, member-at-large
- Jeffrey J. Skowron, Ph.D., BCBA-D, member-at-large

MassABA would like to thank its organizational members for their ongoing support. In addition to voting board members, MassABA's board includes a student representative who provides input in planning and events. The student rep for the past year has been Emily White, MS.Ed., BCBA. Also, special thanks to Dr. Robert Littleton for his ongoing commitment and support of the organization.

MassABA recently sold out our third annual conference, with over 500 attendees. This event has grown significantly each year. MassABA would like to extend appreciation once again to Dr. Michael Dorsey for his assistance in making the conference a success.

In addition to the annual conference, MassABA has participated in legislative events throughout the year to advocate for an optimal professional licensure bill for behavior analysts in Massachusetts. With compromise, a bill was signed by Governor Deval Patrick that established licensing under the auspices of the division of professional licensure for allied mental health professionals. MassABA will continue to advocate for an independent licensing board and for the needs of professionals and consumers through the regulatory process. MassABA is extremely grateful to Massachusetts State Representative John Scibak for his leadership and continued support of our profession.

The association expresses our sincere appreciation to our local conference presenters who provided attendees an array of topics. Our goal for the 2014 conference is to repeat our success with another sold-out conference event and to offer behavioral practitioners an array of both internationally recognized speakers and local professional talent.

This has been a very exciting year for the MassABA on many other fronts as well:

- Continued advocacy and professional guidance relative to the implementation of Massachusetts's ARICA bill
- Increasing professional membership from 300 to over 700 members
- Developing an organizational operating surplus that will allow us to continue to advocate for our profession and expand our outreach to stakeholders
- Working collaboratively with other state chapters to unify the field on critical issues

For 2013–2014, membership fees continue to be waived. Fees are charged at continuing education events for those who wish to receive BCBA CEs. All Full members of ABAI who reside or practice in Massachusetts can join MassABA at no charge by sending an email to massappliedbehavioranalysis@gmail.com. To become a

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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 profession's 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.

Maryland ABA

BY SUNGWOO KAHNG

Maryland ABA held its 15th Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, on Friday, November 30, 2012. Our conference is devoted to the dissemination of behavior analysis, both basic and applied, to our members from the Mid-Atlantic area. Nearly 250 members heard presentations from William Baum (University of New Hampshire), Joel Ringdahl (Southern Illinois University), F. Charles Mace (Nova Southeastern University), Jonathan Katz (National Institutes of Health), and Mary Jane Weiss (Melmark). Additionally, Mary Jane Weiss conducted an engaging workshop on the topic of ethics. Three students (Brandon Ring, UMBC; Elizabeth Kraljic, Caldwell College; and Joshua Jessel, Western New England University) were awarded \$200 each and participated in the MABA Student Paper Symposium. Twenty posters were presented by staff and students from organizations such as The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine; Kennedy Krieger Institute; James Madison University; University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; University of Maryland, Baltimore County; The Ivymount School Autism Program; Caldwell College; the Garden Academy; the Aurora School; and Rider University. We would like to thank our sponsors, the Kennedy Krieger Institute; Family Priority, LLC; ICAN; The Institute of Professional Practice; the Virginia Institute of Autism; Little Leaves Behavioral Services; and Achieve Beyond.

At the conclusion of the conference, Stephanie Contrucci-Kuhn (Westchester Institute for Human Development) stepped down as president, Carrie Borrero (Kennedy Krieger Institute) assumed the office of the president, and Sigurdur Sigurdsson (University of Maryland, Baltimore County) was elected president-elect. Ethan Long (The Virginia Institute of Autism) was elected member-at-large, and Lily Darnell (University of Maryland, Baltimore County) was elected student representative. We would like to thank Greg Lieving (West Virginia University Institute of Technology), Melissa Gonzalez (Kennedy Krieger Institute), and Joshua Jessel (Western New England

University) for their time on the Executive Committee.

Plans are currently under way for the 16th Annual Meeting to be held on Friday, November 22, 2013, in Baltimore, Maryland. We will be moving to a new venue, the Pier 5 Hotel in the Inner Harbor area of Baltimore. We expect to include distinguished behavior analysts to our line-up of speakers and are working on conducting another pre-conference workshop. Additionally, we will have our annual MABA Student Paper Symposium, which is open to all behavior analysis students. For more information about our upcoming conference, please go to www.marylandaba.org or "like" our Facebook page (search Maryland Association for Behavior Analysis).

Finally, representatives from Maryland ABA worked with state legislators on a bill to license behavior analysts in the state. We worked with the legislators to build support from not only behavior analysts, but from psychologists, speech and language pathologists, and occupational therapists. Although the bill did not move beyond committee this year, significant progress was made so that the bill can be reintroduced next year. We have the continued support of key legislators who are committed to passage of this bill, and they have expressed a strong interest in getting it passed. We will also continue to work with Autism Speaks to ensure that Maryland families have access to behavior analytic services for their children with autism and related disabilities.

Mexican Society of Behavior Analysis

BY C. CARPIO, R. ARROYO, AND C. CANALES

For 36 years, the mission of the Sociedad Mexicana de Análisis de la Conducta (Mexican Society of Behavior Analysis; MSBA) has sought to form a collective identity for those who acknowledge the experimental and applied analysis of behavior in a scientific manner in the generation and application of psychological knowledge. From this identity, the chapter gained legitimacy and institutional support for its efforts and attempts to create opportunities for the generation, application, dissemination, and discussion of scientific behavioral knowledge. Although not unique, the Mexican Congress of Behavior Analysis and the *Mexican Journal for Behavior Analysis* (MJBA) are the two most notable displays of the corporate effort to achieve the aims of promoting and disseminating the analysis of behavior and its disciplinary and social benefits.

Despite some uncertainty, the continuity of MSBA attests to those who have worked for behavior analysis via teaching, research, and institutional administration. Thus, members of MSBA share the following general values:

- To disseminate knowledge about behavior analysis among practitioners of psychology and related disciplines.
- To contribute to the *Mexican Journal for Behavior Analysis*.
- To organize seminars, conferences, lectures, and scientific

events in order to promote communication among scholars in behavior analysis in Mexico.

- To partner with similar associations in Mexico and abroad.
- To advise institutions, organizations, and associations on issues related to behavior analysis.

With one of its primary objectives to contribute to the creation of spaces for the dissemination and discussion of theoretical and methodological aspects of both basic research and the derivation of intervention strategies in applied settings related to the experimental analysis of behavior, MSBA was formed in May 1975.

In line with these objectives, on November 7–9, 2012, MSBA held the XXII Mexican Convention of Behavior Analysis in Guanajuato, Guanajuato, Mexico. The event included 49 events (5 keynote addresses, 5 invited lectures, 6 invited symposia, 17 symposia, 14 free paper sessions, and 2 poster sessions) requiring the participation of 238 authors. We also presented the National Award For Research In Behavior Analysis.

MSBA's dissemination of work by behavior analysts has crystallized in its continued support of the *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*, published continuously since 1975 as part of the Mega Project of Scientific Journals in the *Catalogue of the National Autonomous University of Mexico*, and hosted at www.journals.unam.mx. The journal is of exceptional quality and receives financial support from the National Council of Science and Technology.

Plans for 2013 include hosting the XXIII Mexican Convention of Behavior Analysis in Cuernavaca, Mexico. The call for papers will open soon and will be found at MSBA's website (www.smac.org.mx). We will also hold the Fourth Symposium on the Analysis of Student Behavior.

Mid-American ABA

BY CARLA LAGORIO

The Mid-American Association for Behavior Analysis (MABA) is a regional affiliate of ABAI. MABA is a membership organization devoted to promoting scholarly interchange in behavior analysis through its annual convention. The convention also allows for dissemination of the science of behavior analysis to the public and to professional behavior analysts residing in the Midwestern United States.

The 13th annual MABA onvention was held October 4–6 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. More than 150 people attended the convention, which featured an outstanding speaker lineup. The 2012 MABA president, Diana Walker (The Chicago School of Professional Psychology), started the conference with her opening remarks. Diana discussed the addition of the Forrest J. Files Student Travel Award, which will be presented annually to the winner(s) of the Student Research Paper Competition. This award is designated in remembrance of Forrest Files—radical behaviorist, behavioral

pharmacologist, teacher, student, University of Florida gator, and friend. This year's Student Travel Award was presented to two students who submitted outstanding empirical papers: Veronica Howard (University of Kansas) and Robin Kuhn (Central Michigan University). Veronica's paper was entitled, "An Evaluation of Training Methods for Volunteer Discrete-Trial Teaching Integrity and Dog Compliance in a Shelter Environment," and Robin's was entitled, "Sequence Acquisition With Delayed Reinforcement in Rats." Both students also had the opportunity to present a brief report on their findings during the MABA convention.

After opening remarks, keynote speaker Dr. Marc Branch (University of Florida) gave the first symposium, during which he gave a talk called, "Why and How Significance Testing Is Retarding Behavioral Science." This was followed by Dr. Tom Critchfield, who presented a symposium entitled, "Translational Behavioral Health Psychology: Modeling the Visual Detection of Melanoma Symptom Evolution." Keynote speaker Tim Hackenberg (Reed College) then presented on one of his lines of research in a talk entitled, "In Search of Generalized Reinforcement." Closing out the morning was David Jarmolowicz (University of Kansas) who discussed, "Reinforcer Pathologies: Implications for Addiction." The afternoon began with Tracy Kettering (The Chicago School of Professional Psychology), who presented "Behavioral Variability: Change It Up Every Once in a While," which was followed by keynote speaker Carol Pilgrim (University of North Carolina Wilmington) whose talk was entitled, "Stimulus Equivalence Translated." Closing out our Friday session were Doug Woods (University of Milwaukee) who presented a symposium called, "Behavior Therapy for Tourette's Syndrome: Myths and Facts" and Jeff Tiger (University of Milwaukee), whose talk was entitled, "On the Representativeness of Classroom-based Measurement of Problem Behavior." These presentations were succeeded by the MABA business meeting, and the day ended with poster presentations by students and faculty. This year's convention featured 33 posters representing work conducted at 12 different institutions.

The second day of the convention began with a symposium by keynote speaker John Rapp (St. Cloud State University) entitled, "Evaluating Interventions for Stereotypic Behavior." Travis Thompson (University of Minnesota) spoke next on "Behavior Analysis and Translational Neuroscience." During the final part of the day, Frank Symons (University of Minnesota) presented a symposium entitled, "Self-Injury and Pain: Behavior Meets Biology at the Skin," and Julie Slowiak (University of Minnesota-Duluth) presented research on the topic of "Exploring Factors That Influence Work Task Performance and Feedback-Seeking Behavior."

We are looking forward to the upcoming 2013 convention, which will be held October 25–26 in Milwaukee,

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Wisconsin, at the Holiday Inn Pewaukee Milwaukee West. The conference will again include addresses on both basic and applied behavior analytic research.

MABA holds a business meeting at the annual convention; persons interested in this organization are welcome to attend. The current president of MABA is Dr. Adam Derenne (University of North Dakota), and the president-elect is Dr. Jonathan Baker (Southern Illinois University Carbondale). More information about MABA, the annual convention, student awards, and registration can be found at the organization's website: www.midamericanaba.com/index.html or by contacting the operations coordinator, Carla Lagorio (University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire), at lagorich@uwec.edu.

Middle East ABA

BY NOUR ALQASSAB

The Middle East regional chapter (MEABA) of ABAAI was founded in 2003 right after the first behavior analysis conference in the Middle East region. The main goal of MEABA is to promote the analytical science of behavior and its associated technologies within Middle Eastern countries. The association has been working on advocating for behavior analysis services and the profession in a very important region that has very limited information related to behavior analysis. This has been a great challenge due to the extremely limited number of behavior analysts in the region.

The 2003 ABAAI delegation visit to the Middle East is considered the catalyst for the start of MEABA activities. Since then, the dissemination of behavior analysis in the region has taken place, especially after introducing it as a scientifically proven intervention for autism to parents of children with ASD and professionals working with them. MEABA has organized several applied behavior analysis workshops and seminars in addition to its participation in events related to early intervention conferences in the region. Furthermore, MEABA received several invitations from local universities and education centers to present behavior analysis and its associated technologies.

There is an overwhelming and increasing interest by many specialists, parents, and centers to increase the chapter's activities that have been affected by the unfortunate loss of Mr. Ahmad Alsultan, who was a key founding board member of MEABA. The chapter is now fortunate to include new members who have shown great enthusiasm for advancing MEABA to its fullest potential to disseminate behavior analysis in the area. The chapter will be having a meeting to discuss expanding its activities and membership to include various countries in the Middle East.

MEABA would like to encourage those who are interested in joining or helping the chapter meet its objectives to come forward and contact us.

Missouri ABA

BY JOHN M. GUERCIO

Missouri ABA (MOABA) has enjoyed a very noteworthy year. We added new board members Dr. Michele Williams and Adam Hahs to our organization. They have helped us to put the finishing touches on a great fall conference and also helped us achieve significant increases in membership of the organization.

MOABA had over 126 individuals attend its most recent conference in November. Our membership has now exceeded 130 individuals and is growing yearly. The attendees to our conference were greeted with a fantastic lineup of speakers and continuing education opportunities. The organization continues to advocate for its members by being a source of training and continuing education for all of the behavior analysts across the state of Missouri. Chief among these efforts has been the significant involvement of MOABA board members as adjunct faculty for the behavior analytic graduate programs in the state.

Consistent with our research/practitioner model, the organization has been able to contribute its impressive clinical expertise to the training programs that have emerged across the state over the last 2 years. Our intent is to be the primary source of behavioral guidance, support, and training for the field of applied behavior analysis in our state. These values have allowed the organization to grow and have made it the go-to source for all things behavior analytic. The organization actively consults with other state organizations as they negotiate the impending licensure of behavior analysts.

The board members of MOABA receive frequent inquiries related to our licensure act and the manner in which it is unfolding on a year to year basis. The legislation that we have in Missouri continues to be a model for other states. The active collaboration between the state committee of psychologists and the Behavior Analyst Advisory Board in the state has been a model of consistency and has resulted in the licensure of 168 BCBAs to date and 25 BCaBAs. The process for licensure has been running very smoothly and free of any of the challenges that have been present in other states that have pursued licensure.

Minnesota Northland ABA

BY TIMOTHY R. MOORE AND KIM TASKY

Skol from the Minnesota Northland ABA (MNABA)! We enjoyed a 2012 filled with opportunity and energy as our individual and organizational membership continued to grow; applied behavior analysis became more widely recognized as an important resource in communities across Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota; and MNABA became increasingly involved in policy initiatives. We welcomed seven new faces to the executive council, who have provided fresh thinking and vigor to the group, including Adam Lobermeier (St. Cloud State University) as the student liaison, Amy

Mahlum (Dreaming Tree Behavioral Center) as the Southern Minnesota liaison, Carrie Brower-Breitwieser (Sanford Health) as the North Dakota liaison, Deb Miller (Pacific Child and Family) as the Northern Minnesota liaison, Matt Newquist (Mains'l) as the full member liaison, Nic Weatherly (St. Cloud State University) as part of the Legislative Committee, and Vicki Isler (Children's Care Hospital and School) as the South Dakota liaison.

Throughout the fall of 2012 and the early months of 2013, MNABA, led by our Legislative liaison, Eric Larsson (Lovaas Institute for Early Education—Midwest), MNABA influenced public policy in several ways. We released our "Standards of Practice for Applied Behavior Analysis in Minnesota" and a policy statement on the use of seclusion and restraint (both available at www.mnaba.org) to assist policymakers wrestling with statutory changes for services in the community and within the educational system. Tim Moore, president, served on two statewide committees charged with informing these statutory changes and subsequent improvements in practices. Several MNABA members and our colleagues participated in other statewide advisory processes concerning insurance coverage and service availability for children with autism. At the outset of the 2013 Legislative Session in Minnesota (our legislature works from January to May), MNABA participated actively in the fight to regain private insurance coverage for early intensive behavioral intervention for autism, and secure public funding as the Affordable Care Act phases in. As of this writing, the fates of all our legislative initiatives was undetermined, but providers, advocates, and parents in Minnesota were better organized than ever before.

Student membership in MNABA is significant, and so has been the work of our MNABA student liaison over the past year. Connections with campus representatives and students from around the state continue to increase opportunities for student networking. As of this writing, planning for the second annual MNABA Student Data Blitz was in full swing. And, with the ABAI annual convention in Minnesota in May, we also planned a student bus trip to visit local autism services providers. We all looked forward to this as a time to connect with students from across the country and to show off many of the wonderful agencies in the Twin Cities area.

MNABA's Executive Council liaisons have been busier this year than ever before, connecting with members and others in their communities and regional catchment areas. Testament to this is the frequency with which our liaisons have been asked to speak about applied behavior analysis with community organizations, county human services departments, Head Start classrooms, mental health clinics, and social workers. Also, the MNABA Facebook page remains an oft-used resource for the Executive Council to disseminate information across the state and for our members to network. Check it out at www.facebook.com/

pages/Minnesota-Northland-Association-for-Behavior-Analysis-MNABA/108618934790.

MNABA closed 2012 with the annual conference at the Cambria Suites in Maple Grove, MN, which again was an engaging and inspiring day and night of behavior analysis with local, regional, and national flavor. Our first-ever pre-conference workshop, led by Jon Bailey, was very well-attended and dovetailed nicely into our networking social later that evening. On Friday, a record number of attendees (165!) were treated to inspiration on a variety of topics from Bill Heward ("Why Be a Behavior Analyst?"), Jon Bailey ("ABA on Trial: a Tale of Deception, Denial, and Redemption Told by an Expert Witness"), Joe Reichle ("Questions That Should Be Addressed in Considering an Augmentative Communication System for a Learner With a Significant Developmental Disability"), Nic Weatherly ("Rule-Governed Behavior and the Three-Contingency Model of Performance Management"), Marc Lanovaz ("Direct and Collateral Effects of Interventions to Reduce Engagement in Stereotypy"), John Rapp ("Procedures for Increasing Passive Compliance With Hygiene-Related Tasks for Individuals With Autism"), Matt Burns ("Using Learning Theory Within Brief Experimental Analysis of Academic Problems"), and a panel discussion of autism services providers about outcome data ("A Comparison of Curriculum, Assessment, and Outcomes of Three Organizations Providing Intensive Early Intervention Behavior Therapy").

We are very much looking forward to Peter Gerhardt as the keynote speaker for the MNABA 2013 conference, scheduled for September 26–27 at the Crowne Plaza West in Plymouth, MN. Please check www.mnaba.org for details on registration and additional presenters—we would love to see you in Minnesota!

North Carolina ABA

BY DUKE SCHELL

North Carolina ABA (NCABA) held its 24th anniversary conference in Wilmington, NC, February 20–22, 2013.

The conference was a wonderful success thanks to the leadership of Jim Phillip (Murdoch Developmental Center), our NCABA president for the third time, as well the rest of our Executive Committee including Past President Mark Stafford (Mariposa School), President-Elect Kristie Thompson (Optum Health), Vice President Vicki Harper (Riddle Developmental Center), Secretary Beth Schmitt (Murdoch Developmental Center), Treasurer Nancy Poteet (Riddle Developmental Center), Member-at-Large Natalia Acosta Krum (Carolina Center for ABA), Member-at-Large Jennifer Deacon (South Mountain Center for Excellence), Student Representative Crystallyn Schnorr (University of North Carolina, Charlotte), Publications Editor Jamie Clary (Riddle Developmental Center), Senior Advisor Fred Spooner (University of North Carolina, Charlotte), ABAI

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liaison Duke Schell (Riddle Developmental Center), and many other NCABA volunteers.

The 24th annual NCABA conference opened with the presentation of awards to honor people in North Carolina who have promoted behavior analysis in research and everyday practice. This year's honorees included Ruth Hurst (Central Regional Hospital) for the Fred S. Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award, Sara Carbone (Carolina Center for ABA) for the Technical Utilization Award, and Jeannie Golden (East Carolina University) for the "Do Things" Award. Adrienne Anderson (University of North Carolina, Charlotte) received the NCABA Student Scholarship Award.

Invited speakers at this year's conference included Keith Allen (Munroe-Meyer Institute), Denny Reid (Carolina Behavior Analysis and Support Center), Ennio Cipani (National University), Christine Hughes (University of North Carolina Wilmington), John Forsyth (University of Albany, State University of New York), Brian Iwata (University of Florida) and Dennis Russo (East Carolina University). Over 20 other speakers participated in concurrent sessions, the highlighted student symposium, and panels. NCABA provided a poster session the first evening of the conference, and several people were recognized for outstanding posters including Sarah Hodges and Ali Ivancic (Mariposa School) in the professional category, Adrienne Anderson with Ya-yu Lo (University of North Carolina, Charlotte) in the graduate student category, and Alyssa Ghandi, Megan Oliver, and Lauren Schaefer with Carol Van Camp (University of North Carolina Wilmington) in the undergraduate student category. Thanks to our poster judges Keith Allen, Ennio Cipani, Fred Spooner, Tom Thompson, Jeannie Golden, and Ya-yu Lo.

The 24th annual conference had 231 participants with 170 people attending our five pre- and post-conference workshops. The conference attendees included 152 members, 8 paraprofessionals, and 71 students. NCABA again offered free registration for the first 20 student members, several of whom volunteered in varied activities at the conference. The evening social on the second night of the conference was a wonderful gathering filled with engaging conversations, excellent cuisine, and an entertaining DJ spinning tunes while attendees danced the night away.

NCABA provided both certified behavior analyst and NC psychologist continuing education credits. During the conference 84 certified behavior analysts from six states earned 1,031 continuing education credits, and 75 North Carolina psychologists earned 225 continuing education credits in workshops. 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 at the ABAI Expo at the 39th ABAI Annual Convention in Minneapolis and handed out "virtual" memberships to interested visitors. Please visit our website at www.nc-aba.com and see additional highlights from the 24th annual NCABA conference, including photos of the festivities. You can see descriptions of our awards and 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 workshops and planning for our spectacular 25th anniversary conference to be held in February of 2014.

Nevada ABA

BY KENNETH R. MACALEESE

The Nevada ABA (NABA) hosted a conference in October 2012 at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, NV. The conference showcased the diversity of behavior analysis with presentations in experimental, applied, and theoretical areas. Notable speakers included William Baum, Steve Hayes, Greg Madden, Terry McSween, T. V. Joe Layng, Ramona Houmanfar, Bill Heward, Ruth Anne Rehfeldt, Mark Alavosius, Donny Newsome, Marianne Jackson, Ken MacAleese, Tom Szabo, and Rebecca Arvans. The conference offered continuing education for BACB credentialed individuals as well an ethics workshop and poster session. The conference has established a reputation for providing an intimate, single-track experience for speakers and attendees alike.

NABA continued its organizational improvements in 2012. Another significant change allowed for a greater level of interactive participation from members online (www.nevadaaba.org) and included national and statewide news relevant to behavior analysis. NABA invited practicing professionals in Nevada to write a paper series on issues involving insurance mandates, licensing and credentialing, and obtaining health insurance reimbursement for their Nevada patients and clients now posted for members on the website. This series will shortly be ending with further interest in establishing other paper series topics relevant to Nevada's behavior analysts.

NABA has continued to be active in legislative affairs that affect our behavior analytic training sites (e.g., University of Nevada, Reno; University of Nevada, Las Vegas), practicing professionals, and consumers of our services. NABA has filled a void in voicing issues that affect our field at a regional level. We are proud to say that we are finding togetherness with each passing year and that we have accomplished a great deal in furthering our commitment to quality education and practice in our state.

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

New York State ABA

BY DEBORAH A. NAPOLITANO

The New York State ABA (NYSABA) is the official representative for behavior analysis across New York. NYSABA is the state affiliate of ABAI and the Association for Professional Behavior Analysts. NYSABA represents families, practitioners, and scholars committed to research and practice of behavior analysis. NYSABA hosts statewide and local conferences, offers resources, and provides social networking and communication to support behavior analysis. NYSABA also has provided leadership and direction for the recognition of behavior analysts and the BACB credential across the state. NYSABA supports the ethical, humane, and effective application of behavior analysis.

NYSABA has an Executive Board that includes the President Debbi Napolitano; Past President Vicki Madaus Knapp; President-Elect Frank Cicero; Treasurer Linda Matey; and Secretary Dana Reinecke. We have had a number of changes to our board this year. The full NYSABA board includes Dan Lesinski, the consumer representative, and our representatives-at-large are Emily Jones, Tracy Lanner, Sheila Jodlowski, and Jenny Tuzikow (also our conference chair). Also on the board are our committee chairs: David McAdam, Education Committee; Michael Friga, Marketing Committee; Kim Shamoun, Legislative Committee; Joseph Pancari, Finance Committee; Rachel Cavalari, Student Activities Committee; and Niall Toner, Membership Committee. The NYSABA board relies on Dave Atkinson, office manager, for his amazing organizational and technical skills.

In October of 2012, NYSABA held its 23rd Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY, which featured Jim Carr and Pat Friman as the keynote speakers. The keynotes and invited speakers were outstanding. The quality of the submissions, including posters, for the conference continues to increase. Our student research competition produced some outstanding submissions, with the winner being Keira Moore from Western New England University. We were so excited that we either came close to or broke our attendance record previously set a number of years ago (or, as is typically described by our long-standing past board members, “remember that year...?”). More than 350 people from New York and surrounding areas attended our conference, with a continued increase in student representation.

We are moving our 24th Annual Conference to the Hilton in Saratoga Springs, NY. The continued increase in recognition of behavior analysis in NY to some degree facilitated by the recent implementation of the autism insurance legislation has contributed to our needing to move to a larger conference space. Pre-conference workshops will be on Wednesday, November 6, and two full conference days will follow on November 7–8. We have mixed emotions about our speaker lineup, as we were thrilled that Nate

Azrin had agreed to serve in one of our keynote speaker roles. In addition to the loss to our field, this is unfortunate that behavior analysts in New York new to our field will not get the opportunity to hear him speak and to interact with him. We are, however, very pleased to say that our lineup of keynote and invited speakers is outstanding. We were not turned down by one person we asked! Our keynotes are Cathleen Piazza and Wayne Fisher. Our invited speakers’ talks will fall within several of our standard tracks, including skill building, professional and organizational development, translational and theoretical, and challenging behavior. Our speakers include Bill Dube, Bobby Newman, Jennifer Zarcone, Jim Carr, and Bill Ahearn. In addition, Lori Unumb from Autism Speaks and our legislative committee will both be providing workshops and talks on the current state of affairs for services for autism and behavior analysis in New York.

NYSABA continues to be incredibly busy, particularly with legislative issues. We do want to thank the other members of ABAI’s all-chapters listserv for your support. We have actively posed questions to the group in order to make informed decisions around policy and other activities. We have found the quick and numerous responses to these questions very helpful.

NYSABA’s Legislative Committee, in close collaboration with our lobbyist, Kevin Quinn, has continued to successfully lead the way in the organization’s mission to gain recognition of the profession of behavior analysis in New York State and to advocate for consumers of behavior analysis in state policy and legislation. NYSABA also has continued to work collaboratively and closely with Autism Speaks, the Association for Professional Behavior Analysis, and the BACB towards closing the significant gap between the newly implemented autism legislation and the regulations developed by the Department of Financial Services governing the law.

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 CHRIS PODLESNIK

The New Zealand ABA (NZABA) consists primarily of staff, students, and recent graduates of the seven universities in New Zealand, but also includes therapists, business consultants, and some international members.

The School of Psychology at Victoria University of Wellington hosted our ninth annual conference from August 31–September, 2012. Sixty people attended to see 34 presentations and 9 posters, with the range of topics matching the broad interests of those present at the

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conference. The topics covered included applied human and animal studies, as well as a range of basic studies addressing contemporary issues in the experimental analyses of behavior. Participants in these studies included humans, rats, pigeons, hens, crows, possums, and dogs.

High-quality student presentations are always a feature of NZABA. We awarded three prizes for outstanding student presentations. Sarah Cowie of the University of Auckland tied with Gordon Tan of Victoria University of Wellington for best basic-research presentation. Sarah's presentation was entitled, "Simplifying the Contingency: Reminder Stimuli Enhance Control by Local Food Ratios." Gordon's was entitled, "The Effect of Relational Training on Slot Machine Play: Walking the Walk as Opposed to Just Talking the Talk." Rebecca Sharp of the University of Auckland won for best applied presentation, entitled, "How Representativeness Is Affected by Temporal Dimensions of Responding." Congratulations to Sarah, Gordon, and Rebecca!

Many papers provided opportunities for continuing education units (CEUs). NZABA has been an approved continuing education provider for the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) since 2006. CEUs are an almost essential part of the requirements for board certified behavior analysts (BCBAs) to maintain their certification. Thirty-six 1-hour CEUs every 3 years is the usual requirement. Twenty-one New Zealand resident BCBAs have benefitted from the CEU events we have been able to provide. Since 2006, we have issued certificates for 459 CEUs from 16 events. The number of behavioral practitioners increased from previous years, and 2012 was a record year for the number of CEUs provided by NZABA: 181 from 5 events. The annual NZABA conference provides excellent opportunities for BCBAs to earn CEUs, either through presenting or attending relevant sessions. New Zealand BCBAs expressed that they are grateful to NZABA for agreeing to be an approved CEU provider, for paying the annual US\$100 fee to BACB to maintain that status, and for making any CEUs earned at NZABA available at no cost.

The School of Psychology at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, will host the 10th annual NZABA conference from August 30–September 1, 2013. The call for papers will be announced soon, and those interested should contact Chris Podlesnik at c.podlesnik@auckland.ac.nz for more information. We welcome local and international participants to our city, which is ranked as the world's third most liveable city, according to the annual Mercer Quality of Living survey. NZABA will be conveniently held just before the New Zealand Psychological Society, which will be held from September 6–9 (see their website for more information: www.psychology.org.nz).

There is no formal application process or fee to join NZABA. Attending the annual conference and paying

fees constitutes active membership, and there are no fees for student presenters. Anyone interested in registering for NZABA membership should contact Celia Lie (celia@psy.otago.ac.nz), or complete the online form on the NZABA website (nzaba.org/membership/). For up-to-date news and more information about NZABA, please visit our website (nzaba.org).

Norwegian ABA

BY ERIK ARNTZEN, JON LOKKE, AND TERJE GUNDHUS

In 2012, Norwegian ABA had 803 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.

Norwegian ABA is run by a board of seven members with full executive powers, chaired by a president. The association is an affiliated chapter of ABAA. Norwegian ABA has several regional affiliated chapters and special interest groups and sponsors seminars, publishes books, provides equipment, and organizes local activities around the country, as well as provides international representation at important conferences. Norwegian ABA has a specific focus on expanding its current activities and furthering the influence of behavior analysis into new areas, and thus broadening the impact of the science. In the effort of expanding the organization's activities, a conference dedicated to behavior analysis and dementia was arranged in the autumn of 2012.

The chapter arranges an annual conference. The number of attendees in 2012 was 810 and has been at that level for many years. The conference is a 4-day event with 5–6 simultaneous tracks. In 2012, we had presentations within all domains of behavior analysis. There is a growing interest in both experimental and conceptual issues. Also, translational research was presented. International speakers have been invited to present at the conference. In 2012, Professor Tom Higbee, Utah State University, was the invited speaker. Dr. Higbee gave two presentations, the first called, "Using Photographic Activity Schedules to Promote Independence in Children With Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities" and the second called "Current Directions in Functional Behavioral Assessment and Intervention." The poster session in 2012 continued and expanded the professional format established in previous years and thus was a welcome opportunity for students to participate. The number of presenters has almost doubled since 2012, including more student presenters than ever.

Norwegian ABA publishes two journals: *The Norwegian Journal for Behavior Analysis* and *The European Journal of Behavior Analysis*. *The Norwegian Journal for Behavior Analysis* is published quarterly. The journal is a peer-reviewed journal that publishes papers on research, practice, and conceptual issues in behavior analysis

mainly in Norwegian. Since 2011, abstracts in English are included. *The European Journal of Behavior Analysis* (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 published in 2000. The last issue of EJOBA included a special issue from the Experimental Analysis of Behavior Group in London in 2011. The issue included papers by Drs. M. Jackson Marr and Janet Twyman.

Ohio ABA

BY MORTEN HAUGLAND AND MARLA ROOT

Ohio ABA (OHABA), experienced another year of growth in community collaborations, membership, board development, and expected attendance for our third annual conference.

Certainly, the highlight of 2012 was the planning of our third annual OHABA conference on Saturday, March 9, 2013, in Columbus, Ohio. We were very excited to have Dr. Linda LeBlanc as our keynote speaker. Dr. LeBlanc is the executive director of research and clinical services at Trumpet Behavioral Health. She is a licensed clinical psychologist and a board certified behavior analyst. The conference offered our annual business meeting, 10 clinical presentations, 8 poster presentations, and an informational discussion around public policy and licensure. We attracted some of Ohio's best clinicians to come and present.

Another highlight is the collaborations we have formed within the Ohio Psychological Board stakeholder group that is looking at the field of behavior analysis in Ohio and beginning dialogue about the issues relevant to the certification of professionals. In 2011, OHABA's president, Morten Haugland, initiated a letter to the Ohio Board of Psychology requesting support in developing a workgroup. The stakeholder group met four times during 2012 and the Ohio Psychological Board issued a final white paper, "Report of the Workgroup on Applied Behavior Analysis to the Ohio Board of Psychology September 6, 2012." OHABA continues to work closely with the board and has developed a relationship with a legislator to help increase the access to services provided by BCBA's within Ohio's behavioral healthcare structure.

In 2011, we developed our website and in 2012, we started a Facebook page. We have seen an increase in membership and exposure for the chapter and now offer the ability to pay for membership fees online.

Through the increased exposure of the organization, we have also seen an increased interest in becoming a board member of OHABA. At our annual meeting, we will vote for new board members and this will be the first year we have multiple candidates for a board position. Current board members are as follows:

- President: Morten Haugland, Ph.D., BCBA-D
- President-Elect: Marla Root
- Treasurer: Maria Baerkircher, MA, BCBA
- Secretary: Tracy Guiou Ph.D., BCBA-D
- Student & Technical Information Representative: CaraJoy Nash
- Membership Committee Chair: Quinn Montgomery, MA, BCBA
- BCBA Committee Chair: Jennifer Sweeney, Ph.D., BCBA-D
- Education Committee Chair: Kate Fishley, Ph.D.

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

OHABA Mission

OHABA's mission is to support the growth and dissemination of applied behavior analysis in the public and private sectors, with special emphasis on application in educational settings. Objectives include providing professional development support in the form of a yearly conference; supporting the BCBA certification process for professionals, especially those in Ohio; and providing an informational website as a portal to businesses, schools and clinics, legislative and advocacy updates, and other pertinent information relevant to those who have an interest in applied behavior analysis.

Ontario ABA

BY JEN PORTER

Hello from the Ontario Association for Behaviour Analysis! It's been a busy year for the Ontario chapter. We are continuing to pursue regulation within the province. We have put significant efforts into drafting a private act to give title protection to behavior analysts working in the province. At the same time, the Ontario government has launched a feasibility study to look into regulating the field of behavior analysis in Ontario. This study may lead to regulating the field in a more significant way than could be achieved through title protection alone. Either way, it looks as though we will be taking significant steps in the regulation process through the efforts of our Professional Regulation Committee.

This year ONTABA created the Professional and Community Relations Committee (PCRC) who were mandated the goal of reaching out to the community to increase awareness of behavior analysis and ONTABA's vision, mission, and role in the behavioral community. The

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PCRC seeks to strengthen ONTABA's brand by making behavior analysis accessible to consumers, families, other disciplines, and the population as a whole. The committee has been tasked with organizing a presence at relevant events, building community partnerships, engaging in social media, organizing fundraising and awareness events, and developing position statements on matters important to our members. In this way, we will support our vision of fostering a culture of excellence, integrity, and expertise for the advancement and promotion of the science of behavior analysis in Ontario.

This past year, ONTABA membership elected to allow student members to participate in more board roles and committees. We have a growing number of graduate and undergraduate programs full of people wanting to participate in the growth of the field. In addition, the membership voted to introduce a new board position: treasurer-elect. Operating much like the president-elect position, treasurer-elect was introduced in an effort to promote consistency around important board functions.

ONTABA has worked hard to redesign the website to make it more appealing and user friendly. We invite you to take a look (www.ontaba.org). We've also launched our portal application, which allows us to deliver services and information only to members and have automated many of our website functions, including job postings and conference registration. We have most recently developed a forum function to help connect behavior analysts from across the province.

Our annual conference held in November continues to grow in attendance and scope. This past year, we welcomed Dr. Gina Green and Dr. Mark Dixon as our international invited speakers and highlighted Dr. Wanda Smith as our local keynote speaker. The breadth of topics presented at the conference speaks to the growth of behavior analysis in the province outside the autism population. We are looking forward to continued growth and engagement in our upcoming conference on November 28–29, 2013.

In addition to the annual conference, ONTABA has been looking to sponsor conferences in more remote areas of the province to help practicing behavior analysts access professional development opportunities and continuing education credits. This past year we sponsored four such events and are hoping to continue to sponsor events in the coming year.

We enjoyed presenting with our Canadian counterparts at the ABAI panel on regulation in Canada and participating in the ABAI Expo and chapter meeting. We are thankful for the opportunity to network with other chapters and share stories and strategies to overcome challenges we all face and celebrate accomplishments of our fellow chapters.

Oregon ABA

BY ANALISE HERRERA-MINTEER

Oregon ABA (ORABA) enjoyed positive expansion in the last year. We worked hard to get an up-to-date website established, improve our communication with members, and expand our membership base.

In the spring, we invited a local speech language pathologist to meet with our members and to discuss developing a relationship and partnering within the education system to provide productive and evidence-based services to school age children. We also partnered with California ABA (CalABA) this year to provide access to the CalABA website to our members. This website contains teaching modules on the ethics and practice of billing through insurance. We provide access to this website as a benefit of becoming an ORABA member.

Currently, we are working with Professional Crisis Management Associates (PCMA) to host a training in the Portland, OR, area. PCMA was recently recognized by the Oregon Department of Education as an approved form of crisis intervention. This system relies on quick behavioral assessment and evidence-based practices to safely respond to crisis situations.

ORABA has continued to work with Oregon legislators and advocates to pass legislation requiring insurance coverage for autism treatment, including applied behavior analysis. This year, legislation includes licensure for behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts based on the BCBA and BCaBA credentials, as well as a registry for direct care staff who work under the supervision of a behavior analyst. We are optimistic that, if passed, this bill will improve access to evidence-based interventions for children with autism in Oregon, as well as lead to improved conditions for the professional practice of behavior analysis.

We welcomed a new member to our board this January. Jen Knipling, BCBA, will be joining us as our secretary. Jen owns and operates a small private practice in the Portland, OR, area called ABA Life Tools. She specializes in providing quality services to individuals with autism and related developmental disabilities. She particularly enjoys working with adolescents and young adults, especially on the development of self-care skills, job and study skills, and social safety. Jen is an active member of the autism care community and we are happy to have her on board.

In the coming years, ORABA hopes to support the continued dissemination of behavior analysis throughout the state of Oregon, and we encourage the development of a BACB approved graduate program. We will continue to work hard on behalf of the expanding behavior analytic community in Oregon.

Pennsylvania ABA

BY LACEY BAILEY

The 2013 Executive Council election results are as follows:

- President: Jonathan Ivy, Ph.D., BCBA
- Secretary: Lacey R. Bailey, MA, BCBA
- Member At Large: Christopher Perrin, Ph.D., BCBA
- Student Representative: Jackelyn Hart, BS, BCaBA

Thank you to former Executive Council members who are leaving their posts this year. Your contributions to PennABA will not be forgotten!

- Keith Williams, Ph.D., BCBA-D
- Kelly Kates McElrath, Ph.D., BCBA
- Lisa Stewart, MA, BCBA

Pennsylvania's deadline for obtaining the behavior specialist license is quickly approaching. After this date, behavior specialists who provide behavior support services to children with autism spectrum disorders will be required to have their license in order to receive reimbursement. Both the State Board of Medicine, the agency responsible for reviewing all applications (but was not responsible for the upcoming deadline), and the Bureau of Autism (which developed the license guidelines and deadline) are aware of this deadline and are encouraging applications.

At our annual conference, attendees have the opportunity to earn continuing education credits for BCBA renewal, ACT 48 credits, as well as credits for the behavior specialist license. As a service to our membership, we will be sending information to the State Board of Medicine about which content areas were met by our past conference presentations so that persons who attended previous conferences will be able to earn credit for their behavior specialist license.

Please visit us at www.pennaba1.org for more information about our new executive council members, next year's conference, and behavior specialist licensure information!

Philippines ABA

BY MARIA TERESA COJUANGCO

In 2012, Philippines ABA (PABA) collaborated with member centers to accommodate requests from local universities and colleges to allow students to observe or intern as part of their curriculum requirements. Participating universities aimed to expose their students to proper training and the practice of applied behavior analysis. This project was the first attempt of PABA to get students officially exposed to applied behavior analysis through the cooperation of their respective universities and colleges. PABA was able to prepare training programs for the required number of hours needed and allowed students working on their papers to work with center-based or home-based children.

The collaboration brought positive impacts on most students exposed to the practice. They had the opportunity to gain access to all the programs and various cases, which

increased their understanding and knowledge of applied behavior analysis. Their experiences resulted in pursuing more hours and a full-time career after graduation. Likewise, with the presence of these students, most participating centers were able to assist more families in need of services. These students offered their time pro bono to all charity cases of PABA. With the initial success of the collaboration, PABA committed to different universities and colleges for the internship project to be available every school term.

PABA also accommodated several students taking up postgraduate studies in the USA and Australia in gaining access to practices in the Philippines. These students were developing studies done in third world countries, and PABA provided assistance in acquiring data from local practitioners and families.

Seminars and workshops were conducted by member centers and offered by PABA to nonmembers and government centers providing services to underprivileged communities. PABA assisted Barangay social workers to include applied behavior analysis in their services to assist and teach families in their communities who had children diagnosed with ASD, Asperger's, ADD, ADHD, or other learning disabilities. These projects were facilitated and funded for PABA by local civic organizations like the Rotary Club.

In 2013, PABA will continue collaborating with participating universities and colleges to allow their students to gain access to and training in applied behavior analysis. This will include giving assistance and offering its services to educational institutions in nearby areas accessible to all member centers. PABA plans to conduct a seminar and workshop to support the social thinking method for children with autism spectrum disorders. The seminar will be offered to all members, nonmembers, parents, students, and teachers who are working with socially challenged individuals and those with other learning disorders. PABA aims to embark on another autism awareness campaign as a joint project with a local ad agency. An ongoing study is being done to provide a nationwide autism awareness campaign and support from respective government agencies in assisting local communities. Lastly, PABA will continue to accredit new centers and professionals practicing and offering behavioral services to become members and will embark on more fundraising projects to fund all trainings and seminars.

Polish Behavioral Therapy Association

BY EWA KULIGA AND NINA ZAWIDNIAK

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 2011.

The boards of Poland's two ABAI-affiliated chapters (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 behavioral therapist. As of this moment, 110 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 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 fewer 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 fewer 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 fewer 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 postgraduate studies in applied behavior analysis at the Sopot School of Social Sciences and Humanities, 1 day of work observation at no fewer 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) for students and tutors from other educational institutions.

PBTA also organized the conference Czas na dialog! Porozmawiajmy wiiÄc odorossÄooÄci osób niepeeÄnosprawnych (Time to Talk! Let's Talk About Adults With Disabilities) 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.

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

- The Behavioral Therapy Clinic (BTC) in Cracow, a local branch in Wroclaw, and two newly opened local branches of the BTC in Raciborz and Czestochowa provide 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 almost 1,000 families throughout Poland.

- The Emergency Intervention Team 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 2011, around 20 families from all over Poland used this form of therapy.
- The integration classes 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 behavior 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.
- Social skills trainings are classes conducted in small groups and intended to develop positive social behaviors. The classes are aimed at older children with emotional disorders and 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).

Polish Society for Behavioral Psychology

BY MONIKA SUCHOWIERSKA

Activities of the Polish Society for Behavioral Psychology (PTPB) are aimed at disseminating knowledge about behavior analysis in Poland.

PTPB was founded on November 16, 2002; in 2012 we celebrated our 10th anniversary! The society associates mainly psychologists (university lecturers and clinicians), students of psychology (undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate studies), and people representing other helping professions—mainly teachers and speech therapists. The most important statutory goals of PTPB include:

- Developing and promoting psychological knowledge, with special attention paid to behavior analysis as a science of behavior.
- Improving professional qualifications of the members of the society, as well as of people who set for themselves goals similar to those of the society.
- Supporting scientific initiatives of society members.
- Disseminating knowledge of successful applications of behavior analysis to unfavorable social phenomena and individual/personal problems.
- Promoting professional ethics and its implementation.
- Educating the general public about behavioral treatment

as a form of psychological treatment, as well as disseminating knowledge on its effectiveness.

Since 2009, PTPB has been a stronger organization due to a fusion with another behaviorally oriented society in Poland—Polish ABA. This fusion was done with mutual understanding of the two organizations' governing bodies with regards to its favorable outcomes for dissemination of behavior analysis in Poland. ABAI has approved PTPB as the organization that is going to continue in the international arena the work of Polish ABA.

The main accomplishments of PTPB in the last three years include:

- Organizing three national symposia: The VII International Scientific Symposium of PTPB, "Behavior Analysis: Perspectives on Verbal Behavior," gathered about 250 attendees. About 200 individuals participated in the pre-conference workshops. We hosted four international presenters from California State University, Stanislaus (USA); Marshall University (USA); and Bangor University (UK). The symposium was organized jointly by PTPB and the Department of Behavior Analysis at the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities. The VIII International Scientific Symposium of PTPB, "Applied Behavior Analysis—Evidence-Based and Effective Treatment for Developmental Disabilities," gathered about 300 attendees. We hosted eight international presenters from Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc., California State University Stanislaus (USA); Marshall University (USA); Bangor University (UK); Kendall School (USA); and Connecticut Center for Child Development (USA). The symposium opened with a tribute to Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Shook. The symposium was organized jointly by PTPB, the Department of Behavior Analysis at the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities and Step by Step—Foundation for Children with Developmental Disabilities and their Families. The IX International Scientific Symposium of PTPB, "Developmental Disabilities From the Perspective of Behavior Analysis and Childhood Psychiatry," gathered more than 300 attendees. We hosted expert psychiatrists and psychologists from Poland as well as international presenters from California State University, Stanislaus (USA); Marshall University (USA); Bangor University (UK); University of Kansas Medical Center, Center for Child Health and Development (USA); Istituto G. P. Fabris, Università IULM (Italy); and Innlandet Hospital Trust, Psychiatric Division (Norway). The symposium was organized to disseminate publications on developmental disabilities and behavior analysis in the special issue of *Progress in Medicine*, a medical journal devoted to family doctors. The symposium was organized jointly by PTPB, the Department of Behavior Analysis at the Warsaw

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School of Social Sciences and Humanities, and Step by Step—Foundation for Children with Developmental Disabilities and Their Families.

- Publishing two books on behavior analysis: *Behavior Analysis from A to Z*, written by P. Bąbel, M. Suchowierska, and P. Ostaszewski, for which we received SABA International Development Grant. The forewords to this book were written by prof. W. Joseph Wyatt and the late Jerry Shook. *Behavioral Interventions for Children With Autism. Theory, Research and Practice of Applied Behavior Analysis*, written by M. Suchowierska, P. Ostaszewski and P. Bąbel, which is the first book in Poland that deals comprehensively with applied behavior analysis. The forewords to this book were written by Prof. W. Heward and Prof. G. Novak.
- Taking patronage over a second book by B. F. Skinner translated into Polish, *About Behaviorism*. This book was published in February 2013 and two members of PTPB (Prof. P. Ostaszewski and Dr. P. Bąbel) served as scientific editors for the translation. The first book by B. F. Skinner translated into Polish was *The Behavior of Organisms*, and it was published in 1995. It was high time for another translation!
- Continual work with the Polish Behavioral Therapy Association on the certificate of behavioral therapist; we have over 100 behavioral therapists and about 15 behavioral supervisors.
- Continual workshops focusing on rational behavioral therapy (RBT)
- In April 2013, hosting the founder of RBT, Prof. Maxie C. Maultsby, in Warsaw at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities. Prof. Maultsby presented a lecture entitled, "Unique Features of Rational Behavior Therapy and Its Effectiveness" and met with several members of PTPB.
- In April 2013, a new Board of Directors was elected and began a 2-year term.
- Members of PTPB (Dr. M. Suchowierska and Prof. P. Ostaszewski) created at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities the first specialty in applied behavior analysis in the country. The courses will be taught in Polish and in English at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Our plans for 2013 include:

- Organizing a 10 year anniversary celebration, which will include a competition for the best behavior analytic master's thesis and scholarships for students interested in behavior analysis.
- Organizing X International Scientific Symposium of PTPB which will focus on behavior analysis and developmental psychology.
- Increasing membership.

Québec ABA

BY MARC J. LANOVAZ

Since last year, Québec ABA (QcABA) has continued to promote the science of behavior analysis in our home province by developing a strategic plan, organizing our Third Annual Conference, and participating in events to provide accurate information about research and practice. The Board of Directors approved our first 5-year strategic plan (2012–2017). The main objectives of the chapter for the coming years are to (a) increase the promotion of the science of behavior analysis outside the Greater Montreal area; (b) develop formal collaborations with other likeminded associations in Canada; (c) set up both initial and continuing education opportunities in behavior analysis in Québec, which could meet some of the requirements for certification by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board® (BACB); (d) increase membership in the chapter; and (e) disseminate best practices in French through conferences and publications.

Our Third Annual Conference, which was held on March 8 in Montreal, was again very successful this year. We had the privilege and honor of having Dr. William Heward from Ohio State University as keynote speaker. He conducted an inspiring presentation called, "Why Be A Behavior Analyst?" We also had a presentation by Lars Klintwal, a Ph.D. fellow at Oslo and Akershus University College, called "Primary Reinforcers, Early Development of Nonsocial Behavior, and Implication for Intervention." Local clinicians and researchers also presented their work to the nearly 90 attendees present during the conference. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who made this day possible and send special thanks to our invited speakers. Next year, we plan to offer free type 2 continuing education units for our members certified by the BACB. QcABA was recently approved as a continuing education provider in order to offer type 2 training opportunities. The association continued to be present at local events designed for paraprofessionals and parents of children with developmental disabilities. We aim to provide objective information to parents and other professionals on the state of research on behavior analytic assessments and treatments. Three members of the Board of Directors also participated in the leadership training offered at the ABAA 39th Annual Convention in Minneapolis. Our participation in the event will assist us in improving our activities in order to be more effective in disseminating our science in Québec.

In the year to come, we plan on holding our Fourth Annual Conference in March 2014. The Board of Directors is currently in the process of identifying potential keynote speakers for the conference. Our new chair of the website committee is working on a major upgrade to our website in order to make it more appealing and user-friendly for members of the association and of the general public. We will also begin conducting monthly reading club meetings

during which we will discuss articles and other publications that are relevant to the science of behavior analysis. Participation in the journal club will allow members certified by the BACB to earn free type 2 credits towards recertification. Finally, we will continue publishing our newsletter on a biannual basis and participating in local events in order to provide accurate information about research and practice in behavior analysis.

South Carolina ABA

BY JAY COLE

The South Carolina chapter (SC ABA) of ABAI was formed in February 2008 to address the growing need for an organization to advocate for quality applied behavior analysis related services in the state. The chapter is comprised of parents, behavior analysts, psychologists, and other professionals from across the state. The mission of the SC ABA is to promote the awareness and use of the principles and practices of applied behavior analysis for the delivery of treatment in natural environments. SC ABA (a) provides a framework for the sharing of information and ideas among people who are involved or would like to become involved in effective, ethical applied behavior analysis programming; (b) supports the partnership between parents and providers involved in applied behavior analysis based services; (c) encourages quality research within the state; and (d) promotes socially valid and evidence-based interventions, which maintain the dignity of all individuals who receive services.

This has been a very exciting year for SC ABA, as we hosted our first annual conference at the Charleston, SC, Marriott in November 2012. Approximately 110 individuals, mostly from South Carolina, attended the one-day event that included some fantastic speakers from the Palmetto State and surrounding area. Dr. Carol Pilgrim kicked off the conference with an informative presentation about the history of our science, highlighting important studies and ground-breaking work completed by a number of prominent behavior analysts. She was followed by Cecilia Knight from the Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD), presenting information on CARD's SKILLS/elearning program and how this technology can assist behavior analysts clinically. Stacie Neff then provided the audience with information on how to maximize positive behaviors and minimize crisis behaviors through the application of basic behavioral teaching procedures. Dr. Dennis Reid presented South Carolina behavior analysts information and research about promoting happiness with adults with autism and other disabilities. The conference concluded with a panel discussion that included behavior analysts from various parts of the state debating issues that are relevant to the practice of our science in South Carolina. The panel was chaired by Dr. Christian Martin and panelists included Dr. Shannon Doughty; Dr. Han-Leong Goh; Mark Knight, MS, BCBA; Lorri Unumb, Esq.; and Matt Wood, MA, BCBA.

Billy Edwards, MS, BCBA, was elected by the membership as president-elect and began his 3-year term in Jan. 2013. Billy served the Texas ABA (TxABA) in a variety of capacities for 10 years including Executive Council member, president, Autism SIG co-chair, Conference coordinator, Legislative Committee chair, and Legislative Committee member. Billy and his family moved to the upstate of South Carolina last fall as he was hired by Clemson University's Youth Learning Institute to direct the new Center for Behavior Analysis.

SC ABA board members are very excited about hosting our second annual conference October 31–November 1, 2013, once again held in the state's historical coastal city of Charleston, SC. We are in the process of putting together a line-up of informative, knowledgeable presenters for this year's conference. To become a member of SC ABA, visit the website at www.sc-aba.org. Membership dues for SC ABA are currently \$10 for student members, \$15 for general members, and \$20 for professional members.

Southeastern ABA

BY KAREN G. ANDERSON

The Southeastern ABA (SEABA) is a regional affiliate of ABAI. Like its parent organization, SEABA seeks to promote scholarly discourse within and about behavior analysis. SEABA membership and convention registration are 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.

History

In 1984, Aaron Brownstein (University of North Carolina, Greensboro) rallied a group of prominent behavior analysts in the Southeastern US 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) and was without a venue for scholarly interaction. The Southeastern Psychological Association had served this purpose, but it had become overwhelmingly professional rather than scientific. SEABA was founded to be that 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

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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 to introduce the speakers, and having largely student projects make up a poster session. The first meeting was held in the fall of 1984 in Myrtle Beach, SC. The first officers were Fred Keller, past president; Aaron Brownstein, president; Steve Hays, secretary; and Scott Lawrence, treasurer. Sadly, Aaron Brownstein died in 1986. At that year's conference, Steve Hays presented SEABA with a banner in Aaron's memory, and it has since been unfurled to open every conference.

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. By SEABA tradition, students typically assist in the planning and orchestration of the annual meeting, introduce the invited speakers, and contribute to its scholarly well-being through numerous poster presentations.

Philosophy

SEABA serves the development of behavior analysis by advancing and reinforcing its scientific underpinning. SEABA has never sought to influence behavior analysis directly, but its influence is wide nevertheless. A disproportionate number of *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior* and *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* editors and editorial board members in recent years are SEABA members and alumni. One could argue that the nurturing of students in the science and philosophy of behavior analysis is the organization's greatest accomplishment.

The organization has resisted suggestions to engage in additional activities (e.g., newsletters, involvement in licensure issues, and so forth). The size of the membership is not as important as the make-up. At one of the early meetings, Fred Keller said, "keep the organization simple and keep it small." This approach has promoted a high level of camaraderie and loyalty to SEABA. This single-function approach has also kept dues fairly low, and allows us to have a very simple business/administrative structure.

SEABA pursues its agenda through an annual scientific meeting. The program features invited addresses touching on the many domains in which behavior analysis has had an impact. SEABA convenes its annual meeting each October or November. Sites are preferred that provide ready access from throughout SEABA's large catchment

area. Over the years, a loyal SEABA following has developed from outside the region as well. Among these welcome interlopers are former invited speakers and former students of graduate programs in the region, who upon attending the annual meeting, increasingly make SEABA a permanent fixture on their convention calendars.

Taiwan ABA

BY SHU-HWEI KE

Taiwan ABA (TABA) was founded in 2005 with the support of SEEK Education. TABA is dedicated to promoting the science of behavior analysis and the effective application of behavior principles. Our mission is to spread the knowledge of behavior analysis to professionals and parents in Taiwan and commit to the practical use of applied behavior analysis principles in the education and treatment of children and other individuals with disabilities.

As a professional organization, the main goal of TABA is to promote the profession of behavior analysis. TABA offered the first cohort BCaBA course sequences approved by the BACB in March 2010. A total of 16 members completed the courses and one passed the Chinese BCaBA exam in September 2012. The second BCaBA course sequences began started in August 2012. We look forward to more professionals passing their exams.

Besides continuing education, TABA also held an annual conference and workshops for professionals, educators, parents, and students. Professionals who have knowledge in behavior analysis were invited to share the latest developments in behavior analysis and effective treatment strategies. There were a total of 213 attendees.

Also in 2012, TABA received funding from Wan-Wan Foundation, Wen-Yin Foundation, and SEEK Education. With this special funding, TABA was able to provide direct treatment for children with autism or other developmental disabilities. The services includes one-on-one treatment for young children with autism, parent consultation, social skills group, teaching conversation and job skills to adults, and training teachers to implement applied behavior analysis. A total of 143 families benefited from the funding.

Tennessee ABA

BY BETH URBANCZYK

It has most certainly been a busy and eventful fall and winter for Tennessee ABA (TNABA). The most important news to share with you is that the TNABA has worked diligently on a licensure bill for behavior analysts who live and work in the state of Tennessee. If you attended the annual conference in October 2012, you had the opportunity to meet Brian Stephens, CEO of Caissa Public Strategy (<http://caissapps.com/>). Brian, Kristi Stanley, and Gene Bryan are the members of Caissa who are guiding us through the legislative process. They have worked hard on our behalf and continue

to do so. As of February 18, 2013, we have a licensure bill (SB 1047) filed in the Senate. Our Senate sponsor is Senator Brian Kelsey (District 31; www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/s31.html). We also have our licensure bill filed in the House of Representatives (HB 1279). Representative Mark White of Memphis (District 83) is our bill sponsor (www.capitol.tn.gov/House/members/h83.html). Gina Green, Ph.D., BCBA-D, executive director of the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts and Jim Carr, Ph.D., BCBA-D, CEO of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board have been very active members of the team that has discussed, refined, and revised our licensure bill in conjunction with Gene and Kristi. Many hours and much thought have gone into this work, and their work continues in guiding the bills through the legislature and building coalitions to achieve our goal.

The benefits of licensure for behavior analysts are numerous as have been outlined with TNABA membership and our fall conferences. More recent emails have been sent to TNABA membership in an effort to keep the behavior analyst community informed of the actions of the TNABA and policy or legislative issues that will impact us all. They have also been sent in an effort to raise the money needed for the services of Caissa Public Strategy. Without their expertise, we would not be where we are today in this legislative process. We need each and every one of our members to participate in this process. Your time and financial support (no matter how much!) are greatly needed. We are in the process of completing information that will be sent out in an email blast that will let you know next steps in this legislative process. We recognize that this is a significant piece of legislation and that there may be questions. We had a March 8 meeting in Memphis at Caissa Public Strategy. We also had a Middle, TN meeting on March 15. We invite you to email me at urbanczykb@bellsouth.net and send a phone number where you can be contacted directly to answer any questions. Keeping you informed and part of the process is important. Stay tuned!

Texas ABA

BY ANNA INGEBOG PETURSDOTTIR

Mission

The mission of Texas ABA (TxABA) is to advance the science and application of behavior analysis to improve the world in which we live. To that end, TxABA strives to disseminate knowledge from the science of behavior analysis to the public and to professional behavior analysts working in Texas and its neighboring states (Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico).

Annual Conference (2013 and 2014)

TxABA's 2013 regional conference on behavior analysis was held March 1–2, 2013, at the Hilton in Fort Worth, TX. The conference was a great success. For the second year

in a row, over 600 individuals attended, and the previous attendance record from 2012 was broken. Invited presenters included Bill Ahearn, Jim Carr, Terry Falcomata, Patrick Friman, Jane Howard, Carla Lagorio, Caio Miguel, Daniele Ortu, Cynthia Pietras, Erin Rasmussen, Henry Schlenger, Mark Sundberg, David Wacker, and Jin Yoon. The poster session featured TxABA's annual Student Poster Competition. This year's winners were Bailey Devine from the University of North Texas, who presented, "An Analysis of the Value-Altering Effect of Motivating Operations," co-authored by Richard Smith, Einar Ingvarsson, and Jonathan Pinkston; and Adeline Low from the University of Houston–Clear Lake, who presented "The Effects of Contriving the Relevant Establishing Operation When Teaching the 'What' Mand for Information," co-authored by Sarah Lechago and Rachel Hoffman. The hard-working and dedicated 2013 conference committee consisted of conference coordinators Carla Smith and Heather Barahona, CEU coordinator Gordon Bourland, and program chairs Jennifer Fritz, Sarah Lechago, and Manish Vaidya.

The 2014 conference will be held February 21–23, 2014, at the Embassy Suites on the beautiful Riverwalk in San Antonio, TX. Due to the recent growth of the conference, the program will be expanded to include three concurrent tracks during the first 2 days of the conference (Friday and Saturday), and limited programming on Sunday morning. We hope to see many of you there!

TxABA Awards

This year, TxABA honored Dr. Nathan Azrin with an award for enduring contributions to behavior analysis. Dr. Azrin had accepted an invitation to speak at the 2013 conference, but was unable to attend due to illness. It was with sadness and grief that TxABA members learned of Dr. Azrin's passing a few weeks later.

Dr. Gordon Bourland and Dr. Hilary Karp (1946–2009) were honored with TxABA's Career Contributions to Behavior Analysis in Texas Award. Dr. Bourland has twice been president of TxABA and currently serves as the coordinator of ABAI's Affiliated Chapters Board. Dr. Bourland has been a practitioner of behavior analysis for over three decades, during which time he has showed his passion for the field through his profound dedication to improving the lives of his clients, through research that has resulted in over 20 publications, and through his exceptional and outstanding service to the profession that he has performed both as part of his leadership roles in TxABA and outside of this role. Dr. Hilary Karp, who was honored posthumously, was a faculty member at the University of Houston–Clear Lake. During her career, she applied behavior analytic principles to a wide range of socially significant issues. She taught and mentored hundreds of students and has been sorely missed by her

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TxABA colleagues and friends since her untimely passing in 2009. Dr. Karp served on TxABA's Council in 1992.

James L. Kopp Memorial Scholarship

Each year if conference revenue permits, TxABA awards two James L. Kopp Memorial Scholarships—\$500 each—to students of behavior analysis who plan to present their research at the upcoming ABAI annual convention. These competitive scholarships are intended to help defray the cost of attending the annual convention. In order to be eligible to apply, a student must be listed as the presenting author of an accepted poster or symposium presentation. Awardees are announced and presented with their awards at the annual conference. The 2013 James L. Kopp Memorial Scholarship Recipients were Kay Treacher from the University of North Texas (“Online Lecture as an Alternative Method of Instruction in College Classrooms: Measuring the Effects of Alternating In-Class With Online Lectures in Two Sections of an Undergraduate Introduction to Behavior Analysis Course”) and Leslie Neely from Texas A&M University (“The Effects of Antecedent Exercise on Stereotypy During Instruction”). They both presented their award-winning research at the ABAI annual convention in Minneapolis in May.

Committees

TxABA's 2012–2013 Public Policy Committee was chaired by Gordon Bourland. The Public Policy Committee plays a huge role in TxABA's activities, as it monitors legislative activity and other public policy issues that may impact behavior analysts and their consumers in the state of Texas, and recommends action to the TxABA Council. The Council regularly acts upon the recommendations of the committee by providing input to legislators and public agencies.

The 2012–2013 Publicity and Membership Committee was chaired by Russell Lang, and for this past year has been working primarily on establishing a database of media contacts for publicity purposes.

Special Interest Groups

In 2012–2013, TxABA had three special interest groups (SIGs) arranged around members' common interests and geographical locations. The Dalla-Fort Worth Area Autism SIG was chaired by Heather Moore, the South and Central Autism SIG by Lupe Castaneda, and the Organizational Behavior Management SIG by Domonique Randall.

Officers

The 2012–2013 TxABA Council consisted of President Anna Petursdottir, Past President Gordon Bourland, and general members Jennifer Fritz, Duy Le, and Sarah Lechago. The student representative to Council was Brett

Kellerstedt. Elections were held in February for the offices of president and a Council member to replace Duy Le, who completed his term. Two candidates were on the ballot for each office; Jennifer Fritz was elected president and Richard Smith was elected for Council. Einar Ingvarsson was subsequently appointed to serve on Council for a year, to fill the vacancy left by Jennifer Fritz as she assumes the office of the president. Finally, student members elected Taylor Sweatt (University of Houston–Clear Lake) as the student representative for 2012–2013.

Heather Barahona served as TxABA's administrative coordinator in 2012–2013, and Carla Smith served as treasurer. For this past year, the two of them have worked tirelessly on improving the organization's infrastructure, processes, and procedures, and they deserve to be commended for their dedication to fulfilling the mission of TxABA.

Other Information

The practice of behavior analysis is not currently regulated by the State of Texas. According to a survey sent out to the TxABA membership in late 2012, a majority of our members would like to see behavior analysis become a licensed profession in Texas and want TxABA to take an active role in establishing licensure. At this time, TxABA has not taken any active steps toward establishing licensure. However, given recent developments in other states, we have intensified efforts to monitor any legislation that might be potentially harmful to the practice of behavior analysis in Texas.

Tidewater ABA

BY MEGAN MILLER

In 2012, Tidewater ABA continued to expand its membership and focus on disseminating information to the community about behavior analysis. Members presented information at several community events. Members participated in two webinar training activities presented by Megan Miller, MS, BCBA. The topics included ethics and advancements in autism intervention. Christine Evanko presented during several meetings regarding the new licensure laws in Virginia and insurance coverage for autism. As a group, members worked together to discuss the BACB's new insurance recommendations and supervision requirements. Several Tidewater ABA members presented at the ABAI annual convention on topics including ethical service delivery and staff training. Tidewater ABA members are joining with the local Autism Society in the fall of 2013 to host a 2-day, six-session workshop for parents in the Tidewater community.

Utah ABA

BY ANDREW L. SAMAHA

Utah ABA (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 third annual meeting in June 2012 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 third annual business meeting was held at that conference. The keynote speaker was Dr. Joe Webber of Texas State. In addition to other behavior analysis presentations, we also included two research symposia and a poster session in the conference program.

This year's June Utah Association for Behavior Analysis Conference (June 12–13) was held in cooperation with the first annual Utah Multi-Tiered Systems of Support & Effective Practices Conference in Salt Lake City. Keynote presentations were delivered by Dr. Robert Horner from the University of Oregon and Dr. Kevin Feldman from the Sonoma County Office of Education. In addition, behavior analysis presentations, research symposia, a poster session, and a UtABA business meeting were included in the program.

Key issues for UtABA in the coming year include supporting high-quality training for master's and doctoral-level behavior analysts around the state, working to ensure continued representation from practitioners in the organization, and supporting legislation that would allow BCBAs to receive reimbursement from insurance companies for providing behavioral services. In addition to the pre-approved BCBA course sequence currently offered by the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation at Utah State University, the University of Utah will also begin offering a pre-approved BCBA course sequence, making it only the second in the state. Finally, Utah is one of the few remaining states not to have passed laws supporting insurance reimbursement for services provided by BCBAs (although a small and temporary pilot program is currently being evaluated).

UtABA is a BACB-approved type 2 ACE provider. Current UtABA officers are Andrew Samaha (president), Tom Higbee (president-elect), Sarah Bloom (secretary/treasurer), Shawnee Collins (member-at-large), Blake Hansen (member-at-large), and Matthew Brodhead and S. Shanun Kunnavatana (student representatives).

Vermont ABA

BY JOANNA HULL

Vermont ABA (VtABA) has had a busy year. On June 15, 2012, VtABA hosted an ethics training with David Powsner, M.Ed, BCBA, called, "Decision Making in the Field of Problem Behavior." The training provided 18 BCBAs from around the state with CEUs.

On October 26, 2012, VtABA hosted its third annual conference, which took place in the capital city of Montpelier, Vt. Approximately 80 BCBAs, mental health practitioners, and school personnel came to hear Dr. Iser DeLeon give a talk called, "Translational Research towards

Enhancing Interventions for Severe Behavior." The feedback from the conference was extremely positive.

The conference was followed by a poster session and data share as well as VtABA's annual meeting. Five posters were submitted. Mary Hong won the Education Grant Award for the best poster presentation with her poster entitled, "The Evacuation and Treatment of Encopresis in a Home Setting." Clare McFadden and Amy Cohen shared their data on teaching evidence-based practices to preschool teachers of children with ASD. Their program is from a 3-year grant that the Vermont Department of Developmental Services and the Vermont Department of Health won 2 years ago. They are now in their third year of the program and had some very encouraging data to share.

The annual meeting was attended by approximately 25 VtABA members. After a review of the year's highlights, the annual Behavior Analyst of the Year Award was presented to Dr. C. Terry Starkey, and the Community Member of the Year Award was presented to Nicole Mondejar. These annual awards go to someone who has made a difference in the field within the state of Vermont.

The VtABA Board is preparing for our fourth annual conference, which will be held on October 10, 2013, in Burlington, VT. VtABA also has plans to develop and offer a post-certification, competency-based, BACB-approved training module/workshop on supervising pre-certification individuals. We will also be offering CEUs to BCBAs in June at the Autism Society of Vermont's 16th Annual Summer Institute on Autism, where Jason Travers, Ph.D., BCBA-D will be presenting a talk called, "Rationale and Model for Integrating Antecedent-Based Interventions and Embedded Instruction to Promote Learning and Address Inappropriate Behaviors."

VtABA is in the process of adding a new component to our website: vtaba.org. In addition to sharing information about membership, trainings, and conferences, we will soon be adding a link for students with the names and contact information of BCBAs in the state who are willing to supervise individuals who need to complete the experience requirements before sitting for the BACB exam.

VtABA is excited to educate the community about applied behavior analysis and its diverse utility, as well as to facilitate meaningful collaboration between service disciplines and providers for the betterment of all Vermonters. VtABA is always considering ways to recruit new members to the organization and to develop additional benefits for our membership. 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.

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Virginia ABA

BY TRACY E. ZINN

On March 30, 2013, the Virginia ABA (VABA) held its ninth annual meeting on at James Madison University (JMU) in Harrisonburg, VA. We invited six speakers:

- Leonard Green, Washington University, “Impulsivity, Impatience, and Risk Taking: How Many Impulsivities? A Discounting Perspective”
- Nicole Heal, Melmark New England, “Applications of a Group-Oriented Preference Assessment to Identify Individual Preference for Environmental Contexts in Preschool Classrooms”
- Selena Joy Layden, Virginia Commonwealth University, “Evidence-Based Practices and Students With Autism Spectrum Disorders”
- Sigurdur Sigurdsson, University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), “Why Don’t My Employees Just Do What I Tell Them? Introduction to Organizational Behavior Management in Human Services Settings”
- Jonathan L. Katz, National Institute on Drug Abuse, “A Little Pharmacology, a Little Behavior Analysis, and the Discovery of Potential Treatments for Stimulant Addiction”
- Keri Bethune, James Madison University, “Curricular Instruction for Individuals With Autism”

Our attendance was down slightly from last year, with 78 registrants. We had inadvertently scheduled the conference on the Saturday before Easter, and had heard from several people that they could not attend because of the holiday. We had approximately 20 posters, but would like to encourage more submissions for next year. VABA members, please encourage students and colleagues to submit posters for next year’s conference.

At the conclusion of the conference we had a poster session, social, and business meeting. At the business meeting, we discussed the future of the organization and elected new officers:

- President (2013–2014): Katherine Masincup, Commonwealth Autism Service
- President-Elect (2014–2015): Christy Evanko
- Secretary: Kristin Helgerson, Applied Behavior Consulting
- Treasurer: Brent Martin, Commonwealth Autism Service
- Board of Directors: Dave Mittermaier, Capital ABA, LLC, and Christine Holland, Commonwealth Autism Service
- Student Representative: Allen Porter, JMU and UMBC
- Website: Katie Ritchie, JMU

Officers held a virtual meeting to discuss the planning of next year’s conference and the future direction of the

organization. Officers reported being interested in surveying constituents within the state in order to evaluate needs and better tailor the conference and other activities to those needs. The survey was distributed the week of April 29.

Officers voiced concerns about having a multiple-day conference with workshops and issues of travel for those who would like to attend the conference. In terms of plans for the conference, officers discussed moving the location of the conference around the state in order to increase attendance from different groups of people. They plan on reaching out to universities about possible availability of space. For the past 9 years, JMU has provided space for the conference free of charge, which has resulted in low rates for conference attendance, especially for students. Meeting attendees suggested holding the conference in April instead of March, and wanted to be sure it was planned around other conferences and holidays. Other suggestions included moving the annual business meeting to the night before the conference, surveying conference attendees about the speakers at the end of the conference, initial plans for conference speakers, and reaching out to Tidewater ABA.

The next meeting was scheduled for the beginning of June to include agenda items of reviewing survey results, strategic planning, marketing of the organization, and conference planning.

VABA is planning a revamping of our website to be more inclusive of a wider audience. Again, we are hoping for feedback regarding the information that constituents would like to see on the website.

VABA is a Behavior Analyst Certification Board approved continuing education provider for board certified behavior analysts (BCBAs) and board certified assistant behavior analysts (BCaBAs). Type 2 continuing education credits are available at the annual meetings. We do not have a final count of the number of CEs offered in total this year. We see it as one goal of our organization to provide CE credits for the practitioners in our state and would love to hear from practitioners, parents, and academics regarding the topics that are most pressing for them.

The annual VABA conference is the primary mission of our organization and is the only annual meeting for the organization. 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. We do, however, typically charge different rates for participants who register early.

The 10th annual VABA conference will be held in early March 2014. The dates and location have not been finalized. Please check our website for updates on next year’s conference. The conference will also include a business meeting to address elections. Questions about VABA should be directed to Kate Masincup (kmasincup@autismva.org).

Wisconsin ABA

BY ELLIE HARTMAN

Wisconsin ABA (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. 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 past year was successful for WisABA. Our fifth annual conference was held in August 2012, at the

Memorial Union Terrace at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This conference was well attended with local and nationally recognized speakers presenting on a variety of behavior analytic topics. We wish to thank all those who presented and came.

This year presents some new challenges and opportunities for WisABA. This spring, we had an evening with the students at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Students, professors, practitioners, and researchers traded ideas and established new collaborations and friendships. Our business meeting held in Minneapolis at ABAI's annual convention provided WisABA members with the opportunity to review the past year's accomplishments and plan next year's major activities. Our sixth conference is scheduled for August 12–13, 2013, at the Memorial Union Terrace 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 lobby 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 University of Wisconsin-Madison campus during our next conference. ❖



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Updates From ABAI's Special Interest Groups

Applied Animal Behavior

BY CHRISTINA ALLIGOOD

Applied Animal Behavior SIG continues to focus on communication with SIG members, ABAI members, and applied animal behaviorists in other organizations and promotion of scholarship in applied animal behavior. 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 several 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. This year, we added new expert reviewers, and thanks to the generous support of our members we were able to provide our finalists with registration for the applied animal behavior workshop "How Do They Do That? An Introduction to Operant Conditioning at the Zoo" at the ABAI annual convention. Students interested in programs of graduate study in animal behavior may wish to consult a listing of such programs created by SIG member Eddie Fernandez, which can be found at <http://faculty.washington.edu/eduferna/AABprograms.xlsx>.

In the last few years, we have instituted a set of bylaws and a new mission statement to guide the SIG as it continues to grow, and we have worked on solidifying the organizational structure of the SIG by incorporating our group and applying for nonprofit status. These steps will allow for easier transitions and better financial management as new SIG leaders are elected.

As usual, SIG members were very busy at this year's ABAI annual convention in Minneapolis, with 21 applied animal behavior-related events including the aforementioned workshop, 10 posters, 3 symposia, a paper session, a B. F. Skinner lecture by Dr. Patricia McConnell, a tutorial by Dr. Susan Friedman, and two Professional Development Series panel discussions in collaboration with the ABAI Student Committee. The SIG conducted our annual business meeting and presented a poster at the ABAI Expo, and SIG leaders attended the ABAI Special Interest Group Leadership Training. We also organized a visit to Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, led by Indya Watts.

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 ROBERT K. ROSS

The Autism SIG was established to enable practitioners and consumers of applied behavior analysis (ABA) services to communicate and collaborate. It has grown from a small group of dedicated professionals, to over 1,000 members in the largest SIG of ABAI. The Autism SIG has worked hard to develop a broad range of consumer resources to support those behavior analysts and consumers in providing high-quality services to children and families with ASD. To help accomplish this mission, the SIG has developed a number of committees. Their purpose and activities are detailed below.

Consumer Resource Committee

This committee has been focusing on two projects:

- Revising the *Consumer Guidelines* for identifying qualified professionals in behavior analysis
- Developing a *Parent and Consumer Resource Guide*

The *Consumer Guidelines* provide valuable information for consumers of ABA-based services. This resource was developed to help enable parents, school districts, and other professionals to identify qualified practitioners of ABA services for individuals with ASD. 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) was established to conduct the initial review (Mary Jane Weiss, chair; Robert Ross; Suzanne Buchannan; Andy Bondy; and Val Demiri), and a number of external review panels also participated. It was an enormous undertaking that included layers of planning and collaboration. We also want to thank some of those who were involved in our external review: Gina Green, Ph.D., BCBA-D; Dick Malott, Ph.D., BCBA-D; and Jim Carr, Ph.D., BCBA-D.

This project is the fourth revision to these guidelines and the most comprehensive of the revisions thus far. These revisions reflect the major changes that have taken place in autism treatment since the development of the BACB and the passage of licensing laws in a few states. The document was out of date, and the revision took much longer than planned. We went to great lengths to incorporate the input of each reviewer and to balance their perspectives, while still ensuring that we produced a useful document for consumers. It was then sent to 14 external reviewers (including consumers, master's level behavior analysts, and Ph.D. level

behavior analysts). Finally, the three major behavior analysis organizations (ABAI, APBA, and the BACB) were asked to review and comment. The current document reflects the consensus opinions of all reviewers. The goal of this document has always been to educate and empower consumers. It should help potential consumers to identify competent behavior analysts. Our primary objective was to create something that informs consumers about the wide range of criteria that may be used to identify competence/expertise in behavior analysis and its application to individuals with autism. This document was reviewed at the ABAI annual convention in Minneapolis this year during the SIG's annual business meeting.

The second project that the SIG has been working on is a *Parent and Consumer Resources Guide*. This document is designed to provide information for parents and consumers who are advocating for ABA-based services. The committee working on this document includes Eric Larsson, Jane Howard, David Celiberti, Pam Gorski, Lori Bechner, and Robert Ross. Much work still needs to be done on this project, but we are hopeful that we will have a concise and useful summary of relevant information to enable parents and consumers to effectively advocate for ABA-based services ready by next year.

Membership Committee

This year we have maintained our membership at 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, email our secretary/treasurer, Lauren Pepa, at autismsig@gmail.com.

Student Research Award

We sponsor an annual student research award. This year a committee reviewed posters during the ABAI annual convention, and invited students to submit their posters for review. For next year, the committee wants to encourage any student conducting applied research related to autism treatment services to submit a poster to autismsig@gmail.com.

Newsletter Committee

The newsletter underwent several changes last year. Our long-serving newsletter editor, David Fisher, was no longer able to serve in this role. However, incoming president-elect, John Molteni, has graciously agreed to take over. We also changed the format of our newsletter to make distribution and access to content easier. Now, in addition to the email to all members, all newsletter content is incorporated in related links directly 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. However, we have had difficulty keeping the website content up to date. We are always looking for individuals who have strong computer skills and are interested in helping out in this area. If you are interested in becoming a part of the SIG and are willing to help in this area, we would be very appreciative of your assistance. We hope (with expanded resources) to be able to provide updated information on research related to peer-reviewed studies of autism treatments. We hope that this will become your go-to site for information on effective treatments and to find research on treatments that have been studied and found to be ineffective. We share our site with our close collaborator, the Parent-Professional Partnership SIG (PPP SIG). Please check out our website for valuable information, and sign up to join one or both of our groups at www.autismppp.sig.

We are grateful for the support from the officers and volunteers who have provided such valuable input, including past Autism SIG presidents Lori Bechner, Mary Jane Weiss, David Celiberti, and Ruth Donlin, who continue to be involved in the Autism SIG. John Molteni is the president-elect, and members of our core committee include Website Master Sara Gershfeld; Secretary/Treasurer Lauren Pepa; as well as Pam Gorski, Val Demiri, David Fisher, Kristin Foley, Chigusa Haldeman, Jon Kimball, Tom Zane, and Suzanne Buchannan.

As mentioned above, we hope to continue to expand our website to make it a true resources for our members and the public by including a featured section devoted to research regarding therapies that have little to 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 that you can.

Behavior Analysis and Selectionist Approach to Robotics

BY JOSEPH CAUTILLI

According to Logistics Management, growth in the field of robotics is expected to increase by 22% globally and by 15% in the US by 2016 and will be a \$20.2 billion industry. The Behavior Analysis and Selectionist Approach to Robotics SIG had a quiet year: Our Facebook page has 119 members and posted 14 articles. One article was on the work being done at Delft University in which two robots, Leo and Phides, learned to walk using reinforcement learning principles. The article can be found at www.gizmag.com/robots-learn-to-walk-run-delft-university/25154. Our Yahoo group has 82 members. Activity on the list is slow and we publish about 1–2 messages

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a month. We encourage those interested in learning more about the selectionist approach to robotics and our SIG to please like us on Facebook or join the Yahoo group.

Behavior Analysis for Sustainable Societies

BY JULIA H. FIEBIG

Now in its third year, the Behavior Analysis for Sustainable Societies SIG (BASS SIG) has continued to build membership from within and beyond the behavior analytic community. The third BASS SIG business meeting was held at the 39th ABAI Annual Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Bylaws were presented and officer elections were held. Officer election results can be found on the new BASS blog website established by Todd Ward during the summer of 2012. In addition to the BASS Facebook page, which has reached approximately 456 "likes," and the BASS SIG Yahoo discussion group, the BASS SIG blog is a forum for sharing information, making commentaries, and posting examples of sustainability and behavior change efforts across disciplines. Contact information for all SIG officers and links to the Yahoo discussion listserv can be found at <http://baforsustainablesocieties.blogspot.com>.

In line with our mission to advance applications of behavior analysis to environmental issues, members and supporters of BASS SIG presented several papers at the 39th ABAI Annual Convention in Minneapolis. Additionally, Todd Ward and Donny Newsome presented to the ABAI SIG leadership teams on the use of social media and setting up and managing low-cost, useful means of communication and information dissemination for special interest groups.

Current and future objectives of the SIG include continuing to support initiatives that directly contribute to applications of behavior analysis to environmental issues. 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 education

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.

Behavior Analyst Online

BY PAUL R. 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 based 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 SIG is dedicated to helping behavior analysts remain current in research and methodology, while providing free online access to ensure worldwide availability to the latest behavioral research.

The group develops and deploys new resources, making them available on the Internet free of charge to the public. These resources are dedicated to educating the public about behavior analysis, as well as serving as a resource for professionals involved in research and/or application of principles of behavior analysis. Behavior Analyst Online is also responsible to its membership to develop resources that are useful in everyday research, education, and application of the science of behavior. The SIG is operated under the guidance of its Senior Membership Board. The following can be found at the SIG website:

- Theory and 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, and 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 is to develop specific resources including, but not limited to:

- Online ejournals
- 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, 2011). 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 also honors a student presenter each year. In addition to ongoing business activities, this meeting typically includes a discussion 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>).

Clinical

BY TOM WALTZ

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 behaviors to help people move beyond their problems and toward living more fulfilling lives.

The Clinical SIG is for those who have an interest in clinical applications of behavior analysis. Clinical behavior analysts work in both research and applied settings. A sample of clinical domains in which CBA clinicians work includes:

- 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 apply to clinical populations. This group seeks to promote CBA within ABAI and is interested in maintaining the longstanding relationship between basic research and clinical application.

At the 2013 convention, the Clinical SIG met to continue work on several ongoing projects. Our Clinical SIG newsletter has an annual edition that focuses on highlighting ABAI convention events of interest to Clinical SIG members. The SIG is soliciting additional newsletter submissions, including brief updates from CBA academic training programs and research labs, promoting workshops and conference events, and coordinating events for the ABAI annual convention. The Clinical SIG is working to develop opportunities to recognize and support students doing research in this area. To be kept up to date on Clinical SIG activities and to access copies of the newsletter please check our listserv at http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/Clinical_SIG. If you would like to join the Clinical-SIG, please contact us using the link at www.abainternational.org/Special_Interests/clinical.asp.

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Direct Instruction

BY WENDY L. LITTLETON-KOZMA AND ANN FILER

Direct instruction is a logical choice for a wide variety of learners. Frequently, the instructional needs of learners with ASD and other learning challenges are similar to the needs of typically developing learners. As a stated goal, the Direct Instruction SIG (DI SIG) strives to coordinate and support a continuum of ongoing education, training, and networking opportunities for all individuals interested in direct instruction 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 through the use of carefully designed instructional materials, instructional sequences, and teaching strategies to ensure students will master content at a reasonable rate.

DI SIG members met for the annual business meeting on Sunday, May 26, at the ABAAI Annual Convention in Minneapolis. Goals and projects targeted for the coming year were established, including a plan for designing and launching a DI SIG wiki site as well as the introduction of a series of radio podcasts dedicated to the topic of direct instruction. The DI SIG is also working to develop a collaborative relationship with members of the Parent Professional Partnership SIG and the Autism SIG. Suggested goals for this collaborative group include 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 ABAAI-sponsored workshops and presentations.

The DI SIG seeks to identify various challenges, administrative practices, and implementation strategies pertaining specifically to evidence-based instructional practices such as teaching typical learners and learners with special needs—including individuals on the autism spectrum. These elements are analyzed and discussed with respect to learner characteristics and addressed in terms of obstacles and challenges to direct instruction implementation. Members seek to propose and catalog solutions to instructional obstacles, including modifications and adaptations. Participants will continue to develop a systematic process for determining best practice guidelines and publishing standardized processes for implementing solutions. The DI SIG continues to discuss the development of research projects validating the effectiveness of direct instruction implementation with special needs learners on the autism spectrum. The DI SIG will continue to work on several research proposals that were established at the conclusion of the 2012 conference.

The National Institute for Direct Instruction will sponsor its First Annual Training Institute, August 5–8 in San Antonio, Texas. The institute will offer a one-stop training event designed to help teachers, paraprofessionals, building coordinators, and administrators master tools for implementing direct instruction successfully for all students.

For more information, readers are encouraged to contact the Association for Direct Instruction and the National Institute for Direct Instruction, which are nonprofit organizations dedicated to promoting and supporting the use of direct instruction programs. Both host direct instruction conferences, provide online networking and assistance, and publish newsletters and journals, including the *Direct Instruction News* and *The Journal of Direct Instruction*.

Dissemination of Behavior Analysis

BY AMANDA N. KELLY

Over the past year, several members of the Dissemination of Behavior Analysis SIG (DBA-SIG) have been active in bringing behavior analytic information to the masses. In October, DBA-SIG vice chair, Benjamin Witts, ran a campaign cleverly coined, “How to Train Your Zombie,” which received attention across college campuses, even garnering the attention of a local news station. Based on the popularity of Ben’s idea, he was nominated by DBA-SIG chair, Amanda N. Kelly (aka “Behaviorbabe”) for consideration to do a TEDEd™ (<http://ed.ted.com>) animated presentation. After months of mostly waiting, Ben’s presentation has been picked up by an artist. His contribution on respondent conditioning as it pertains to dating will appear online in the TEDEd™ database.

The DBA-SIG continues to maintain an active online presence, thanks in part to SIG webmaster, Corey Robertson (aka “Behaviorguy”). You can find us on Twitter (@DBASIG) as well as on Facebook. You can expect to see posts and read responses to comments on at least a bi-weekly basis.

You may have seen the hilarious ABA-themed eCards that were created and released on Facebook by Amanda Kelly (www.facebook.com/Behaviorbabe). In addition to online cartoons and captions, several behavior analysts have also created online shops that sell ABA apparel. If you do a Google search, you can find items ranging from iPhone cases to backpacks to t-shirts to coffee mugs. Many of these sites donate proceeds directly to behavior analysis organizations such as SABA.

In addition to online dissemination, members of the DBA-SIG have demonstrated their commitment to global efforts by traveling and presenting or teaching (e.g., Kenya/Global Autism Project Skill Corps) or writing and publishing overseas (e.g., South India-ABA, April 2013). We commend and applaud all of our members for their active role in the dissemination of our science.

Our DBA-SIG meeting at this year's ABAI convention in Minneapolis was well attended. Discussion primarily focused on past accomplishments as well as future directions for continuing our dissemination efforts. Some upcoming initiatives include the revitalizing of the Skinner Journalism Award, an award that aims to recognize individual writers for portraying behavior analysis or B. F. Skinner in a positive light. Recipients of the award may not be behavior analysts themselves. Past winner David Freedman's article in *The Atlantic* (2012) continues to circulate online and receive acclaim via discussion boards and social media sites. In addition to supporting and recognizing authors, the DBA-SIG is also committed to organizing and assisting in the development of future TEDEd™ talks, as well as partnering with other SIGs (e.g., sustainability, organizational management) to aid in promoting their application of behavior analysis.

Membership for 2013 is being offered for *free*! Individuals interested in joining the DBA-SIG should email Amanda N. Kelly at Amanda.N.Kelly@hotmail.com. Benefits of joining the SIG include an increased awareness of interdisciplinary applications of behavior analysis through collaboration with professionals in other fields and subspecialties across the globe. Members of the SIG will receive public recognition for their involvement in promoting behavior analysis in a positive light. Additionally, a letter of recommendation is available for any active SIG member upon request and approval by the DBA-SIG Executive Council.

When asked, "what is the goal of the SIG?" or more specifically "who is our target audience?" the simple answer is "*everyone!*" We aim to reach individuals and organizations across the globe and across disciplines, including, but not limited to, treatment of eating disorders, addictions, autism, speech disorders, acquisition of academic skills, organizational safety, behavioral medicine, and more. We welcome all of those who wish to join us!

Ethics and Behavior Analysis

BY DAVID J. COX

The Ethics and Behavior Analysis SIG (EBASIG) is excited to be celebrating its inaugural year as an ABAI SIG. The purpose of the group is to enhance the current state of and provide recommendations for ethical conduct for all individuals who use the title "behavior analyst." This is accomplished through discussion and the seeking of publications regarding how to ethically carry out behavior analytic activities as well as conducting a behavioral analysis of what is tacted to as ethical behavior within and across various contexts we find ourselves within. The EBASIG is for all individuals who may have an interest in the aforementioned areas at any level of analysis and discussion.

During the ABAI annual convention, the EBASIG had its first business meeting, in which the basic operations of the SIG were outlined for all in attendance as well as the initial

proposed activities for the SIG as a whole. These included the regular publication of an ethics article within already established ABAI-related publications and the creation of a set of ethical principles that licensing boards of behavior analysts in the various states could consider for adoption for their ethical codes for licensed behavior analysts.

In addition, and of which were submitted prior to the creation of the EBASIG, the ABAI annual convention saw ethics-related presentations by EBASIG members Dr. Thomas L. Zane ("Functionality, Affect, and Quality of Life: Issues in Lives of Adolescents and Adults With Autism"); Dr. Robert Ross ("Establishing Standards of Practice in ABA Treatment of Autism"); Megan DeLeon-Miller ("Important Aspects of the BACB Code of Conduct"); David J. Cox ("Metaethics, Behavior Analysis, and the Route to Professionalization"); a panel discussion chaired by Dr. Thomas Zane, that included Dr. Jon S. Bailey, Dr. Wayne Fuqua, and Dr. Mary Jane Weiss; and a workshop conducted by Dr. Jon S. Bailey and Mary Burch ("Ethics Labs 2013: Ethics Games People Play").

If you are interested in joining the EBASIG, please visit us on the web at www.abainternational.org/constituents/special-interests/sig-details.aspx?intTPKey=2887.

Evidence Based Practice

BY SUSAN WILCZYNSKI

The Evidence Based Practice Special Interest Group (EBP-SIG) of ABAI emphasized increasing membership as the primary focus in previous annual meetings at the ABAI convention. 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. Mark Harvey is currently serving as our technology chair and will administrate both the website and the new Facebook page we developed this year. 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. The Facebook page is in its infancy but will be used to promote discussions regarding factors that relate to evidence-based practice as it relates to applied behavior analysis.

David Test and colleagues will continue to distribute an outstanding quarterly newsletter, *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. Presentations should not be restricted exclusively to ABAI conferences or state conferences. Similarly, publications should not be restricted exclusively to applied behavior

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analysis journals. Instead, presentations and articles that highlight the importance of EBP for any field in which applied behavior analysis plays a critical role (e.g., education, health, psychology, etc.) should be sent to David. This larger discussion benefits all members by helping them to better understand the relationship of EBP to the broad field of applied behavior analysis.

A primary goal for the EBP-SIG in the last year was to pass our bylaws, which has now been accomplished. A second goal was to submit an article outlining the critical role of evidence-based practice for the field of behavior analysis for publication. This document was developed by leaders in the EBP-SIG and is currently under consideration. At the 2013 convention, we discussed options for developing an infrastructure to better serve the membership of ABAI. At present, there are no membership dues for the EBP-SIG, but a nominal fee may be implemented in 2013–2014 if the policy committee makes this decision during the upcoming year. Additional positions have been developed in the last year, including an operations/treasurer chair and an elections chair. We currently seek interested parties to serve in these positions.

Anyone interested in joining the EBP-SIG should email the president of the EBP-SIG, Susan Wilczynski (smwilczynski@bsu.edu). A membership chair is also being sought at this time, and those seeking to participate more directly in the EBP-SIG should contact Susan Wilczynski. New members are also encouraged to contact Susan Wilczynski to discuss ways in which the organization can best meet your needs. Students are strongly encouraged to become members of the EBP-SIG because the intersection of these fields involves important professional and financial implications for future academicians and practitioners. Students may also be interested in becoming a student representative, a position that has been developed in the last year, and this role may serve to enhance students' connections with leaders in EBP and applied behavior analysis.

Experimental Analysis of Human Behavior

BY ERIC JACOBS & MANISH VAIDYA

The mission of the Experimental Analysis of Human Behavior SIG (EAHB SIG) is to promote basic experimental and translational research with human participants. EAHB SIG works toward this mission via the following activities:

- 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 annual business meeting of the

EAHB SIG, where students are asked to present their experiments to an 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, Travis Thompson, Jack Michael, and Howard Rachlin.
- Sponsoring the journal, *EAHB Bulletin* (ISSN 1938-7237), 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.
- Sponsoring an annual meeting for interested parties during 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, EAB, behavior analysis, and the world generally. The meeting is also used to recognize our Student Paper Competition winners and to deliberate and decide upon the next recipient of the EAHB Distinguished Career Award.

Report of 2012–2013 Activities

The SIG is proud to unveil the new look of the EAHB-SIG website as well as the new look for the *EAHB Bulletin*. In addition to a change in the look of the website, we are pleased to expand its utility. For example, registered members of the SIG (via the website) are able to post comments on nearly all of the contributions to the site. We invite you to register for the website and explore its various new features and capabilities. We particularly welcome your feedback. Please navigate to the "Contact" page and submit your comments.

In addition, we introduced three small changes in the organizational structure of the SIG that will allow us to better manage the various activities of the group. In brief, these activities include overall management of the SIG, the EAHB-SIG Career Award, the Student Paper Competition, and publication of the *EAHB Bulletin*. Management of financial activities and management of our presence on the web make up the remaining two required activities of the SIG. The new organizational structure is described below:

- Dr. Eric A Jacobs now serves as SIG chair and coordinator of the EAHB SIG Career Award.
- Dr. Chata Dickson continues to serve as coordinator of the Student Paper Competition.
- Dr. Manish Vaidya now serves as editor of the *EAHB Bulletin*.
- Dr. Yusuke Hayashi continues to serve as treasurer.
- Mr. Zachary Voss now serves as webmaster.

The EAHB SIG held its annual meeting at the ABAA 38th Annual Convention in Seattle, WA. The SIG recognized two winners of the Student Paper Competition. Sarah Dickman (California State University, Sacramento; Dr. Caio Miguel, advisor) won for her paper titled, "The Effects of Tact Training in the Development of Analogical Reasoning." Whitney Luffman (University of North Carolina Wilmington; Dr. Carol Pilgrim, advisor) also won for her paper titled, "Using Class-Specific Reinforcers and Responses With Conditional Discrimination Training and Recombinative Generalization With Children." In addition, two runners-up were also recognized—Rochelle R. Smits (Utah State University; Dr. Gregory J. Madden, advisor) and Kristen Myers-Kemp (Florida Institute of Technology; Dr. David A. Wilder, advisor).

The SIG is indebted to Chata Dickson for coordinating the Student Paper Competition and to all participants and reviewers who made the event possible.

Finally, the SIG was excited to present its 2012 Distinguished Career Award to Award to Dr. Howard Rachlin. To honor Dr. Rachlin and his many contributions to the field, we organized a symposium featuring presentations by Dr. Matthew Locey, Dr. Leonard Green, and Dr. Rachlin himself. The SIG thanks all of the speakers and attendees for contributing to this special event.

Upcoming Plans for 2013–2014

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, by recognizing outstanding career-long contributions to the field, and by maintaining an outlet for publishing human operant research.

In October 2012, the SIG selected Dr. Nathan Azrin to receive the EAHB SIG Distinguished Career award for 2013. We originally planned for Dr. Teodoro Ayllon to introduce Dr. Azrin and to present him with the award. Unfortunately, Dr. Azrin passed away in March 2013. In lieu of the award presentation, the EAHB-SIG, in collaboration with Dr. Ayllon, held a memorial in honor of Dr. Azrin. The memorial featured presentations by his former students, collaborators, and colleagues. The speakers included Dr. Ronald Hutchinson, Dr. John Lutzker, Dr. Brad Donohue, and Dr. Ayllon. A panel discussion was held on Sunday. Thanks to everyone who joined us to remember and celebrate the life and career of Dr. Nathan Azrin.

The EAHB SIG continues to increase the size of its membership (currently 30 ABA members) by (a) presenting a poster at the ABA Expo, (b) promoting the annual Distinguished Career Award address, and (c) 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 Editorial Board and strategies for increasing the impact of the publication. We also discussed possible nominees for next year's Distinguished Career Award.

Additional information on the EAHB SIG, the *EAHB Bulletin*, and membership can be found at www.eahb.org or by visiting our poster at the ABAA Expo each ABAA annual convention. 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.

Gambling

BY ANDREW BRANDT

The Gambling SIG (G-SIG) had another busy year, publishing two issues of the journal *Analysis of Gambling Behavior* (AGB) and sponsoring a single-track gambling conference hosted by the Behavior Analysis Program at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). The G-SIG membership thanks the UNR faculty for their support and Ben Witts for his tremendous work directing this year's conference.

The G-SIG also continued its role in publishing AGB, which contains peer-reviewed articles related to the scientific study of gambling and the treatment of pathological gambling. The recent issues contain articles from many distinguished gambling researchers on topics including the modeling of gambling using animal subjects, motivating operations in laboratory gambling environments, delay and probability discounting, and the gambling functional assessment tool. To find back issues or information about submitting an article, please see the AGB website at <http://analysisofgamblingbehavior.org>.

Finally, the G-SIG continued adding new material to its website (www.andrewebrandt.com/gsig/home.htm), which is designed to promote G-SIG events, organize past conference information, and provide a place to share gambling research resources. Please visit our website for more information or contact the chair directly at gamblingsig@gmail.com.

Health, Sport, and Fitness

BY JENNIFER KLAPATCH

The mission of the Health, Sport, and Fitness SIG (HSF SIG) is to support research and application of behavior analytic methods, practices, and principles to human challenges in health, sport, and fitness. With that mission in mind and fueled by enthusiastic discussion at our 2012 business meeting, there have been many exciting new changes. Chief among these changes is a new cabinet of officers with Jennifer Klapatch elected as chair, Megan Coatley elected as events and resources manager, and Albert Malkin elected as website manager. The officers have

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dedicated countless hours to our biggest on-going project, our website. The website (<http://hsfsig.wordpress.com>) hosts resources on smoking and addiction; workplace wellness; healthy communities; children and families; sports, exercise and fitness; and diet and nutrition. Additionally, members have contributed blog posts on topics such as behavior analytic tools for weight management, health-related public policy, technology for self-management, and recent health trends in pregnancy. The design of the website is nearing completion; however, it is our hope that it can continue to be updated regularly and become a hub of information for all of our members. In addition to the website, we've also seen increased activity on our Facebook page, which has provided members with the opportunity to chat with one another, network, and share additional resources. Even more exciting, our membership continues to grow; we currently have 107 members on our email list.

In addition to the online projects, the HSF SIG also had several exciting events take place at the annual convention in Minneapolis. In a joint effort with Dr. Andy Lattal and ABAI's Student Committee, the HSF SIG sponsored a morning run around Lake Harriet. Additionally, we sponsored a symposium in which authors discussed how recreation, fitness, and leisure skills serve as behavioral cusps. Referencing Bosch and Fuqua's (2001) definition of behavioral cusps, authors analyzed how self-management of health-related behaviors, outdoor exercising, and soccer skills can function as behavioral cusps as they (a) allow the learner to access new reinforcers, contingencies and environments; (b) are socially valid; (c) are stepping stones to the acquisition of novel behaviors that are not programmed or specifically taught; (d) have an impact on individuals within the learner's verbal community and (e) are incompatible with many inappropriate behaviors and learning specific target skills will help make previous challenging behaviors obsolete.

Upcoming plans for the HSF SIG include discussing dues structures and best uses of funds; planning events for networking and collaboration opportunities; brainstorming opportunities to disseminate behavior analysis into mainstream health, sports, and fitness venues; recruiting members to provide additional content for the website and discussing additional uses for the website; and continuing discussion around how to make membership in the SIG as beneficial for members as possible. For all the progress we've made in the past year, the SIG would like to thank Megan Coatley, Albert Malkin, Hazlon Schepmyer, Sherry Schweighardt, Annabelle Winters, and Stephanie Wack for their contributions to the website and events in Minneapolis. For more information, to join the HSF SIG, or if you're interested in making contributions to the website, please contact Jennifer Klapatch at hsf.abai@gmail.com. Please also check out our Facebook page ([facebook.com/HSFSig](https://www.facebook.com/HSFSig)) and website (<http://hsfsig.wordpress.com>) for more information.

History of Behavior Analysis

BY EDWARD K. MORRIS

The purpose of History of Behavior Analysis SIG (HoBA SIG) is to advance behavior analysis, nationally and internationally, through knowledge and understanding of its history. Our objectives are to cultivate and nurture, enrich and improve, and communicate and disseminate the field's history. Our audience includes behavior analysts, other scientists and humanists, and the public at large. Our purview is the field's long past, short history, and recent origins—both internal and external. Internal history includes the field's research methods, sciences, conceptual systems, philosophies, professions, and institutions, as well as its scientists, scholars, and professionals. Its external history includes the field's historical, social, and cultural context.

Governance

The SIG is governed by a president, Edward Morris (University of Kansas); a vice-president, Karen Wagner (Behavior Service of Brevard, FL); and a secretary-treasurer, Todd McKerchar (Jacksonville State University). Its governance is assisted by Pat Williams (University of Houston), who oversees the HoBA listserv.

Membership

Our membership is open to anyone interested in the SIG's aim, mission, or objectives. This includes members of ABAI and other behavior analytic organizations (e.g., APA Division 25, the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies, the B. F. Skinner Foundation), as well as members of organizations outside of behavior analysis (e.g., the Society for the History of Psychology, Cheiron, the History of Science Society) and independent scholars. The SIG's members need not be members of ABAI.

Business Meetings

The SIG held its first business meeting during the 2012 ABAI annual convention and its second during the 2013 annual convention. These meetings allowed members to review how the SIG was addressing its aim, mission, and objectives and to consider activities to advance them (e.g., a listserv, website, ABAI HoBA symposia, awards program). At the 2012 meeting, the SIG voted to establish a listserv, which Pat Williams built that June and now oversees, and to pursue the development of a website over the summer, which we also did. Todd McKerchar agreed to develop the site and serve as its editor. He presented a prototype of the site at the 2013 business meeting.

Publications, Listserv, and Website

The SIG has no publications. Our members exchange information and publications through the HoBA listserv at HOBA@LISTSERV.UHD.EDU and, soon, the website.

Plans for 2013–2014

The SIG was not directly involved in developing HoBA symposia and organizing HoBA paper sessions for the 2013 ABAI annual convention, but its members participated in developing an ABAI invited symposium, “Behaviorism Since Watson.” It was chaired by Edward Morris and featured presentations on basic and applied research and conceptual issues by Iver Iversen, Jim Carr, and Jay Moore, respectively. Jack Marr served as the discussant. Next year, the SIG plans to launch its website with links to websites containing material on the history of behavior analysis (e.g., the Society for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior, the B. F. Skinner Foundation) and other archival resources (e.g., Archives for the History of American Psychology, Harvard University Archives). It may also pursue other projects, including ABAI symposia, an awards program, and relations with other history of science organizations (e.g., Society for the History of Psychology, History of Science Society). These will likely require a more elaborate organizational structure (e.g., a secretary, treasurer, editors) and administrative procedures (e.g., electoral), and possibly modest dues.

Human Development

BY HAYNE W. REESE

Mission

The Human Development SIG’s mission is to promote a behavioral-developmental thrust within behavior analysis by bringing professionals from outside traditional behavior analysis to the ABAI meetings and forming collaborations, and to bring behavioral-developmental analysis to the wider world of child psychology, comparative psychology, evolution, economics, and so forth. To promote these ends, the SIG publishes a refereed journal, *The Behavioral Development Bulletin* (BDB).

Membership

The SIG has about 128 members, including faculty and students, interested in all or part of the SIG’s missions.

Annual Events

The SIG holds a business meeting and presents an Expo poster at the ABAI Expo every year. The business meeting is open to nonmembers of the SIG as well as members, but nonmembers serve in only an advisory capacity. In addition, the SIG produces a full program at ABAI conventions, covering the range of interests related to its mission via invited addresses, tutorials, symposia, panel discussions, papers, and posters. A no-host SIG dinner is held at the ABAI convention every year. It is open to nonmembers of the SIG as well as members, and has been well attended by both groups.

Newsletters/Publications

BDB’s mission is to provide behavior analysts peer-reviewed scientific information about human and nonhuman development. Topics include, but are not limited to, empirical and conceptual analyses of behavioral and cognitive development, emotional and social development, and socialization, viewed from various frameworks such as behavior analysis, psychology, and sociobiology. The journal and individual articles are available for free at the Behavior Analyst Online website.

Specifically of Interest to Behavior Analysts

The SIG promotes behavior analytic empirical and conceptual analyses of issues related to behavioral development, and it encourages examination of how methodological and theoretical positions outside behavior analysis approach these issues empirically and conceptually. These kinds of analyses have often dealt with complex kinds of behavior such as stimulus equivalence, relational frames, language, and problem solving, as well as normal and problematic feeding behaviors and social interactions, and with historical bases of behaviorism and behavior analysis as basic science and applied practice.

Military and Veterans

BY KENT A. CORSO AND ABIGAIL CALKIN

The Military and Veterans SIG ((MilVet SIG) is entering its second official year of operations. The MilVet SIG focuses on how the field of applied behavior analysis can support those who have served our country. Considering that this is a new SIG, co-chairs, Abigail Calkin and Kent Corso, and members remain excited about discussing the issues and needs of this specific population. During the SIG’s first active year a significant amount of time has been devoted to increasing membership, while also examining viable ways of accessing the military and veteran community.

As it stands, the Tricare ECHO program for treating autism spectrum disorder (ASD) among the children of active duty beneficiaries remains the only official entry point into the Department of Defense (DOD) healthcare system for behavior analysts. According to the most recent data, behavior analysts are currently treating .059% of the military/veteran population through these official and reimbursable means. Yet this only includes qualifying beneficiaries diagnosed with ASD. Moreover, the only federally authorized positions for behavior analysts within DOD and the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) are for those who will be practicing as licensed psychiatrists, psychologists, or social workers. There are no known official positions or other policies addressing the role of behavior analysts within the DOD and VA healthcare systems. Given these challenges, the current activity of the MilVet SIG has been to raise awareness about the obstacles that

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lie in the path of delivering applied behavior analysis to the military and veteran population.

At the 2013 ABAI annual convention, Dr. Corso spoke about these obstacles and discussed potential options with those behavior analysts interested in serving this population. Also at this year's convention, Dr. Calkin structured part of her workshop on inner behavior to address some behavior analytic ways to help veterans with PTSD, one of the two hallmark wounds of America's recent wars. The number of PTSD diagnoses that have been assigned to those who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan between 2001 and 2012 is 131,341. Prevalence of these symptoms among service members since 2001 hover around 20%. Yet there have not been enough efforts to raise awareness in the behavior analytic community about these needs. To this end, Calkin is writing a memoir about being the wife of a three-tour veteran of two wars. To date, two portions of her book have received awards, and five are already published in an online journal.

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is the other hallmark wound of the recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. There have been 253,330 independent diagnoses of TBI given to American service members since 2001. With the support of the MilVet SIG, Dr. Ted Hoch, Dr. Joseph Cautilli, and Dr. Rick Esterbrook are piloting a method of assessing language deficits in service members and veterans with TBI in order to better inform treatment.

Clearly there is much that behavior analysis can contribute to improving the functional communication, autonomic regulation, and daily living skills of these service members. In the coming year, the MilVet SIG will continue to support the efforts of Dr. Hoch's team and any other clinical, research, or policy initiatives aimed at increasing the use and recognition of applied behavior analysis as an important modality for the military and veteran communities. Membership in the MilVet SIG is free, and the SIG presented at the ABAI Expo during this year's annual convention in Minnesota. All potential and current members, or other interested parties, were invited to attend the Expo, where they could meet the co-chairs; they were also invited to attend the annual meeting of the MilVet SIG. If you are interested in joining the MilVet SIG please email Dr. Corso at kentcorso@gmail.com or Dr. Calkin at abicalkin@aol.com.

Multicultural Alliance of Behavior Analysts

BY ELIZABETH HUGHES FONG, SAKURAKO TANAKA, AND DANA GARNER

Multicultural Alliance of Behavior Analysts (Multi-ABA) is proud to report that we have increased our membership and expanded our activities during the past year. Our members have also submitted articles around issues of cultural competence and multiculturalism for publication

by respected peer-reviewed journals. Many of our members have been invited to present at ABAI conferences and local events due to their knowledge in multicultural issues. In particular, Multi-ABA produced two events at the ABAI annual convention in Minneapolis: a panel session titled "Ethics and Cultural Diversity in the Field of Behavior Analysis" and a symposium called "Beyond Building Blocks: Applying Behavior Analysis Across the Borders."

In addition to our membership growing, we now have a representative in Asia (Japan) to build our presence beyond North America. Our member has been invited to a symposium in Japan by Japanese ABA to address the potential of applied behavior analysis on the aging population there. Our global network has allowed us to work with families and children living in developing nations, and we will continue to reach out to multicultural communities around the world in cooperation with global organizations such as the UN, which now plans to take initiative on the discussion of effective treatment and support for autism and developmental disorders. Several of our members are involved in research looking at multiculturalism and supervision and practice, and its ethical implications. We invite you to join us as we continue to build our network to expand our reach. Membership is free; to become a member please go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/9VLC3PG.

Organizational Behavior Management Network

BY HEATHER MCGEE, YNGVI EINARSSON, RANDALL HALLMAN, DALE GREGORY, JAMES MORRISON, LORI H. DIENER, ANNA CONARD, AND NATHAN BECHTEL

It has been an exciting year for the Organizational Behavior Management Network (OBMN). For the first time ever, the network held a joint conference with CalABA in Orange County, California! This was a fantastic opportunity to partner with one of ABAI's largest chapters and to introduce more professionals, academicians, students, and community members to the power of organizational behavior management (OBM). We'd like to thank the OBMN and CalABA members, boards, and officers for making the conference a tremendous success! Additionally, we continue to look for new ways to attract and retain members. If you haven't already become an OBMN member, we'd like to encourage you to visit our website to learn about the benefits of joining our community!

Membership

We just had a great co-conference with CalABA in February where seven fantastic speakers gave presentations on many of the cool things happening in OBM today. As it was a co-conference with CalABA, the attendees for the OBM talks were not only OBMN members, but we were

also introducing OBM to a lot of our behavior analysis friends in various other fields and there seems to be a real opportunity for the network to grow on the West Coast. A big “thank you” goes to everyone who attended and helped make our 2013 conference such a success.

We have managed to grow in past years, reaching our goal of 300 members in 2010. Since then, the OBMN has continued to have around 300 members. We are also proud to report that our international presence continues to remain strong with members representing 20 different countries.

We hope to continue to grow throughout 2013 and hope to begin to involve students and faculty from OBM universities in our effort to recruit and retain members. Thank you to those of you who have helped recruit new members.

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

Content Development and Web Administration

This year, most of the website work was done in preparation for the 2013 OBM Network Conference in Orange County, California. As this was a joint conference with CalABA, additional measures concerning registration were required. As with all conferences, multiple preparations had to be made to increase awareness of specifics, such as pricing and the keynote speakers. In addition to promoting the conference, the website had to be altered to be more user friendly for extra traffic. The font was made larger and darker to be easier to read and more attractive, and we used the slide show feature that went live last year.

Additionally this year, OBMN created a position to support the web administrator, which resulted in numerous graphics being produced and edited for web publishing. These include an advertisement banner for the 2013 conference, video archive graphic banner, and a graphical linking interface for information pertaining to the conference. An OBMN brochure was created for marketing purposes for the network as well as a presentation slide designed for faculty members to advertise OBMN. This role has also taken on the responsibility of producing an updated version of the OBMN website, and additional web development training has been provided to help produce and provide instruction for future officers who will take over the web administrator/content development officer position(s) in the future.

Next year's goals will focus on utilizing better data mining techniques such as Google Analytics to aid in the creation of the updated website, which is expected to go live in the fall.

Social Media

OBMN has decided to focus on participating in more social media ventures during the last year. We geared up our grassroots outreach to bring in more Facebook and Twitter followers. We hope to bring our members more relevant

information and topics through this social media outreach. With these ventures, we hope to involve more members in discussion on our website message boards and forums, as well as in important discussions with the OBM community. Also, our social media outreach aims to generate discussion about events we host, such as the bi-annual OBMN conference.

Awards

The network received several nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award this year. A panel of reviewers reviewed the nominations and an announcement of the winner, Dr. Alyce Dickinson, was made during our annual business meeting at the ABAI annual convention in Minneapolis.

Newsletter

We are all very excited about the recent additions to the OBMN newsletter! In addition to the newest section, “The Null Zone,” we are planning to implement a new section that aims to translate behavioral terms into business language for the next issue. Recent issues have consisted of a wide range of content. Recent topics have included a review of new OBM online course sequences, lifetime achievement award recognition, CalABA/OBM conference details, and a welcome note to the newest editor of the *Journal of Organizational Behavior Management* (JOBM). As always, we strongly encourage submissions to the newsletter. Please see the website for more details, or contact the current editor, Anna Conard, at anna.l.conard@wmich.edu.

Treasury

OBMN is in excellent financial health. The network funds currently total \$26,566.46 from membership fees and surplus from the 2013 conference. Most of these funds cover costs related to JOBIM, website and software costs, professional and legal fees, marketing and copy costs, conference costs, and costs from the business meeting at the annual ABAI convention. The Chris Anderson Research Fund currently totals \$4,889.90. The General Donations Fund currently totals \$37,370.25, a result of the generous donations from the 2013 joint conference between OBMN and CalABA, in Anaheim, CA. Donations can be submitted to:

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Parent-Professional Partnership

BY DAVID CELIBERTI, PAMELA GORSKI, AND DENISE GROSBERG

The Parent-Professional Partnership SIG (PPP SIG) is now in its 13th year and was originally created to help address the needs of the growing number of parents within the ABAI community. The PPP SIG functions differently from the other SIGs within ABAI. Aside from educating parents about behavior analysis, our SIG's other primary initiative is helping parent attendees get the most out of ABAI and its conferences. 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, resources, or our website. More specifically, our ongoing initiatives include:

- Helping parents involved in applied behavior analytic services become more familiar with applied behavior analysis through information, resources, and links.
- Providing parents with access to accurate information from other existing resources via links or summaries.
- Sharing information with parent attendees prior to the ABAI convention.
- Hosting an orientation for parents and other newcomers at the start of the ABAI convention (this year the orientation was led by Kerry Ann Conde).
- Supporting ABAI in reaching out to the parent community in the regions adjacent to their annual autism conference.
- Creating opportunities for networking.
- Providing a forum for discussion of annual business meeting objectives. In the past, we have sponsored formal conference events targeting issues of significance to parents.

Additionally, we are currently in the process of broadening the scope of our website; expanding upon our website's existing FAQ section; creating 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; working with ABAI to support parents attending the convention for first time; and identifying new ways to reach out to parent attendees at ABAI's conventions and conferences.

All interested parents and professionals are encouraged to join the PPP SIG. To join, send your name, mailing address, and email address to SIG secretary, Denise Grosberg, at denise@denisegrosberg.com. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. Current officers for the SIG and Co-President David Celiberti, Ph.D., BCBA; Co-President Pamela H. Gorski, MPA, BCBA; Secretary Denise Grosberg, Ph.D., BCBA; and Webmaster Sara Gershfeld, MA, BCBA. The SIG also has several consumer liaisons:

- Laurie Brophy, LCSW, BCBA
- Kerry Ann Conde, MS, BCBA
- Peggy Halliday, M.Ed., BCBA
- Jennifer Hieminga, M.Ed., BCBA (International Member)
- Audrey Meissner, M.Ed., BCBA (International Member)
- Alison Moors, MA, BCBA
- Jacqueline Weber, MA, BCBA

Officers and consumer liaisons serve on a number of committees to better serve the members of the PPP SIG. Currently, the PPP SIG carries out its mission and initiatives through the work of three standing committees: Website, Convention, and Public Relations. The Website Committee develops the website with respect to PPP SIG-related information, expands and updates content on www.autismpppsig.org, and works closely with the Autism SIG regarding mutual website efforts.

The Convention Committee developd and distributed materials for parents attending the ABAI annual convention, organizes networking opportunities for parents and professionals at the convention, informs SIG members about upcoming conference experiences, provide an orientation for parents and other newcomers at the ABAI annual convention, and coordinates our activities with ABAI.

Finally, the Public Relations Committee forges alliances with organizations that have compatible goals with the group, supports public awareness of the websites for the PPP SIG and the Autism SIG by sharing our resources with other organizations and distributing information, and supporting ABAI in reaching out to the local and adjoining communities of the region hosting each annual convention and autism conference.

Getting Involved

If you would like to join the PPP SIG or discuss ways to become more involved, send your name, mailing address, and email 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. Finally, 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 TESSA TAYLOR, CATHLEEN C. PIAZZA, KEITH E. WILLIAMS, AND MICHAEL F. CATALDO

The Pediatric Feeding Disorders SIG now has over 70 members, and new queries continue. 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 evaluation and treatment of pediatric feeding disorders. As such, the SIG will attempt to tackle some tough issues that face clinicians who treat children with feeding disorders.

Over the past 2 years, initial steps have been taken to form the Pediatric Feeding Disorders Consortium, a multi-site collaborative effort of programs providing feeding treatment services. The initial purpose of this effort is to better understand existing resources that treat feeding disorders of young children, the techniques employed, as well as costs and outcomes. With this information and the existence of a working consortium, the second objective would be for these programs to work together on improved treatment techniques and outcomes, as well as to help both parents and payers navigate the sometimes confusing process of identifying the best combination of treatment modalities for each individual child.

At the 2012 annual SIG business meeting, an overview of the progress of the initial steps and next steps for the consortium initiative was presented. First, a broad draft list of programs was created by gathering sites from the Pediatric Feeding Disorders SIG and business meeting attendees and compiled lists of feeding treatment programs from feeding books and websites. One hundred thirty-five programs were identified, 11 of which were international. Preliminary program information (e.g., affiliation, address, contact information) was documented, and maps were created depicting program locations. A first draft of extensive data (e.g., services available, population, disciplines, methods, financial) to be collected from the programs was created. Initial pilot (Phase 1) survey data (e.g., program affiliation, setting, disciplines, population, services available, and payment sources) were collected from a sample of the SIG members. Twenty-three surveys were sent out, and to date, 91% have been returned. In addition, input was solicited concerning interest in the consortium, feedback on the Phase 1 survey, and the scope of data to collect in future phases. Also, programs were encouraged to send supplemental materials such as program brochures and materials (e.g., intake forms, goal and outcome forms, data collection materials).

Since the 2012 meeting, the Phase 1 survey was revised based on the pilot data collected and sent out to the broader community of programs. To date, 64% of these surveys have been returned. In total, 93 programs (69%) have completed the Phase 1 survey. Next, a Phase 2 survey was developed to collect data regarding assessment/treatment approach/orientation (i.e., medicine, nutrition, behavior analysis, oral motor/sensory, psychiatry, child counseling, other), formal assessments, assessment procedures, and treatment components. To date, 83% of the pilot Phase 2 surveys have been returned. The Phase 2 survey was revised based on the pilot data collected and will soon be sent out to the broader community of programs.

Anyone interested in these issues is encouraged to contact the SIG chair. Members were encouraged to exchange ideas throughout the year via email 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.

Positive Behavior Support

BY ROSE IOVANNONE

The Positive Behavior Support SIG (PBS SIG) is dedicated to promoting research-based strategies that combine applied behavior analysis and biomedical science with person-centered values and systems change to increase quality of life and decrease problem behaviors. The overall goal of PBS SIG is to promote the use of positive behavior support interventions in schools, communities, agencies, and homes and to support practitioners in their use. The PBS SIG addresses members of ABAI engaged in experimental and applied analyses of behavior who are interested in positive behavior support. Established in 2005, the goals of the SIG are to promote and disseminate positive behavior support within ABAI.

The PBS SIG held its annual business meeting at ABAI's 2012 annual convention. PBS SIG currently has over 50 members. During the annual business meeting, the group elected a new president, Dr. Rose Iovannone. The group also reviewed the goals of the SIG:

- Increase the number and visibility of PBS presentations at the ABAI convention
- Disseminate accurate information about PBS to ABAI's membership
- Promote methodologically sound, data-based PBS research
- Encourage open dialogue among behavior analysts and proponents of PBS

Dr. Bob Putnam, previous president, described the impact of PBS in our nation's schools. Highlights of the presentation included a review of implementation of school-wide positive behavioral interventions and supports (SWPBS) in over 14,000 schools nationwide, which represents the largest demonstration of the application of applied behavior analysis/PBS in the nation's public schools. Research has shown that schools that implement SWPBS demonstrate reductions in problem behavior and improved academic outcomes (Bradshaw, Mitchell, and Leaf, 2010; Horner, Sugai, and Anderson, 2010). Preliminary evaluation data indicate that more intensive individual student behavior support is perceived as more effective (and less likely to be needed) when SWPBS is implemented (Medley, Little, and Akin-Little, 2007). Evaluation (but not experimental) data indicate that implementation of SWPBS is associated with reduction

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in the number of instances in which intensive interventions or practices (including seclusion and/or restraint) are perceived as needed, increases the effectiveness of comprehensive interventions, and improves the maintenance of behavior support gains (Feinberg, Simonsen, and Putnam, 2010). In the legislative area, it is expected that when IDEA and No Child Left Behind are authorized, an emphasis will be on “multi-tiered systems of support,” including PBS as an intervention to improve school climate and reduce exclusionary discipline practices.

Discussion of how to increase membership in the SIG by current members of ABAI was conducted. There are many members of ABAI who are also members of the Association for Positive Behavior Support (APBS). Several suggestions were given. It was suggested to that we determine how many of the current ABAI members are also members of APBS; the first step involved providing a list of the 2012 ABAI presenters to the ABPS board. The list was reviewed, and less than 10% of the ABAI presenters were members of APBS.

Another suggestion was to contact the president of ABAI and begin a conversation between the APBS board and the ABAI Executive Council to begin exploring how both might begin a dialogue to enhance understanding of PBS, ABAI, and how they interconnect. As of April 15, 2013, a tentative phone call was scheduled to begin a discourse. PBS SIG several goals for the upcoming year:

- Review previous bylaws and modify as necessary
- Establish measurable, 1-year goals for the SIG related to increasing membership and awareness
- Assign task forces/subgroups who will take the lead on specific goals and through web-based meeting technology, schedule regular strategic planning meetings
- Continue to engage in a dialogue with the ABAI Executive Council

Anyone who is interested in behavior analysis or positive behavior support is welcome to join the SIG. To get involved, you can email Rose Iovannone at iovannone@usf.edu.

Practitioner Issues in Behavior Analysis

BY MICHAEL WEINBERG

The Practitioner Issues in Behavior Analysis SIG (PIBA SIG) is the leading special interest group with a focus on behavior analyst practitioners. Within our first year as a group, we developed the first model licensing act for behavior analysts. ABAI's Executive Council had revised and accepted this document, which was a first for the organization. The BACB's model licensing act also drew heavily from this document, although it was less stringent.

The SIG has worked with the Practice Board on legal and ethical issues pertaining to the practice of behavior

analysis and to promote means of ensuring that this will continue into the future. (The issue of licensure is one of the ways in which behavior analysts may be able to legally practice in some states as concerns grow regarding efforts by APA and state chapters to stop this from occurring.)

Despite efforts by various state psychologist chapters, there are currently 12 states that have licensure laws in place for the practice of behavior analysis. California has a stipulation in its current autism insurance bill for licensure of behavior analysts in 2014, and the most recent state to pass a licensure bill for behavior analysts is Massachusetts. Currently, the state of Connecticut has a title act in place for use of the terms “BCBA” and “BCaBA,” making it unlawful for anyone to claim they have such certification if they don't.

In the past year, the SIG has initiated an effort to coordinate with other relevant SIGs, including the Autism SIG and Clinical SIG, to more effectively and efficiently provide support to behavior analyst practitioners who are members of ABAI, and to form some type of coalition. This coalition would work in conjunction with the Practice Board on such efforts. This may include providing training, linking practice to the research literature, and making resources available to practitioners.

In addition, the SIG and the coalition will continue to track efforts nationally regarding the practice of behavior analysis, and provide support for this effort as desired by ABAI membership, and where practical. These are issues that the PIBA SIG will continue to actively address and work on with other practice-related SIGs and via communication with the Practice Board.

The PIBA SIG has not limited itself to the adoption of licensure. The SIG also is involved in other support efforts to promote the practice of behavior analysis with various client populations and types of behavior. We promote the science of behavior on which our practice is founded and see the need to ensure this linkage continues.

We are seeking nominations for officers for the coming year. Please join our PIBA SIG list in Yahoo Groups to post your nominations for officers. We welcome new members and enjoyed meeting with those interested at the annual convention and other ABAI events. Please sign and request to join the list at abappractice_group@yahoo.com.

Sex Therapy and Educational Programming

BY FAWNA STOCKWELL AND BRIGID MCCORMICK

The Sex Therapy and Educational Programming SIG (STEP SIG) was formed to help disseminate empirically verified information regarding sex education and therapy. It currently 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.

STEP SIG was founded in 2007 and has been providing a 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 2013 ABAI annual convention, the various facets of SIG interests were demonstrated during two symposia. Topics included a discussion of simple relationship interventions to increase sexual activity of couples, delay discounting, and several case studies involving the functional assessment and treatment of problematic sexual behaviors displayed by individuals with autism and developmental disabilities.

In addition, members of STEP SIG piloted a graduate-level class this spring on the research and practice issues behavior analysts face when working with sexual behavior subject matter. This class forms the foundation for and first steps toward the SIG's long-term goal of providing widespread resources and training to behavior analysts worldwide who carry out research, assessment, and treatment related to sexual behavior and sexuality related issues.

In addition, one member of STEP SIG presented as part of a symposium at the 2013 Illinois ABA conference in Springfield, IL, on the topic of time-based behavioral assessments of participant "attitudes" toward alternative sexualities and other sex-related content, and how those scores relate to in situ participant behaviors toward others. In the upcoming year, in addition to the two symposia at the 2013 ABAI annual convention, STEP SIG aims to organize and present additional 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-Applied Behavior Analysis

BY TRACIE L. LINDBLAD

The mission of the Speech Pathology-Applied Behavior Analysis SIG (SPABA SIG) is to promote dissemination of behaviorally 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 behavior analysts and speech-language pathologists studying issues in speech, language, and communication.

The SPABA SIG is grateful for the support and continued guidance from the last chair, Barb Esch. We

would also like to thank our current slate of officers and volunteers and look forward to expanding our core group of members. Tracie Lindblad and Laura Grow are the current co-chairs, and Barb Esch is the past chair. Additional committee chairs include Amanda Karsten (Grant Awards), Debbie Leblanc (Communications), and Landa Mark (Membership). The SIG would like to formally extend an invitation to any members who may want to serve as a committee chair or to volunteer on a committee to contact us by sending an email to SPABASIG@yahoo.com.

Our membership in 2012 decreased slightly from 2011 with the most significant difference within the student membership category (34 full members and 10 student members). We were already on our way to surpassing that number in 2013 when we confirmed paid membership numbers during the SIG annual business meeting at ABAI's annual convention, after combining our Facebook group members with our formal membership. To date, we can confidently confirm that our efforts to increase our SLP and BCBA membership, through the use of social media, has been successful.

The SIG and our members have been active during the past year conducting research; disseminating information regarding evidence-based practice; applying the principles of applied behavior analysis 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 applied behavior analysis and speech pathology. These activities have taken place in North America and internationally and have furthered the SIG mission.

The SPABA Facebook group has enabled our members to connect with each other in order to share or request pertinent information in a more timely fashion. We also decided to make our Facebook page an "open" group for anyone requesting to join without requiring SIG paid membership. This has served to substantially increase the numbers of group members; however, the impact of this "free" membership on our operating funds will be analyzed over the course of the year. Recently, we launched our new website with increased functionality. We were also excited to provide an online database of practitioners dually certified as speech-language pathologists (SLPs) and BCBAs from around the world. This feature should assist families from all corners of the globe in connecting with professionals with a very specific skill set.

Over the past year, the SIG awarded monetary grants of \$250 each for a research and application grant award, as well as a dissemination grant award. These grants are available to ABAI members who, as students or practicing clinicians, conduct empirical research or raise awareness about behavior analysis among SLPs. Research projects should advance the evidence base for behavior analytic conceptualization or treatment of speech, language, communication, and feeding disorders. Application or

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dissemination projects should involve effective application of the science-based principles of behavior by SLPs or distribution of accurate information about the science-based field of behavior analysis among SLPs. This year's grant recipients presented their research at the SIG's business meeting during ABAI's annual convention in Minneapolis. As well, an update from last year's recipient, Kerry Ann Conde ("Evaluation of the Quick Transfer Procedure for Teaching Children With Autism") was presented at the business meeting. Each year, student members and practitioners may obtain updated information about submitting grant proposals for the current year on our website, www.behavioralspeech.com. The deadline for grant submissions for the 2014 grant awards will take place in April of that year, with the application advertised and available in January.

The SIG also disseminated an online survey regarding salaries and employment practices for dually certified SIG members (i.e., licensed/registered as an SLP and certified as a BCBA). The results were presented at the SIG business meeting at the ABAI convention in Minneapolis and provided our membership with up-to-date information regarding this new "category" of professional, and next steps were identified in order to provide our SLP members with the tools they may need when negotiating employment contracts.

Interdisciplinary collaboration and training is a core tenet of our SIG. In order to promote the benefits of interdisciplinary practice and assist with knowledge translation, the SIG invited Dr. Thomas Higbee from the University of Utah to speak during the business meeting. Dr. Higbee described the Disability Disciplines Doctoral Program within the Emma Eccles Jones School of Education and Human Services at the University of Utah. The Disability Disciplines Doctoral Program offers a multidisciplinary doctoral degree that brings together faculty and students across disciplinary and departmental lines to explore interrelated aspects of disabilities. Specializations include (a) speech and language pathology, (b) special education, (c) rehabilitation counseling, (d) applied behavior analysis, and (e) disability studies. All specializations balance a common core of multidisciplinary coursework and applied activities with a strong disciplinary focus. Thus, both faculty and students work within a multidisciplinary context without compromising their important disciplinary perspective, knowledge, and skills.

SPABA SIG is looking forward to expanding our membership in general and also increasing member participation in our council and within our committees. We are also planning to complete a number of projects over the year to support our members:

- encourage *Advance* magazine and other national/state/provincial associations to include information regarding BCBA or BCaBA certification within their salary survey

- develop web-based tutorials to disseminate information regarding a behavioral approach to the study and treatment of speech, language, and communication disorders in children and adults

Many of the identified initiatives are only feasible with increased financial support from our members. Please consider donating your expertise/services in kind, making financial contributions, or providing committee support so that we may meet the needs of our membership and complete our targeted activities.

If you are interested in learning more about SPABA SIG or wish to volunteer to sit on a committee or assist with a specific project, please visit www.behavioralspeech.com, email us at SPABASIG@yahoo.com, or join our Facebook group.

Standard Celeration Society

BY KERRI MILYKO

The Standard Celeration Society closes another year full of exciting events and changes. In May 2012, the members voted to establish a board of directors who will serve as the visionaries and strategic planners for the society. These board members will then appoint directors to oversee and execute the projects created by the board. We are excited to see how this new system will strengthen our growing society and spread the love of charting. Board members will be nominated and elected by December 2013.

In keeping with tradition, the International Precision Teaching Conference was held in downtown Chicago, IL. This 25th annual gathering of chart enthusiasts was organized by Rick Kubina, our conference chair, and executed by Fawna Agape and John Eshleman of the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. This was a monumental year, as we had a record-breaking attendance of 150 people! This significant increase in attendees could be attributed to our stellar lineup of invited speakers: Julie Vargas and Chuck Merbitz. Malcolm Neely was bestowed the Ogden Lindsley Lifetime Achievement Award because of his endless commitment to precision teaching, the standard celeration chart, and the dissemination of both. We would also like to mention that all CEUs offered during the conference were *free*!!

We anticipate another exhilarating conference on the sandy shores of St. Pete Beach, FL, December 5–7 hosted by Precision Teaching Learning Center at the Sirata Beach Resort and Conference Center. Carl Binder and Michael Fabrizio are our headlining keynote speakers. Please visit www.celeration.org to acquire more details regarding the hotel, workshops, pricing, and call for papers (May, 2013).

The society would also like to remind members of the ABAI community that the *Journal of Precision Teaching and Celeration* (JPTC) is available to all of its members at no additional cost (student membership: \$25; regular membership: \$50). Editor-in-Chief Doug Kostewitz is

actively seeking new submissions to JPTC including application articles, research articles, discussion articles, and even chart shares! Please visit www.celeration.org to learn more about submission guidelines. We publish a yearly electronic journal and are still taking submissions for 2013. Happy charting!

Teaching Behavior Analysis

BY CHRISTINE H. BARTHOLD

The Teaching Behavior Analysis SIG continues to grow! Most of our activity happens on the email listserv. At the ABAI 2012 annual convention, we reported over 600 members. We currently have 752 members registered on our listserv. Discussion ranges from basic behavioral principles, history of behavior analysis, and teaching to applied issues and intervention. We are the hub for discussion of all things behavioral. Our members include well-known behavior analysts, students, and everyone in between. Most members lurk and never post, but those who do post often find that members are helpful and collegial. Resources, articles, and suggestions are passed through the listserv daily. If you are interested in joining, please contact our list host, Pat Williams, at deadmantest@gmail.com. We also have an active Facebook page where announcements and information on resources are posted. Please visit us on Facebook if you are on the listserv.

Our website is currently in a state of redevelopment after it crashed several months ago. Unfortunately, we do not have a webmaster at this time, but hope to have a person to help in the near future. We plan to have the website up and running soon.

At the 2012 meeting, we discussed completing a 5-year strategic plan and expanding our leadership to include more than just a chair. Cheryl Young-Pelton took the lead in creating a needs assessment survey to send to members. Data are currently being analyzed. Next steps include focus groups/webinars to create goals and an action plan. We hope to have a strategic plan in place by ABAI's 2014 annual convention.

The SIG is always in need of assistance, especially in the areas of website development and strategic planning. If you are interested in getting more involved, please email Chris Barthold at cbarthol@udel.edu.

Verbal Behavior

BY TRACI M. CIHON

The Verbal Behavior SIG (VB SIG) council has been active in promoting our mission to support a behavioral approach to the study of language—especially as explored by B. F. Skinner—and upholding our goals:

- To support and encourage research efforts to improve our understanding of verbal behavior

- To support practice-based issues in utilizing the analysis of verbal behavior
- To support undergraduate and graduate instruction of Skinner's verbal behavior
- To communicate with other organizations making use of Skinner's verbal behavior
- To disseminate information regarding a behavioral approach to studying language

In the past year, our executive council has been especially focused on streamlining SIG operations. We piloted online nomination and voting procedures, bringing on several new council members including Einar Ingvarsson as the research competition coordinator, Rocio Rosales as the grant competition coordinator, Laura Grow as the newsletter editor, Sarah Dickman as the website coordinator, and Judah Axe as our first chair-elect. In addition to maintaining SIG operations, we have been working on measures to ensure seamless transitions in officer positions.

The SIG council continues to meet monthly via teleconference and has had several discussions regarding the financial stability of the SIG, ensuring visibility of the SIG through our website and newsletters, strategies to enhance member benefits, and efforts to promote student involvement. Specifically, Sarah Dickman has given the VB SIG website yet another new look, and our treasurer, April Kisamore, has been actively pursuing our 501(c)(3) status. The SIG will be "housed" at the University of North Texas Department of Behavior Analysis in order to create a hub for correspondence and continuity. Student research and grant competitions have continued, and we announced the winners of each at our business meeting at the ABAI annual convention. Further, Judah has recently posed a call to the verbal behavior community for nominations for a student representative. As it is my last year as chair, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all current and prior council members for their incessant hard work and dedication to the SIG. In the past four years, the SIG has benefited from the contributions of these folks, and as a result, has shown tremendous growth in its organization, visibility, and dedication to its mission. I have had the opportunity to work closely with Judah in the past few months and am certain that he will continue to promote the best interests of the SIG and its members, moving current initiatives forward and offering unique and innovative contributions in future activities.

As always, we welcome input from our current and future members. Please feel free to email us with any questions, comments, or suggestions at thevbsig@gmail.com. ❖

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Nathan Harold Azrin

1930–2013

BY TRAVIS THOMPSON

Nathan (Nate) Harold Azrin, pioneering researcher in applied behavior analysis, who was born November 26, 1930 in Boston, MA, died in Fort Lauderdale, FL, on March 29, 2013. He was the son of a Boston grocer, Harry Azrin and throughout his career remembered well the importance of doing things of practical importance. At the time of his death he was a professor at Center for Psychological Studies, Nova Southeastern University.

He graduated from Boston University with honors and earned a Ph.D. in 1956 with B. F. Skinner at Harvard University during the heyday of “The Pigeon Lab” in the old Memorial Hall. He and his fellow graduate students generated much of the foundational research in the experimental analysis of behavior. On completing his doctorate, among his early research positions was a research psychologist, (1956–1957) at the United States Army Ordinance. He conducted studies on fatigue and human engineering in Aberdeen, MD, where he rubbed elbows with Joseph V. Brady, newly appointed director of the Behavioral Research Program at Walter Reed Army Research Institute. Azrin subsequently became director of the Department of Treatment Development, Anna Mental Health and Developmental Center, Anna, IL and professor at the Rehabilitation Institute, Southern Illinois University, (1966–1980). It was at Anna that Azrin made his most prominent contributions. In this improbable intellectual setting of the rural south central US, in the furthest most souther tip of Illinois, he attracted outstanding young researchers—such as Teodoro Ayllon, Richard Foxx, and Ron Hutchinson—to conduct applied research of lasting importance.

Since the very beginning of his professional career, it became obvious that Azrin would be a leader among this new group of remarkable scientists in the field of behavior analysis. He was a member of the founding editorial committee of the *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior* and its executive editor from 1964–66. Azrin was also one of the founders of applied behavior analysis and the first president of the Association for Behavior Analysis (later ABAI) from 1976–77. He was a member of the Board of Directors for the Society for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior and later vice-president of the Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis (SABA; 1989–1992). Later he was president of the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Sciences (1989–1992). The list of his leadership positions goes on and on, attesting to his vigorous commitment to challenging us

all to make science useful in people’s lives.

Azrin was known for numerous applications of his research, but he also conducted basic research on technical aspects of punishment and its side effects (aggression). One of his landmark accomplishments was the first major application of principles of conditioned reinforcement by means of a token economy to motivate adults with chronic mental health problems. In addition to several important journal articles, *The Token Economy*, written with Teodoro Ayllon, grew from that work and became a book providing an exclamation mark for an era in applied behavior analysis. His later work applied behavioral principles to stuttering, toileting, enuresis, alcoholism, self-injurious behavior, and marital conflict.

Azrin received numerous awards, including the APA Division 25 Don Hake Award in 1994, the Annual Award for Outstanding Contributions to Applied Behavior Analysis from the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy in 1995, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association for Behavior Analysis, and the 2006 SABA Award for Impact of Science on Application. He was listed in *Who’s Who in America*, *American Men & Women of Science*, and *Who’s Who in American Jewry*.

Toward the end of his career at Nova University in Florida, he focused on teaching and collaborative clinical work and writing with his wife and professional companion, Victoria (Vicky) Bezal-Azrin, who survives him.

I first got to know Nate Azrin as a visitor to his program at Anna Mental Health and Developmental Center in Southern Illinois in the mid-1960s, having been sent to evaluate their research program by the State of Illinois. Despite its improbable location, the Anna lab bristled with intellectual excitement of innovative research application. Over many years, I was consistently impressed with Nate Azrin’s commitment to applying behavior analytic science in ways that truly mattered. It was obvious to even the casual observer that trying to do good wasn’t sufficient for Nate Azrin. One was expected to actually achieve stunning outcomes. Most of those who worked with Azrin followed his model, and did so as well. I’m sure Nate would like to believe that we have learned from his model, so his passing will not represent the end of a commitment to using scientific behavioral principles to making a real difference in people’s lives.



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- Analyze data and identify appropriate level of care to expedite linkage to care to ABA services.
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- Monitor the data in the clinical care management system, collaborating with provider community; escalate issues and concerns regarding care management to senior care managers according to policies and procedures
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2013 Calendar of Upcoming Conferences

For more details, please visit the websites indicated and the Affiliated Chapters section of the ABAI website.

August

New Zealand ABA Conference

August 30–September 1
Auckland, New Zealand
University of Auckland
<http://nzaba.org/2013-conference/>

September

XXII Brazilian Meeting of Psychology and Behavioral Medicine

September 11–14
Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil
Fortaleza Business Factory
<http://abpmc.org.br>

Georgia ABA Sixth Annual Conference

September 20
Atlanta, GA
Cobb Galleria
www.georgia-aba.com/events

Florida ABA 33rd Annual Conference

September 25–28
Daytona Beach, FL
Hilton Daytona Beach Resort
<http://fabaworld.org>

October

Alabama ABA 22nd Annual Convention

October 2–4
Birmingham, AL
Doubletree Hotel
www.alabamaaba.com/convention/

Manitoba ABA Eighth Annual Conference

October 5
Winnipeg, MB
Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre
www.maba.ca/maba-conference

Nevada ABA Annual Conference

October 5–6
Reno, NV
Grand Sierra Resort Hotel and Casino
<http://nevadaaba.com>

ABAI Seventh International Conference

October 6–8
Mérida, Mexico
Hotel Fiesta Americana
www.abainternational.org

October (cont.)

Fourth Annual VtABA Conference

October 10
Burlington, VT
IUPUI Campus Center
www.vtaba.org/conferences.html

Hoosier ABA Annual Conference

October 11–12
Indianapolis, IN
ECHO Center
www.hoosieraba.com/page35.html

Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy 34th Annual Conference

October 17–18
Amherst, MA
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
www.babat.org

Tennessee ABA 16th Annual Conference

October 17–18
Nashville, TN
Scarritt Bennett Center
www.tennesseeaba.org

Louisiana Behavior Analysis Association First Annual Gulf Coast Applied Behavior Analysis Conference

October 18–19
Baton Rouge, LA
Cook Hotel
www.labaa.net

Hawai'i ABA Ninth Annual Conference

October 19
Honolulu, HI
University of Hawai'i Campus
www.hawaiiaba.org

Australian Association for Cognitive and Behaviour Therapy Conference

October 24–27
Adelaide, Australia
Hotel Grand Chancellor
www.aacbt.org

Southeastern ABA 30th Annual Conference

October 24–27
Myrtle Beach, SC
www.seabaonline.org/conference.html

October (cont.)

Mid-American ABA 14th Annual Convention

October 25–26
Milwaukee, WI
Holiday Inn Pewaukee Milwaukee West
www.midamericanaba.com

November

New York State ABA Conference and Workshops

November 6–8
Saratoga Springs, NY
Saratoga Hilton
www.nysaba.org

IESCUM (ABA of Italy) Conference—100 Years of Behaviorism

November 8–9
Parma, Italy
www.100behaviorism.com

Arizona ABA Third Annual BCBA Conference

November 9
Phoenix, AZ
Disability Empowerment Center
www.azaba.org

ABAI Second Education Conference

November 8–10
Chicago, IL
Hyatt Regency McCormick Place
www.abainternational.org

Sociedad Mexicana de Análisis de la Conducta 23rd Annual Conference

November 20–22
Cuernavaca, Morelos
Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Morelos
www.smac.org.mx

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