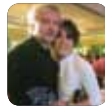


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An annual autism conference convenes those treating or studying autism.

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ABAI sets standards for the accreditation of educational programs in behavior analysis at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral level.

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40th Annual Convention Recap: **Behavior Analysis Continues to Better the World**

BY MARIA E. MALOTT

This May, for the 40th year in a row, ABAI hosted an annual convention gathering the best and brightest in behavior analysis. It was an event that not only provided us with the opportunity to reflect upon what ABAI and its members have accomplished, but also to affirm the important role of the science, practice, and dissemination of behavior analysis during 21st century. As demonstrated by our record-breaking attendance this year (Over 5,000 attendees) the field is stronger than ever; our discipline is very relevant.

During the SABA Awards Ceremony, Dr. J. Carl Hughes—recipient of the Award for Distinguished Service to Behavior Analysis—described the field's accomplishments in Europe and emphasized the need to further disseminate the science. Drs. Barry Parsonson and JaneMary Castelfranc-Allen Rawls were recognized for international dissemination of behavior analysis due to their efforts to improve the care of children with special needs in the Republic of Georgia, despite facing sometimes fierce resistance. They confronted challenges at every level from grassroots to government, yet they still were able to train teachers and caregivers. Finally, Dr. George Bigelow accepted the Enduring Contributions to Behavior Analysis

Award on behalf of the Behavioral Pharmacology Research Unit at Johns Hopkins University—a research institute that has been at the forefront of using the science of behavior to understand, overcome, and prevent substance abuse.

In order to overcome many of the modern world's social challenges, a deeper, informed understanding of human behavior is required. In her presidential address, "What We Know," Dr. Linda Parrott Hayes described the interconnectedness of observation, belief and knowledge, and expression of belief. She stressed the responsibility behaviorists have to share their observations and to explain what they reveal about humanity's place in the world.

This year's B. F. Skinner Lecture Series, which features



distinguished speakers from outside behavior analysis. The series featured presentations demonstrating how findings from behavioral sciences are helping those in other fields take on issues like narrowing the science–practice gap, health concerns raised by artificial sweeteners, and challenges in education, among others.

Those interested in learning more about these talks and other presentations given during the 40th Annual Conventions are encouraged to visit the archived events section of our website (www.abainternational.org/events/archives.aspx). Here, one can peruse presenter bios, presentation abstracts, and more from not just the most recent convention in Chicago, but other past ABAI conventions and conferences as well.

This year, six invited presentations and two B. F. Skinner Lecture Series talks were included as part of special track that extended from the Seminar on Leadership and Cultural Change, which began the Friday before. This track focused on helping leaders in business, academia, and society use behavioral science to encourage innovation and adapt to changes in the cultural, economic, and environmental landscape. The track featured some of the field’s most known speakers on organizational behavior management including Anthony Biglan, Sigrid Glenn, David H. Freedman, R. Kevin Grigsby, Mark Mattaini, Kent Johnson, Juile Smith, Thomas L. Schwenk, Fabio Tosolin, and E. Scott Geller. You can learn more about the Seminar on Leadership and Cultural Change on pages 14–15.

Poster sessions have been a key component of the annual convention for years. These graphic presentations of data

and research have always been popular among attendees and have provided up and coming researchers with exposure to the comments and feedback of a scientific audience. This year, in an effort to improve the effectiveness and impact of these presentations for both attendees and presenters, the Program Committee proposed to alter the format of the poster sessions. Session chairs were tasked with assigning a number of discussants to a group of posters (roughly one per every eight posters). The discussants in turn engage with their assigned presenters by asking informed questions and providing helpful feedback while amongst attendees. This aim of this change was to facilitate constructive, scientific conversations between researchers and convention guests; given the comments provided in feedback surveys, it was a welcome improvement. Because of this positive response, we will again make use of poster discussants during the 41st Annual Convention in San Antonio.

In his talk, “Why We Get Fat: Adiposity 101 and the Alternative Hypothesis of Obesity,” Presidential Scholar and science writer Gary Taubes put forward the science-based studies showing that the thesis that fat in our diets isn’t the driving force behind the current obesity epidemic, but rather the abundance and over-consumption of simple carbohydrates is to blame. Mr. Taubes’s presentation was especially popular among attendees, with very high scores.

The association continues to promote science and provide opportunities for our community to grow and learn. Among the many exciting recent developments for behavioral

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practitioners is recognition by the American Medical Association (AMA) of applied behavior analysis assessments and interventions, thanks to the efforts of Travis Thompson and Wayne Fisher, with assistance from the ABAI Practice Board. This effort has taken several years and has been a priority initiative of ABAI for its practitioner members. The result is Category III CPT codes that provide AMA recognition that applied behavior analysis is an empirically supported and medically necessary intervention. The codes went into effect on July 1, 2014, and will eventually lead to the systematic and standardized valuation of applied behavior analysis services, as well as simplify and streamline billing and collection processes. In the coming months ABAI will be sponsoring regional workshops, webinars, and other means

to introduce ABA practitioners to the new codes. Please visit the “Practitioners” section of our website to learn more about this important development (www.abainternational.org/constituents/practitioners/practice-resources/cptcodes.aspx)

As mentioned earlier, the 40th Annual Convention broke attendance records—a clear indication of the rapid growth in popularity and reach of behavior analysis in general and ABAI in particular. While this is exciting and encouraging, it has complicated the process of finding locations and facilities that are able to accommodate a convention with attendance numbers as high as ours. For this reason, we are very excited about the return to San Antonio, Texas, and the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in 2015 for the 41st Annual Convention. This location was a favorite among ABAI members and we look forward to revisiting this historic city.



1 B. F. Skinner lecturer Linda Spear discusses adolescents and alcohol. **2** 2014 Presidential Scholar Gary Taubes. **3** The 2014 SABA Award winners (from left to right): J. Carl Hughes, George Bigelow, JaneMary Castelfranc-Allen Rawls, and Barry Parsonson. **4** B. F. Skinner lecturer Susie Swithers waves to the crowd after being introduced. **5** Mike Perone introduces 2014 Presidential Scholar Gary Taubes. **6** SABA International Grant awardee Michelle Kelly and ABAI International Representative Martha Hübner. **7** Martha Hübner with SABA International Grant awardee Timothy Fuller.

Remember to regularly visit the ABAI website and be sure to follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter, as we'll be announcing convention news and developments throughout the year. Additionally in 2015, we will hold our Annual Autism Conference, this time at the J. W. Marriott Las Vegas Resort and Spa in Las Vegas, NV. Mark your calendars for January 23–25, as this promises to be an invaluable set of workshops, presentations, and tutorials. Finally, be sure to keep an eye open for information and details on our Eighth

International Conference, which will take place in Japan.

This convention would not have been possible without the hard work of the program committee and area coordinators, whose expertise and care led to the development of a high-quality program of events. Special thanks to ABAI's staff and interns, who work tirelessly every year to prepare for and run the annual convention. Finally, Thanks to everyone who came to Chicago; we look forward to seeing you all again in 2015! ❖

40th Annual Convention: Invited Presentations and Tutorials

Applied Animal Behavior

Jesus Rosales-Ruiz, "The Poisoned Cue and Its Implications for the Treatment of Children With Autism"

Autism

William H. Ahearn, "Some Musings on Automatic Reinforcement: Central Concept, Controversial Status"

Behavioral Pharmacology

Mark Galizio, "New Approaches to the Behavioral Pharmacology of Remembering"

Clinical, Family, Behavioral Medicine

Ennio Cipani, "Trigger Analysis With Behavioral Description: Combining Experimental and Descriptive Methods"

Bridget A. Taylor, "Oops! Learning From the Mistakes of Others: Implications for Observational Learning and Children With Autism"

Developmental Disabilities

Cathleen Piazza, "Mitigating the Risks Associated With Treatment of Pediatric Feeding Disorders"

Joel E. Ringdahl, "Behavioral Momentum Theory: A Review and Implications for Practice"

Experimental Analysis

William Baum, "What Counts as Behavior?"

A. Charles Catania, "A Tutorial on Delay of Reinforcement"

Education

Stephanie M. Peterson, "The Role of Choice Making in School"

Human Development

Symposium: Erik Mayville, Gary Novak, Martha Pelaez, and Suzanne Letso, "Autism in Infancy: Behavioral Systems Conceptualization and Practical Considerations"

Edward K. Morris, "Childrearing as the Behaviorist Viewed It: John B. Watson's Advice in Perspective"

Practice

Judith Mathews, "Outside the Box: Unique Applications of Applied Behavior Analysis"

Symposium: Timothy A. Slocum and Tristram Smith, "What Does Evidence-Based Practice Have To Do With Applied Behavior Analysis?"

Brian K. Martens, "Clinical and Statistical Applications of Contingency Space Analysis"

Science

Symposium: Steven Hursh, William McIlvane, Susan Volman, and Donald Hantula, "Pursuing a Career in Behavioral Science? You Need Funding!"

Symposium: Richard Fleming, Raymond G. Miltenberger, Matthew Normand, and Erin Rasmussen, "Contributions of Behavior Analysis to the Study of Obesity"

Clive Wynne, "A Behavior Analyst Goes to the Dogs"; and Harriet de Wit, "Determinants of Drug Preference in Humans"

Teaching Behavior Analysis

Hua Feng, "Development of an Applied Behavior Analysis Program at the National Changhua University of Education in Taiwan"

Theoretical, Philosophical, and Conceptual Issues

Ruben Ardila, "Going International: Behavior Analysis at the Global Level, a Success Story"

Marc N. Branch, "The Hoped-For Demise of Significance Testing: Why and How"

Andy Lattal, "A Primer of Conceptual Issues for Applied Behavior Analysts"

Verbal Behavior

Symposium: William F. Potter, David Palmer, and William Hutchison, "How Machine Implementations of Simple Verbal Operants Demonstrate the Emergence of Complex and Diverse Verbal Behavior"

Caio Miguel, "Verbal Mediation as Behavior"

B. F. Skinner Lecture Series Presentations

Applied Animal Behavior

Steve Martin, "What's The Motivation?"

Jason Watters, "Behavioral Indicators of Welfare: A Balance-Based Approach"

Autism

Pauline A. Filipek, "Pushing the Envelope: Just How Early Can We Identify Anomalous Development in ASD?"

Behavioral Pharmacology

William Walton Stoops, "Examining the Relationship Between Subjective and Reinforcing Effects of Stimulant Drugs: Implications for Human Laboratory and Clinical Trial Research"

Linda Spear, "Adolescents and Alcohol: Acute Sensitivities, Enhanced Intake, and Later Consequences"

Human Development

Stephen Porges, "Behavior Modification Through the Lens of the Polyvagal Theory"

Experimental Analysis of Behavior

Bernard Balleine, "Reward, Reinforcement, and the Neural Bases of Decision-Making"

Education

Jan Blacher, "Rocky Waters or Smooth Sailing: Student-Teacher Relationships and Autism Spectrum Disorder"

Mark D. Weist "Key Themes in School-Based Mental Health"

Science

Mark Henry Lewis, "Repetitive Behavior in Neurodevelopmental Disorders: Clinical and Translational Findings"

Susie Swithers, "Not-So-Sweet Revenge—Unintended Consequences of Artificial Sweeteners"

Louise Barrett, "Why Brains Are Not Computers; Why Behaviorism Isn't Satanism; and Why Dolphins Are Not Aquatic Apes"

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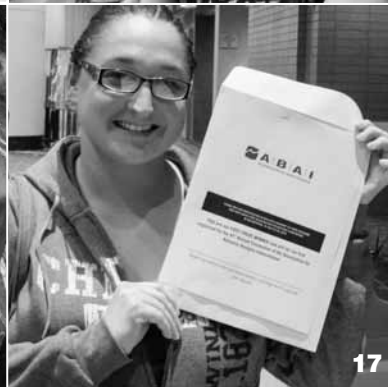
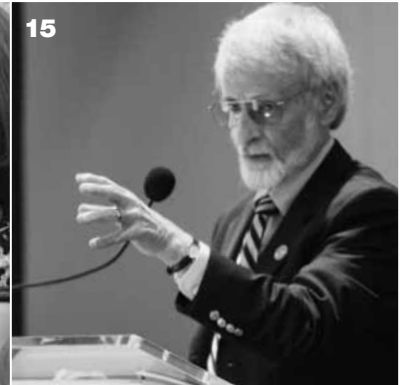
Alvin Loh, "Positive Reinforcers, Pills, and Physicians: Collaborating to Help Children with ASD Learn"

Theoretical, Philosophical, and Conceptual Issues

Scott O. Lilienfeld, "Thinking Scientifically About Clinical Psychology: A Prescription for Narrowing the Science-Practice Gap"

Verbal Behavior

Catherine S. Tamis-LeMonda, "From Action to Interaction to Learning: How Parental Responsiveness Promotes Children's Language Development"



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8 The 2014 Recognition of Service awardees (from left to right): Maria Malott, Phil Himeline, Kurt Salzinger, Ray Pitts, Megan Aclan, Sigrid Glenn, Martha Hübner, Benjamin Shain, Jessica Frieder, Anna Pétursdóttir, and Caio Miguel. **9** Attendees discuss research during a convention poster session. **10** Linda Parrott Hayes delivers the Presidential Address. **11** Attendees learn about ABA products and services at one of the exhibitor booths. **12** Gary Novak watches a Gala presentation. **13** Janet Twyman relaxes at the special Gala. **14** Karen Ghezzi at the Gala. **15** Phil Himeline delivers a presentation. **16** Attendees learn about ABA products and services at one of the exhibitor booths. **17** Vanessa Gowett, first prize winner of the the Exhibitor Passport drawing. **18** An exhausted attendee. **19** Chuck Lambert peruses the convention bookstore. **20** Jaimie Pagliaro examines a poster. **21** Musicians prepare for their next song during the Gala.



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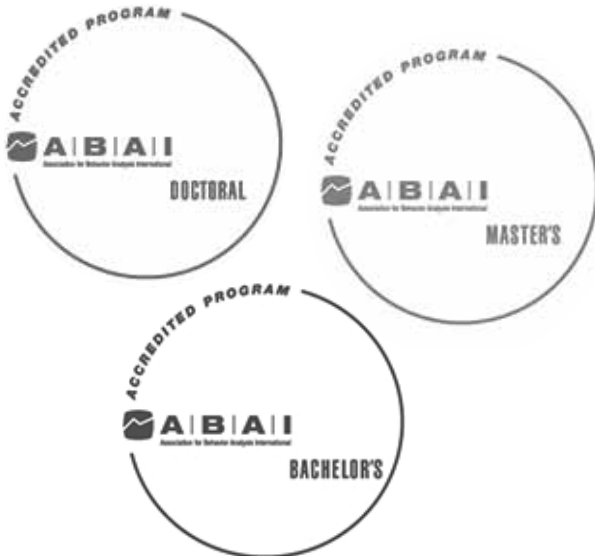
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Jim Carr received his Ph.D. from Florida State University and currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB). In this important leadership role, he has advanced the status of applied behavior analysis and its parent discipline, behavior analysis, to new levels of visibility, acceptance, and respect. His professional service record is long and varied, comprising work on behalf of several state, national, and international behavior analysis organizations as well as some autism service programs and the BACB. In his role as a professor at the University of Nevada, Reno; Western Michigan University; and Auburn University, Dr. Carr has trained and inspired a cadre of professional behavior analysts, many of whom have established outstanding research and academic careers. Dr. Carr has also made sustained scholarly contributions to the field, with more than 100 articles in peer-reviewed journals both within and outside of behavior analysis. The majority of these articles report experimental evaluations of behavior analytic interventions designed to improve the functioning and quality of life for children and adults with developmental or acquired disabilities. He has also served on the editorial boards and as an associate editor of a number of leading behavior analysis journals, including the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, *The Behavior Analyst*, *The Analysis of Verbal Behavior*, and *Behavior Analysis in Practice*.



Thomas Critchfield

Tom Critchfield received his Ph.D. from West Virginia University and currently holds the position of professor at Illinois State University. Dr. Critchfield has made significant and enduring contributions to research and service in behavior analysis. His research interests and expertise are notably broad, ranging from basic reinforcement mechanisms in nonhumans to verbal and symbolic functioning in humans. He has published important empirical and theoretical papers across a range of diverse areas, and he has been a leading advocate for translational

research, creating opportunities to highlight the translational work of others in behavior analysis as well. Dr. Critchfield has also made numerous substantive service-related contributions, in key editorial positions (as associate editor of the *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior* and the *Mexican Journal of Behavior Analysis*) and in leadership and governance roles. He has served as president of ABAI, as well as two other terms on the Executive Council, as president of SABA, president of Division 25 (Behavior Analysis) of the American Psychological Association (APA), and as a member of the board of directors of the Society for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior (SEAB), among other key positions.

Linda A. LeBlanc, Ph.D., BCBA-D, MI Licensed Psychologist, is the Executive Director of Research and Clinical Services at Trumpet Behavioral Health. She received her Ph.D. in child clinical psychology in 1996 from Louisiana State University and completed her postdoctoral fellowship at the Kennedy Krieger Institute and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She previously served as a professor on the psychology faculties at Claremont McKenna College (1997–1999), Western Michigan University (1999–2008), and Auburn University (2009–2012).

She has published more than 80 articles and book chapters on topics such as behavioral treatment of autism, technology-based behavioral interventions, behavioral gerontology, and system development in human services. She has served on the boards of directors of the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts, the California Association for Behavior Analysis, the Alabama Association for Behavior Analysis, and several nonprofit agencies serving individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorders. She also has served on state and national task forces to establish best practice guidelines for the treatment of autism and for the development of services for older adults with

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- Nominations are only accepted from current Fellows of ABAI, each of whom may make a single nomination per year, and who solicits a second letter of support from another Fellow.

intellectual disabilities. Dr. LeBlanc has served as associate editor of *Education and Treatment of Children*, *The Analysis of Verbal Behavior*, *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, and *Behavior Analysis in Practice*. She also has served on the editorial boards of *Research in Developmental Disabilities*, *Behavioral Interventions*, *Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders*, and *The Behavior Analyst*. She joined Trumpet in 2012 and has focused on development of clinical standards and research efforts throughout the organization.

Gregory J. Madden received his Ph.D. from West Virginia University and currently holds the position of professor at Utah State University, having previously held faculty positions at the University of Kansas and the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire. Dr. Madden's program of research has been aimed at understanding the basic mechanisms of reinforcement in humans and other animals, a topic of broad conceptual and applied significance in the field of psychology. He is an internationally known researcher in the field of behavioral economics, with special emphases on impulsive choice in gambling and drug addiction. Collectively, his work has merited more than \$3 million of federal funding, and his peer-reviewed papers have been cited more than 3,500 times. Since 2010 he has been active in translational efforts, particularly in applications of behavioral economics to influencing childhood dietary decision-making. Dr. Madden has held several key editorial positions, and has served in leadership roles in professional societies and organizations, including the Executive Council of ABAI, Division 25 (Behavior Analysis) of the American Psychological Association (APA), and the Society for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior (SEAB). Especially noteworthy was his appointment as editor in chief of the *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*. Dr. Madden has also co-edited two important and influential books, *Impulsivity: The Behavioral and Neurological*

Science of Discounting and the *APA Handbook of Behavior Analysis, Volumes I and II*, both published by APA.

Janet Twyman received her Ph.D. from Columbia University. She currently holds the positions of Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, and Director of Innovation and Technology for the Center on Innovations in Learning, having served previously as Vice President of Instructional Development, Research, and Implementation for Headsprout. Dr. Twyman is widely recognized as an authority on instructional design, fully informed by behavior analytic research and conceptualization. Her leadership contributions at Headsprout were pivotal in managing a project of more than \$6 million, which reached more than a million children with effective reading instruction. Similarly impressive were her contributions and her leadership at the Fred S. Keller School, where she served as executive director for eight years, arranging a behavioral approach to every aspect of the school's functioning and inspiring many students, staff members, and parents in doing so. Dr. Twyman has also provided significant service to the field, with leadership roles within the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Research and for ABAI, where she served as president, Executive Council member, and chair of several important boards and task forces. ❖



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SHINE A LIGHT

A Recap of the Seminar on Leadership and Culture Change

BY RAMONA HOUMANFAR AND MARIA E. MALOTT

This year, ABAI hosted an event quite different from anything we've offered in the past—the Seminar on Leadership and Culture Change. This special selection of presentations, beginning the day before the 40th annual convention and continuing as a unique set of talks during the Saturday and Sunday sessions, was designed to help leaders promote socially significant practices in their organizations.

Focusing on how behavior analysis finds common ground with other sciences by investigating the behavior of leaders—as well as the potential for collaborative research among academic groups, businesses, and communities—this seminar was divided into three subject-specific modules: organizations and the private sector, education, and leadership and cultural change in the field of behavior analysis. The first module, devoted to how behavior analysis can help leaders of private businesses, featured talks by Ramona Houmanfar, Jon Krapfl, Mark Alavosius, Gordon Foxall, Chris Staats, William Abernathy, and Don Hantula. Module 2, directed at leaders in education, ran as part of the Saturday annual convention

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sessions and included presentations by B. F. Skinner Lecturer Thomas L. Schwenk, Anthony Biglan, R. Kevin Grigsby, and Kent Johnson. The seminar concluded on the Sunday of the convention with Module 3 and featured discussions on cultural changes within behavior analysis; this selection of presentations included B. F. Skinner Lecturer David Freedman, Fabio Tosolin, Julie Smith, Sigrid Glenn, and Mark Mattaini. Due to the popularity of the program content, articles based on the seminar presentations are currently being prepared for publication in behavioral journals. ABAI will notify members when these become available.

Great care and consideration went into selecting the speakers for the seminar and we thank program committee co-chairs Mark Alavosius and Timothy Ludwig for their work. Dick Malott provided continuing education (CE) review. In addition, the program committee worked with coordinators for the Community Interventions, Social and Ethical Issues and Organizational Behavior Management program tracks who provided support, dissemination, and funding to assist in integrating the seminar with the annual convention. Special thanks to the OBM Network for providing additional support. Finally, we are also grateful for the assistance and hard work on the ABAI team, both on site and in the office.

The response to the Seminar on Leadership and Culture change has been encouraging. Friday's presentations brought nearly 200 registrants to Chicago and the talks that were included as part of the 40th Annual Convention were all at capacity for attendance. Also encouraging were the high marks the seminar received from attendees—88% of survey respondents scored the overall event as either "very good" or "excellent." The scores for the speakers were even better—90% of returned surveys gave program content "very good" or "excellent" ratings. In addition, up to 13.5 hours of CE were available to attendees of all seminar sessions. More importantly, however, seminar speakers demonstrated how behavior analysis can be an important tool kit for shaping the world; social leaders were shown how a science of behavior can enhance the safety, ethicality, and effectiveness of organizations and institutions; and behavior analysts were taught not only how to adapt to an ever shifting cultural landscape, but also how to turn their knowledge and skills into actions that could influence and improve social institutions. The real and exciting success of this seminar was the message of how behavior analysis can light the way for the 21st Century's leaders. ❖

Summary of Invited Presentations From the Seminar on Leadership and Culture Change

Module 1: Leadership and Cultural Change in Organizations/Private Sector

Ramona Houtmanfar, "Leadership and Cultural Change: A Behavior Scientific Overview"

Opening remarks on how behavior analysis can aid leaders and organizations in adapting to cultural and technological changes while still effectively address broad social challenges.

Gordon Foxall, "Consumer Behavior Analysis and Cultural Change: Understanding and Addressing Environmental Concern"

Comprehensive review of how the interpretation of consumer behavior in natural settings can be used to understand and address market-driven over-consumption and environmental depletion.

Jon Krapfl (co-authored by Blina Kruja), "Leadership in Organizations"

An overview of the shortcomings of existing social institutions in preparing individuals to become leaders and provided an outline of what skills contemporary leaders must develop and the challenges they must overcome.

Chris Staats, "Using Behavioral Science in Marathon Petroleum to Impact the Industry, Its Contractors, and Region"

An overview of how behavior science has helped Marathon Petroleum improve safety and workplace conditions.

Mark Alavosius (co-authored by Tim Ludwig), "Behavioral Engineering: Step Change in the Integration of Management Across Critical Functions in Global Energy Services Companies"
An overview of the history of the oil and gas industry and a look at a company that leads in this domain.

William Abernathy, Don Hantula, and Mark Alavosius (panel), "Influence in Organizations and Society"
A discussion of how behavior analysis finds common ground with other sciences to investigate the behavior of corporate and social leaders.

Module 2: Leadership and Cultural Change in Education

Thomas L. Schwenk (co-authored by Melissa Piasecki and Timothy Baker), "Culture Change in a Medical School: The Role of Behavioral Assessments"

An overview of ways behavioral assessments are used to guide leadership decision making related to curricular change at the University of Nevada School of Medicine.

Anthony Biglan, "Creating the Organizations Needed to Evolve a More Caring Society"
An overview of how behavior analysis can help organize educational, nonprofit, for-profit, and governmental organizations to evolve cultural practices that improve social wellbeing.

R. Kevin Grigsby and Kent Johnson (panel), "Educating Future Generations: Behavioral Education in the 21st Century"
A discussion of how behavioral innovations in education can be used to help train leaders who are able to guide their organizations through social and cultural changes.

Module 3: Leadership and Cultural Change in the Field of Behavior Analysis

David Freedman, "Is There a Fix for Behavior Analysis's Perception Problem?"

Part of the B. F. Skinner Lecture Series, this talk focused on public perceptions of behavior analysis, how those in the field can educate and reach out to the general public, and the necessity for improving behavior analysis's image.

Julie Smith, Sigrid Glenn, and Mark Mattaini (panel), "Charting a Course for Behavior Analysis: Signposts of Future Directions"

A discussion of ways behavior analysts can improve leadership practices and the role behavior analysis might play in future socio-cultural landscapes.

Fabio Tosolin, "Leadership Networks and Decision Making in Dissemination of Behavior Science: A National Agenda in Italy"

An overview of the systematic spread of organizational behavior management methodologies in Italy and the role leadership networks have played in disseminating and improving the image of behavior analysis in that country.

E. Scott Geller, "Life Lessons from Behavioral and Psychological Science: Bringing the Best Out of Yourself and Others"

An overview of the Actively Caring for People Movement, which implements large-scale behavioral applications and leadership principles that cultivate compassionate societies.

Maria E. Malott, "Leadership and the Science of Behavior Change"

A comprehensive review of the literature leading the argument that, although leaders tend to possess common traits, the most profound change results from the actions of a group rather than from single-handed effort. While every major change is unique, behavior systems analysis can clarify how leaders' repertoires interact with the matchless circumstances they face.

Updates From ABAI's Affiliated Chapters

ABA of Brazil

BY JOÃO ILO COELHO BARBOSA, DENISE DE LIMA OLIVEIRA VILAS BOAS, LIANA ROSA ELIAS, ANTÔNIO MAIA OLSEN DO VALE, ROBERTO SOUSA, AND GERMANA DE MENEZES BEZERRA

Founded in 1991, the Brazilian Association of Behavioral Psychology and Medicine (ABPMC, from the Portuguese name) is an entity with the goal of gathering psychologists and other professionals interested in the scientific and technological development of behavior analysis, clinical behavior analysis, cognitive-behavioral therapy, and behavioral medicine. Currently, it has 1,500 associates from most of the Brazilian states and a total of 11,000 names in its data bank, including researchers, professors, professionals of the applied field, and undergraduate and graduate students. ABPMC is officially considered the Brazilian affiliate of ABAI. Since its founding, ABPMC has promoted an annual meeting, the Brazilian Meeting of Behavioral Psychology and Medicine. The XXIII Annual Meeting will occur 24–27 September in the city of Fortaleza, in the northeastern Brazilian state of Ceará, with an estimate of 1,200 participants. The entity also has three publications. *The Brazilian Journal of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapy* is a bi-annual publication with articles on theoretical and applied topics. The eBook *Behavior in Focus* is published annually with papers that were presented in the annual meeting. It replaced the now extinct *On Behavior and Cognition*, which was a book series published annually, with 27 volumes. The *Context Bulletin* is an electronic publication with general articles on behavior analysis and functions as a means of communication for ABPMC's board of directors and associates. Currently, ABPMC also has two ongoing projects: ABPMC Community and ABPMC Sustainability. The first is focused on social actions to disseminate knowledge on behavior analysis for professionals with no formal training in the field in the form of talks and presentations directed at educators, health professionals, and the general public. The second has the goal to create incentives to stimulate behavioral researchers and professionals to study and develop pro-environmental behavior and use a behavior analytic technology to develop sustainable behavioral practices. It comprises two sub-projects, "Environmental Compensation" and "Thinking About the Future." The planning of the annual meeting takes into consideration sustainable practices. At the last meeting, held in Fortaleza during September 11–14, 2013, members of the association voted on changes in their status. Among these was the decision that ABPMC would become responsible for the accreditation process of behavior analysts in Brazil. Thus, members voted for a committee formed by experienced behavior analysts, who will be responsible for setting criteria for accreditation of behavior analysts. These criteria will be presented at the next assembly, which

will occur during the XXIII ABPMC Annual Meeting September 24–27, so they can be voted on by the association members and start the process. We understand this is a big step forward in strengthening behavior analysis in Brazil. We hope this initiative will contribute to establishing policies and scientific strategies for behavior analysis to become empirically validated in a wide range of professional activities, as a professional practice of excellence in solving human problems. Moreover, it is expected to assist graduate and postgraduate degree courses to form for professionals in all areas of human knowledge with a basis in and knowledge of behavior analysis and the philosophy of radical behaviorism.

ABA España

BY JAVIER VIRUÉS-ORTEGA AND KATERINA DOUNAVI
ABA España continues to support a range of training, dissemination, and professional practice initiatives in Spain and elsewhere. Our online approved sequence (aba-elearning.com) continues to provide training opportunities in a number of Spanish-speaking countries where no approved sequences are available in the university system. The number of applicants to our program continues to grow every year. With the recent translation of BACB exams into Spanish, the interest in certification among Spanish-speaking professionals has increased. This year has been the first that ABA España has reached the minimum number of students completing the examination to receive a summary on their performance from the BACB. Almost three out of every four ABA España students passed the BCBA and BCaBA examinations. ABA España's students are considerably above average relative to all exam applicants this past year. The program is experiencing continuous updates such as the integration of new faculty in order to expand our coursework and supervision portfolio, and the development of a new website to house our online training program.

In 2013 ABA España offered training through its BACB approved course sequence to students and professionals from a number of European and Latin American countries and has facilitated supervised placements. As a result of this activity, the number of BCBA's in Spain and other Spanish-speaking countries has increased, and more students are expected to take the exam in the upcoming year.

Other important dissemination initiatives completed this past year include the publication in September 2013 of the Spanish edition of Raymond G. Miltenberger's handbook *Behavior Modification* by the publisher Pirámide (edicionespiramide.es/libro.php?id=2959533). The book has been highly successful, with the first printing selling out within a few months. The book does not only provide an accurate Spanish translation of this important work, but also a number of features that are exclusive to this edition, including a 1,100-word glossary of behavior

analytic terms, a chapter on verbal behavior, the Spanish translation of the BACB task list (4th ed.), and a guide for preparing for the BACB exams.

Additionally, ABA España has led the Spanish edition of an innovative project entitled Simple Steps, which is a multimedia package on autism spectrum disorder and applied behavior analysis developed by experts and aiming to offer training to parents and professionals. The result of this work has led to the recent release of the package in Spanish (simplestepsautism.com/?lang=es) and is expected to facilitate access to effective treatments to Spanish-speaking families. This outcome has been the result of the effort and leadership of several volunteering members of ABA España including Dr. Katerina Dounavi and María Dolores Romera.

ABA Germany

BY ROBERT SCHRAMM, JULIA BUCHENAU-SCHLOEMER, AND MAREIKE OVERHOF

We are very excited to have become an official chapter of ABAI. Our membership has grown from our original 8 members, to 11 when we applied for affiliation, to more than 20 now. In the past year we have completed an official translation of ABA terms to German, been instrumental in the start of the first BACB-approved ABA courses available in Germany, and organized our first workshop with an international speaker (Mary Barbera, BCBA-D, November 30, 2014, in Cologne).

We had two representatives at the ABAI convention this year presenting a poster on our organization. Our annual meeting was April 25, and we discussed increasing our board of directors from three to five people. We also discussed how we could ensure that Germany adopts BACB as a credentialing unit or whether we need to offer our own credentials in Germany that will ask for BACB certification as a pre-requisite. In addition, we discussed the option of having our first biennial Evidence-Based Interventions for Autism Conference in the spring of 2015.

Lots of great things are happening in Germany, and we could not be more excited about our future prospects.

ABA India

BY SMITA AWASTHI AND SRIDHAR ARAVAMUDHAN

ABA India—a nonprofit, non-government organization—will soon complete 5 years since its registration. ABA India trustees recently applied to the government of India for raising funds from national and international sources. The process is almost complete and the government's response is pending.

ABA India organized the Fourth Annual ABA Conference in December 2013 titled Improvements in All Walks of Life With Behavior Analysis. The conference was hosted for the first time at Chennai, the academic center of India. Renowned Indian musician Bombay Jayshree was the guest of honor. Dr. Bill Heward was the keynote speaker at the conference. Other international

and national participants were Dr. Rebecca Ward from Brock University; Dr. Neil Martin, international BACB representative and ABA program director of Behavior Momentum India; Dr. Krishnamurthy, a neuro-psychiatrist; Dr. Neerada Chandramohan, director of NIEPMED; and Dr. Jeyakodi, special commissioner, differently abled, government of Tamil Nadu.

Dr. Heward's keynote address, "Why Be a Behavior Analyst," was highly inspiring to the new ABA student community in India and parents of children with autism alike. The five workshops on both days included, "Teaching Social Skills at Home, School, and Community," by Meera Ramani; "Beginning an ABA-Based Home Program," by Smita Awasthi; "Transitioning to Adulthood for Teens and Adolescents With Autism," by Dr. Rebecca Ward; "Toilet Training," by Svetlana Iyer; and "Data Driven Teaching for Children With Autism," by Dr. Martin.

Since the formation of ABA India, we have seen consistent growth in the number of ABA students both attending and presenting at the conference in India. The Fourth ABA Conference had 20 of the 24 papers presented by certified behavior analysts and the ABA student community of India. Thus, the ABA India conference has set a trend of data-based interventions documenting the work on children with autism. Our most exciting session is the "Parent Perspective," which had four parents presenting their journey using ABA principles with their children with autism.

Currently there are eight BCBA's and five BCaBA's of Indian origin practicing in India. It is with great pride that we announce that Dr. Neil Martin, program director of the BACB-approved course sequence, has started the first ABA course in India, with Behavior Momentum India becoming the first organization offering the study of ABA within the country. There are currently about 40 students enrolled for various ACS from India. Since the BACB has initiated RBT training, in 2014 some organizations have taken the initiative to conduct RBT training. This is a very positive step in the development of the science in India. This should definitely lead to better understanding and practice of the science.

ABA professionals in India are making much more sustained efforts to hold workshops in towns where ABA services are unavailable. The awareness drive is shifting gradual focus from autism to applied behavior analysis. However, membership in the organization is still low and a cause for concern. The website committee under Tasneem Hegde continues to update the website in a timely fashion on events related to ABA initiated by ABA India.

ABA India participated in the 40th ABAI Expo in Chicago in 2014 with a poster, and represented by the authors of this report at the affiliate chapter meeting.

The Fifth ABA Conference in India will be organized for December 6–7, 2014, in the historical city of Hyderabad, which is famous for its beautiful Mughal architecture, forts,

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and pearls. We invite participants from across the globe to travel to India and participate through paper presentations and workshops at the conference. For more details contact smita.awasthi@aba-india.org.

ABA of Italy

BY PAOLO MODERATO

The Istituto Europeo per lo Studio del Comportamento Umano (IESCUM; ABA of Italy), an Italian chapter of ABAI, was established to promote a specific vision of behavioral science in Italy—emphasizing both experimental and applied aspects. Since it began, IESCUM has been committed to promoting the full range of behavior analytic scientific and humanistic potential. This has prompted IESCUM's commitment to the training, development, and evaluation of behavior analysis in clinical settings of all types.

Experiential trainings in clinical behavior analysis, acceptance and commitment therapy, and functional assessment procedures with scholars and professionals like Benjamin Schoendorff, David Gillanders, and Travis Thompson have been offered in Italy during the last year through IESCUM.

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

IESCUM has favored the development of an integrated model of intervention called the Italian Model of Early and Intensive Intervention for Autism (MIPIA). MIPIA is characterized by individual (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 clinically comprehensive fashion.

One of the aims of IESCUM is to show the potential of a science of behavior to address relevant social problems. Within this vision, a joint project with the University of Bangor was carried out in collaboration with Fergus Lowe and Pauline Horne. An extension of the Food Dudes program was implemented in Italy to address the obesity epidemic among young children. Originally developed in the UK and then extended to Ireland, this is the first implementation of the Food Dudes program in a non-English-speaking country. The pilot research project involved more than 2,000 kids attending elementary schools in five cities of Sicily and was supported by the regional Department of Agriculture. The program is now being applied in schools in Milan. The Food Dudes program implements on a large scale well-known and effective behavioral principles, thus demonstrating how the same principles applied at the level of a single individual may also work when applied to large groups. While waiting for the long-term results of the program, 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.

In 2013 IESCUM organized and hosted a conference for the centennial of Watson's manifesto, “Psychology as the Behaviorist Views It.” The conference was hosted in Parma, Italy, and saw the participation of many international representatives of the behavioral research fields. More than 20 international invited speakers and more than 300 participants attended the two days of the conference. A reference book with the acts of the conference has been published in Italy with FrancoAngeli, Milan. Information about the program and speakers is still available at www.100behaviorism.com.

In 2014, IESCUM is celebrating its 10 year anniversary. On the occasion of this anniversary we are organizing the 11th International Conference on Behavior Studies (ICBS), a series started in 1992 in Guadalajara (Mexico) thanks to Peter Harzem and Emilio Ribes. The conference has been held in alternate years, in many different countries (Italy, Japan, Spain, Taiwan, Mexico, USA, Crete, Portugal). In

2014 the conference will take place at IULM University in Milan on November 5–7.

In the wake of the discussions at previous conferences and examining the needs of the XXI century, the event will focus on the contribution of behavioral science to societal change: social policies, public health, public administration, prevention, smart cities, and sustainability.

Things seem to be moving in the EU toward establishing a network for behavioral science and policy, following the nudge unit model. IESCUm is participating and contributing to this project, and this ICBS conference is intended as a basic step to establish a nudge unit in Italy.

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

ABA Switzerland

BY GHADEER BARGHOUTHY

The past year has been quite eventful for ABA Switzerland. The chapter attended a World Health Organization consultation on autism and other developmental disorders. During this meeting, we put forward the lack of availability and government support for evidence-based practice in Switzerland. We also learned a lot about how other countries overcame such hurdles by being creative and organized. We have a lot of work to do to change the mindset in the country, but each year we get a step closer!

This year, for example, through the research efforts supported by the chapter and some lobbying, the government insurance companies have funded five centers providing early intervention in autism, of which three provide early intensive behavioral intervention. We are proud to have two of these teams as members of the chapter. Hopefully, this is a first step toward developing science in education in Switzerland.

To further help disseminate the science in this field, we also became official members of the 2nd of April committee to help raise awareness of autism for World Autism Awareness Day and to help promote evidence-based practice instead of the current ineffective interventions provided in Switzerland today. At the moment, behavior analysis is becoming more accepted in the country, but there are a great deal of misconceptions about it and misrepresentations of it. We hope to publish a report either this year or next to better explain behavior analysis, its application in numerous fields, and the different models applied in autism to help clarify these misconceptions and misrepresentations. This report will be based on an ongoing research study, so we will publish it as soon as the data are available. In the meantime, we will try to correct certain misunderstandings on the ground via presentations and discussions with other professionals we encounter.

We have also finalized translations of French and Italian behavior analytic glossaries and are just waiting for reviews

from BCBA-Ds to make them available to the public. We have a few other projects lined up to help make our science more accessible to the general public in Switzerland.

ABA Switzerland now provides CEU opportunities every year. Last year we provided CEUs for Dr. Gregory Hanley's workshop called "Preventing Problem Behavior in the Home and School." We were even able to organize, exclusive to our members, a free webinar with a question and answer session on various topics with Dr. Peter Gerhardt. We are also organizing two CEU events for October 2014 near Geneva. We will add details to our website as soon as we have finalized them. We aim to continue developing connections with more associations and centers to further increase CEU opportunities across the country, as for the time being such opportunities tend to remain within the same areas.

Moreover, we hope that in the upcoming years we will provide more journal clubs to discuss recent studies and developments in our field as well as provide training across the country. With behavior analysis slowly being more accepted in Switzerland, we expect that more professionals will seek training and therefore that we will be able to create a stronger and bigger network via the chapter.

Alabama ABA

BY PAIGE MCKERCHAR

The Alabama Association for Behavior Analysis (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 22nd annual convention was held October 2–4, 2013. The program kicked off with two productive workshops addressing functional assessment and treatment of problem behavior (conducted by Dr. Jeffrey Tiger) and assistance for students with autism in regular classrooms (conducted by Dr. William Heward). The remainder of the convention was full of outstanding presentations covering a variety of current issues, including keynote addresses by Dr. Heward, "Behavior Change for a Sustainable World: Ultimate Challenge and Opportunity for Behavior Analysts;" Dr.

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Tiger, "Treatment of Problem Behavior Maintained by Automatic Reinforcement;" Dr. Jill Dardig, "Training Parents to Work With Their Children at Home: Four Practical Strategies;" and Dr. Susan Schneider, "The Science of Consequences." As a bonus at this year's convention, Dr. Heward, Dr. Dardig, and Dr. Schneider participated in a book signing at which scores of convention attendees had their books autographed. Special thanks to these prominent behavior analysts for taking the time to individualize the experience for our members!

Congratulations to our new president-elect, Sara Bicard; members at large, Sabrina Franks and Ashley Walker; and student at large, Shelby Brooks. The 2014 Executive Committee, which also includes Todd McKerchar, Leigh Ann Strain, Sacha Pence, and Ryan Zayac, is finalizing the schedule for this fall's 23rd annual convention being held October 1-3 at the Doubletree Hotel Birmingham. Please visit us online at www.alabamaaba.com for more information and to register for the convention.

In legislative news, Dr. Paige McKerchar, the ALABA Executive Director, worked closely with Senator Cam Ward, Anna McConnell, and the Alabama Interagency Autism Coordinating Council; Jane Davis and the Department of Mental Health, Bama Hager and the Autism Society of Alabama; and Susan Hansen and Franklin Resources Group to successfully pass a behavior analyst licensure bill in Alabama that was signed into law on March 6, 2014. We look forward to another exciting year ahead!

Albania ABA

BY VAL DEMIRI, ANJEZA DISHNICA, AND ERMAL NGJELINA
Albania ABA is 3 years old, and we are pleased to report on its progress and activities. Consistent with our mission of disseminating ABA, our activities have focused on (1) promoting applied behavior analysis by disseminating information via workshops and trainings to specific interested groups in Albania, (2) continuing intervention through the ethical standards of practice of ABA to special needs populations such as individuals with autism spectrum disorders, and (3) continuing our own education in applied behavior analysis.

We have raised the number of Albania ABA members to 55, including parents, professionals, and students. Our website, www.albaniaaba.org, is active, and it provides information on ABA, how to join, where to find additional information, and other resources related to ABA. We have grown a social media presence and have a network of more than 1,200 subscribers via Facebook.

We continue to translate and provide information on a regular basis about applied behavior analysis, its application and effectiveness, as well as news and other association activities. In January 2014, Albania ABA completed a media campaign aimed at promoting ABA in an effort to help

influence educational policy and science-based treatment of autism spectrum disorders. As such, mainstream news media have been tools used to promote applied behavior analysis as a science, and various interviews can be found online. Additionally, local universities have sponsored invited lectures by the president of Albania ABA, Anjeza Dishnica, to discuss ABA in Albania. Albania ABA continues to organize and conduct workshops, trainings, and webinars on ABA for parents, students, and professionals. Most recently (December 2013), Valbona Demiri, Ph.D., BCBA-D conducted our first webinar on ABA and treatment of autism spectrum disorders.

In April 2014, Albania ABA and the second biggest city of Albania, Vlora, in cooperation with Discover Albania participated in the event "Hike a Mountain," as part of the autism awareness month. Goals for Albania ABA for the upcoming year aim at continuing to expand and promote ABA via conferences, workshops, trainings, and recruitment of members.

Arizona ABA

BY ABBY TWYMAN

The Arizona Association for Behavior Analysis (AZ ABA) has been very active this past year. On November 9, 2013, we held our third annual conference, collaborating once again with the Arizona Autism Coalition. As the keynote speaker, Dr. Linda LeBlanc of Trumpet Behavioral Health spoke to the attendees about teaching complex skills to facilitate success after early intervention. Other speakers addressed both state and national topics such as impulsivity, self-control, compliance, functional behavior assessments, behavioral parent training, ethics, licensure, and how to apply brain-based discoveries to everyday practice. We are well into the planning phase for our next conference and we're looking forward to our keynote speaker Dr. Pat McGreevy. We hope more behavior analysts from our neighboring chapters will be able to join us this year!

On November 8, the day prior to the conference, AZABA held a supervision workshop for BCBAs. This workshop met the new training requirements of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB). There were 55 BCBAs in attendance. The workshop participants were provided many tools to assist in the organization and systematization of supervision to improve training and experiences for supervisees. The workshop was a huge success and is going to be offered again in early summer and again in the fall.

In December 2013, we began to hold a monthly journal club for our current and potential members. This has been slow to get off the ground, but we're confident that as our membership grows, so will the journal club. Our goal is to create consistency in BCBAs and supervisees meeting together to discuss current topics in behavior analysis. We are also offering the option for remote participation to reach our members who live outside of the Phoenix area as well as CEUs to members who participate.

In the past year, many of our members have gotten more involved in our chapter by attending committee meetings. Our most active committees currently are the ethics committee, the legislative committee, and the program committee. The ethics committee has been busy creating guidance for practitioners in the Arizona related to ethical practice and supervision in light of various state standards. Our legislative committee has been actively involved in working with our licensing board (the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners) to modify the current law to ensure a closely matched model licensure act developed both by the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts and the BACB. The program committee has been working hard to coordinate all our events include the journal club, the annual meeting, the supervision workshop, and the annual conference.

In the coming year we will be holding officer elections, continuing to grow our journal club, conducting our annual chapter meeting locally, offering multiple iterations of the supervision workshop to make sure all BCBAs in the state meet the new training requirements, and holding our fourth annual conference. We are excited to be growing as a chapter and as a profession within the State of Arizona!

Arkansas ABA

BY CHRISTOPHER EWING

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 2013–2014 Scientific Activities

This has been a busy and fruitful period for the Association for the Advancement of Radical Behavior Analysis (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.

Training the Safety Trainers

The Italian Occupational Safety Law obliged companies to train their workers for several hours about safety issues. From a scientific point of view this operation is meaningless, because—as we assessed in several organizations—the key element lacking for safety behaviors is motivation, not training. For instance, according to this law, even those experienced workers with full and proven knowledge about safety issues have to follow the training. Thousands of self-declared safety trainers had to deliver millions of training hours because of the standards established by the law (considered to be at least 8 hours each member of Italy's 16 million-strong workforce). AARBA is trying to affect institutions, professionals, associations, companies, and unions so they will understand that motivation should be the focus of behavior-based safety applications. Furthermore, it is important that everybody understands that learning is a "change in probability of response," as our mentor B. F. Skinner stated in "Are learning theories necessary?" and not something generic or unmeasurable, as most current safety trainers claim. In order to achieve this goal, AARBA has been providing a 40-hour course on behavior analysis applied to safety training since 2013: students—most of them are professionals and HSE managers—started learning how to apply shaping, modeling, and fading, and how to produce accuracy and fluency through e-learning via precision teaching. The course is in its fifth edition, and more than 100 people learned the rules to teach emergency and operational procedures, use of PPEs, and discrimination of risks at work.

AARBA Is Experimenting With B-BS In Health Facilities

Since June 2013, thanks to the financing of national occupational safety insurance, AARBA researchers have begun experimenting with behavior-based safety protocol at two health facilities in the north of Italy: in the dentistry department at the Galeazzi Institute (Milan) and in the operating theaters at the Oncological Hospital (Aviano). The goal of this effort is to increase frequency and quality of behaviors directly related with the health and safety both of operators and patients; according to the preliminary results, some behavior frequencies such as washing hands before and after each intervention have been increasing meaningfully (i.e., x12 after the treatment against the baseline).

Disseminating Behavior Analysis and Behavioral Safety

It would take too much time to list all the events where AARBA leaders presented, and this is why we will concentrate only on the international ones:

- Two talks on precision teaching at Didamatica (Pisa, Italy, May 9, 2013): We could claim once again that PT is able to teach everybody by reducing the performance gap between the weakest and the strongest students

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- Two talks on behavioral safety at the International Symposium on Occupational Safety and Health (Guimares, Portugal, February 14, 2013): We could claim once again that B-BS works no matter which environment you apply it in, and that B-BS is the most studied application in the field of managing human factors at work
- Invited speaker at the international conference, “The Modern Management Standards Of Occupational Safety and Health” (Lodz, Poland, September 16, 2013): We could claim once again that approaching leadership with a scientific method is a key factor to encourage safety behaviors and culture

The Ninth AARBA International Conference (Verona, May 10–11, 2013) was the most successful edition with more than 600 attendees.

The Ninth AARBA International Conference took place in Verona and was dedicated to leadership; it included three tracks: OBM-BBS, clinical and educational psychology, and behavior analysis in dentistry. The last one was the real news of this edition, and it will celebrate a 30-year AARBA commitment to disseminating behavior analysis to medical doctors specializing in dentistry: Thanks to behavior analysis, they have learned to train-manage-motivate their staff and to encourage patients to accept and then to comply with their therapies. Invited speakers were Aubrey Daniels (Aubrey Daniels International), Grainne Matthews (Quality Safety Edge), Daniel J. Moran (Quality Safety Edge), and Tim Ludwig (Appalachian State University). The next edition takes place in Trieste, from June 26–28, and it will focus on values and culture and how to build them through a scientific method.

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

AARBA used the \$1,000 check from the SABA grant given to the president, Fabio Tosolin, to finance the registration of the authorship of the B-BS requirements, which define 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, does 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.

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

In 2012, AARBA entered a consortium composed of 14 partners for the accomplishment of TELL ME (Technology Enhanced Learning Living Lab for Manufacturing Environments): AARBA was elected and financed by the European Commission due to its knowledge and expertise in precision teaching and OBM. Since that date, AARBA has been working to introduce behavior analysis techniques into new teaching technologies: The TELL ME platform algorithm, which assesses the training needs of users and provides them the best content available in the platform, is based on the Luthans diagram, a well-known tool for all OBM work. A scientific approach to management and to training is affecting the whole job, and now all industrial cases (AIDIMA, AgustaWestland, and Profitex) are implementing precision teaching.

AARBA Collaborates With Universities on ABA Experiments

In 2013, AARBA worked with the University of Parma in conducting a single group study on the effectiveness of precision teaching for learning safety content, within a thesis proposal of a student graduating in psychology. The test C demonstrated that every one of the eight students learned efficiently (i.e., in few minutes) and effectively (i.e., fluency increased meaningfully).

AARBA also conducted, with the Dentistry Department of Ferrara University, a controlled study on the implementation of a PT training for dental assistants, within a thesis proposal of a medical doctor specializing in orthodontics. The experimental design demonstrated the superior learning efficiency and efficacy of a behavior analysis-based technology, such as PT software, against traditional lectures.

AARBA Helps Universities Spread Behavior Analysis and Behavioral Science

AARBA made a tremendous effort in 2012–2013 in education on behavior analysis principles and applications. The 25th 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 ABA with the aim to educate psychologists and other specialists in behavior analysis applied to educational, clinical, and organizational areas. The course enrolled professors from all the world and aimed to teach students both application and research skills. This is the first university master course organized in Italy, and more than 10 students graduated this year by presenting their experimental research.

Atlantic Provinces ABA

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Our fledgling association has only become a reality in the past few months, and it was as recent as February 2014 that we were approved as an affiliated chapter of ABAI. To help those of you not familiar with our region, here is a brief overview of the geo-political context. The Atlantic provinces of Canada consist of four provinces all of which border on the Atlantic Ocean with a collective population of about 2,400,000. The term “Atlantic provinces” includes the three “Maritime provinces”—New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia—and our eastern-most province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Although English is the predominant language, we do have a large number of francophones living in all four provinces as well. Additionally, we have a large population of first nations people representing several dozen nations such Mi’kmaq, Innu, and Maliseet. At present there are 16 universities in 25 communities across Atlantic Canada, and these support about 88,000 students.

Although behavior analysis can be applied in many areas of human endeavor, the impetus to develop a regional association has come from the rise of intervention programs for autism throughout the four provinces. All four provinces have established both early intervention and school programming with an emphasis on ABA. The need for clinical supervisors, resource teachers, educational assistants, and front-line therapists trained in ABA methods has led to the development of various educational opportunities in our region and many professionals seeking BACB certification or further education in this area.

There is growing recognition in Canada that BCBA certification reflects a commitment to evidence-based practices and high standards in education and in applied settings. We can use the rate of BCBA certification as a rough index of the level of professional interest and commitment to ABA throughout our region. Of the 496 people registered as BCBAs or as BCaBAs in Canada, 16 reside within the Atlantic provinces. Of these, there are 10 in New Brunswick, 4 in Prince Edward Island, 2 in Nova Scotia and none in Newfoundland and Labrador.

If we compare our rate to other regions in Canada, the rate of certification (versus population) is low with respect to the provinces of Ontario and British Columbia, but it is comparable or better than other provinces. Table 1 shows the data for the other provinces.

Name of Province or Territory	Number certified	Rate per population
Alberta	7	1/575,014
British Columbia	132	1/34,712
Manitoba	12	1/105,417
New Brunswick	10	1/75,610
Nova Scotia	2	1/470,400
Newfoundland & Labrador	0	0/526,700
Ontario	307	1/44,098
Prince Edward Island	4	1/36,300
Quebec	19	1/43,975
Saskatchewan	3	1/369,433
Northwest Territories	0	0/43,500
Nunavut	0	0/35,600
Yukon	0	0/36,700
Atlantic Provinces	16	1/150,000
Total in Canada	496	1/71,000

Table 1. The number and rate per population of BCBAs and BCaBAs certified in Canadian provinces (Based on 2013 data)

The good news is that we are aware of many professionals within our region who are currently enrolled in appropriate coursework, so we expect these numbers to increase very soon. A great deal of the growth has been related to services for autism spectrum disorders. However, our mandate is to promote ABA in all its applications. Throughout our region, we do see research on a range of behavioral topics in our universities and even in the corporate world (e.g., Continuous Learning Group based in Halifax).

The growth of early intervention services for children with autism is a strong indicator of provincial commitment to effective ABA-based services. In all four Atlantic provinces, the IBI services described below are delivered at no cost to families. While practices around number of hours, wait times for service, and theoretical models may differ, we are very encouraged that many more children are

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now receiving this essential early boost in their learning.

In New Brunswick, early intervention for children with autism spectrum disorder began in 2004 and has expanded significantly over the past 10 years. The provincial government contracts with authorized agencies across the province to provide 20 hours of intervention services including developmental assessment, case plan development and clinical supervision, collaboration with local health care professionals, and transition-to-kindergarten planning. ABA services are also available to school-aged children and youths, and efforts are under way to establish much-needed services for adults.

In Newfoundland and Labrador services include the Community Behavioral Support Program, Direct Home Services, with or without intensive applied behavior analysis. The Applied Behavioural Analysis Program provides 30 hours of intensive home-based treatment for children with autism spectrum disorders aged 18 months to pre-grade four. ABA treatment varies based on the child's need but usually begins with intensive skill training. Home therapy is funded up to 30 hours per week prior to school entry, up to 15 hours per week for the kindergarten year, and up to 10 hours per week for grades one, two, and three. The service is voluntary and at no cost to the family.

In December of 2004, the Nova Scotia Department of Health committed to implement a province-wide early intensive behaviour intervention program for young children with autism spectrum disorder. The children receive 15 hours per week for the first 6 months and then decreasing numbers of hours for the next 6 months. The program provides evidence-based treatment based on the principles of applied behavior analysis and recent research about child development. The approach used in Nova Scotia is based on pivotal response treatment. The program is funded through the Department of Health and Wellness, and is offered across the province through each of the District Health Authorities in partnership with Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Centres.

In Prince Edward Island, Early Years Autism Services includes intensive behavioral intervention and intensive kindergarten support as well as a careful, timely process to support the transition to school beginning 6 months prior to school entry. Hours of intervention are based on assessed needs and may be up to 25 hours per week. IBI may occur in the child's home or in a childcare center. An Early Years Autism Services specialist supervises the program during weekly consults with additional clinical support from the Early Years Autism coordinator. An autism assistant is employed by the family or center to provide the direct instruction. Intensive kindergarten support is in place for children who may continue to need more individualized programming during this important first year of school. An Early Years Autism Services specialist provides direct

support to assist teachers in modifying the curriculum, addressing behavioral challenges, and participating in the development of an individual education plan.

There are two other organizations that have been exceptionally supportive of the efforts to embrace ABA methods. One of these organizations is the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA). Originally, this agency was designed to work in the schools throughout the Atlantic region with those who have low frequency disabilities, such as deaf and blind children. In recent years, their mandate has expanded, and they have been very active in promoting evidence-based approaches for students with disabilities. With the support of APSEA, an advisory committee called Autism in Education, an Atlantic Provinces Partnership was established by the four Deputy Ministers of Education to enable the sharing of best practices, professional development, and resources. This collaboration has resulted in dissemination of best practice standards through papers, a symposium, and an annual autism forum. The Autism in Education website (www.apsea.ca/aie/) highlights some of these efforts with links to papers as well as examples of best practices and accurate information about ABA.

The second organization is the College of Extended Learning at the University of New Brunswick. Since 2000, the university has lent exceptional support to efforts by parents and professionals to establish evidence-based intervention services for children with autism. Since 2004, they have provided training in theory and hands-on training to more than 1,000 participants (i.e., clinical supervisors, resource teachers, and front-line therapists). Recently, the college has developed an undergraduate stream that will prepare graduating students to write the BCaBA examination.

Finally, there has been some important regional research that is promoting greater inter-provincial interaction among clinicians and researchers. For the past couple of years a regional research project has been underway examining the cost benefits for early intensive interventions in New Brunswick and in Nova Scotia. The New Brunswick model can be loosely described as traditional ABA methodology making use of a wide range of evidence-based techniques. The Nova Scotia Early Intensive Behavioural Intervention is based on pivotal response treatment, a teaching method that uses highly motivating activities based on the child's own interests to provide the child with opportunities for incidental learning within an ABA framework. The results of this study will allow us to examine what levels and types of intervention work best for different children as well as providing a clear picture of costs and benefits.

The biggest challenge we face as a chapter is the enormous geographical area that we must serve. The need for continuing education is clear, but the costs of travel are prohibitive and, for those living in smaller and more remote communities, the challenge is even greater. Therefore, a primary goal of APABA is to find

innovative ways to bring together academics, researchers, and practitioners to engage in professional development, intellectual exchange, and research endeavors.

In conclusion, behavior analysis is alive and well in the Atlantic provinces, but is still in an early stage of development. The authors are aware that there are behavior analysts throughout our region working hard to promote the science of behavior in their respective areas. We hope that our organization can function as a way to bring together those behavior analysts and disseminate behavior analysis to communities throughout Atlantic Canada. We want to extend a warm welcome to all behavior analysts who are interested in joining or participating in our future activities.

Australian Association for Cognitive Behaviour Therapy

BY ROSS G. MENZIES

Our chapter has been focused on hosting the Eighth World Congress of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (WCBCT) in 2016. We want to take the opportunity in this brief report to highlight the event and promote it to all ABAI members.

The congress will be held in Melbourne from June 22–25, 2016. Melbourne was Australia's first Olympic city, and is still considered the sporting, food, and shopping capital of "Oz." With its style and sophistication, the city is known for its distinct bohemian atmosphere and cultural charm. It's no surprise that this cosmopolitan treasure has been voted the "World's Most Livable City."

Our congress venue, the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC), was the world's first "Six Green Star" environmentally rated center. It is fully integrated with the Hilton South Wharf Hotel and is nestled on the Yarra River with fabulous restaurants, bars, cafes, shops, hotels, and galleries. Notably, the MCEC is among the most centrally located large convention centers in the world. A simple stroll across the Yarra takes you directly into the heart of Melbourne.

The theme of the Eighth WCBCT 2016 is "Advances and innovations in the behavioural and cognitive therapies across the world." We are seeking to showcase the latest and greatest developments in cognitive and behavioral procedures. We are particularly interested in research from emerging countries, and in regions where CBT has not been the dominant treatment modality in the past. We also invite delegates from beyond the traditional disciplines of mental health. CBT is not owned by any single profession—we want to hear about applications of the cognitive and behavioral sciences in experimental psychology, clinical psychology, psychiatry, nursing, social work, and a range of related areas in allied health and health policy. The eighth WCBCT 2016 is an inclusive event and is relevant to all individuals and organizations that seek to apply cognitive and behavioral principles to help people change their lives.

We hope to bring together more than 4,000 practitioners, researchers, and policy specialists from around the world to discuss advances and innovations in the behavioral, and cognitive therapies. The congress will provide delegates with a scientific program of global significance and regional relevance, and will aim to share ideas, upskill practitioners, inform researchers, and facilitate networking amongst the cognitive and behavioral therapy community. We live in exciting times with research outcomes, clinical and other applied expertise, and policy developments constantly augmenting our understanding of how best to help treat dysfunction and maximize well-being. The eighth WCBCT 2016 will bring together the best practitioners, researchers, and thinkers in our domain. The scientific program will consist of the following:

- State-of-the-art keynote addresses by internationally renowned experts covering key areas within the cognitive and behavioral therapies
- Invited addresses by international experts on specific topics
- Symposia, both invited and submitted
- Panel discussions and forums with experts, invited, and submitted
- How-to sessions of symposia length, invited and submitted
- A comprehensive program of full-day and half-day workshops presented by world-class practitioners
- Coverage of controversies in the cognitive and behavioral therapies: invited debates and panels
- Streams of individual papers highlighting specific topics of interest
- Short oral presentations and interactive poster sessions
- Specific invited and submitted streams highlighting issues in the cognitive and behavioral therapies, including policy developments in healthcare systems, the use of technologies, and working in multidisciplinary teams
- Visits to some of Melbourne's best known research facilities

In addition to an outstanding scientific program, you can be assured of an exciting range of social events including dinners, dancing, wine tastings, and pre- and post-congress tours. We understand that for many delegates, Australia seems a long way to come. So be assured that we will do all we can to facilitate your trip "down under" by offering you an exceptional range of tour options direct from the congress website. We want you to see as much of Australia as you can when you come to visit us in 2016.

Finally, we wish to emphasize that the future of the cognitive and behavioral therapies rests in the minds of the young. So we make a special call to postgraduate students and early career researchers and clinicians—come and show us where you will take the field in the decades ahead. Come to Melbourne and make this the greatest meeting in the history of our disciplines. You can read more on the event at www.wcbct2016.com.au.

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Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan

BY JAMES T. TODD

Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan (BAAM) had an excellent year. The 28th annual convention was held February 20–21, 2014, at the Student Center on the Campus of Eastern Michigan University (EMU) in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The conference was an incredible success, with more than 420 attendees representing more than two dozen universities and colleges from a dozen states and the province of Ontario. We had a record number of submissions, presentations, and posters, expanding the conference to five tracks over two days. Attendance was up by more than 100 people. An expanded number of vendors displayed merchandise and other offerings. Many local and regional agencies sent staff and administrators. BAAM scheduled all regular sessions in meeting rooms overlooking EMU's Lake House area. As always, the BAAM staff and volunteers, led by Caitlyn Sorensen, Aimee Moore, Chelsea Doré, and Jennifer Kowalkowski, did excellent work organizing and running the convention. BAAM extends special thanks to the staff of the EMU Events Planning Office, especially Linda Moore, the 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, "The Science of ALL Behavior: Showcasing the Diversity of Behavior Analysis," we had two keynote addresses. The Thursday keynote was delivered by Susan M. Schneider of the University of the Pacific, who spoke on "Operant Principles Everywhere: Interdisciplinary Behavior Analysis and the Future of Our Field." Theodore A. Hoch of George Mason University and Adam Dreyfus of the Sarah Dooley Center, Richmond, Virginia, delivered the Friday keynote on international opportunities in behavior analysis: "When You're a Behavior Analyst, You Can Work Anywhere in the World."

Other diverse convention highlights are too numerous to fully list, but included "The Relation Between Methodological Behaviorism and Mentalism" by Jay Moore (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee); "What Behavior Analysts Should Know About IQ Testing in Children With Autism" by Carol R. Freedman-Doan, Miriam Goldstein, and Renee Lajiness-O'Neill (Eastern Michigan University); "Behavior Analysis Concepts in the Development and Promotion of Ethical and Moral Behavior" by Wayne Fuqua (Western Michigan University); "On Autoclitics of Order" by Robert Dlouhy (Western Michigan University); a panel discussion on "Behavioral System Engineering in an Acute Neurological Rehabilitation Center" chaired by Thomas J. Gola (Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan);

"Notes From a Rambling Radical Behaviorist" by Richard W. Malott (Western Michigan University); "Using Applied Behavior Analysis in the Classroom: Research-Based Approaches for Students With Common Psychological Disorders" by Kim Killu (University of Michigan-Dearborn); "The Trouble With Teaching Tacting—A Case Study to Address Difficulty With Stimulus Control, Reinforcement, and Generalization" by Michelle Fuhr, Victoria Beckmann, and Ashley Nowak (Children's Hospital of Michigan Autism Center); "Accommodations and Frequency of Pediatric Sickness," Lauren Harrison and Catherine Peterson (Eastern Michigan University); "Peer Referral for Mental Health Care on a College Campus" by Natalie Morris, Lauren Ostarello, and Catherine Peterson (Eastern Michigan University); and "Interplay Between the Experimental Analysis of Behavior, Applied Behavior Analysis, and Applied Animal Behavior: Exploring the Heterogeneity and Homogeneity Within the Science of Behavior" by Jessica S. Buccilli and Robin Kuhn (Central Michigan University). A special panel discussion on "Autism Insurance, Constructive Suggestions from Multiple Perspectives" was chaired by Wayne Fuqua (Western Michigan University).

BAAM is especially pleased to acknowledge the continuing and excellent contributions of Western Michigan University students and faculty to the poster session and convention program generally. We had a record number of posters overall, and a record number from Western Michigan. A full copy of the schedule is available on our website. BAAM will hold its 29th annual convention February 19–20, 2015, 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, and we look forward to an expanded book fair, more refreshments, and other new convention features. For more information, visit the BAAM website at www.baam.emich.edu.

Behaviour Analysis in Ireland

BY JENNIFER HOLLOWAY

Conference Reviews 2013–2014

The main activity of the Division of Behavior Analysis (DBA), Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI) this year was the Eighth Annual Conference. As in previous years, this meeting was well supported by the behavior analysis community, and leading experts from Ireland, Greece, and the USA.

Eighth Annual Conference in Athlone

This year's conference was held in Athlone in early April and was well attended by academics, clinicians, and students from Ireland and Europe. The program included a broad array of experimental and applied research.

On the initial day of the conference, attendees had a choice of workshops delivered by Prof. Doug Greer and Dr. Lori Greer (CABAS) on “Protocols to Establish Verbal Behavior and Social Developmental Cusps and Capabilities”; Prof. Robert Mellon (Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences) on “Generating Outright: Natural Science Interpretation as Psychotherapeutic Intervention”; and Dr. Kendra and Donny Newsome (Fit Learning) on “Introduction to Functional Mastery, What It Means to Really Know Something.” All the workshops were well supported and engaging.

A poster and refreshments session followed the workshops. This provided students with the opportunity to present their research in a sociable environment and created scope for individual discussions on various research topics. The DBA and the Autism Special Interest Group (Autism SIG, PSI) hosted a student prize for the best judged poster. This year the prize was awarded to Niamh Lyons, student of the MSc in ABA at the National University of Ireland, Galway. A further social event closed the evening.

The second day demonstrated an excellent selection of experimental and applied research from speakers from Ireland and abroad. The day was filled with opportunities to attend symposia and papers on precision teaching, positive behavior support in social care settings, current applications of relational frame theory, interventions for feeding issues, and early intensive behavioral intervention. Prof. Julian Leslie (University of Ulster) presented an engaging paper titled, “Consciousness: The View From Behavior Analysis,” which was highly amusing. Dr. Rebecca MacDonald (the New England Centre for Children, Massachusetts) presented “The NECC Core Skills Assessment Tool: Outcome Measures.”

The two keynote speakers were engaging and well received. Prof. Doug Greer’s talk was titled “Build Social Reinforcers and Language, and Social Learning Will Follow,” and Prof. Mellon spoke on “Functions of ‘Dysfunctional’ Cognition.” Prof. Greer illustrated the role of conditioned reinforcement underlying language as a social tool and social reinforcer. He presented the importance of understanding new and advanced expertise necessary to bring children’s verbal behavior under the natural reinforcers for language functions. These social reinforcers are the keys to what makes language social, and vice versa. His work has identified many key learned reinforcers and how they are learned incidentally and taught explicitly and their impact on language. Prof. Mellon discussed how repetitive patterns of thinking that are often regarded as “dysfunctional” are indeed adaptive processes. He argued that “dysfunctional” thinking might be a form of self-control, and events produced by the effective form of “dysfunctional” thinking would acquire positive reinforcing potency. Prof. Mellon’s talk proved fascinating, as he led the audience through a series of engaging examples to illustrate the rationale behind the theory.

The second day was drawn to a close by a panel discussion chaired by Denis O’Hora (National University of Ireland, Galway). Dr. O’ Hora invited questions from the audience and engaged both the panel and audience in a lively discussion on various current topics in behavior analysis in Ireland. The panel was composed of Dr. Bryan Roche (National University of Ireland, Maynooth), Dr. Jennifer Holloway (National University of Ireland, Galway), and Prof. Robert Mellon (Panteion University). The questions focused on the relationship between ABA and EAB, effects of new legislation on the delivery of behavior supports within the National Health Service for individuals with intellectual disabilities, the DBA conference, and the advancement of behavior analysis in Ireland.

Requirements of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board

The DBA hosted a 2-day workshop delivered by Dr. Rita Honan (Trinity College, Dublin) to meet the ethics and supervision requirements of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. This 2-day workshop held in November offered Board Certified Behavior Analysts the opportunity to discuss issues in ethics in practice and supervision of trainee behavior analysts.

Advocacy for ABA

In June, Jonathan O’Brien (Sinn Féin politician) hosted a cross political party briefing on applied behavior analysis and autism at Lenister House in Dublin. The meeting, well-attended by members of the Oireachtas Education Committee and other interested parties, was addressed by Professor Julian Leslie, chair, Division of Behavior Analysis PSI; Dr. Neil Martin of the European Association of Behavior Analysis; and Professor Mickey Keenan, University of Ulster.

All three speakers stressed the sound scientific basis of the methods of ABA and their well-established effectiveness in improving the quality of life and educational progress of children with autism. This contrasts with the unproven effectiveness of the eclectic approach currently favored by the Department of Education. The outcome of scientific studies comparing the Department of Education’s preferred eclectic approach and ABA indicate that children with autism learn significantly better when they receive ABA.

The Division of Behavior Analysis offered to meet directly with the minister and his officials to help in any way to provide a more accurate understanding of ABA and its outcomes for individuals with ASD.

Professional Accreditation for Behavior Analysts Within the Psychological Society of Ireland

The subcommittee of the DBA met twice in the past year to advance issues in relation to professional recognition of behavior analysts within the PSI. The subcommittee has

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submitted a draft discussion document outlining the core competencies deemed necessary for professional recognition of behavior analysts within the PSI. Achieving this recognition will lead to a better standing for behavior analysts within schools and services across Ireland.

Information Dissemination

The DBA launched and maintains a website, <http://behaviouranalysisinireland.wordpress.com/>, in an effort to keep members and others updated on its activities. Since launching, there has been a steady stream of visits.

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 meet the minister directly to discuss the effectiveness of ABA for children with autism. We expect to make significant progress toward having behavior analysis recognized as a professional specialization within Ireland.

DBA Membership

The PSI is the body representing professional psychologists in Ireland. The DBA represents recognized qualified professionals in the science of behavior analysis. Those wishing to apply for membership must be members of PSI and hold a postgraduate qualification in behavior analysis recognized 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 (BABAT) is New England's primary membership association for behavior analysts. Our website is babat.org.

Annual Conference

The chapter's 34th annual conference was held October 17–18, 2013. The BABAT conference, the nation's oldest regional behavior analysis conference, is the third largest behavior analysis conference in the United States (behind only the ABAI annual convention and the CalABA conference). The BABAT conference is considered by many professionals to be one of the world's most important behavior analysis conferences.

This year, the conference was sold out and, for the first time, registration had to be closed early—1,100 professionals

attended the conference! Highlights of the conference included keynote addresses by Richard Foxx, award-winning science journalist Robert Whitaker, Brian Iwata, Pat Friman, Mark Sundberg, and Charlie Catania, who was awarded the ninth annual Murray Sidman Award for Enduring Contribution to Behavior Analysis. In addition, more than 20 other nationally known speakers presented invited addresses at the conference. In all, there were more than 77 presentations across a wide range of topics.

Planning is well underway for the 2014 BABAT conference, to be held on October 16–17, 2014, at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. We plan to continue to offer opportunities to earn continuing education credits from the BACB, APA, and ASHA organizations.

Student Awards

BABAT is proud to hold three annual student research competitions to support the exemplary research of students of behavior analysis. We applaud the many students from around the country who submitted outstanding projects and proposals to the competitions this year. The review process is rigorous, and we are grateful for the service of esteemed researchers from around the country who served as reviewers. Tara Loughrey (Florida Institute of Technology; Celeste Harvey, advisor) was awarded \$1,000 (plus conference expenses) as the winner of the sixth annual BABAT Student Paper Competition. Jacqueline Marra (New England Center for Children and Western New England University; Eileen Roscoe, advisor) was awarded \$500 for winning the BABAT/B. F. Skinner Foundation Student Poster Award. Stephanie Hood (University of Nebraska Medical Center's Munroe Meyer Institute; Kevin Luczynski, advisor) was awarded \$500 as the winner of the BABAT/B. F. Skinner Foundation Student Research Award. We look forward to receiving submissions for the 2014 competitions.

Legislative Activity

A law (Chapter 429 of the Acts of 2012) became effective in April 2013 that requires practicing behavior analysts to procure a license to practice applied behavior analysis in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The rules and regulations that will specify the standards to become licensed and the standards to maintain the license are in the process of being drafted by an ABA Task Force commissioned by the Board of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professionals (AMHHSP). It is expected that the application and licensing process will be available on October 1, 2014. Pursuing licensure in Massachusetts was an arduous endeavor, and the efforts of many practicing behavior analysts, helpful support from parent advocates, and thoughtful guidance from legislative supporters has led to what will hopefully be a sound mechanism for licensing behavior analysts.

BABAT advised legislators, contributed to the development of the bill, and generated support for its

passage. We believe licensure will protect the practice of applied behavior analysis and increase professional standing of the field. The revised bill identified an initial board that would be made up of nine members, seven of whom would have a BACB credential. This board would also be charged with establishing the rules for licensing behavior analysts. The revised bill further specified that all current BACB-certified persons would qualify for licensure.

It is important to note that this law provides for certain exemptions to the licensure requirement. As stated in the law, certain professionals such as licensed psychologists have applied behavior analysis within their scope of practice. However, no persons practicing behavior analysis under these exemptions may use the title of Licensed Applied Behavior Analyst unless he or she is duly licensed.

The New England Behavior Analyst

BABAT recently sent out its sixth semi-annual newsletter, *The New England Behavior Analyst*, to more than 1,000 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

The third annual BABAT social was held on April 17, 2014. 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 more than 27 New England schools and agencies attended.

Bermuda ABA

BY ERICA R. SMITH

In 2013, the profession of applied behavior analysis grew in Bermuda. Through the continued partnership with Tomorrow's Voices-Bermuda Autism Early Intervention Centre, ABA is growing little by little every year.

With the establishment of Tomorrow's Voices in 2007, there was a conscious decision to pick ABA (specifically verbal behavior), as the desired therapy for the early intervention center to use based on its being the most researched and scientifically validated therapy for people with autism spectrum disorders. It was important to be knowledgeable and offer a well-respected form of therapy to clients.

Tomorrow's Voices continues to be Bermuda's first and only autism early intervention center. The awareness of ABA in Bermuda has been directly linked to the development and continued sustainability of Tomorrow's Voices. Over its 6 years of existence, the clinical center has hired more than 25 staff and trained each and every one of them in the use of ABA/VB. The formation of the Bermuda ABA (BABA) in fall 2011 was due in part to the ongoing work by Tomorrow's Voices.

The partnership between Tomorrow's Voices and BABA continued and led to the following training workshops and seminars being presented by BABA members in subjects related to ABA and disability issues. These workshop hosted parents, teachers, and allied health professionals:

- February 2013: Workshop for Bermuda College early childhood education class, "Information on Autism and Therapies Used to Treat This Disability"
- February 2013: "Applied Behavior Analysis: A Tool Kit for Analyzing and Improving Learning and Behavior"
- April 2013: "All About Autism—Everything You Wanted to Know About Autism but Were Afraid to Ask!"
- June 2013: "Changing Behavior! The Reasons Why Behavior Occurs and How We Can Deal With It"
- September 2013: Parent Training and Support Group meeting, "What Is ABA and What Is Behavior?"
- September 2013: "Encouraging Positive Behavior From the Children in Your Classroom and Home: Token Systems and Behavior Contracts"
- October 2013: Workshop for the Department of Youth and Sports, "Areas Children With Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities Struggle With and How To Build Natural Supports"
- November 2013: "My Child Is Included—What Does This Really Mean? Inclusive Pedagogy"

In addition, in December 2013, Tomorrow's Voices and BABA members held discussions with the Ministry of Education on its proposed policy for inclusive and special education resulting in BABA members making submissions for revisions to the policy.

Continuing the partnership with Tomorrow's Voices, 2014 planned workshops and seminars will focus on the following topics:

- March 2014: "Let's Play! The Importance of Play in the Development of Children"
- April 2014: "Autism Globally: How Does Bermuda Measure Up?"
- June 2014: "Let's Talk! Teaching Language and Communication to Learners of All Levels"
- September 2014: "School and Homework: From Modifications to Independent Work"
- November 2014: "How Can We Get Our Children to Engage in More Independent Learning?"

Our goal for 2014 is to sustain the members we have while growing the profession of ABA/VB in Bermuda; to increase BABA membership; to lobby the local insurance companies for coverage of ABA/VB services; to continue to influence public policy and legislation in Bermuda; and to provide continuing professional development for educators, allied health professionals, parents, and the wider community.

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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 SARA WHITE

British Columbia ABA (BC-ABA) has finished another successful year. We had seven positions up for election this year, five of which were contested, which is our highest number to date. We distributed 209 ballots and a total of 86 members or 41% of our membership (both full and student members) participated in voting.

Our organization also continues to be very financially healthy, largely in part to our very successful annual conference and partnership with other local autism education agencies to offer continuing education credits for BCBAs. We held our sixth annual conference this year and were privileged to have Dr. William Ahearn as our keynote speaker. In addition to the keynote address at our main conference, Dr. Ahearn also presented a pre-conference workshop on the treatment of feeding issues. We had 138 people attend the pre-conference workshop and 248 people attend the conference, which are our best attendance numbers to date. Furthermore, we worked with a local parent group (the ABA Support Network) to offer discounted rates to our annual conference for parents and care providers. We also were able to offer continuing education credits at five other events offered in partnership with a local autism education agency. By far the most popular was a two-day workshop with Dr. Brian Iwata on functional analysis, where we had 40 people purchase continuing education credits for the event.

BC-ABA has also been working to increase the benefits of membership with the organization beyond discounted conference rates and affordable continuing education offerings. Last year we were able to successfully negotiate a contract with Springer publications to give our members access to the *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders* and the *Journal of Behavioral Education*. We are currently in the process of finalizing agreements with Wiley to access the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* and the *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior* and with Springer for access to *Behavior Analysis in Practice*, *The Behavior Analyst*, *The Analysis of Verbal Behavior*, and *The Psychological Record*.

Our membership and public relations committee have been working diligently to increase our exposure both by continued development of our website as well as increasing our presence on social media such as Facebook. Additionally, several members of the membership committee have presented to local university classes and attended community events such as the Autism Speaks walk to increase our community exposure and attempt to recruit new members.

Finally, BC-ABA has had several preliminary meetings

with the College of Psychologists of BC regarding partnering with them to create a licensure category for behavior analysts in the province. The federal government in Canada is currently asking provincial licensing boards to increase the licensure categories for master's-level providers to increase access to psychological services, and thus the college is currently motivated to explore licensure for behavior analysts. Thus far they have been very collaborative and have been using the BACB's model licensure act as guidance for defining behavior analytic activities. While licensure is still likely months or years away, we feel that we have been successful in developing a positive working relationship with the college.

BC-ABA would like to thank all of its board and committee members, both past and present, for their hard work and dedication to the organization and their commitment to advancing the practice of behavior analysis within the province of British Columbia.

California ABA

BY MICHELE WALLACE

CalABA has had a busy and productive year! Our membership base has grown to more than 1,500 (and we are always excited to welcome new members; if you are interested, please see our website, www.calaba.org, for membership information). We had a very successful conference this year in Burlingame (February 28–March 2) and are busy planning our 2015 conference, which will be held in San Diego, CA, February 19–21 (come enjoy the sun and behavior analysis all in one spot). Two highlights of this year's conference were the Outstanding Contribution to Behavior Analysis Award recipient, William Baum, and the Gerald L. Shook Advocacy Award recipient, Judith Favell. We were honored to acknowledge their contributions to behavior analysis as well as have them at the conference. Our public policy and practice efforts have included free webinars related to HIPAA's guidelines and navigating health plans, town hall meetings, as well as providing a response to proposed Department of Insurance Emergency regulations. Staying true to the science of behavior analysis, we had our first science retreat, where behavioral scientists from the entire state met to discuss science-related efforts in the state of California and also provide an opportunity to promote networking and collaboration across the university programs. Task forces were created to address some of the pressing concerns, such as the need for more doctoral-level training programs in the state.

Chinese ABA

BY KARINA MIAO MIAO CHEUNG

Over the last 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 S.A.R., the United States, and New Zealand attended the conference. Before the conference, we organized four pre-conference workshops. During the 3-day event, approximately 50 people participated in each workshop. A total number 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 in ASD, (c) providing quality ABA program for children with ASD, and (d) the concept of ALSO (academic skills, living and life skills, social rules and social skills, occupational skills) 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 with 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 Disabled Persons' Federation of Hubei Province, conducted a three-day pre-conference 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 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 3-day pre-conference workshop on understanding the function of behavior and behavior management strategies and intervention plans for 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 pre-conference workshop on theory and educational assessments of verbal behavior.

Ms. Jing Fang, founder of Qing Dao Elim Autism Education Center, China, gave an in-depth presentation on inclusive education for school-aged students with ASD.

In 2013–2014 we will be actively working toward registration of CABA with the Chinese government. Once we achieve this goal, we will continue to promote and develop CABA. This includes publishing a quarterly newsletter, providing more workshops, and organizing the second CABA conference in 2014. The board of directors will develop a strategic plan for the next 2–4 years, aiming to provide high quality and professional services to the Chinese public.

Connecticut ABA

BY SOLANDY FORTE

The Connecticut Association for Behavior Analysis (CTABA) recently hosted our 10th Annual Conference on Friday, March 7, 2014, in New Haven, Connecticut. We were excited to have a number of invited speakers join us this year, including Jon Bailey, James Partington, Thomas Zane, Jane Thierfeld-Brown, Mark Dixon, and James Loomis. In addition, we received the largest number of submissions for call for papers in our history. We had our largest conference attendance at 430 people, as well as 18 vendor booths. Poster awards were given out to Laura A. Hanratty and Gregory P. Hanley, Western New England University, for “Evaluating efficacy and preference of parameters of positive reinforcement” and to Mahshid Ghaemmaghami, Gregory P. Hanley, C. Sandy Jin, and Nicholas R. Vaneslow, Western New England University, for “Affirming control by multiple reinforcers via progressive treatment analysis.”

On December 14, 2012, the CTABA Executive Council was saddened to share that one of the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy in Newtown 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 2014 conference, Linda Smith from the University of Saint Joseph received the student award in Rachel D'Avino's honor.

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

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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, Behavior Development Solutions, Connect-to-Talk, Applied Behavioral Strategies, the Center for Children with Special Needs, Creative Interventions, Program Builders, the University of Saint Joseph, ACES, and the Seed Center. Our sponsors this year include Creative Interventions, the Seed Center, and the University of Saint Joseph.

CTABA had a poster at the ABAI Expo. The Conference Committee is already planning our 11th Annual CTABA Conference, to be held on Friday, March 13, 2015. We will be hosting our fall workshop in September for practitioners and parents. In addition, CTABA has organized 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 GARY STEPHEN ALLISON

DABA is in transition as our prior president left to take a new job at George Mason University in Virginia. We have approximately 32 members with a board of president, vice-president, secretary, and director. We have had one large meeting (October 2, 2013) and two smaller and informal board meetings. As of this date, we have solicited and are in receipt of nominations for all board positions. Elections were held in May. Bylaws and position accountabilities were disseminated to all members to make their nominations and subsequent voting more informed.

Activities and accomplishments this report period include the following:

- In process of devising new ways to reach nonmembers and to increase membership. As the vast majority of current members are serving children, adolescents, and adults with autism, we also seek to increase members with other interest areas. We currently have added one member who is in human resources, personnel, and industrial psychology.
- DABA lobbied the state of Delaware to modify the state ABA training that is provided to direct care workers in group homes, Child Mental Health, and the like. DABA found this training to be in need of more evidence-based, research-validated ABA procedures and in need of revisions; communication with the state continues.
- DABA continues to serve as the information center and clearinghouse for ABA services related to Delaware Senate Bill 21—funding of ABA services to persons with autism—and has made 12 referrals to BCBA personnel in the state.

- DABA is planning a conference highlighting BCBAs and ABA services in Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland, with a target date of October/November 2014.

With a new board in place, we anticipate more activities and accomplishments.

Delaware Valley ABA

BY JAMES E. CONNELL JR.

In 2013–2014, the Delaware Valley chapter of ABAI conducted a survey of its members. The survey was short, only 10 questions long, to encourage a high response rate. One quarter of DVABA members replied to the multiple choice questions (55 of 220), and 33 members responded to the short answer questions. The first question asked respondents to indicate how many of the three to four DVABA presentations they attend each year. Most respondents attend none of the four presentations (44%), 21% attend one, 17% attend three, and 16% attend four. Interestingly, 81% of the respondents indicated the presentations were important for the membership, but 87% of the respondents did not wish to present data of their own, or open a philosophical discussion. The listserv created in 2009 is very important (95%), and 70% of respondents prefer that DVABA consider hosting one larger-scale conference rather than three to four smaller presentations. The respondents indicated paid membership will potentially result in a 30% loss of membership, with 70% of those responding willing to pay a fee for membership.

The membership responses indicated a need to reconsider the purpose and functions of the Delaware Valley Association for Behavior Analysis. To begin to address the future course of DVABA, a student representative has been appointed. Jessica Day, Ph.D. student from Caldwell College, will begin to work with DVABA to plan future activities for the association. This year, we plan to hold a multi-symposium presentation of selected student works at the AJ Drexel Autism Institute. Next, we will solicit data-based presentations from researchers in the region to better inform our members of the exciting work happening around the Delaware Valley. Finally, the short answer responses indicated that part of the reason presentation attendance was so low was in part due to the location. Therefore, we will seek to hold the presentations in locations more easily accessible to the membership.

The efforts to increase participation from the DVABA membership will continue over the next few years. We hope the changes made will result in more participation, a larger and more inclusive conference, and a growing role for DVABA in the community.

Experimental Analysis of Behaviour Group UK

BY J. CARL HUGHES

In 2013 the Experimental Analysis of Behaviour Group (EABG) celebrated its 50th anniversary. The meeting was held at the University College London across three days in March (25–27). The atmosphere each day had an air of celebration and excitement. More than 200 delegates attended, and included an encouraging mix of academics, applied researchers, parents, and non-academics, many of whom had traveled internationally.

The papers submitted varied widely, and the quality of research was high. It was also encouraging to see that a large proportion of the presenters were students—reassuring for the future of behavior analysis in Europe.

The 2013 conference was fortunate to have a number of highly esteemed invited speakers deliver some inspirational talks. Dr. Bill Heward from The Ohio State University provided the keynote address, and 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 ABA, Dr. Heward highlighted the “uniquely poised” position that behavior analysts are in to be able to assist with changing destructive human behaviors.

We were also very fortunate to host for the second time Professor Janet Twyman from the Department of Pediatrics, University of Massachusetts Medical School on 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.

Professor Richard Hastings (Bangor University), Dr. Peter Baker (Sussex Partnership, NHS Foundation Trust, Sussex/Tizard Centre, University of Kent) and Professor Erik Arntzen (Akershus University College) also delivered some informative and thought-provoking talks. Professor Richard Hastings presented a talk entitled “The Process of Developing ‘Evidence’: Implications for Behaviour Analysis.” Professor Hastings outlined a model for reviewing the evidence of an intervention, thus helping to reduce the obscurity in what constitutes an intervention being “evidence-based.”

Dr. Baker delivered a presentation on positive behavior support (PBS) 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, in his talk Dr. Baker clarified the strong roots of PBS within behavior analysis and emphasized a need to maintain this strong bond.

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 that the upcoming EABA 2014 conference will be held in Sweden, in September.

We were also very pleased to invite Professor Jack Marr, who presented on the concept and definition of motivation in behavior analysis. Professor Julian Leslie and David Dickins presented a very special talk on 50 years of EABG, reflecting on the evolution of applied behavior analysis over that period.

The UK Society for Behaviour Analysis (UK-SBA) was also launched at EABG and was introduced by Kate Grant, Sean Rhodes, Suzy Yardley, Jennifer Austin, and Louise Denne. Delegates were encouraged to become members via the website and nominate board members (to be voted in by members): <http://uk-sba.org/>.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

The EABG 2013 meeting reflected the strong position the UK and Europe held in providing a large proportion of the CEUs for certified behavior analysts. 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 number awarded during the previous EABG conferences.

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 33rd Annual Meeting of the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis (FABA) occurred September 25–28, 2013, at the Hilton Daytona Beach Resort. The conference was attended by more than 900 members and featured 18 paper sessions, 23 symposia, 3 panel discussions, 14 IGNITE presentations, 16 pre- and post-conference workshops, and 38 posters. Aubrey Daniels’s excellent keynote presentation was titled “ABA Inside!” Outstanding invited presentations were also provided by Iser DeLeon, John Lutzker, Caio Miguel, Susan Schneider, and Merrill Winston. Kevin Jackson’s presidential address gave sage advice about “Behavior Analysis in the Real World.” Many other notable behavior analysts presented, including, but not limited to, (alphabetically) Jon Bailey, Jim Carr, Gina Green, Brian Iwata, Charles Mace, Jose Martinez-Diaz, Patrick McGreevy, Ray Miltenberger, and Tim Vollmer. Our first FABA president, Nate Azrin, was fondly remembered in a touching tribute.

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 supporting a behavior analyst licensure bill in the legislature,

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preventing attempts to restrict the practice of behavior analysts, monitoring funding and insurance coverage of ABA services, and tracking policy regarding restraint and seclusion in public schools.

The first week of September is proclaimed as “Florida Behavior Analysis Week.” A few weeks later, FABA will have its 34th Annual Meeting from September 17–20, 2014, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa, Bonita Springs, FL. 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 by Michigan’s Lt. Governor Brian Calley, and invited presentations by Bill Ahearn, Jim Carr, Gina Green, and Dorothea Lerman. Dawn Bailey will give the presidential address. Many other excellent speakers will address a 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 social gathering on Thursday. Members are encouraged to bring family members and significant others and stay extra nights for some vacation time. 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 about becoming a member, please visit www.FABAWorld.org or contact Executive Director Kevin Murdock at kmurdock@usf.edu, or contact Secretary/Treasurer-Media Coordinator Jon Bailey at jonbailey1@mac.com.

Four Corners ABA

BY NICOLE BANK

The mission of Four Corners ABA (4CABA) is to promote the science of behavior and evidence-based technologies derived from the basic science in the Four Corners (Utah, Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico) region of the US. Four Corners ABA had another strong year of providing behavior analysts an intellectual home. Nicole Bank, MS, BCBA (The PartnerShip, LLC) is the current president and organized our seventh annual convention in Park City, Utah in April.

Gathering at 7,000 feet in Summit County, Utah, members of Four Corners ABA spent the weekend in Park City; One of Forbes Traveler magazine’s top 20

prettiest towns in the US. Consistent with 4CABA’s focus on balancing basic and applied research, we had a strong lineup of speakers from both areas. This year’s list of speakers included Donnie Staff (West Coast Optimal), Steven Lawyer (Idaho State University), Maxine Stitzer (Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center), Susan Schneider (University of the Pacific), Hank Schlenger (California State University-Los Angeles), Jon Pinkston (University of North Texas), Manish Vaidya (University of North Texas), and Tom Higbee (Utah State University).

We gave a Best Poster Award to one of our students based on the quality of his or her poster presentation. This poster competition took place on the first night of the conference. This year’s winner was titled, “Effects of High-Fat Diet on Demand for Food,” presented by Stephen Robinson, Steven Boomhower, and Erin Rasmussen (Idaho State University). It was the second year in a row for Steven Boomhower and Erin Rasmussen receiving this award. Stephen won a free membership to Four Corners ABA and conference registration for next year.

In our ongoing efforts to increase membership and let other behavior analysts know what we’ve been up to, 4CABA hosted a ABAI Expo booth during ABAI’s 40th Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois. Thanks to everyone who stopped by and expressed interest in our organization.

4CABA membership is open to anyone who is interested in the science and practice of behavior analysis. While most of our members reside in the Four Corners Region, we have numerous members from various parts of the country who have found our organization and annual convention an important part of their professional lives. There are numerous benefits to being a 4CABA member, including being a part of a group of individuals who value the science and practice of behavior analysis and enjoy being part of a strong, productive, and vibrant community of scholars and practitioners. Our members are also invited to our annual convention to take in cutting-edge knowledge of behavior analysis and receive free BACB CEUs! If you think you might be interested in joining, please take a look at our website for more information (www.4caba.org).

4CABA is very happy to announce recent additions to our governing board: Our newest board member is Trina Spencer (Northern Arizona University), our secretary is Amy Kenzer (SARRC) and new student representative is David Cole (ACI Learning Center). Our president-elect is Andrew Gardener (Northern Arizona University). Congratulations to our new officers!

Hawai’i ABA

BY CARLA SCHMIDT

Aloha from the Hawai’i Association for Behavior Analysis (HABA). HABA is a professional organization dedicated to the practice, research, and dissemination of applied behavior analysis. Our mission is to expand behavioral

knowledge, support service providers implementing behavioral interventions, and promote board certification in behavior analysis. HABA also sponsors an annual conference, workshops, and various trainings for professional development in behavior analysis.

HABA's ninth annual conference, "Children and Families: Effective Treatments Across the Lifespan," was held in October in Honolulu, HI at the University of Hawaii-Manoa. The conference was a single-track conference with two keynote speakers, a workshop, and poster session. Our first keynote speaker was Dr. Patricia Wright, who discussed strategies for incorporating cultural humility into everyday service delivery. The second keynote speaker was Dr. Karen Tyson, who presented on neurological evaluations and their significance in ABA. Dr. Patrick Ghezzi led a workshop that described components necessary for an effective early intervention program.

The Event Committee had an exciting 2013. The purchase of a webinar service to increase our opportunity to disseminate information to the outer islands and to the mainland enabled us to offer a number of training webinars. In June, Dr. Mary Jane Weiss provided a webinar titled "Navigating Ethical Challenges: Resources and Strategies for Discerning Ethical Solutions." In July–August, Dr. Patrick McGreevy delivered a two-part webinar series on using the Essential for Living assessment and curriculum for older children and adults. The first part of the webinar was titled "Teaching the Essential Eight Skills and Managing Problem Behavior," and the second part was titled "Teaching Should-Have, Good-to-Have, and Nice-to-Have Functional Skills."

For many students (and professionals) in Hawai'i, the trip to the mainland for the ABAAI 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 ABAAI Annual Convention along with an ABAAI 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. This scholarship was awarded to Dana Simmons in April 2013. HABA hopes to continue this trend in assisting students to attending the ABAAI 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 10th annual conference on October 25, 2014. This year our conference will feature a variety of different speakers, as well as a keynote presentation from Dr. Julie Vargas. On behalf of the HABA executive board, we would like to welcome you to join us for this exciting event and to celebrate a decade of HABA.

For 2014–2015, membership in HABA is being offered

at \$15 for students and \$25 for full/affiliate members. Membership dues will afford access to members-only resources, such as online CE events, reduced HABA conference and workshop fees, and joining a community of people who share an interest in behavior analysis. Maintaining active membership in HABA is also an excellent way to expand your professional network and to contribute to your local behavior analysis community. Mahalo nui loa (thank you very much)!

Heartland ABA

BY KATHRYN PETERSON

HLABA held its eighth annual conference March 7–8 in Omaha, Nebraska. We were honored to recruit Drs. Tiffany Kodak, Dorothea Lerman, and Wayne Fisher to conduct pre-conference workshops. Dr. Lerman offered a workshop on "Disseminating ABA Into Public Schools: An Intensive Teacher Training Approach." Dr. Fisher's workshop was on "Enhancing the Effectiveness and Generality of Functional Analysis and Functional Communication Training." Both workshops were attended by individuals from a variety of fields and from surrounding states. We also had several invited conference presenters including Dr. Dorothea Lerman, who presented on "Teaching Adults with Asperger's Syndrome to Implement Behavior Interventions for Children with Autism"; Dr. Wayne Fisher, who presented "Functional Assessment and Treatment of Two Types of Elopement: Goal-Directed Bolting and Aimless Wandering"; Dr. Edward Morris, who presented "The Varied Legacies of John B. Watson's Behaviorist Manifesto for Applied Behavior Analysis"; and Dr. Carol Sella, who presented "MimioSprout Early Reading and StoryChamps: Behavior Analytic Principles for Improving Early Literacy." In addition, we received four submissions for paper addresses, which were presented during the conference. Presenters included Stephanie Hood, who presented "An Evaluation of the Efficacy, Generalization, and Social Validity of an Individualized Approach to Teaching Conversation and Greeting Skills"; Aaron Lesser, who presented "A Comparison of In-Home Measurement Systems to Capture Nighttime Sleep Disturbances for Children With Autism Spectrum Disorders"; Mychal Machado, who presented "An Automated Training Program to Teach Observers to Accurately Measure Problem Behavior Using a Fast-Forwarding Measurement System"; and Dr. Katie Nicholson, who presented "An Analysis of Variables Affecting the Efficacy and Efficiency of Task Interspersal on Skill Acquisition in Children with Autism." For the sixth year in a row, we hosted a poster session and competition. We offered a poster presentation award, which is meant to contribute financial support to a student attending the ABAAI annual convention. The winning poster was titled "Evaluating Reinforcer Density in Multiple

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Schedules During Functional Communication Training,” presented by Ashley Niebauer. In addition, Ryan Groeneweg was awarded the Heartland Association for Behavior Analysis Award of Excellence for his contributions to the field of applied behavior analysis in the Heartland area. We welcomed 52 pre-conference attendees and 131 conference attendees, which was an increase from previous years.

Our ninth annual conference will be held March 5–6, 2015. We are currently in the process of identifying prominent behavior analysts in the field to present and conduct workshops at our next conference.

The 2014–2015 HLABA executive board includes Elizabeth Bullington as our past-president, Kathryn Peterson as our president, Amber Paden as our vice-president, Dr. Steven Taylor as our secretary-treasurer, Jennifer Brock as our representative-at-large I, Terri Newton as our representative-at-large II, and Daniel Mitteer as our student representative. HLABA continues to provide ongoing training opportunities to behavior analysts in Nebraska and the surrounding states. We offer a monthly speaker series that is free of charge 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 speakers include Drs. Jennifer Fritz, James Meindl, Jonathan Ivy, Corey Stocco, and Kevin Klatt.

Hong Kong ABA

BY EMILY KWAN

The Hong Kong Association for Behavior Analysis (HKABA) promoted ABA science to the general public, offered opportunities for professional development, and conducted a BCBA and BCaBA program in the past year.

We felt honored to be invited to speak about the application of ABA in Asia in the 2013 China Autism Parent Conference. It was an annual event coordinated jointly by Autism Speaks, One Foundation, and the International Care for Autism Fund. Many parents and professionals from various parts of China flew to Shanghai to join us and learn about the latest interventions related to autism spectrum disorders. To research the application of ABA in other Asian countries, our president also made contact with other BCBAs and BCaBAs who are practicing our science in their own countries. It was a valuable opportunity for us to learn that we are facing very similar challenges that other BCBAs and BCaBA in Asian countries are facing. It appears that we are all lacking support from governments in terms of financial aid and recognition of our qualifications. This may explain why most of us are practicing in the private sector in Asia.

Our president was also invited to be a panel discussant at the Autism Conference 2014: Global Challenges and Local Needs, an event coordinated by the Worldwide Universities Network and the Public Health of the Chinese University.

At the autism conference, the preliminary results of a survey that had gathered information from local parents of children with ASD about the diagnosis pathway, community healthcare, education, employment, community support, and social welfare were presented. When it came to the kind of service that the assessment team recommended and referred the parents to, it was shocking to find that ABA was one of the least recommended amongst the treatment options. The referral made to receive ABA is much lower than recommendations made to special education, NGO support, parent workshops, speech therapy, and occupational therapy. Throughout the discussions, it appeared that common misconceptions about ABA prevailed. The result of the survey and the follow up discussions have once again reminded us of the importance of promoting our science to the general public and other professionals and dispelling misconceptions about the philosophies and principles of ABA.

In the past year, we also had the pleasure of hosting two presentations given by Dr. Dickie Yu. He is currently a professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Manitoba and the Director of St. Amant Research Center in Canada. Dr. Yu was in Hong Kong for a personal trip, but he was kind enough to offer his time and presented on the use of the assessment of basic learning abilities (ABLA) and the results of the early intensive behavioral intervention (EIBI) from the St. Amant Research Center. In terms of promoting more professionals to practice ABA, the third cohort of eager students of ABA has also commenced their studies in the BCaBA program with HKABA.

In the upcoming years, we will continue to work toward our current goals by implementing standards of practice in the field and seeing a future of the science of ABA being better understood and recognized in Hong Kong.

Hoosier ABA

BY VINCENT LAMARCA

The purpose of the Hoosier Association for Behavior Analysis 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 Hoosier ABA is divided into three groups, full members, student members, and affiliate members. Full members 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 their interests include teaching, research, and/or the practice of behavior analysis. Student members are currently enrolled in an academic degree program, internship, or resident program relevant to a career in behavior analysis. Affiliate members are 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 of the executive committee are required to hold master's degrees and be Board Certified Behavior Analysts. The student representative is elected by the student members and must be enrolled in an academic degree program, internship, or resident program relevant to a career in behavior analysis.

The executive committee holds monthly business meetings to discuss the annual conference, development of subcommittees, and current issues that impact the field of behavior analysis in the state of Indiana. Hoosier ABA's public policy, medical waiver, and best practices subcommittees have continued to establish a relationship with other organizations in the state of Indiana over this past year to further promote the science of behavior analysis.

Quarterly meetings are held offering educational presentations and clinical case reviews with continuing education credits available. In addition, we hold an annual conference to bring in professionals from the state of Indiana and throughout the country to continue to promote research and professional practices in behavior analysis. The Hoosier ABA annual conference takes place in October in downtown Indianapolis. We hold a combination of panel discussions, symposia, workshops, paper presentations, and a poster session along with a 1-hour keynote address. Our conference consists of a mix of professionals, students, parents, and teachers who are active in the field of behavior analysis.

Icelandic ABA

BY JÓHANNA ELLA JÓNSDÓTTIR, HELGI KARLSSON, AND THELMA LIND TRYGGVADÓTTIR

The Icelandic Association for Behavior Analysis (ICEABA) is a very small chapter in ABAI. This year, the association turns 10 years old, and we are very proud of that milestone. We hope that we will only grow larger in the future and

spread the knowledge of behavior analysis and its benefits all over Iceland. With new members and a more active leadership we can hopefully achieve even more in the future.

ICEABA has been active this year, especially in the beginning of the year since we were organizing a 2-day conference with two established workshops with well-known behavior analysts. We were lucky enough to get Dr. Anna Ingeborg Pétursdóttir and Danielle Lafrance to hold workshops here in Iceland, and Caio Miguel was also a special guest at our conference. It should be noted that they attended from abroad as keynote speakers and added great value to our conference this year. The theme for the conference this year was verbal behavior, and the workshops entailed training professionals and others who work with children especially. The conference was held April 3–4 at the University of Iceland and was very well attended. The conference ended with a potluck event for all our members and keynote speakers, and we enjoyed a very happy evening together after a great conference.

ICEABA members got together a few times over the year, and had a couple of coffeehouse meetings and a beer night to get together and discuss behavior analysis and enjoy the company of those who share our view of the world. One of our most active members had a potluck at Christmas to give us a platform to meet those who were visiting from abroad and get together. She invited us to her home and it was a lovely event.

We have also been moving more online and been active on Facebook and using that arena to share interesting material, articles, and other things that are connected to behavior analysis one way or another. We also use that platform to tell each other about events and conferences that we think might be of interest to our members.

We seem to be adding members each year, and more and more students know who we are. It is very beneficial to be a member of our great association since the world of behavior analysis is very small in Iceland, and it is very beneficial to be around people who understand the world of behavior analysis.

Some of our academic members are now (and some have been for many years) teaching courses on experimental and applied behavior analysis in the largest universities in Iceland: University of Iceland (with at least five different courses at both undergraduate and graduate levels), the University of Akureyri, and the University of Reykjavík. It should be added that we are also adding to education with behavior analysis courses for future teachers. We also have a 2-year program for professionals in human services in CBT. This is of course not the work of the association, but members are spreading knowledge through their careers, and that is very beneficial for everyone here in our little country.

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Illinois ABA

BY AUTUMN MCKEEL

The third annual convention was held in Springfield, Illinois, April 10–11, 2014. The Illinois Association for Behavior Analysis (IL-ABA) is a state chapter of ABAI whose purpose is to promote behavior analysis, primarily through an annual convention. 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 at the conference in 2014 included a variety of professions from university professors to practitioners and educational leaders in behavior analysis. The agenda included a pre-conference open forum on the licensure process for the state of Illinois. There was great interest among practitioners to pursue licensure, and a sub-committee functioning under IL-ABA was formed from this open forum. This single-track conference scheduled on April 11 included speakers who discussed current faculty research agendas in 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 student agenda included discussion of student research that is being conducted at the master's level and at the doctoral level in different academic institutions. A business meeting took place to address the financial report, solidify the licensure-related sub-committee, and complete elections of board members. A new president was elected (1-year term), as well as three additional terminal-degree board members to serve 4-year terms for IL-ABA. Future conferences will maintain a single-track structure that will emphasize science and practice within the state. In addition to the annual conference, the president and operations coordinator attended a workshop in Denver, CO, to learn and disseminate information needed to pursue licensure. This organization will serve as a connection for behavior analysts across the state to determine what can be done to improve relations within the state. 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 be 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. This will happen with the collaboration of active members of the organization in order to make sure that the bill is appropriately developed for behavior analysts. A sub-committee meeting regarding licensure progress will be scheduled in the near future. A state chapter meeting and Expo session took place at the ABAI 40th Annual Convention in Chicago. This gave us further opportunities for feedback on future endeavors for this organization. The website and Facebook page will continue to serve as social media and interaction opportunities among professionals in Illinois. The website has been continuously updated, including an online registration system to assist in efficient registration for members and registrants. The fourth annual convention will be held in April 2015. Location and details will follow in the near future.

Iowa ABA

BY EVELYN HORTON

The Iowa Association for Behavior Analysis annual members' meeting was held November 1, 2013, in Des Moines, Iowa, in conjunction with the first annual conference. New officers, Mike Demand and Todd Knealing, were elected as members of the board of directors.

Conference presenters provided for varied interests of the 100 attendees. Dr. Travis Thompson, University of Minnesota, presented "Managing Anxiety and Compulsive Behavior: Autism and Related Developmental Disabilities." Dr. David Wacker, University of Iowa, presented "Training School Teams to Conduct Functional Analyses: The Iowa Department of Education Challenging Behavior Project." "A Behavioral Approach for Impacting Safety and Leadership in Business" was discussed by Dr. Nicole Gravina, Reaching Results, and Dr. Pamela Neidert, University of Kansas, delivered "Assessment and Treatment of Feeding Problems in Early Intervention Classrooms."

As a result of the conference, membership in Iowa ABA grew substantially. Interest and involvement in matters of behavior analysis have also increased. With new funding streams created by legislation, ABA services across Iowa are expanding. During the conference, the board awarded John Pokrzywinski with the Ambassador Award for his initial efforts in founding the Iowa ABA board, and his continued efforts to see membership grow and his encouragement for the board to organize and provide an annual conference. Monetary support for the conference was provided by local, state, and regional behavior analysis services.

Iowa ABA continues to be actively involved in ABAI through member and board participation in the annual convention. The board conducts open board meetings on the second Thursday of each quarter and invites interested members to participate in meetings and on committees. The publications committee has worked to develop a new

logo and to update the website and social media sites. The legislative action committee served to keep behavior analysts engaged in the process of rulemaking for the newly funded Autism Support Program to provide additional funding for ABA services to children in Iowa.

The second annual conference is currently in the planning stages and will be held in the Des Moines area on November 7, 2014.

Jordanian ABA

BY MARIA I. MUNOZ BLANCO AND MAHMOUD SHEYAB
The Jordan Chapter of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (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 of the graduates from the Behavior Analysis and Health Master 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 those in the UAE, KSA, and Jordan. They have taken the mission of—besides providing services to promote behavior analysis in the region—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 maintaining the network of communication among members and disseminating behavior analysis in the region by opening opportunities for education.

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 (i.e., in Clay, Jackson, and Platte Counties in Missouri).

Governance

KansABA is governed by an Executive Committee that consists of a president (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 Web Site 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—members who meet the requirements for Full membership in ABAAI (\$25 membership fee), Student members—students who meet the requirements for Student membership in ABAAI (\$15), Affiliate members—citizens of the state of Kansas and Kansas City metropolitan area who express an interest in behavior analysis in Kansas (\$25); and Adjunct members—citizens in other states and countries who also express an interest in behavior analysis in Kansas (\$15).

Conference on Organizational Behavior Management

Our main activity this year, as every year, was organizing and holding a conference. This year, the conference was on “Autism and Other Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.” Continuing education units 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 programs around themes in research, training, and practice in Kansas and invite one out-of-state speaker, an alumnus of the Department of Applied Behavior Science at the University of Kansas. The theme of “research-to-practice” informs the orientation of all our conferences and the content of many of the presentations. The number of registrants was about 90. The program featured the following speakers and presentations:

- Dean C. Williams (Life Span Institute, University of Kansas), “From Research to Practice: Transitions and Behavior Problems”
- Kelley L. Harrison, Kimberley L. M. Zonneveld, Kristin M. Miller, and Pamela L. Neidert (University of Kansas), “Increasing Child Compliance with Essential Routine Procedures: Acquisition & Generalization”
- Courtney R. Moore, Joseph D. Dracoby, Megan Hafen, Danielle L. Gureghian, Kimberley L. M. Zonneveld, Claudia L. Dozier, and Pamela L. Neidert (University of Kansas), “Assessment and Treatment of Feeding Problems in Early Intervention Classrooms”
- Joseph D. Dracoby, Claudia L. Dozier, Adam M. Briggs, Jessica A. Foster, and Erica S. Jowett (University of Kansas), “Experts versus Caregivers: A Comparison of Indirect Assessments and Functional Analysis Outcomes”
- Mike Wasmer (Autism Speaks), “Update on Legislative Action in Kansas”
- Rose Mason and Debra Kamps (University of Kansas), “Peer Networks: Increasing Participation for Elementary School Students With ASD”

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- Stephen Crutchfield (University of Kansas), “Electronic Self-Monitoring to Reduce Stereotypic Behavior in Middle School Students With Autism”
- Todd Merritt, Jan B. Sheldon, and James A. Sherman (University of Kansas), “Improving Independent Living Skills for People With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities”
- Ariana Boutain, Jan B. Sheldon, and James A. Sherman (University of Kansas), “A Telehealth Parent Training Program to Teach Self-Care Skills to Children With Autism”
- Andrea Courtemanche, Jan B. Sheldon, James A. Sherman, and Stephen R. Schroeder (University of Kansas), “Reducing Self-Injurious Behavior in Community Settings: A Multi-Component Approach”
- Kevin Brothers (Somerset Hills Learning Institute), “Operating from a Researcher-Practitioner Model in Autism Intervention: Some Expected and Unexpected Examples”

We also held (a) a poster session that included 11 posters, (b) a business meeting, and (c) an awards ceremony. At the ceremony, Kathryn Saunders (University of Kansas) presented KansABA’s 2014 Outstanding Contributions to Behavior Analysis in Kansas Award to Joseph E. Spradlin.

KansABA Website

Our Website Committee chair, Jason Hirst, updated our website again 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

The state of Kansas finally passed “An ACT concerning insurance, providing coverage of autism spectrum disorder, required licensure of persons providing applied behavior analysis” (Bill 2744). It is not perfect legislation; it was a compromise. However, it mandates for the first time that insurance companies provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of children with autism. The treatment is “applied behavior analysis.” The licensure is for “certified behavior analysts.” We thank Mike Wasmer (Autism Speaks) and Gina Green (APBA) for their hard work and guidance in advancing and crafting this legislation, as best they could. They are not responsible for any of its faults.

Plans for 2014

In addition to expanding our website and hosting another conference, we will revamp our conference registration to include KansABA membership; this will dramatically increase our number of members. We will also pursue Internal Revenue Service tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) organization.

Kentucky ABA

BY STEPHEN FOREMAN

Under the new leadership of our president, Jason Simmons, 2013 was an exciting year for the Kentucky Association for Behavior Analysis (KYABA). We had the privilege of offering two events for the community on very important topics with two leaders in the application of behavior analysis. The first event was a 2-day workshop in April, featuring Dr. Jose Martinez Diaz, Ph.D., BCBA-D, on the first day discussing “Professional and Ethical Considerations for Behavior Analysts,” and the second day with Dr. Mary Barbera, Ph.D., BCBA-D on “Using ABA/VB Strategies to Improve Autism Programming Across the Spectrum.” These presentations each offered 6 CEUs and were a fantastic way to kick off our year, drawing in more than 130 registrants per day.

In September of 2013 we were fortunate to have William L. Heward, Ed.D., BCBA-D, conduct a workshop for us on “Helping School-Age Students With Autism Succeed in Regular Classes.” This presentation drew in registrants from all over the state in varied disciplines and multiple job duties. We had such a great time with Dr. Heward, and his presentation was so well received that he has been invited to present again in 2014.

Between workshops, our board of directors and members were hard at work disseminating behavior analysis and KYABA to the folks of Kentucky and surrounding states. The board of directors met monthly, with meetings consisting of planning future events, following legislation, and staying current on all activities involving behavior analysis in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In addition we revised our bylaws, revamped our website, and solidified committees for membership, legislation, PR/newsletter, and conferences.

We continued our momentum into 2014, hosting a hospitality suite in March at the ABAI autism conference, which was located in Louisville. We had the opportunity to meet, interact with, and sign up new members of KYABA from around the world. In addition, we had two local members of the KYABA board, Stephen Foreman and Robert Pennington, presenting at the event.

KYABA was represented well at the ABAI convention in Chicago, with many members attending our annual open meeting presenting ideas and volunteering for jobs to help with the growth of our association. In addition, we had three of our board members attend the leadership workshop offered by ABAI.

We are capping off a successful year with a 2-day workshop featuring Patrick C. Friman, Ph.D., ABPP, who will be giving two talks, first on “Behavior Analysis in the Mainstream of Everyday Life” and then “Tell Me a Story: Colloquial Vignettes for Teaching Select Behavior Analytic Concepts to Non-Behavior Analysts.” He will be partnering with our returning presenter William L.

Heward, Ed.D., BCBA-D, who will be presenting on “Behavior Change for a Sustainable World: Ultimate Challenge and Opportunity for Behavior Analysts” and “Common Mistakes by ABA Practitioners and Suggestions for Avoiding Them.” The second day will feature Gregory Hanley, Ph.D., BCBA-D, who will be conducting a morning and afternoon session on “Dispelling the Myths and Overcoming Implementation Obstacles Related to the Functional Assessment and Treatment of Problem Behavior” and “Understanding and Addressing Sleep Problems of Children and Young Adults With Autism.” We look forward to having these three distinguished behavior analysts finish off what has been a very productive and successful year. For more information about KYABA or to register for our September workshops, please go to <http://kentuckyaba.org>.

Korean ABA

BY DAEYOUNG JUNG, HYOSHIN LEE, SANGHOON LEE, MYUNGOK KWON, AND YUNHEE SHIN

Daeyoung Jung, professor at Changwon National University, was elected president of Korean ABA. Many suggestions for policies related to emotional and behavioral disorders in South Korea were published by Daeyoung Jung, Hyoshin Lee, and Sanghoon Lee.

Korean ABA and the Korean Association of Child and Adolescent Behavior Therapy chapters will collaborate on conferences and future innovations.

The Korean ABA chapter held an annual conference and professional training programs this year. We also published four issues of the *Journal of Emotional & Behavioral Disorders* this year. Korean ABA also had various activities in the field of annual or recurring events. Korean ABA grants a certificate of behavior therapist to individuals who complete 2-year training courses and pass the certification examination. The training, designed primarily for new professionals, includes online and on-site programs in ABA theories.

Newsletters/Publications

We have published a quarterly journal that has been ranked by the Ministry of Education as one of the best publications for 20 years. The *Journal of Emotional & Behavioral Disorders* is in Korean and targets the education and general welfare of children and youth with emotional and/or behavioral disorders. Issues for volume 30 will be published on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31.

Conferences

The 2014 spring conference took place on May 24. Presentations included “Development and Placement for Behavioral Therapists,” “Research on Systems for Development and Placement of Behavioral Therapists” and “Certification System and Activities of Behavioral Therapists

Outside of South Korea.” Dates for the 2014 annual autumn conference have not yet been set.

Professional Training

Off-line professional trainings include a summer and a winter program. The summer program—“Assessment, Diagnosis, and Evaluation for Individuals With EBD”—will take place in July and August. The winter program—“Abnormal Behaviors and Psychology”—will be held in December 2014 carry over into January 2015. Korean ABA offers several professional trainings online:

- Assessment, Diagnosis, and Evaluation for Individuals With EBD
- Abnormal Behaviors and Psychology
- Intervention for Individuals With EBD
- Applied Behavior Analysis on PBS

Membership

In order to join, membership applicants must meet at least one of the following requirements:

- Studying applied behavior analysis and interventions for individuals with emotional, behavioral, or learning disabilities in a graduate program
- Working and using ABA with individuals with emotional, behavioral, or learning disabilities
- Recommended by staff or current members

Korean Association of Child and Adolescent Behavior Therapy

BY JUNG-YEON CHO

In November 2013, the Korean Association of Child and Adolescent Behavior Therapy (KACBT) received the good news that one of its members became the first candidate of the Daegu Cyber University coursework sequence ever to pass the BCaBA exam, which encourages many other members to pursue certification.

Supporting members with practicum placement, KACBT has 27 officially affiliated institutions and 96 partners, and holds biannual conferences on case studies. In addition, KACBT has 22 local supervisors, all of whom hold the credential from KACBT for supervision, and are dedicated to leading members to be competent.

KACBT supports several research groups from many regions in the country (Seoul, Busan, Daegu, and Gwangju) whose objectives are sharing clinical cases and experiences among members, giving members opportunities to cooperate with each other, and binding members in a mentor-mentee program.

In 2014 and 2015, behavioral rehabilitation intervention will be included in the nationwide Special Rehabilitation Supporting Services by the Ministry of Health and Welfare. KACBT expects behavioral intervention will be widely

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accepted by and provided to many people in the country.

KACBT also holds behavior analysis research group seminars or workshops every two months. On March 29 and 30, 2014, a workshop was held in Daejeon focusing on the basic concepts of behavior analysis, behavior assessment, and its measurement. The workshop was attended by 92 members.

KACBT is preparing to make procedures and protocols for behavior therapy programs, and hopes to issue its own certificates to practitioners who get through the courses and fieldwork. In the near future, KACBT will organize an international conference. For more information about KACBT, please visit the website at www.kacbt.or.kr.

Louisiana BAA

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 serves as a scientific, professional, and networking group for its members. LaBAA also promotes access to behavior analysis services in the state of Louisiana. LaBAA was established in April of 2012 as a 501(c)(4) and became the ABAI affiliated state chapter in the fall of 2012. LaBAA is also an affiliate of APBA and a BACB ACE provider.

Officers

LaBAA is governed by an Executive Committee comprised of a president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. Current officers are Grant Gautreaux, Ph.D., BCBA-D, president; Melissa Raymond, MA, BCBA, vice-president; Kathleen Fontenot, MA, BCBA, treasurer; and Janice Huber, MA, BCBA, secretary. The LaBAA Board of Directors is comprised of regional representatives from across the state, a parent representative, and a student representative. Current regional representatives are Chad Favre, MS, BCBA; Mary Elizabeth Christian, MD, BCBA; Mandy Parten, MA, BCBA; Sydna Oakley, MA, BCBA; and Alicia Pousson, MA, BCBA. Kaitlyn Jenkins from Nicholls State University is the student representative, and Carmen Vara-Napier is the parent representative. Elections for all officers and representatives are conducted in April/May every other year.

Membership

There are three classes of membership: Full, Affiliate, and Student. Benefits of membership include the following:

- Professional representation: LaBAA is committed to protecting the interests of LaBAA licensed behavior analysts in the Louisiana state legislature

- Consumer/Affiliate representation: LaBAA is committed to protecting the interests of consumers of ABA in the Louisiana state legislature
- Full members have the right to vote on all matters brought before LaBAA
- Full members have the option to be listed as service providers on the website
- Full and Affiliate members have the option to post employment opportunities on the website
- Advocacy and professional networking are provided for all levels of membership

LaBAA members amended the bylaws in the spring of 2014, expanding the membership criteria for Full and Student members. LaBAA has grown from 50 members in the spring of 2013 to 110 members at the time of this writing.

Committees

The 2014–2015 Membership Committee is chaired by Kelly Spears, MS, CCC-SLP, BCBA. The goal of the Membership Committee is to continue encouraging Louisiana behavior analysts and advocates to join and actively participate in supporting LaBAA's mission.

The 2013–2014 Fundraising Committee was chaired by Janice Huber and Cassie Bradford, BCBA. The committee conducted state-wide fundraising activities, which included regional raffles and conference sales.

The 2013–2014 Social Media Committee maintains 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 Kakkie Fontenot, BCBA.

The Legislative Committee, chaired by Grant Gautreaux, BCBA-D, monitors Louisiana legislative activity relevant to the field and practice of behavior analysis. In June 2013, Governor Bobby Jindal signed into law Act 351, a title and practice act for behavior analysis to be regulated by an independent board of behavior analysts. Act 351 charged LaBAA with the responsibility of submitting a list of nominees to serve on the board and LaBAA sponsored an election for the initial Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board members. Governor Jindal appointed five LaBAA BCBA's to sit on the behavior analyst board: Board members are Emily Bellaci, chair; Cassie Bradford, co-chair; Ellen Brocato; Kathy Chovanec; and Jennifer Longwell. LaBAA is grateful to the leadership of the BACB, the APBA, and a host of other leaders in our field for their invaluable support and guidance in advocating for an independent board of behavior analysts. LaBAA is particularly thankful to those who traveled from other states to testify on behalf of practitioners and consumers during the 2012 legislative session. Along with the continued advocacy and support for the independent regulatory board of behavior analysts, another of LaBAA's top

priorities is conducting professional conferences.

The 2013 Conference Committee was chaired by Dolleen-Day Keohane, Ph.D., BCBA-D. LaBAA hosted the inaugural Gulf Coast ABA Conference in October of 2013 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. More than 130 attended the conference. Presenters and attendees from across the United States and from multiple countries took part in workshops, symposia, poster events, panel discussions, a social, and a keynote address by Dr. Douglas Greer. The second Gulf Coast ABA Conference is scheduled for November 14–15, 2014, in Baton Rouge, LA. We encourage you to join in the fun down in bayou land. For more information and updates on the conference go to www.labaa.net.

Other Activities

“Team LaBAA,” led by Captain Kakie Fontenot, participated in the second annual Autism Speaks Walk in New Orleans in November 2013 by hosting a resource table and recruiting walk participants. LaBAA also participated as an exhibitor at the APBA conference in New Orleans in March 2014. LaBAA member meetings were held in Baton Rouge in February 2014 and at the ABAA 40th Annual Convention in Chicago.

Manitoba ABA

BY GENEVIEVE ROY-WSIAKI

The Manitoba Association for Behaviour Analysis (MABA) is in its ninth year as an affiliated chapter of ABAA. During our eighth year, several objectives were met, including increasing the number of BCBA-Ds in the province of Manitoba, successfully implementing a licensing model for behavioral psychologists in partnership with the Psychological Association of Manitoba (PAM), publishing two newsletters, finalizing recruitment posters shared with universities and organizations, organizing our first student poster competition, as well as hosting our second volunteer appreciation night and our eighth annual conference. Finally, to promote MABA as an affiliated chapter of ABAA, we presented a poster at the ABAA Expo, collaborated with the other Canadian affiliated chapters to present a panel, and attended the leadership training session at the 2013 ABAA annual convention in Minneapolis, MN.

In 2013, MABA was successful in partnering with the University of Manitoba Department of Psychology to host Dr. Raymond Miltenberger (University of South Florida) for a psychology department colloquium. Our eighth annual conference featured presentations by Dr. Raymond Miltenberger on teaching safety skills to children and Dr. Leonard Greenwood (Health Sciences Centre, University of Manitoba) on creating a reinforcing environment and building adaptive skills for children who have been severely maltreated. The day offered a total of seven presentations and eight poster presentations covering a variety of research and application topics. In addition, MABA presented its

2013 Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Applied Behaviour Analysis Award to Dr. Angela Cornick for her many contributions and her dedication to the development of services for children with autism through the St. Amant Autism Programs. Previous recipients have included Dr. Joseph Pear (2009), Dr. Carl Stephens (2010), Dr. Garry Martin (2011), and Dr. C. T. Yu (2012).

We are looking forward to our ninth annual conference to be held Thursday, October 2, 2014, at the University of Manitoba, which will feature presentations by guest speaker Dr. James E. Carr (CEO, BACB) in addition to presentations by a number of other students, researchers, and practitioners.

This past year, we continued to enhance the features and functions of our website to make it more accessible and user-friendly for our members and guests. We incorporated new resources and links, an events page, as well as a new “President News & Updates” section to keep individuals up to date on relevant information and upcoming events. Our Facebook page is also regularly updated in order to disseminate information and promote MABA through various media sources.

MABA also hosted its first student poster competition at the University of Manitoba. All psychology students with behaviorally oriented research were invited to submit their research posters, and eight students were accepted into the competition. Our judges, Dr. Joseph Pear, Dr. Garry Martin, Dr. Toby Martin, and Dr. Javier Virues-Ortega, evaluated the posters and presentations to select a winner. We had a great turnout of students and ABA faculty partaking in the presentations and ensuing discussions.

Finally, as MABA became a continuing education (CE) provider in late 2013, we started planning events that would allow us to offer affordable CEUs to BCBA-Ds and BCBA-Ds, such as article review sessions, a second student poster competition, as well as a student research presentation and a workshop in partnership with the St. Amant Research Centre.

In May 2014, MABA members attended ABAA’s annual convention in Chicago, IL, and presented a poster at the ABAA Expo. We also participated in the affiliated chapter leadership training session; it was a great opportunity to meet other chapter members and share suggestions and ideas.

To conclude, while building on our previous successes, our key objectives for 2014 include increasing our membership through various recruitment initiatives; providing a variety of presentations for the general public on matters relating to behavior analysis; developing a bilingual website (English/French); organizing events that will provide CEUs and promote our membership; partnering with local organizations, colleges, and universities to promote awareness of ABA in Manitoba; and hosting our ninth annual conference.

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Maryland ABA

BY SUNGWO KAHNG

The Maryland Association for Behavior Analysis (MABA) held its 16th Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, on Friday, November 22, 2013. Our conference is devoted to the dissemination of behavior analysis, both basic and applied, to our members from the Mid-Atlantic area. We had a record breaking year in terms of attendance. Nearly 350 members heard presentations from Anthony DeFulio (The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine), Brian Iwata (University of Florida), David Richman (Texas Tech University), Lorri Unumb (Autism Speaks), and Manish Vaidya (University of North Texas). Additionally, Brian Iwata conducted an engaging workshop on the topic of functional analysis. Three students (Daniel Clark, University of Maryland, Baltimore County; Jessica Cox, University of Maryland, Baltimore County; and Joshua Jessel, Western New England University) were awarded \$200 each and participated in the MABA Student Paper Symposium. Almost 30 posters were presented by staff and students from organizations such as Bancroft; Federal University of Para, Brazil; The Ivymount School and Programs; Kennedy Krieger Institute; James Madison University; The Johns Hopkins University; The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine; and Virginia Tech. We would like to thank our sponsors: the Kennedy Krieger Institute, The Shafer Center, Verbal Beginnings, The Institute of Professional Practice, and the Virginia Institute of Autism.

At the conclusion of the conference, Carrie Borrero (Kennedy Krieger Institute) stepped down as president, Sigurdur Sigurdsson (Florida Institute of Technology) assumed the office of the president, and Jennifer Zarcone (Kennedy Krieger Institute) was elected president-elect. John Borrero (University of Maryland, Baltimore County) was elected member-at-large, and Daniel Clark (University of Maryland, Baltimore County) was elected student representative. We would like to thank Stephanie Contrucci-Kuhn (Westchester Institute for Human Development), Christine Accardo (The Shafer Center), and Lily Darnell (University of Maryland, Baltimore County) for their time on the executive committee. We have also begun to transition the directorship of the MABA from SungWoo Kahng and Lisa Toole to Carrie Borrero (Kennedy Krieger Institute) and Nicole Hausman (Kennedy Krieger Institute).

Plans are currently under way for the 17th Annual Meeting to be held on Friday, November 21, 2014, in Baltimore, Maryland. We expect to include distinguished behavior analysts on our line-up of speakers. Additionally, Lynn Bowman from the Kennedy Krieger Institute will conduct a pre-conference workshop on Thursday, November 20, 2014, on supervisor training, which will meet the updated BACB guidelines on supervision. We will also have

our annual MABA Student Paper Symposium, which is open to all behavior analysis students. We will be moving to a new venue, the Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards. For more information about our upcoming conference, please go to www.marylandaba.org or “like” our Facebook page (search for “Maryland Association for Behavior Analysis”).

Finally, representatives from the Maryland Association for Behavior Analysis successfully worked with state legislators on a bill to license behavior analysts in Maryland. We worked with the legislators to build support from not only behavior analysts, but from psychologists, speech and language pathologists, and occupational therapists. This licensure bill passed the Maryland House of Delegates and Maryland Senate and is currently on the governor’s desk for his signature. All indications are that he will sign the bill, and licensure of behavior analysts will start no later than January 1, 2015. This will support recent changes to Maryland insurance regulations to provide coverage of services to children with autism.

Massachusetts ABA

BY JOHN RANDALL

The Massachusetts Association for Applied Behavior Analysis (MassABA) brings together a large community of behavior analysts for professional development, to address common issues in the evolution of practice in Massachusetts, and to obtain and disseminate information relative to state legislative and regulatory developments. The MassABA board of directors meets at least quarterly. In addition to these meetings, board subcommittees have been formed to address specific issues relative to the organization specifically and the field as a whole.

MassABA holds an annual convention that has grown incrementally over the past 4 years. This year’s conference welcomed more than 530 attendees. The conference welcomes researchers and practitioners from local and national platforms to present their research and provide perspective across various areas of practice.

Some of MassABA’s accomplishments over the past year include the following:

- Updating organizational bylaws
- Increasing professional membership to more than 500 professionals
- Conference attendance of more than 500
- Providing input into the promulgation of regulations to support the Massachusetts law to license behavior analysts

The MassABA board of directors would like to thank our three keynote speakers, who helped to make our fourth conference a success: Dr. Marjorie Charlop, Dr. Tristram Smith, and Dr. William Heward. Many thanks to the other speakers who represented the diversity of practice within Massachusetts and New England.

The association now has four organizational sponsors:

Beacon ABA, the Evergreen Center, Melmark New England, and Amego. As planning begins for the next year, MassABA is contemplating moving from Bentley University given the growing size of the conference.

The MassABA board of directors would also like to acknowledge the time and dedication of a few professionals who have worked to promulgate regulations to support the behavior analyst licensing law. Drs. Michael Dorsey and William Ahearn have been appointed to the licensing board as behavior analysts. Nan Leonard and Drs. Steven Woolf and Richard Graff have been appointed to the advisory committee that supports the board in this task. They have all put countless hours into collaborating to have the regulations in place to support licensing by the fall of 2014.

In the coming year, MassABA will continue to stay abreast of legislative and regulatory actions that impact our field. When warranted, the board will meet to develop positions on any actions that MassABA takes. Regulations and legislation are always addressed at board meetings. At times, out-of-cycle meetings are called to discuss issues that require immediate attention.

MassABA will continue to offer regularly scheduled BACB CE trainings to members. In the coming year, MassABA will offer supervision training to allow members who wish to supervise to meet the changing requirements of the BACB. With the support of membership, we hope to create a vibrant and sustainable association that represents all behavior analysts across the commonwealth.

Mid-American ABA

BY CARLA LAGORIO

The Mid-American Association for Behavior Analysis (MAABA) is a regional affiliate of ABAI. MAABA is a membership organization devoted to promoting scholarly interchange in behavior analysis through its annual convention. The annual 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 14th Annual Mid-American Association for Behavior Analysis Convention was held October 25–26, just outside of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. More than 150 people attended the convention, which featured an outstanding speaker lineup. The 2013 MAABA president, Adam Derenne (University of North Dakota), began the convention with opening remarks. After opening remarks, keynote speaker Dr. Jay Moore (University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee) gave the first symposium, “Why the Radical Behaviorist Conception of Private Events Is Interesting, Relevant, and Important.” This was followed by our second keynote speaker, Dr. Henry Schlinger, Jr., who presented a symposium titled, “100 Years of Behaviorism and Beyond.” Pam Neidert (University of Kansas and Edna A. Hill Child Development Center) then presented, “Assessment and Treatment of Feeding Problems

in Early Educational Settings.” Closing out the morning was Devin Mueller (University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee) with, “Extinction of Drug-Associated Behaviors in Animal Models of Drug Use.”

The afternoon began with Jennifer Asmus (University of Wisconsin–Madison), who presented “Application of Functional Behavior Assessment to School Problem Solving Teams,” which was followed by Andrew Brandt (Ohio Wesleyan University), whose talk was titled “Laboratory Simulations of Wealth and Wagering.” Closing out our Friday session were Mark Mattaini (Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago), who presented a symposium called “Constructing Justice and Sustainability: A Behavioral Systems Approach,” and Claudia Dozier (University of Kansas) whose talk was titled “On the Concept of Attention as a Reinforcer for Increasing Desirable Behavior.” These presentations were succeeded by the MAABA business meeting, and the day ended with poster presentations by students and faculty. This year’s convention featured 37 posters representing work conducted at 10 different institutions. The 2013 MAABA convention also included our first-annual silent auction, held during the poster session, during which attendees could purchase tickets to bid on behavior analytic books and relics. The auction was a success, and we plan to continue holding one annually.

The second day of the convention began with the winner of our Forrest J. Files Student Travel Award (presented annually to the winner of the Student Research Paper Competition): Matt Capriotti (University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee). Matt’s paper was titled “Negative Reinforcement and Premonitory Urges in Youth With Tourette Syndrome: An Experimental Evaluation.” Matt presented a brief 20-minute report on his findings. This was followed by a symposium by Ruth Anne Rehfeldt (Southern Illinois University) titled “Toward a Synthesis of Skinner’s 1957 Verbal Behavior With the Derived Stimulus Relations Research Program.” William Klipec (Drake University) spoke next; his talk was called “From Cellular to Behavioral Neuroscience: Differences Between Transient Receptor Channel 4 Knockout and Wild-Type Rats.” During the final part of the day, Olga Lazareva (Drake University) presented a symposium titled “The Three-Component Model of Relational Behavior in a Transposition Task,” and Florence DiGennaro Reed (University of Kansas) presented a talk called “Navigating the Continuum of Basic-to-Applied OBM Research: Notes From the Field.”

We are looking forward to the upcoming 2014 convention, which is slated for October 30–November 1 in St Louis, MO, at the Hampton Inn-Gateway Arch. The convention will again include addresses on both basic and applied behavior analytic research and theory.

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The current president of MAABA is Dr. Jonathan Baker (Southern Illinois University), and the president-elect is Dr. Derek Reed (University of Kansas). More information about MAABA, the annual convention, student awards, and registration information can be found at the organization's website, www.midamericanaba.com, 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 Association for Behavior Analysis (MEABA) has, since its establishment, been working to promote behavior analysis in the region. This has been reflected by the increased awareness of behavior analysis technology and also by the number of behavior analysts in the area. In addition, some autism centers in the region have developed ABA services in their educational programs, especially after seeing ABA's great effect on children with autism. The association worked to network with other special centers and professionals working with children with special needs to encourage them in using behavior analysis. The limited number of certified ABA practitioners in the area created a demand for colleges and universities to facilitate behavior analyses in their educational programs. MEABA was invited to participate in several educational events to present behavior analysis and its associated technologies to those with various educational backgrounds and interests.

The challenge still remains to expand behavior analysis technology in our region in various subjects, which include education, OBM, and behavioral safety. This determines the need to present a comprehensive view of behavior analysis to one of the important parts of the world. The region has made tremendous strides in improving education levels. Introducing behavioral science technology in various subjects of behavior analysis will certainly have a remarkable impact.

MEABA will always look for any opportunity to present about behavior analysis by participating in educational events throughout the region. Recognizing the need for various support from other behavior analysis associations can make a big difference in achieving our mission to promote the analytical science of behavior and its associated technologies within Middle East countries. MEABA welcomes all those interested to help us achieve our mission to come forward and contact us.

Minnesota Northland ABA

By Timothy R. Moore

Skol from the Minnesota Northland Association for Behavior Analysis (MNABA)! We enjoyed a 2013 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 played a key role in the passage of an autism insurance mandate—at long last! We welcomed five new faces to the executive council who have provided renewed energy, experience, and perspective to the group, including Student Liaison Natalie Donaldson (St. Cloud State University), Communications Chair Aaron Nystedt (The Mentor Network) and later Jamie Waldvogel (Behave Your Best) when Aaron was lost to greener pastures in California, Treasurer Amy Gross (University of Minnesota), and Ben Witts (St. Cloud State University) as an advisor to our conference committee.

The early months of 2013 found MNABA, led by our legislative liaison, Eric Larsson (Lovaas Institute for Early Education—Midwest) continually engaged at the state capitol in support of an autism insurance mandate bill that included funding for ABA-based therapy. We distributed our Standards of Practice for Applied Behavior Analysis in Minnesota (available at www.mnaba.org) to assist policymakers wrestling with the bill, testified in committee proceedings, and followed the lead of an extremely well-organized parent group who supported ABA more genuinely than any professional could hope to. It was an inspiring process—we learned so much from other states that had gone before us and overcame years of failure to arrive at a successful conclusion—and we hope other states that have not yet passed their own bills can take something away from our story as well.

Student membership in MNABA is significant, and so has been the work of our MNABA Student Liaison over the past last year. The third annual MNABA data blitz was our best-attended yet, with excellent student presenters from St. Cloud State, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. We scheduled the event earlier in the year to better fit for students who would benefit from a preparation venue for upcoming national conferences (ABAI, APBA) or their thesis defenses. Another landmark student event took place in conjunction with the 2013 ABAI convention in Minneapolis—25 students from area colleges and universities toured local centers specializing in ABA-based therapy for children with autism, and met back at the convention center for discussion with home-based providers. Great time had by students and professionals alike.

A separate bus trip involved a standing-room only (55 people!) tour to see the Twin Cities ABA hot spots, including the building (now a high-end condo) where Skinner and Keller Breland had their secret “pigeon bomb” laboratory on the rooftop, and the building on the campus of the University of Minnesota where Skinner spent his time when on faculty here. Gail Peterson hosted this visit at Elliott Hall and included a slide show related to Skinner's time here as well as research artifacts that he left behind. And an unexpected surprise—Julie Vargas was there—what a treat for all of us!

MNABA's Executive Council Liaisons have continued to be busier this year than ever before, connecting with their communities for speaking engagements about ABA with community organizations, county human services departments, and even newly formed ABAI chapters. 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 2013 with the annual conference at the Crowne Plaza West in Plymouth, MN, which was an engaging and inspiring day and night of behavior analysis with local, regional, and national flavor. Our pre-conference workshop on translation of evidence-based practices, led by Javier Virues Ortega and Alison Cox, was wonderful and dovetailed nicely into our networking social later that evening. On Friday, a near-record number of attendees were treated to inspiration on a variety of topics from Peter Gerhardt, "ABA and Evidence-Based Practice"; Javier Virues Ortega, "Advances in the Assessment and Treatment of Behavior Maintained by Automatic Reinforcement"; Travis Thompson, "Why Some Parents Say 'No' to Behavioral Autism Interventions"; Vicki Isler, "Teaching Parents To Be Full Participants in Their Children's Behavior Assessment and Treatment"; Stacy Coleman Symons, "Ethics vs. Values? Foundational Concepts for Successful Navigation of the APA Code and BACB Guidelines"; LeAnne Johnson, "Intervention Design and Implementation Across Complex Routines for Young Children in Natural Environments"; Celia Wolk-Gershenson, "Back to Basics: Response Variability, What Is It and Is It Useful?"; Regina Carroll, "Examining the Influence of Treatment Integrity Errors on Skill Acquisition During Discrete Trial Instruction"; and Jeff Tiger, "Treatment of Problem Behavior Maintained by Automatic Reinforcement."

We are very much looking forward to Mark Sundberg as the keynote speaker for MNABA 2014 (including our pre-conference workshop on Thursday evening), scheduled for September 25–26 at the Crowne Plaza West in Plymouth, MN. Please check www.mnaba.org soon for details on registration and additional presenters—we would love to see you in Minnesota!

Missouri ABA

BY JOHN M. GUERCIO

The Missouri Association for Behavior Analysis (MOABA) has undergone some systemic changes this year. In addition to hosting our annual convention, we changed the site of the conference in St. Louis. The new location was received quite favorably by the members of the association. The increasing membership numbers of the organization made this move a necessity as we had outgrown the old conference site. The

organization has expanded from 30 members in 2003 to its present membership base of close to 160. There have also been a number of changes to the manner in which yearly memberships and conference registration are handled.

By automating this process via links on our website, we have been able to serve our members more efficiently as well as offering them the quickness that comes from having these services accomplished online as opposed to in-person at the conference. The MOABA chapter has also continued its wider role of disseminating behavior analysis and advocating for the rigor of our field through the upcoming publication of an article on the licensure process.

The article will detail the licensure process from start to finish and will offer a host of suggestions for those state organizations that may be going through the process in the near future. There are even tips for those states that may not have a licensure bill in place. Those interested in pursuing this will have information from those that have gone through the process in an effort to promote as uniform a process as possible. Our interest was to continue advocating for the field of behavior analysis in the new therapeutic climate that we find ourselves in related to licensure, as well as fully defining what goes into being a competent behavior analyst.

Nevada ABA

BY REBECCA ARVANS

The Nevada Association for Behavior Analysis (NABA) hosted a conference in October 2013 at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada. The conference showcased the diversity of behavior analysis with presentations in experimental, applied, and theoretical areas. Notable speakers included Richard Foxx, Andy Lattal, Patrick Friman, Linda LeBlanc, Darnell Lattal, Amy Odum, James E. Carr, Larry Williams, Melissa Nosik, Christina Peters, and Matthew T. Brodhead. The conference offered continuing education for BACB credentialed individuals as well as an ethics workshop and poster session. Additionally, the conference was able to offer Department of Education CEUs. The conference has established a reputation for providing an intimate, single-track experience for speakers and attendees alike.

NABA continued its organizational improvements in 2013. NABA invited several practicing professionals across the state of 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, which is now posted on the NABA website. Additionally, NABA made significant updates to the website in the previous year in an attempt to better communicate with members. Some examples of improvements to the website include the distribution of a quarterly newsletter to all NABA members and the organization of regular webinars for professionals within the state of Nevada.

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NABA has continued to be active in legislative affairs that affect our behavior analytic training sites (e.g., University of Nevada, Reno and 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 Hampshire ABA

BY THEA DAVIS

The New Hampshire Association for Behavior Analysis (NHABA) is excited to announce that it became an affiliate chapter of ABAA in May 2013. To date, the chapter has conducted two meetings. At its first meeting, the following officers were elected: Thea Davis, president; Cathy Booth, vice president; Rachael Alling, secretary; and Jennifer Odierna, treasurer. In addition, attendees drafted and approved the chapter’s mission statement, which is to promote the development and awareness of behavioral services in the state of New Hampshire; support the development of standards of practice for behavior analysis in the state of New Hampshire; promote and support professional development of behavior analysts in the state of New Hampshire; and increase awareness of ABAA and NHABA.

At its March 26 chapter meeting, attendees viewed an interesting presentation regarding insurance funding for applied behavior analysis (ABA) and received helpful information regarding how they can assist vendors with providing ABA services that better meet their consumers’ needs. The presentation was well received; we look forward to providing similar ABA field- and business-related information at future meetings.

To facilitate networking and collaboration, NHABA created a Facebook group for members to post local and regional professional development opportunities for BCBAs and BCaBAs, share important industry news, and to centralize NHABA communications.

In addition to conducting two productive chapter meetings and establishing the chapter’s communications tools, NHABA engaged in diverse activities that support its mission, including the following:

- Promoting Antioch University’s free 8-hour supervision training for the new Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) requirements for BCBAs who mentor candidates for certification; this was offered November 8, 2013
- Developing an outreach campaign that involves contacting local physicians to offer free informational

workshops regarding effective autism treatment

- Reaching out to the Special Education Support Center of the New Hampshire School Administrators Association (NHSA) to begin discussing how we can assist with education outreach and to emphasize the importance of applied behavior analysis for students with autism
- Compiling a directory of certified BCBAs in the state of New Hampshire, including identifying their areas of expertise, which will serve as a referral resource for NHABA to use when seeking information regarding specific areas of behavior analysis and individuals who offer specific behavior analysis skillsets and experience

Current NHABA activities include developing a chapter logo, planning for the development of a chapter website, and facilitating the establishment of a parent group for children with autism who are newly diagnosed or are currently in an ABA treatment program. NHABA is also contributing volunteers to support the University of New Hampshire’s Special Olympics event scheduled for June.

We are pleased to report that several NHABA members attended the 40th Annual Convention held in Chicago in May of 2014. Our attendees used social media to share presentation highlights and pictures from the event with non-attending members and interested ABA practitioners, including Tweeting and posting updates on Facebook in real time. During the convention, our chapter members met for dinner to network and brainstorm ideas for the upcoming year. NHABA had a poster at the convention and the opportunity to answer questions about and promote our New Hampshire chapter on May 24.

The NHABA chapter is very excited about the year ahead and looks forward to contributing to the increased awareness, success, and expansion of ABA practices and professionalism in our state.

New Jersey ABA

BY KEVIN J. BROTHERS

The New Jersey Association for Behavior Analysis (NJABA) had a successful year in 2013. The organization rolled out its new website. At the top of the list of three priorities for NJABA, the new website enables members to interact with the organization. For example, members now can participate in voting and check the status of their membership.

Automating communications and improving conferences are the two other priorities for NJABA. To that end, NJABA established a Constant Contact account to enable mass emailings without being blocked as spam. We established an annual date for our conferences (third Friday in March, unless that is Good Friday, then the Friday before), and will be holding our summer workshops (July) at each of the universities and colleges around the state that offer master’s or Ph.D. programs in behavior analysis. In 2013 Dr. Ed Morris (University of Kansas Applied

Behavioral Science Department Chair) was our keynote speaker. This year Dr. Susan Schneider (visiting scholar, University of the Pacific and author of *The Science of Consequences: How They Affect Genes, Change the Brain, and Impact Our World*) was our keynote speaker.

Our annual conference is now routinely attended by more than 225 people. Symposia presenters are required to present data-based presentations with demonstrations of experimental control. The conference offers a terrific opportunity for junior colleagues to practice their research presentation skills as well as a place for veteran researchers to display the high-quality research being conducted in and around New Jersey.

On October 1, 2013, NJABA, Autism New Jersey, and leaders in the field discussed opportunities to enhance government recognition of the profession and applied behavior analysis (ABA) services. Joining via videoconference from California, Dr. Gina Green, Executive Director of the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts, shared developments from other states and outlined how NJABA and Autism New Jersey could work together to promote the BACB credentials here in New Jersey. Representatives from the five New Jersey universities that offer BACB-approved coursework sequences and degrees in behavior analysis, school programs for children with autism, and private service providers all agreed that state recognition for the BACB credentials would facilitate families' access to high-quality behavior analytic services. As NJABA and Autism New Jersey continue to collaborate, we welcome your input to strengthen our advocacy for the profession in the state house, in state departments, and throughout New Jersey.

As provided for in NJABA's bylaws, new members of the board of directors were elected this past March. Dr. Eric Rozenblat, Ph.D., BCBA-D, was elected to the position of president-elect. Dr. Rozenblat will serve in this capacity for one year and then assume the presidency of NJABA on July 1, 2015. In addition, Dennis Machado; Lauren Schnell, MA, BCBA; and David Wilson, Ph.D., BCBA-D, were each elected to a 2-year term as representative-at-large. Kate Britton, MEd, MA, BCBA, was elected secretary; and Emily Gallant, MA, was elected student representative. Congratulations to our newly elected board members.

The Membership Committee recently completed a survey of the membership and compiled a two-page list of suggestions for improving the value of membership in NJABA. The Executive Committee will be working with the Membership Committee to incorporate ideas from the recommendations. Among the first items under consideration is the establishment of a NJABA Facebook page. This recommendation has the potential to make communications to and from the membership more user-friendly and automated. New Jersey's behavior analysts can learn more about these initiatives and our mission at our website, NJABA.org.

New York State ABA

BY DEBORAH NAPOLITANO

This has been a very busy year for New York State ABA (NYSABA). We are so proud to be the 13th state to provide for a license for behavior analysts. This was a hard-fought accomplishment, over many years, by many dedicated behavior analysts and advocates. For New York behavior analysts, the license became necessary when New York State refused to recognize the BCBA as a credential with which insurance could be billed for services. NYSABA was hoping to celebrate this accomplishment at our annual conference in November; however, despite the bill's passing both the senate and assembly on June 17, 2013, Governor Cuomo did not sign it into law until January 10, 2014. We are looking forward to the next steps of implementation.

Despite our inability to celebrate this major accomplishment, we had a very successful conference. We moved back to downtown Saratoga Springs to accommodate our growing attendance. We had dynamic speakers, including keynotes Cathleen Piazza and Wayne Fisher. In addition to great speakers and good company, at the conference we began the process of strategic planning. We had a great response to this from our membership during our annual poster session. The board continued the process with a day of strategic planning this winter. This was very productive, and the board is excited about the direction NYSABA is moving. Board members include Debbi Napolitano, president; Frank Cicero, president-elect; Vicki Madaus Knapp, past president; Linda Matey, treasurer; Dana Reinecke, secretary; board members Emily Jones, Tracy Lanner, Sheila Jodlowski, and Bobby Newman; legislative chair, Kim Shamoun; finance chair, Denise Lombardi; education chair, David McAdam; membership chair, Niall Toner; student activities chair, Rachel Cavalari; marketing chair, Heather Walker; and consumer representative, Dan Lesinski.

We are looking forward to the conference this year, October 16–17, 2014, in beautiful Saratoga Springs. NYSABA is celebrating its 25th year. We are hoping to honor our history while continuing to look toward the future. Our keynotes will be Bill Heward and Aubrey Daniels. We also have outstanding invited speakers planned and are more impressed each year by the breadth and quality of the submissions we receive. The call for proposals is already out. Please go to www.nysaba.org if you would like any information or would like to submit a proposal for a talk or poster. Also, any time you mention NYSABA in social media, please use the hashtag #NYSABA25 so we can track all of the chatter and excitement about the conference or other activities related to behavior analysis in New York.

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New Zealand ABA

BY CELIA LIE

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

This year, NZABA celebrated its 10th annual conference at the University of Auckland with its biggest attendance to date of 88 delegates, a number of these traveling from outside New Zealand. The standard of the 34 presentations and nine posters was excellent, as usual, and sparked a lot of interesting discussions. Student presentations always feature in NZABA's program, but the bar continues to be set higher each year. For the second year in a row, Sarah Cowie (the University of Auckland) won the best basic research presentation with a paper entitled "A Step in Time From 1 to 9: Discriminating Local Food Ratio Reversals That Occur a Fixed Time After the Last Reinforcer." This was the first time NZABA awarded the same student 2 years in a row, indicating the outstanding quality of Sarah's presentation. Elin Engstrom (the University of Auckland) won the best applied presentation with her talk entitled "Applied Behaviour Analysis in a Dementia Care Facility." A number of high-quality honors and master's presentations inspired the nomination of an award to Jonas Chan (the University of Auckland) for his paper entitled "Stimulus Control and Resistance to Extinction in Combined Stimulus Contexts." Congratulations to these students on their awards, and thank you to all student presenters for contributing to an excellent program.

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 essential part of the requirements for Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) to maintain their certification (36 CEUs every 3 years is the current requirement, although that is increasing soon). As of April 2014, there are 25 New Zealand resident master's or doctoral level BCBAs listed as certificants on the BACB website. This is more than ever before. And that's not counting New Zealanders who are similarly qualified working in high income jobs in other countries (e.g., Australia, Canada, Gulf States).

In 2013, 18 BCBAs obtained a total of 119 hours of approved continuing education at the annual NZABA conference in Auckland. The conference provides excellent opportunities for BCBAs to earn CEUs, either through presenting or attending relevant sessions. New Zealand BCBAs indicated they are grateful to NZABA for agreeing to be an approved CEU provider, for paying the annual \$100 USD fee to the BACB to maintain that status, and for

making any CEUs earned at NZABA available at no cost.

The Department of Psychology at the University of Otago, New Zealand, will host the 11th annual NZABA conference from August 29–31, 2014. The call for papers will be announced soon, and those interested should contact Celia Lie at celia@psy.otago.ac.nz for more information. Also of interest, the dates of our conference are arranged so that anyone interested, particularly those in the behavioral pharmacology field or with an interest in addiction or neuroscience, can also attend the Australasian Winter Conference on Brain Research (AWCBR). AWCBR is held in the popular ski town of Queenstown (around 3 hours' drive from Dunedin) from August 23–27 (for more information, please visit <http://psy.otago.ac.nz/awcbr/index.html>).

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 Anne Macaskill (anne.macaskill@victoria.ac.nz) or complete the online form on the NZABA website. For up-to-date news and more information about NZABA, please visit our website (www.nzaba.org).

North Carolina ABA

BY DUKE SCHELL

The North Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis held its 25th anniversary conference in Winston-Salem, NC, February 19–21, 2014. The conference was a wonderful success thanks to the leadership of Kristie Thompson, President (Optum Health), as well the rest of our Executive Council including Jim Phillips, past president (Carolina Center for ABA); Vicki Harper, president-elect (Riddle Developmental Center); Callie Plattner, vice president (Carolina Center for ABA); Beth Schmitt, secretary (Murdoch Developmental Center); Nancy Poteet, treasurer (Riddle Developmental Center); Chris Wensil, member-at-large (Mariposa School); Jennifer Deacon, member-at-large (Autism Society of NC); Amy Kemp Inman, Student Representative (University of North Carolina-Charlotte); Jamie Clary, publications editor (Riddle Developmental Center); Fred Spooner, senior NCABA advisor (University of North Carolina-Charlotte); Duke Schell, liaison to ABAA (Riddle Developmental Center); and many other NCABA volunteers.

The 25th anniversary 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 Doug Irvin (Murdoch Developmental Center) for the Fred S. Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award, Kristie Tower (Carolina Center for ABA) for the Technical Utilization Award, and Carol Pilgrim (University of North Carolina-Wilmington) for the "Do Things" Award. Kay Exum (East Carolina University) received the NCABA Student Scholarship Award.

Invited speakers at this year's conference included Charlie Catania (University of Maryland-Baltimore County), Denny Reid (Carolina Behavior Analysis and Support Center), Marsha Parsons (Riddle Developmental Center), Tamara Kasper (Center for Autism Treatment), Carol Pilgrim (University of North Carolina-Wilmington), Cynthia Anderson (Appalachian State University), Jeannie Golden (East Carolina University), Julie Grimes (Animalworks, LLC), and Tiffany Hodges (Optum Health). Over 20 other speakers participated in concurrent sessions, the highlighted student symposium hosted by Amy Kemp Inman, and a panel celebrating 25 years of behavior analysis in North Carolina. NCABA provided a poster session, coordinated by Callie Plattner, the first evening of the conference, and several people were recognized for outstanding posters including Jacqui Abrams, Tamara Kasper, and Amanda Moralez (Early Autism Project) in the professional category; Sara Keane, Carole Van Camp, Lea Crusen, Ashley Demsko, and Deanna Groth (North Carolina-Wilmington) in the graduate student category; and Addison Poteet (Valdese Elementary School) with Jim Clark (Riddle Developmental Center) in the undergraduate student category. Special thanks to our poster judges, Charlie Catania, Cynthia Anderson, Aleck Meyers, Holly Moses, Tom Thompson, Doug Irvin, Tracey Vail, Jim Phillips, Martin Ivancic, and Alison Ivancic. You may have noticed that one of our poster award winners was an elementary school student—yep, we shape up behavior analysts at a young age in North Carolina. The fact that Martin Ivancic participated with his daughter, Alison Ivancic—who presented posters as a young person as well—shows how well we can maintain those behavior analytic skills!

The 25th annual conference had over 250 participants with 159 people attending our five pre- and post-conference workshops. The conference attendees included 137 members, 19 paraprofessionals, and 40 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 behavior analysis conversations, tasty food and beverages, and a DJ getting behavior analysts young and old out on the dance floor—perhaps with a little help from the beverages!

NCABA provided both board certified behavior analyst and North Carolina psychologist continuing education credits. During the conference 99 certified behavior analysts from six states earned 1,289 continuing education credits, and 95 North Carolina psychologists earned 285 continuing education credits in workshops co-sponsored by NCABA and the North Carolina Psychological Association. The NCABA conference continues to provide a wide range of topics and speakers that received excellent feedback for attendees seeking professional continuing education at a reasonable price.

At the ABAI 40th Annual Convention in Chicago in May, NCABA's liaison to ABAI, Duke Schell, hosted a poster at the ABAI Expo session. The NCABA Expo poster also included a slideshow that described our 25-year history as an affiliated chapter. NCABA was one of the four state affiliated chapters founded in 1989, with only eight earlier affiliated chapters having been formed between 1976 and 1988.

Please visit our website at www.nc-aba.com and see additional highlights from the 25th anniversary NCABA conference, including photos of the festivities this year and in years past. You can see descriptions of our awards, our newly elected officers, and information on becoming an NCABA member. The NCABA website also provides information about our history since 1989, including the "25 Year History" show, links to newsletters, and information about the conference and upcoming events, including NCABA-sponsored workshops and planning for our 26th annual conference, to be held February 2015 in Asheville.

We are grateful to ABAI for highlighting our 25th anniversary conference on their international website and to ABAI past-president Mike Perone for sending us a wonderful letter congratulating us on our 25th anniversary conference and our dedication to behavior analysis in North Carolina. Here's to the next 25 years!

Ohio ABA

BY BRYAN DROESCH

The Ohio Association for Behavior Analysis (OHABA) experienced many successes this past year. OHABA's membership significantly increased, from 46 members in 2012 to 114 in 2013. In addition to increasing our membership, on June 30, 2013, Governor Kasich signed into law an amendment to certify BCBAs in the state of Ohio. BCBAs are currently eligible to apply for certification as Certified Ohio Behavior Analysts (COBA), administered by the psychology licensing board. OHABA has been working with the State Board of Psychology and the Ohio Psychological Association, providing input on the administrative rules around this amendment. As of January 2014, BCBAs practicing in the state of Ohio are able to apply for this certification.

OHABA successfully hosted its third annual conference in April 2013, which was attended by 86 individuals and included 11 presentations and 10 poster presentations. The board planned its fourth annual conference for April 5, 2014. This year's keynote address was given by Dick Malott, Ph.D., BCBA-D. The conference also included sessions from Ohio behavior analysts on a variety of topics including effective staff training, working with school districts, and guidelines for responsible conduct. There was also a session explaining the certification process for behavior analysts in Ohio, facilitated by Ron Ross, Ph.D., executive director

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of the Ohio Board of Psychology. The conference was held at the Griffin Student Center on the campus of the Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, Ohio.

In the past, OHABA has partnered with other organizations to provide BCBA CEUs to attendees at the annual conference. This year, the board was approved by the BACB to provide CEUs as an independent entity. Effective January 14, 2014, OHABA is a certified ACE provider. OHABA is excited to be able to independently provide CEUs to BCBAs.

At this year's annual conference, OHABA held elections for open board positions. The conference was also the last official act of OHABA president Dr. Morten Haugland, as his 4-year term came to an end. He was replaced by Dr. Tracy Guiou, who has served as president-elect for the past year and is the third president of OHABA.

In 2014, the OHABA board made the decision to increase member participation through by additional board positions. The proposed board positions were marketing and technology chair and a program chair. The board also decided to have each chair create a committee comprised of OHABA Full and Affiliate members to assist in the completion of duties.

This past year, the board also began to look at the overall structure of the board and its role as an organization. As any organization grows, the need for clearer expectations is required. The board established general board member service roles and responsibilities. Along with these general responsibilities, the board also established position descriptions for each board position. The descriptions and general responsibilities will establish a framework for board members to adhere to and clearly identify each member's role and duties on the board. The board has devoted significant hours this past year to revising its bylaws. The revisions were presented to Full OHABA membership at the annual conference for a vote.

The board has also been busy creating relationships and sharing the mission of our organization. Our relationship with the Ohio Psychology Board (OPB) is the best example of this. Over the past year, OHABA and OPB have worked diligently to facilitate an understanding of behavior analysis and ensure that the practice of behavior analysis was clearly defined, understood, and protected as the rule-writing process progressed.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please visit our website at ohaba.org for membership information. If you would like to contact OHABA, please send an email to either president@ohaba.org or to ohaba@ohaba.org for more detailed information regarding OHABA's activities and involvement in the dissemination of behavior analysis.

Ontario ABA

BY ALBERT MALKIN

The Ontario Association for Behaviour Analysis (ONTABA) is in the midst of another busy and ambitious year. ONTABA's mission is to demonstrate leadership, knowledge, and innovation in education, training, and research for the ethical and effective application of behavior analysis. ONTABA's board of directors is comprised of dedicated volunteers who work on behalf of the membership to move forward on the mission, values, and vision of ONTABA. The board has also been lucky to receive help from additional volunteers from our vibrant community of behavior analysts who have helped with ongoing initiatives, conferences, and community events.

ONTABA will be hosting its 21st annual conference on December 11–12, 2014, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The conference will host local and international speakers and will provide continuing education credits for attendees. Last year's conference marked the 20th anniversary of affiliate status with ABAI and included guest speakers Dr. Cathleen Piazza, Dr. Wayne Fisher, and Dr. F. Charles Mace.

ONTABA successfully hosted its first conference for parents of children with autism and other developmental delays at George Brown College in Toronto on November 23, 2013, and plans to host a second parent-focused conference in 2014. The conference provided parents with information regarding ONTABA and applied behavior analysis, and covered topics such as ABA in schools, evidence-based practices, and parent-directed/implemented interventions.

The many committees of ONTABA have been hard at work to achieve their goals for 2013–2014. The Recruitment Committee is providing ongoing, far-reaching presentations at regional agencies delivering behavior analytic services throughout the province during 2014 and plans to increase the membership through this work. Additional marketing campaigns and strategic limited-time pricing will also go into effect throughout the year.

One of the most important tasks for ONTABA is being carried out by the Professional Regulation Committee, which continues to work on pursuing the regulation of behavior analysis in the province of Ontario. The committee has liaised with elected representatives in Ontario and will be putting forth a private act with the goal of achieving title protection.

The Public and Community Relations Committee (PCRC) has a wide portfolio of tasks; this committee seeks to strengthen ONTABA's brand by making behavior analysis accessible to consumers, families, other disciplines, and the population as a whole. The committee strives to have a presence at relevant events, build community partnerships, engage in social media, organize fundraising and awareness events, and develop position statements on matters important to our members. The PCRC consists of six sub-committees: Marketing and Brand, Professional

Support, Fundraising, Event and Partnership, Media Relations, and Family Outreach.

In 2013, the PCRC participated in fundraising and had a presence at the Walk Now for AutismSpeaks event in Toronto, drafted a package for media outlets to encourage them to seek ONTABA's input on relevant issues, completed a position statement on the use of restraint and seclusion, developed new ONTABA merchandise, and organized a social event following the annual conference. 2014 will be an even busier year for the PCRC, with the addition of a summer social event for the purposes of networking and continuing education, continued involvement in the broader community, and the ongoing development of the brand of ONTABA. The PCRC will continue to seek opportunities to respond to issues relevant to behavior analysts and expand partnerships with regional agencies and organizations concerned with relevant treatment for the individuals we serve. The PCRC will be completing a package for media outlets and making multiple media releases throughout the year to bring awareness to behavior analysis events and issues. The PCRC will also work to expand ONTABA's already successful social media networks. ONTABA now has more than 200 followers on LinkedIn and more than 800 members in its Facebook group.

ONTABA produced two electronic editions of its newsletter, *The ONTABA Analyst* (spring and fall conference edition), in 2013. The 2014 Newsletter Committee will seek submissions from the community for student papers and contributions for the "Professional Practice Bulletin" column. In 2013 this column featured articles from ONTABA's PCRC on topics such as the use of procedural extinction and inter-professional practice.

The Webpage Committee continues to strive for ease of use and increased functionality of the website for members. This includes automated forms for job postings. Similar improvements will continue to be made throughout 2014 for membership information. Additionally, an online forum has been launched in order to provide ONTABA members with another avenue to discuss areas of interest.

Overall, ONTABA is working hard to support its members and increase the presence of behavior analysis in the community at large.

Oregon ABA

BY JENNIFER KNIPLING

In 2013, Oregon approved legislation mandating insurance coverage of ABA as a therapy for individuals with autism. Our public policy chair participated in daily group efforts to push this legislation through and to shape the development of a regulatory board that will oversee licensure and certification of BCBAs and behavioral technicians in Oregon. ORABA suggested four candidates to the regulatory board, and all four candidates were accepted. Members of ORABA also contributed testimony to the Health Evidence Review Committee on the validity of ABA as a therapy for autism.

In October 2013, ORABA hosted its first Navigating the Certification Process Training—a training designed to facilitate students through the process of becoming BCBAs and BCaBAs. ORABA continues to facilitate valuable quarterly meetings on topics such as sleep resistance in children and community employment for adults, and is now a BACB-approved continuing education provider.

This year, ORABA created an ABA Ambassadors Program with a mission statement of educating and disseminating information on ABA to new communities in Oregon. We've offered presentations on the history of positive behavior supports and managing challenging behavior to local communities that are not familiar with ABA and the BACB. We've also reached out to BCBAs in Oregon to facilitate a town hall regarding concerns while working with insurance companies. We're using the information from this town hall to draft some guidelines for best practices for BCBAs to use in the billing and treatment process.

Oregon Institute of Technology announced a new program of coursework in applied behavior analysis. The program is run and taught by two of our board members. ORABA helps disseminate information about this new program to the community so that we can begin to grow the number of BCaBAs and BCBAs in Oregon. We also facilitate a monthly journal club to ensure that practitioners and students stay on top of current research in ABA.

Visit our website at www.orbehavioranalysis.com and become a member today!

Pennsylvania ABA

BY JONATHAN W. IVY

Pennsylvania ABA (PennABA), founded in 1997 by Richard M. Foxx and William Helsel, was created to address the growing need to support behavior analysis in the state of Pennsylvania. Nearly two decades later, this continues to be the association's primary objective. Behavior analysts living in Pennsylvania or the surrounding areas should consider becoming members. PennABA events provide members with opportunities to learn about new technologies, guidelines to navigate ethical quandaries, and reviews of foundational principles (all while getting CEUs). Additionally, PennABA members can network and socialize with other like-minded behavior analysts in the state. There has never been a better time to be a PennABA member—be part of the organization that serves your interests in Pennsylvania. Benefits of PennABA membership include:

- Reduced registration fee to PennABA events
- Annual PennABA newsletter
- Listing of employment opportunities in the region
- Communication network for sharing and receiving information

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2014 PennABA Conference

The 16th annual PennABA conference was held at the scenic Hershey Country Club in Hershey, PA. In addition to the traditional workshops and speaker series, this year marked a number of significant changes to the conference: first, an extra day of workshops—extending the total duration of the conference to three days; second, PennABA hosted a free event, open to the public, designed to disseminate behavior analytic principles and values. With more than 150 people in attendance, this conference was the highest attended PennABA conference yet. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible. In future years, we look forward to growing the PennABA membership.

2014–2015 PennABA Initiatives

The chapter has a lot planned for 2014–2015:

- **Complete Overhaul of the PennABA Website:** Members of the executive council have been working hand-and-hand with web-development experts to increase the online presence of PennABA. This includes a new site, membership database, and a streamlined registration process for future PennABA events.
- **Mini-Regional Events:** To better serve the PennABA membership, the executive council is planning to host small regional events (e.g., workshops or colloquia) throughout the year. Although these events would not be on the scale of the annual conference, we hope to reach areas (e.g., Western PA) where membership has been historically low.
- **Behavior Specialist License:** A number of PennABA members have had questions or expressed concerns regarding the behavior specialist license. As an advocate for behavior analysts in the state, PennABA's long-term plans include lobbying for changes that best serve the field and the individuals we serve.

Despite some changes, our primary goal remains the same: improve the state of behavior analytic practice in Pennsylvania. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you at future PennABA events.

Philippines ABA

BY MARIA TERESA COJUANGCO

In 2013, Philippines ABA collaborated with different local universities in allowing their students majoring in psychology to take their clinical internship hours with accredited ABA centers. Philippines ABA created an internship program that these universities could endorse as part of their course curriculum for the succeeding school term. These students were given opportunities to work with different ABA practitioners and exposed to the principles and approaches of behavior analysis as an effective and safe intervention program for children with autism and

other related developmental disorders. They experienced how a comprehensive ABA intervention program worked effectively. Philippines ABA is aiming for the succeeding year to continue increasing its student internship program through the participation of other local universities and eventually bringing the awareness program to the other provincial universities of the country.

Philippines ABA was tasked by a local government to initiate a training and workshop for a local government center through the assistance of accredited ABA members. The health center was assisted in creating an ABA program for underprivileged families with children with autism under their care. Parents were also given proper guidance in managing their children's program at home. The local government health agency aimed to collaborate with other health centers in the district to establish ABA programs as part of their healthcare service improvement program given to the community members with autistic children. The agency sought the assistance of Philippines ABA for continuing support in their health program.

Philippines ABA had several fund-raising events to support its awareness and training programs. It also sought the assistance of some local corporations in accrediting Philippines ABA as one of their beneficiaries in their long-term social civic action projects.

For the coming year, Philippines ABA aims to increase its ABA awareness through more active educational participation in other universities and local health districts. It will work on establishing its website to help give information to its members on its planned projects and activities. It will also actively continue inviting international ABA practitioners to give lectures, training, and updates on ABA practice for the benefit of local practitioners and parents. Philippines ABA will seek to participate as a beneficiary of more corporations having social civic activities.

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 2013 we entered the second decade of our operations! The society is made up of mainly psychologists (university lecturers and clinicians), students of psychology (undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate studies), and people representing other helping professions such as teachers and speech therapists. The most important statutory goals of PTPB are:

- 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 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

PTPB has been a stronger organization since joining 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. Of the past 3 years, PTPB has jointly organized three national symposia with the Department of Behavior Analysis at the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities and the Step by Step Foundation for Children with Developmental Disabilities and their Families:

- 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 the Connecticut Center for Child Development (USA). The symposium opened with a tribute to Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Shook.
- 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 (Italy); and Innlandet Hospital Trust, Psychiatric Division (Norway).
- The X International Scientific Symposium of PTPB, "Problem Behaviors From the Perspective of Behavior Analysis and Psychiatry," gathered more than 300 attendees. More than 50 students participated in the symposium. We hosted expert psychiatrists and psychologists from Poland as well as international presenters from California State University, Stanislaus (USA); Stanislaus County Office of Education (USA); Bangor University (UK); and Innlandet Hospital Trust, Psychiatric Division (Norway).

PTPB has recently published two books on behavior analysis: *Behavior Analysis from A to Z* was written by P. Bąbel, M. Suchowierska, and P. Ostaszewski, with forwards by Prof. W. Joseph Wyatt and the late Jerry Shook. We received a SABA International Development Grant in support of this book. *Behavioral Interventions for Children With Autism: Theory, Research, and Practice of Applied Behavior Analysis* was written by M. Suchowierska, P. Ostaszewski, and P. Bąbel and is the first book in Poland that deals comprehensively with ABA. The forewords to this book were written by Prof. W. Heward and Prof. G. Novak.

PTPB has taken 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!

PTPB continues to work with the Polish Association of Behavioral Therapy on the certification of behavioral therapists; we have over 100 behavioral therapists and about 15 behavioral supervisors. A new website for behavioral therapists was launched (www.terapeutabehawioralny.pl/home/). We also continue to support workshops focusing on rational behavioral therapy.

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 both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. We are also organized the first competition for the best behavior analytic master's thesis; three scholarships for students and their mentors were awarded.

Our plans for 2014 include the following:

- The XI International Scientific Symposium focusing on behavior analysis and developmental psychology
- The second student master's thesis competition
- Website launch for evidence-based approaches to child therapy
- Increased membership

Québec ABA

BY MARC J. LANOAZ

In the past year, the Québec Association for Behaviour Analysis (QcABA) has continued to promote the science of behavior analysis in our home province by developing training and continuing education activities for our members, organizing our Fourth Annual Conference, and upgrading our website. The members of the Board of Directors have worked extensively to meet the objectives of their first 5-year strategic plan. These main objectives are to (a) increase the promotion of the science of behavior analysis outside the

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Greater Montreal area; (b) develop formal collaborations with other like-minded 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 BACB; (d) increase membership in the association; and (e) disseminate best practices in French through conferences and publications.

Our Fourth Annual Conference, which was held on March 3 at the Université de Montréal, was again popular amongst our members this year. We had the privilege and honor of having Dr. Glen Dunlap from the University of Nevada, Reno as keynote speaker. He presented a very interesting talk on the Prevent-Teach-Reinforce model. Local clinicians and researchers also presented their work to the nearly 70 attendees present during the conference. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who made this day possible and send a special thanks to our speakers. Recently, QcABA has started organizing a monthly journal reading club during which we discuss recent behavior analytic research studies. Participation in the journal club allows members certified by the BACB to earn free Type 2 credits towards recertification. The association continued to be present at local events designed for paraprofessionals and parents of children with developmental disabilities. Three members of the Board of Directors also attended the leadership training offered at the ABAI annual convention in Chicago. Our participation in the event will undoubtedly assist us in becoming more effective in disseminating the science of behavior analysis in Québec.

In the year to come, we plan on holding our fifth annual conference in March 2015. The Board of Directors is currently in the process of identifying potential keynote speakers for the conference. Our new co-chairs of the newsletter committee are working on revitalizing our newsletter to make it more appealing to our members. We are also in the process of identifying a new chair for our website committee and to incorporate social media in our outreach strategies to facilitate communications with our members and the general public. QcABA is also actively involved in examining the possibility of offering courses that could meet the coursework requirements for certification in behavior analysis. Currently, our members have to study in English out of province or in the United States to meet these requirements. We hope that we will be able to develop opportunities to provide the courses locally in French. Altogether, these activities should allow our association to carry out its mission and assist it in meeting its strategic objectives.

Rhode Island ABA

BY ANDREA CHAIT

The Rhode Island Association for Behavior Analysis (RIABA) has had a productive year. We continued active

involvement in legislative and insurance mandates influencing the provision of ABA services in Rhode Island. We have been working with state officials and the Department of Health to assist with the creation of a licensure board for behavior analysts. With the support of our legislative champions, Senator Ed O'Neill and Representative Peter Palumbo, we have connected with representatives from the Department of Health. RIABA members have met with the director of the Department of Health, Dr. Michael Fine, who will be appointing professionals to the board with the approval of Governor Lincoln Chafee. Appointments are currently in progress, and we anticipate the board will be formally established by June 2014.

We have started the development of our new website: www.riabai.net. Although still under construction, this website will provide a range of resources, including application for membership, job opportunities, news, links to resources, and other announcements. We have organizationally restructured our dues and memberships, adding a new category for organizational members. Full, Associate, and Affiliate members will be charged \$20 a year. Organizational members will pay \$100 annually. Student membership continues to be free. The funds will be used to support a more sophisticated website as well as continuing education programs for our members.

The RIABA officers are President Andrea Chait, Ph.D., BCBA-D, NCSP, and executive vice-president at the J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center; Past President Sheila Quinn, Ph.D., and associate professor and chair of the Psychology Department at Salve Regina University; President-Elect Jane Carlson, Ph.D., BCBA-D, and vice president of day and residential programs at the Groden Center; Secretary Rachel Reichert, BCBA, and program director of home based therapeutic service at the Groden Center; Treasurer Mackenzie Milner, BCBA, and supervising behavior analyst at Pathways Strategic Teaching Center; General Member Erin Boylan, BCBA, and lead behavior analyst at Pathways Strategic Teaching Center; and General Member Mike Smith, BCBA, and director of vocational and supportive employment at the Groden Center.

Over the next year, our goals include actively addressing insurance issues, continued involvement with the development of our state licensure board, providing professional development trainings, increasing organizational membership, enhancing our website, connecting with early intervention programs and other critical providers to disseminate information, and increasing our public relations and advocacy for the field. We will actively work to have organizational representation at related groups including the Rhode Island Consortium for Autism Research and Treatment (RICART), the Autism Coalition, and appropriate legislative commissions such as the Joint Commission to Study the Quality of Life and Create Positive Outcomes for Individuals with

Autism in the State of Rhode Island. We would like to be more visible and present to represent our field. We will be developing a strategic plan to advocate for the discipline and increase awareness, educational opportunities, and advancement for professionals in the field. It is our hope that these actions will increase opportunities for behavior analysts in Rhode Island, ultimately increasing access to services and enhancing lives. We look forward to another exciting and busy year!

Sociedad Mexicana de Análisis de la Conducta

BY FRANCISCO PEDROZA, FELIPE DÍAZ,
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The Sociedad Mexicana de Análisis de la Conducta (Mexican Society for Behavior Analysis; MSBA) began its activities with the publication of its statutes in 1975, in which it stated its main objectives:

- Disseminate knowledge of behavior analysis among practitioners of psychology and related disciplines
- Publish the *Mexican Journal of Behavioral Analysis*
- Organize seminars, conferences, and scientific events to promote communication among experts in behavior analysis in Mexico
- Establish links with similar associations in Mexico and abroad
- Advise various organizations related to behavior analysis

The dissemination of knowledge is essential for strengthening our professional activity and our philosophy as a science. The conference of the Mexican Society for Behavior Analysis and the *Mexican Journal of Behavior Analysis* are the pillars for achieving this goal as well as being the main means of dissemination. They also operate as mechanisms for maintaining communication between Mexico's behavior analysts. The Mexican Conference of Behavior Analysis was held in the city of Cuernavaca, Morelos in 2013. A total of 320 people attended, with 240 lectures, workshops, and posters being delivered. This year, ITESO in Guadalajara, Jalisco, will host the 24th edition of this congress on the themes of advances in behavioral medicine and addictions. In 2015, the event is expected to be held at the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico.

MSBA's dissemination activities in 2012 included presenting the first award for contributions to behavior analysis to Dr. Arturo Bouzas Riaño and again in 2013 to Dr. Carlos Bruner Iturbide. One of the activities concerned with dissemination involves undergraduate and graduate students and during the 2014 congress, a space will be provided to organize and establish a student committee with the primary purpose of holding simultaneous student colloquia at different venues.

One of the aims of MSBA is the publication of the

Mexican Journal of Behavior Analysis, which is one of the best journals focused on the experimental analysis of behavior in Mexico, and recognized by the Mexican Council of Science and Technology as a valid and reliable source to spread basic and applied research. Efforts will be made to promote it as a high-impact journal and to ensure that it is published in a timely manner with three annual issues (one of which one will be monographic).

In terms of outreach, the MSBA's board will make the necessary arrangements with educational institutions and schools of psychology in the various states to sign cooperation agreements, mainly in terms of training. In this respect, it is hoped that the chapter will spearhead links between basic research and applied research in Mexico, given the national and global context of problems such as obesity, eating behavior disorders, autism, learning disabilities, and bullying at schools and in the workplace. The society, which currently boasts 50 full members, 30 associate members, and over 200 student members, is seeking to increase its number of full and student members.

South Carolina ABA

BY WILLIAM EDWARDS

The previous year was one of great success for South Carolina ABA (SCABA)! We hosted two major events during the year: The first was an ethics workshop conducted by Stacie Neff, which was wonderfully received by the community and gave our behavior analysts an excellent chance to obtain CEs and spend time networking. Second, we hosted our annual conference in Charleston, which was also well received and garnished our largest conference attendance to date. The 2-day event was highlighted by a pre-conference workshop conducted by Pat McGreevy. We look forward to hosting our next conference in Charleston again this November, so please check the SCABA website for more information. In addition, we welcomed new officers and are working hard to continue to establish SCABA as the leading resource for behavior analysis in the state. Our website is being revised to provide more information to visitors and more functionality for our volunteers. SCABA welcomes input and feedback on activities and events in general, and welcomes suggestions on resources, topics, or information for our website.

Southeastern ABA

BY KAREN G. ANDERSON

The Southeastern Association for Behavior Analysis (SEABA) is a regional affiliate of ABAA. 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.

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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 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 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.

SEABA membership is open to anyone with a scholarly interest in behavior analysis. Current members include both academic and professional people; psychologists and persons in related disciplines such as education, psychopharmacology, and social work; established scholars; and students. Most

members reside in the Southeast, although an increasing number of members participate from other parts of the US. For further information see our website: www.seabaonline.org.

Mission for Behavior Analysis

SEABA serves the development of behavior analysis by advancing and reinforcing its scientific underpinning. A SEABA member who served as student introducer, speaker, and president summarized SEABA's role in the development of behavior analysis as follows: "SEABA has never sought to influence behavior analysis directly, but its influence is wide nevertheless. A disproportionate number of JEAB and JABA 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 of the membership, as long as there is a "critical mass." At one of the early meetings, Fred Keller said to "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 conference registration 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 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 sampling the annual meeting, increasingly make SEABA a permanent fixture on their convention calendars.

The annual conference is a single-track program of invited addresses. Addresses cover a variety of domains in which behavior analysis has had an impact. Speakers are told to expect some audience familiarity with behavior analysis, but not specialty-area expertise.

Taiwan ABA

BY SHU-HWEI KE

Taiwan Association for Behavior Analysis (TABA) was affiliated in 2005 as a national chapter of ABAI. One of our missions is to spread the knowledge of behavior analysis to professionals and parents. In order to disseminate the practical use of ABA principles in the education and treatment of people with special needs, TABA has been

working closely with Taiwan's government to provide ABA training workshop every year. TABA's accomplishments in the past year are many. These include the 2013 TABA Annual Conference with the special topics on verbal behavior teaching and problem behavior issues, and a series of ABA workshops for parents, teachers, and professionals. TABA also opened the second BCaBA® course sequence. In addition, TABA invited BCBA's and BCBA-Ds in Taiwan to have a panel discussion regarding the new BCaBA standards in 2013. Furthermore, as TABA develops and matures, demands from both parents and practitioners are increasing on how to systematically apply ABA techniques to teach, how to assess, and what to teach. We are delighted that the Child Welfare Bureau, Ministry of the Interior acknowledges the needs for training for parents and practitioners and provides funding for the training. The goal of this intermediate ABA training workshop is to provide parents and practitioners with basic knowledge in ABA principles and prepare them to work more effectively for the long-term well-being of their children. TABA continues to work with universities and nonprofit organizations to promote behavior analysis.

Tennessee ABA

BY BETH URBANCZYK

This article will focus on the work for licensure by the Tennessee Association for Behavior Analysis (TABA) and its members over the most recent legislative session. Legislative sessions in Tennessee are 2 years in length. On January 31, 2013, Senate Bill 1047 was filed in the Senate by our sponsor, Senator Brian Kelsey. On February 14, 2013, House Bill 1279 was filed in the House of Representatives by our sponsor, Representative Mark White. We then spent the remaining months engaged in a variety of activities to spread the word to the behavior analyst community and the greater disability community as a whole about our bill. We held face-to-face meetings in West and Middle Tennessee, provided information on the licensure bill at the 2013 regional meetings, and continued to send out emails aimed at fundraising and sharing updated information on our bills. Gina Green, Ph.D., BCBA-D, spoke at our annual conference on public policy. Jim Johnston, Ph.D. BCBA-D; Bruce Davis, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LPC; and Beth Urbanczyk, MScCC, BCBA joined Dr. Green in a panel discussion on public policy and licensure efforts in Tennessee. Legislatively, we had our bill put on calendar and purposefully taken off of notice so that we could engage in all of the above activities.

On January 29, 2014, members of TABA attended the Disability Day on the Hill and made a significant impact in getting the word out about our bill. Our thanks to Mallory Garrett, Shiloh Beene, Neal Miller, James Meindl, Pablo Juarez, Martha Felker, Allison Crawford, Allison Vice, and Jon Timm, who met with legislators and talked with other Disability Day on the Hill attendees. We shared our push cards, which provided an overview of our bill, with a large

number of individuals. We added co-sponsors Rep. Brooks, Odom, and Eldridge as a result of visits to these legislators by our members on this date. We did not anticipate adding co-sponsors to this bill. Kristi Stanley, TABA's lobbyist, identified a list of legislators whom we needed to meet that day. Thanks to all of those in attendance, we met with all but one member of Kristi's list. We also had significant support from the Autism Society of the Mid-South on Disability Day on the Hill. This event was considered a success for the roll-out of our bill. A huge thanks to Annette Little for her skill and willingness in helping us set up our display.

From that day forward, as a group, we have continued to gain ground and support from legislators and others. As of the writing of this article, the following organizations have provided written letters or other direct contact that specifically state their support for SB 1047 and HB 1279: the Arc of Tennessee, the Tennessee Disability Coalition, Autism Society of the Mid-South, Autism Tennessee, Autism Speaks, and LaBonheur Children's Hospital. We have the following co-sponsors and/or yes votes: Senator Reginald Tate (Memphis), Senator Janice Bowling (Tulahoma), Senator Mark Greene (Clarksville), Senator Jim Kyle (Memphis), Senator Lowe Finney (Jackson), and Representatives Casada (Franklin/Williamson County), McManus (Memphis), Eldridge (Jackson), Odom (Nashville), Calfee (Blount County), Johnson (Knoxville), Turner (Memphis), Tidwell (Savannah), and Shaw (Memphis). We would have none of these supporters if it weren't for those members of our community and their friends reaching out and contacting senators and representatives.

On March 12, 2014, SB 1047 successfully passed the Senate Gov Ops Committee with a 6–2 vote. Thanks to Amber Music, Neal Miller, Hunter Gast, Bruce Davis, and Shiloh Beene for showing up for our first committee meeting. We moved on to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee and House Gov Ops the week of March 17, 2014.

We also met on March 10, 2014, with Senators Kelsey and Bell (and their respective staffs), Logan (Senator Crowe's research assistant), Mark Green (TPA lobbyist), and Keith Hulse (TPA legislative liaison). During this meeting, we came to a compromise that resulted in an amendment to our bill. We are pursuing licensure for behavior analysts with a Behavior Analyst Committee that resides in the Psychology Health Related Board. We additionally have a voting seat on the Psychology Health Related Board. The Behavior Analyst Committee is modeled on the Physician Assistant Committee that operates under the Board of Medical Examiners. Upon passage of our bills (yes, we are thinking positively), it will be state law that behavior analysts write our own rules and regulations for licensure, and will use the BACB as the criterion for becoming a licensed behavior analyst. While we ultimately wanted an independent board, the political climate just

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was not conducive to that outcome. We (TABAA) will make recommendations to the governor as to who sits on our committee. The Behavior Analyst Committee will elect the behavior analyst on the committee who will also sit on the Psychology Health Related Board. Stay tuned for more information at our annual fall conference in October 2014.

I want to publicly thank the following people for their extraordinary efforts in working on our bill (and my sincere apologies if I leave anyone out): Mallory Smith, Julie Mayer, Shiloh Beene, Hunter Gast, Jason Grosser, Mallory Garrett, Neal Miller, James Meindl, Zach Shoemaker, Brandon McCord, Amy Threadgill, Laura Forkum, Jenni Hampton, Courtney Hudson, Pablo Juarez, Julie Adcock, Quassy Godbolt, Annette Little, Rebecca Womack, Mick and Carolina Needham, Mickey Tonos, Ryan Black, Rob Chittum, Ginger Canty, Pam Gillespie, Allison Crawford, Allison Vice, Lori Wigginton, Dian Bridges, Mollie Sheppard, Nicole Bichelman, Esther Plank, Clinton Smith, Brooke Berkowitz, Melissa Richards, Megan Merrell, Rebeca Ernst, Lynette Hofmeister, Michelle Mahoney, Brian Kee, Sandy Ray, Bridget Faloon, Mike Lane, Jason Otto, Jenny Martin, Jennifer Morgan, Faye Arrington, Treva Maitland, Camille Pedone, Matt Lavery, Pete Beddow, Lily Cotton, Kari Apple, Leslie Smith, Erin Szarka, Jane Barnes, Michael Rohr, Tony Dabbs, Amy Corbin, Samantha Edwards, Gina Green, Jim Johnston, Jim Carr, and all those who will contact committee members and legislators.

Thank you for your help. I am optimistic that Tennessee will be the 15th state to have licensure for behavior analysts.

Texas Association for Behavior Analysis

BY JENNIFER N. FRITZ

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).

TxABA Council

The 2013–2014 TxABA Council consisted of President Jennifer Fritz, Past President Anna Petursdottir, and council members Sarah Lechago, Einar Ingvarsson, and Richard Smith. The student representative to council was Taylor Sweatt. Elections were held in February for the new office of president-elect and a council member. Two candidates were on the ballot for each office. Dorothea Lerman was elected for the position of president-elect, and Einar Ingvarsson was elected as council member (Einar

previously was appointed to council in 2013 to complete Jennifer Fritz's term after she was elected president). Heather Barahona served as TxABA's administrative coordinator, and Carla Smith served as treasurer. In addition, student members elected Courtney Laudont from the University of Houston-Clear Lake as the student representative for 2014–2015.

Committees

TxABA's Public Policy Committee was chaired by Gordon Bourland. The Public Policy Committee plays a very important 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 public agencies. The Professional Issues Committee was chaired by Einar Ingvarsson, and this committee focused on professional development strategies for TxABA membership. The Public Relations and Merchandising Committee was chaired by Sarah Lechago, and this committee will play an important role in promoting behavior analysis in Texas before and during the upcoming 2015 legislative session.

Special Interest Groups

In 2013–2014, TxABA had two active special interest groups (SIGs) arranged around members' common interests and geographical locations. The DFW Area Autism SIG was chaired by Julie Griffith, and the OBM SIG was chaired by Caroline Stevens. In addition, a new SIG for behavior analysis in public education was formed this year and was organized by Rebecca Morgan.

Annual Conference and TxABA Awards

TxABA's 2014 regional conference on behavior analysis was held February 21–23 at the Embassy Suites Riverwalk in downtown San Antonio, TX. This year marks the third year in a row with a record-breaking number (769) of conference attendees. In addition to the ongoing basic and applied research, general, and autism tracks, TxABA introduced a new professional issues track to the conference. Invited presenters included Jesse Dallery, Jeanne Donaldson, Thomas Higbee, Kate Johnson-Patagoc, Kelle Wood Rich, Wes Dotson, Heather McGee, Sharon Reeve, David Richman, Tristram Smith, Timothy Vollmer, and Karen Wagner.

The outstanding 2014 conference committee consisted of conference coordinators Carla Smith and Heather Barahona, CEU coordinator Gordon Bourland, and program chairs Einar Ingvarsson, Sarah Lechago, Amanda Bosch, and Manish Vaidya.

A very special award was presented this year to Dr. Richard G. Smith for Career Contributions to Behavior

Analysis. Texas has been very fortunate to benefit from Dr. Smith's ongoing dedication to the field over the years, and we were honored to celebrate his remarkable achievements with him at the conference.

Each year, if revenue permits, TxABA awards two James L. Kopp Memorial Scholarships to students of behavior analysis who plan to present their research at the upcoming ABAI annual convention. These competitive scholarships of \$500 each are intended to help defray the cost of attending the annual convention. A student must be listed as the presenting author of an accepted poster or symposium presentation to be eligible to apply for the scholarship. This year the competition was extremely close, and there was a tie for second place. Therefore, the three recipients of the 2014 James L. Kopp Memorial Scholarship were Amy Richardson from the University of Houston–Clear Lake, Gloria Maillard from the University of North Texas, and Valerie Van Tussi from the University of North Texas, all of whom went on to present their research at the annual convention in Chicago.

The poster session featured TxABA's annual student poster competition. This year's winners were Jelisa Scott from the University of Houston–Clear Lake, who presented "Using Stimulus Equivalence to Teach Face and Relationship Recognition to Older Adults With Dementia" (co-authored by Sarah Lechago, Taylor Sweatt, and Tarah Bowser) and Charity English from the University of Houston–Clear Lake, who presented "Effects of Delay and Magnitude Manipulation on Healthy Snack Choices by Typically Developing Children" (co-authored by Dorothea Lerman).

Upcoming Activity

The upcoming year is expected to be a busy one for TxABA. The Texas legislature goes into session in January 2015, and we will be monitoring legislative activity relevant to behavior analysis closely. Legislative activity pertaining to the licensing of behavior analysts has not yet occurred in Texas; however, the Public Policy Committee and TxABA Council are monitoring the situation.

The 2015 conference will be held February 26–March 1, 2015, at the Westin Galleria in Houston, TX. To date, invited presenters include Christy Alligood, James Carr, Darlene Crone-Todd, Claudia Dozier, Sean Fleck, Joanne Gerenser, Leonard Green, Deborah Grossett, Timothy Hackenberg, Sarah Lechago, Drake Morgan, Edward Morris, Ruth Anne Rehfeldt, Tina Sidener, Bridget Taylor, Jessica Thomason-Sassi, Karen Toussaint, and Lorri Unumb. Save the date!

United Arab Emirates ABA

BY ERIN LEIF AND SHARIFA YATEEM

The United Arab Emirates Association for Behavior Analysis (UAE-ABA) was officially established as an affiliated chapter in November 2013. The United Arab Emirates is made up of seven emirates: Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Fujairah, Sharjah, Dubai, Ras al-Khaimah, and Umm al-

Quwain. The mission of our chapter is to address the need for the dissemination of the science of behavior analysis in these areas. Currently, within our region, there is a tremendous need for behavior analysts and other qualified professionals who can provide state-of-the-art education and treatment to children with autism.

We are excited to announce our newly elected president, Sharifa Yateem. Sharifa is a citizen of the United Arab Emirates who received her master's degree in applied behavior analysis from Trinity College Dublin—the University of Dublin, in Ireland. Since returning to the UAE, Sharifa has been working tirelessly with ABAI to establish the UAE chapter. She is passionate about disseminating ABA in the Gulf region and frequently is asked to speak about ABA and autism. She recently delivered an invited workshop to the Emirates Autism Society, Autism Abu Dhabi Support Group and presented at the Abilities Middle East Conference. We commend her hard work and dedication to advancing the field of behavior analysis in the Gulf region.

Other elected officers include vice president, Erin Leif, Ph.D., BCBA-D; treasurer, Tasneem Aburosa, MSED, BCBA; and secretary, Rasha Baruni, MS, BCBA. We are also excited to introduce Marwa Almashjari as our website coordinator and Mahmoud Abdul Rahim as our social media and marketing coordinator. All of our officers are volunteers who share Sharifa's passion for disseminating behavior on a global scale.

In a short time, we have accomplished many things. We have collaborated with the Saudi Arabia chapter of ABAI to develop our Facebook page, ABA Middle East. We currently have more than 500 followers and provide a forum for discussion of topics related to behavior analysis. We are actively recruiting chapter members and currently have more than 30 active members. We have held two open chapter meetings thus far, and have recruited valuable input from our members about the future goals and directions of the chapter. Our members have expressed interest in participating in networking events with other like-minded professionals, as well as workshops and presentations on topics related to ABA and autism. Members would also like to see the chapter work with the local government to educate the public about ABA and autism, as there are many misconceptions about autism and treatment options in this part of the world. Members would like to see us develop a central "hub" (or website) that will provide access to cutting-edge research, resources for parents, and links to ABA service providers. Finally, our members would like to see us work with institutes of higher education to develop a BCBA course sequence in the UAE.

In the upcoming year, we will work toward making these goals a reality. We plan to meet with government officials from the Ministry of Social Affairs in the near future to explain the purpose of our chapter and to gain government

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support. We also hope to recruit many more members and increase our revenue to assist in the development of our website. We plan to collaborate with other autism treatment providers, educators, and government officials to increase awareness and educational opportunities in our region. We also look forward to offering continuing education workshops and professional presentations for our members.

It is our hope that we can form partnerships to improve access to high-quality, evidence-based treatment for children with autism in the UAE. If you would like to join our efforts, please email us at UAEABA@gmail.com.

Utah ABA

BY THOMAS S. HIGBEE

Great things are happening in the state of Utah for behavior analysts! This year, the Utah ABA (UtABA) leadership team held a membership drive that more than doubled the number of UtABA members. We held multiple meetings in the fall of 2013 to prioritize the needs of the members of our organization and to keep them abreast of legislative developments related to behavior analysis in the state of Utah.

UtABA continues to work with state legislators to support the creation of a state license for behavior analysts practicing in Utah. Much progress was made during the past year, and the UtABA leadership team continues to work with state-level administrators and legislators to move this initiative forward.

This summer, UtABA will hold a one-day conference for UtABA members and others interested in behavior analysis. Prestigious national and local presenters will participate in the conference, and a poster session will be held in the evening to highlight local research and services conducted and provided by Utah behavior analysts. For more information about the conference, go to <http://umtssconference.org/PreCon.cfm>.

Those interested in becoming members of UtABA should visit <http://sper.usu.edu/utaba/>.

Vermont ABA

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON

Vermont ABA (VtABA) is proud to continue its mission of expanding knowledge and expertise in the area of behavior analysis. On October 10, 2013, VtABA hosted its fourth annual conference, which took place in Burlington, Vermont. Feedback from previous years' conferences and from educators and practitioners in the community indicated that interest lay not only in advanced behavior analysis education but also in a workshop that could focus on basic behavior analysis and building beginning skills for applied use. So, this year there were two tracks to the conference in order to provide CEUs for area BCBAs and those with more advanced knowledge as well as continue the mission of supporting educators and therapists to gain basic skills in applied behavior analysis.

The two tracks included a presentation by Dr. Michael Dorsey, Ph.D., BCBA-D, titled "Recent Developments in the Functional Analysis of Behavior," as well as a presentation by Emily White, MSED, BCBA, titled "Functional Behavior Assessment: A Guide for Families and Other Professionals." A total of 115 people registered for the conference, and overall feedback was positive.

The conference was followed by the annual VtABA meeting, which included updates on the work of the board. This included updates on membership, including an increase in membership from 2012 (60) to 2013 (75). Under membership activity it was also highlighted that VtABA continues to offer free CEUs to members at the annual conference as well as through other related activities. In June 2013, five free CEUs were provided to members at the Summer Institute on ASD for Jason Travers's (Ph.D., BCBA-D) training called "Antecedent Interventions and Embedded Instruction." A total of 16 VtABA members received CEUs at this event. A financial update was given as well as the long-term goal of VtABA to begin to set an annual budget and to include items such as updates to our current website and possibly hiring a lobbyist for licensure legislation.

At the end of the meeting a lifetime achievement award was presented to David Powsner, and a community award was given to Claire McFadden. These annual awards go to people who have made a difference in the field of ABA within the state of Vermont.

In addition, we were lucky enough to have Dr. Dorsey join our meeting and lead a discussion around pursuing licensure for BCBAs. The discussion was very informative and helpful as we embark on this endeavor. In the summer of 2013, one VtABA member attended a workshop in Colorado hosted by the BACB and APBA on state regulation of BCBAs. Vermont recently passed legislation to mandate that insurance providers cover ABA services for individuals with ASD. Given this new legislation it seemed like a good time to reinstate the legislative committee of VtABA and begin again pursuing licensure. A Survey Monkey poll of members indicated that 70% of members had an interest in pursuing licensure, and 21 of the 36 respondents indicated they were willing to help with the effort. More specific updates around movement toward licensure will be discussed next year as currently we are in the early stages of legislative activity.

The VtABA board had four members leave at the end of 2013, so there was quite a turnover of leadership. However, this year showed the most interest in candidates for seats and was encouraging as interest in supporting VtABA's efforts is increasing. Focus for 2014 will be to continue to provide CEUs for members, make updates to the website, and set clear budgetary goals as well as pursue licensure.

A free ethics training was planned for the end of April for VtABA members. Additionally, given feedback around our annual conference activity, we are looking to change the date

to a spring conference to better accommodate our members. This means we would not have an annual conference in 2014, but would resume in the spring of 2015. We will continue to hold our annual meeting in the fall, and the board is looking into a way to provide training to community members in the fall in lieu of our annual conference this year.

VtABA continues to gain interest and membership from the community, and we are excited to provide education to the community about applied behavior analysis and its diverse utility. Additionally, we hope to improve and facilitate meaningful collaboration between service disciplines and providers for the benefit of all Vermonters. We are seeing the number of BCBA's and BCaBA's increase in the state and are looking forward to bringing this group of providers together to work toward common goals for the advancement of ABA services in Vermont.

Washington ABA

BY CHRISTOPHER JONES

This has been a monumental year of growth for the Washington Association for Behavior Analysis (WABA). At the 2013 ABAAI convention, the Northwestern Association for Behavior Analysis elected new leadership. The newly elected officers recognized the growing momentum of behavior analysts in Washington State who desired a larger voice for their needs and concerns. Since that time, the list of changes and the amount of progress we have made surpassed any precision teaching aim that one could have imagined.

In June, we held our first membership meeting and continued these meetings monthly for the next 6 months. They have now tapered back to every other month with committee meetings occurring on the alternating month. No fewer than 20 members attend every WABA meeting. Since June, we have grown our dues-paying membership from fewer than 20 to more than 75. From June through August, our leadership drafted entirely new bylaws, which have now been approved by ABAAI, and our chapter officially transitioned from Northwestern ABA to Washington ABA effective November 12, 2013.

In the last 9 months, WABA formed three standing committees: a Legislative Committee, a Marketing Committee, and an Annual Conference Committee. Our Legislative Committee is currently in the process of developing a licensure bill for behavior analysts in Washington State. We are going through the legislative process very systematically, and consulting our leadership in ABAAI, APBA, and the BACB to support us through this very complicated progression. We have received nothing but support for our efforts from state legislators and government officials, providers, and consumers. We are very enthusiastic for the months ahead.

Recently, our Marketing Committee officially launched WABA's new website (www.washingtonaba.org) and have received very positive feedback from users on the simplicity,

usability, and design. Additionally, we have made sure that WABA now has a presence on Facebook and LinkedIn, and we have developed an online platform for behavior analysts in Washington State to discuss pertinent issues in our field with local colleagues.

Lastly, our Annual Conference Committee is proud to announce that WABA's first statewide conference in more than four years will take place in August 2014. We are excited to bring our keynote speakers, Peter Gerhardt and Shahla Ala'i-Rosales, to Seattle on August 23 to present an exciting program for our membership and community members.

This has been a year of change, renewal, growth, and development for WABA and only better things are to come. We toasted our first successful year as a renewed chapter at ABAAI last May and look forward to continuing a long legacy of academics, professionalism, and advocacy for behavior analysts in Washington State.

Wisconsin ABA

BY MATT WELCH

The Wisconsin Association for Behavior Analysis (WisABA) was founded in 2004 as a state chapter of ABAAI 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. This past year was successful for WisABA. WisABA conducted its sixth annual conference at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Union South in Madison, WI. The conference included workshops and presentations by nationally recognized experts in behavior analysis and state and regional leaders in the field. Highlights of the conference included the establishment of the WisABA Founders Fund by Dr. Corrine Donley, the WisABA social, the annual member-presenter dinner, and a keynote address by Philip Heline, Ph.D. Other notable WisABA activities over the past year and into 2014 include a data blitz and social with faculty and students from the behavior analysis program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, a data blitz and social in April 2014 with University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire faculty and students, and expansion of WisABA-provided BACB continuing education credits through a distance-learning journal club.

WisABA will conduct its Seventh Annual Conference at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Union South August 4, 5, and 6, 2014—once again offering workshops and multiple presentation tracks providing numerous opportunities for continuing education. WisABA members are again encouraged to attend our member-presenter dinner, and WisABA will also again offer conference admission free of charge to parents whose children are diagnosed with developmental or intellectual disabilities.

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WisABA remains committed to providing a quality annual conference to showcase practical, evidence-based behavior analytic solutions; to providing networking and knowledge sharing among the Wisconsin (and Upper Midwest) behavior analytic community; and to reaching out to parents, teachers, and members of related disciplines interested in using the science of behavior to improve the lives of those around them. In short, we think the conference is a robust presentation of behavior analysis—a presentation we hope you will enhance with your presence.

Ongoing WisABA activities include expanding professional development opportunities outside of the

annual conference, increased outreach to behavior analysts and students of behavior analysis in Wisconsin to foster an active behavior analytic community, and diversification of roles and participation in WisABA's projects to increase both the breadth and sustainability of our organization's endeavors. Please consider joining WisABA and taking on a role—large or small—if you share our interest in growing behavior analysis. Membership types include Full, Affiliate, and Student and depend on level of interest and training in behavior analysis. Please contact us through wisaba.org or at our Facebook group, or keep up with WisABA via @WisconsinABA on Twitter. ❖



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Updates From ABAI's Special Interest Groups

Applied Animal Behavior

BY TERRI BRIGHT

The Applied Animal Behavior Special Interest Group continues to focus on communication with SIG members, ABAI members, and applied animal behaviorists in other organizations, as well as promoting scholarship in applied animal behavior. The membership 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. 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 SIG President, Terri Bright, at terribright@comcast.net. We welcome dialogue with other SIGs as we grow our group, cross-pollinating uses of behavior analysis that reflect the transition from EAB to ABA in the human world, and now back to the world of animals that live in proximity to humans.

We again recognized excellent student scholarship in applied animal behavior this year with the Marian Breland Bailey Award for Student Research and Scholarship. This year we added new expert reviewers. Those interested in our group might want to visit our new website, created by SIG member Nathaniel Hall: www.animalbehavioranalysis.org. We look forward to posting more research abstracts there, and students interested in the science should look over the literature provided by member Dr. Eduardo Fernandez.

Thanks to former SIG President, Dr. Christina Alligood, we have a set of bylaws and have nonprofit status.

At the Chicago ABAI convention, the B. F. Skinner Lecture Series included falconer and zoo consultant Steve Martin discussing motivation and reinforcement and its practice in zoos, and Jason Watters of the San Francisco Zoo, who discussed control of zoo animals' behaviors while meeting their needs. Symposia included a study of shelter dogs, scent discrimination, and value of reinforcers as shown via dogs' choices. Three symposia, nine posters, a panel discussion on the field of those working in applied animal behavior analysis (organized by the ABAI Student Committee), and a tutorial on the "poisoned cue" by Jesus Rosalez-Ruiz were also featured. 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. The SIG also looks forward to cooperating with the new ABAI SIG Board. For more information, do not hesitate to contact SIG President, Terri Bright (see above).

Behavior Analysis and the Arts

BY TRAVIS THOMPSON

The Behavior Analysis and the Arts SIG was proposed by 15 ABAI members and approved by the Executive Council in February 2014. The first organizational meeting was held at the annual ABAI convention in Chicago. Among the primary matters considered were confirmation of officers, including president, secretary-treasurer, and persons playing liaison roles to the visual arts, performing arts, music, and literature. In addition, the webmaster (Travis Thompson) and newsletter editor were selected. Among other initiatives were planning dissemination of information about the SIG to the membership, and planning activities for the 2015 Annual Convention in San Antonio, TX, which will include at least one panel discussion and one symposium. In addition, a visual arts exhibit and performance art event will be scheduled. Among other suggestions under consideration are a pre-conference workshop on involving the arts in behavior analysis promotion and fundraising.

Behavior Analysis and Selectionist Robotics

BY JOSEPH CAUTILLI

The Behavior Analysis and Selectionist Approaches to Robotics Special Interest Group has been relatively inactive. We maintain a Facebook page and a Yahoo list group. The listserv has produced about a dozen messages this year. We have roughly 40 members listed in the SIG but more than 300 on the listserv and 139 likes on Facebook.

Behavior Analysis and Technology

BY ZACHARY H. MORFORD

The Behavior Analysis and Technology (BAT) SIG was recently approved by the ABAI council. It was created based on a conversation held at the end of a symposium on behavior analysis and technology at the 2013 Annual Convention in Minneapolis. The presentations in the symposium included the use of different hardware arrangements in research, online contingency management of smoking cessation, and gamification—the use of game design elements in non-game contexts. All three talks related to various uses of technology in various areas of the field. Due to the interest of the speakers and the audience, the BAT SIG was formed to cater to these interests.

The BAT SIG's mission is to advance the science of behavior through the development, dissemination, and application of technology in basic and applied settings. Technology can refer to developments in behavioral science, as well as developments in computer science, information

technology, and related fields. Technology is defined as "... the use and knowledge of tools, techniques, systems, or methods in order to solve a problem or serve some purpose" (Twyman, 2011). The organization also aims to serve as an outlet for open-source hardware and software technologies relevant to behavioral research and application.

The BAT SIG is designed to support research and practice in all areas of behavior analysis. As such, membership will be open to researchers, practitioners, parents, academicians, students, and others who are actively engaged or have a vested interest in the dissemination, development, and application of technology. The BAT SIG will consist of three classes of members: voting, affiliate, and student.

Behavior Analysis for Sustainable Societies

BY JULIA H. FIEBIG

Now in its fourth year, the Behavior Analysis for Sustainable Societies Special Interest Group (BASS SIG) has continued to build membership from within and beyond the behavior analytic community. The fourth BASS SIG business meeting was held at the 40th ABAI Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois. Notes from the meeting can be found on the BASS SIG blog website. In addition to the BASS SIG Facebook page, which has reached approximately 575 "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 BASS officers and links to the Yahoo discussion listserv can be found on the BASS SIG blog website: <http://baforsustainablesocieties.blogspot.com/>.

In line with BASS SIG's mission to advance applications of behavior analysis to environmental issues, members and supporters of BASS presented several papers at the 40th ABAI Annual Convention in Chicago. Current and future objectives of BASS include continuing to support initiatives that directly contribute to applications of behavior analysis to environmental issues. The BASS SIG supports collaborative initiatives for multidisciplinary research and practical applications of behavioral solutions for environmental issues. Below are BASS SIG's target goals:

- Increase BASS SIG membership within ABAI and expand membership to include other scientists, researchers, professionals, and students interested in approaching behavior change and sustainability from a multidisciplinary perspective
- Establish relationships with other SIGs in ABAI and other organizations interested in collaborating on disseminating research and practical applications of behavioral solutions to climate change, pollution, over-consumption of resources, and imbalances in environmental sustainability

- Develop resources for individuals interested in behavior change and environmental issues
- Develop textbooks, curricula, and additional educational resources that address sustainability and the application of behavior analysis
- Develop an information base of current effective practices/initiatives, government policies, and employment for behavior analysts interested in behavior change and environmental issues

Additional information can be found by signing up with the Yahoo group (<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/behavioranalystsforsustainablesocieties/>) or joining the BASS Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BASS-Behavior-Analysis-for-Sustainable-Societies#!/pages/BASS-Behavior-Analysis-for-Sustainable-Societies/115936941800586). Be sure to periodically check our web page on the ABAI site for updates.

Behavior Analysis in Military and Veterans' Issues

BY KENT A. CORSO AND ABIGAIL B. CALKIN

The Military and Veterans (MilVet) SIG is entering its third year of ABAI operation. The MilVet SIG focuses on how the field of applied behavior analysis (ABA) can contribute to 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 two active years a significant amount of time was devoted to increasing membership, while also examining viable ways of accessing the military and veteran community.

At present, 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 Veterans 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 lie in the path of delivering applied behavior analysis to the military and veteran population. This year the SIG discussed formal policy and public efforts to potentially enact in order to increase the acceptance and involvement of ABA within DOD from a top-down approach. However, after

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careful consideration and much discussion the SIG opted for a more grassroots approach to penetrating DOD and the VA in order to spread ABA to the MilVet community.

At the 2014 ABAI Annual Convention, Dr. Corso led a symposium about military and veteran issues including presentations about using standard celeration charts to monitor the military's suicide prevention program. Dr. Calkin discussed the use of the standard celeration chart to show military casualties across multiple wars. Both also illustrated the potential use of ABA techniques to aid the military population.

Dr. Hoch spoke about the early stages of development of an instrument that assesses operant learning channels in patients with traumatic brain injury (TBI). Note that TBI is one hallmark wound of the recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, thereby making this a timely and important project. There have been 253,330 independent diagnoses of TBI given to American service members since 2001.

A newcomer to ABAI and the MilVet SIG, James Meador, a veteran and law enforcement trainer, presented a poster that explored modeling as a method of improving law enforcement officers' engagement with simulation training modules. He also addressed other ways in which modeling improved officer performance during training of law enforcement officers, including veterans. Finally, Dr. Corso conducted a workshop on delivering ABA with cultural competency for military service members, veterans, and their family members. This was an especially salient topic considering its relevance for behavior analysts who work with the Tricare ECHO program.

The co-chairs were pleased with the other primary goal the SIG set last year—to increase membership. When the co-chairs first applied for ABAI SIG status there were 14 members. The MilVet SIG currently has a total of 32 members, and after pre-convention publicity sent to other SIGs about the MilVet SIG, its membership is bound to grow.

There is much that the field of ABA can contribute to evaluating functional communication deficits associated with TBI, improving the management of suicidal behavior and prevention programs, using the standard celeration chart to monitor individual and program changes, and occupational training for veterans and service members. The MilVet SIG will continue to support the efforts of Dr. Hoch's team, Mr. Meador's efforts, and any other clinical, research, and development initiatives aimed at increasing the use and recognition of ABA as an important modality for the military and veteran communities. Membership in the MilVet SIG is free, and the SIG presented at the Expo during this year's annual convention in Chicago. This was a great opportunity to meet prospective members of the MilVet SIG, current members, and the co-chairs. Any parties interested in the MilVet SIG, contact Dr. Corso at kentcorso@gmail.com or Dr. Calkin at abicalkin@aol.com.

Behavioral Medicine

BY GRETCHEN A. DITTRICH

The Behavioral Medicine SIG of ABAI focuses on the application of behavior analytic methodology to the prevention and treatment of behaviors associated with chronic illness and disease, and the promotion of behaviors associated with improved health and treatment adherence. The role of behavior analysis is important in the field of behavioral medicine. It is the mission of the SIG to encourage interdisciplinary research in the areas of behavioral health promotion, emphasizing the need for function-based and empirically validated treatments for chronic health disorders.

The Behavioral Medicine SIG offers students, researchers, practitioners, and consumers opportunities to discuss issues related to public health promotion and disease prevention. All are welcome to join the Behavioral Medicine SIG. We hope that the SIG will help consumers and practitioners better understand the role of behavior analysis in the field of behavioral medicine, and provide an outlet for discussions of current and developing research within the field.

During the past year, the Behavioral Medicine SIG launched a new website (<https://sites.google.com/site/bmedsig/>) and created a Facebook page (Behavioral Medicine SIG of ABAI) to increase communication among SIG members, provide opportunities for research collaboration and discussions, and facilitate dissemination among behavior analysts, consumers, and the medical community.

The annual Behavioral Medicine SIG meeting was held during the ABAI convention in Chicago in May 2014. During the meeting, SIG members voted on new officers, and discussed strategies to enhance benefits of SIG membership. Goals for the upcoming year include establishing a SIG newsletter, providing opportunities for CEUs for SIG members, and creating a student research scholarship.

Behavior Analyst Online

BY PAUL R. MALANGA

Behavior Analyst Online (BAO) is dedicated to helping behavior analysts keep up with current research in this rapidly progressing field. Topics covered in the BAO journals include clinical behavior analysis, verbal behavior, mental health, developmental disabilities, school-wide positive behavioral support, special and regular education, functional behavioral assessment, and collaboration, to name a few. Keeping up with best practices is critical to ensuring that the client's right to effective behavioral intervention is ensured. The BAO journals provide behavior analysts easy access to behaviorally based research and an array of publication options for evidence-based procedures based on principles of the science of human behavior.

Behaviorists for Social Responsibility

BY MARK MATTAINI AND RICHARD RAKOS

Contemporary human and environmental realities are profoundly out of balance, with particular impact on the most disadvantaged. Global levels of repression, growing income and asset disparities, environmental degradation, and escalating anthropogenic climate change will continue affect generations far into the future. Unprecedented rates of imprisonment in the USA (particularly for young men of color), Russia, and other countries damage individuals, families, and communities and contribute to economic inequalities. Half of the world's population is under age 30; in domestic and global "sacrifice zones" there is generally no economic role for this marginalized group, who as a result often contribute to political instability. Unconstrained global capitalism supports politico-economic structures that often institutionalize and escalate existing levels of oppression, domination, and environmental destruction through corporate externalities. The noted physician Paul Farmer, in his book *Pathologies of Power*, described the resulting violations of human rights as structural violence; liberation theologians often use the term structural sin.

How would behavior analysis frame these issues—and can behavior analysis help? Behaviorists for Social Responsibility was formed 37 years ago (as Behaviorists for Social Action) to begin to bring the power of the science of behavior to major social justice, human rights, and environmental issues, to "act to save to save the world," in Skinner's terms. The activity level of the SIG has ebbed and flowed over the years, but the core commitment remains the same. Over the past year the SIG has focused its efforts on several areas, beginning with maintaining and strengthening the journal *Behavior and Social Issues*, in part by bringing in younger members who can help carry it into future generations. We have also worked closely with the Community, Social, and Ethical (CSE) program area and related SIGs to expand attention to core social and environmental issues at the annual convention and ABAI conferences. Over the past 3 years attendance and response to such presentations organized by our membership has dramatically expanded. One area we are increasingly recognizing as essential to our mission is expanding attention to behavioral systems analysis as a central approach for understanding and influencing the issues outlined above, particularly through small field experiments. The SIG also is exploring realistic ways to expand its online and social media presence; it has been a challenge to maintain fresh content in our previous efforts in this area. We also are in the early stages of exploring the possibilities of interdisciplinary learning communities organized around specific areas of interest. As the oldest SIG in ABAI, we increasingly recognize the need to continuously explore new directions.

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

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

- Anxiety disorders
- Behavioral gerontology
- Behavioral health
- Childhood disorders
- Cognitive rehabilitation
- Couples therapy
- Family therapy
- Forensic psychology (assessment and treatment)
- Habit disorders
- Intellectual and developmental disabilities
- 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 clinical populations. This group seeks to promote CBA and is interested in maintaining the longstanding relationship between basic research and clinical application.

At the 2014 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 annual ABAI 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 LITTLETON-KOZMA AND ANN F. 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 often not so dramatically different from 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 implementation as an effective evidence-based instructional practice. The significance of evidence-based instructional practices has been established, and numerous studies support direct instruction as an effective practice within this domain. Direct instruction is a system of teaching in which instructional variables are controlled 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 Saturday, May 24 at the ABAI annual convention in Chicago. The chair of the DI SIG opened the meeting with a discussion focused on the development of goals that would focus the group on the science of behavior through research, education, and practice in the coming year; member input was solicited. Goals and projects targeted for the coming year were established, including a plan for designing and launching a DI SIG Facebook page with the intent of increasing networking among direct instruction practitioners. A committee was also formed to accomplish the task of authoring and submitting a direct instruction symposium proposal for the 2015 ABAI Convention in San Antonio. The DI SIG is continuing to discuss avenues for establishing 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 direct instruction training for professionals on multiple levels (introductory, intermediate, and advanced/research level) and offering education and support for parents and practitioners attending ABAI-sponsored workshops and presentations.

The DI SIG seeks to identify various challenges, administrative practices, and implementation strategies pertaining specifically to evidence-based instructional practices as they apply to 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 relationship to obstacles and challenges to DI implementation. Members seek to propose and catalog solutions to instructional obstacles, including modifications and adaptations. DI SIG members will continue to develop

a systematic process for determining best practice guidelines and publishing standardized processes for implementing solutions to implementation challenges. The DI SIG continues to discuss the development of research projects designed to validate the effectiveness of direct instruction implementation with special needs learners on the autism spectrum. The SIG will continue work on several research proposals established at the conclusion of the 2014 convention. Topics of interest include studying the effects of a teacher training, mentoring and coaching program on student outcomes. This study would rely on the principles and applications of organizational behavior management pertaining to practitioners implementing direct instruction in a variety of educational settings.

For more information on direct instruction, readers are encouraged to contact the National Institute for Direct Instruction (NIFDI). NIFDI is a nonprofit organization dedicated to training direct instruction practitioners and supporting the implementation of direct instructions programs. NIFDI sponsors training events designed to help teachers, paraprofessionals, building coordinators, and administrators master tools for implementing direct instruction successfully with all students. For more information NIFDI, please visit www.nifdi.org.

Dissemination of Behavior Analysis

BY AMANDA N. KELLY

The mission of the DBA-SIG is “to disseminate the science of human behavior to the public at large, through the use of easy to understand explanations. Our goal is to promote behavior analysis in a positive and accurate light, and to help society realize the potential of our science.”

The DBA-SIG Executive Council would like to announce that we are accepting nominations for the Skinner Journalism Award (SJA). The award recognizes those in the media who have contributed to pieces with a focus on behavioral analysis and its application. The nominees should be freelance writers or bloggers and must not be ABAI members. The nominated piece must be written in English, be appropriate for general readers, and be published for the first time between January 1 and December 31, 2014. The publication can be an article, series of articles, blog, or a book. The first place prize will be \$250. There will also be a prize awarded to the first person who submits the winning piece.

The DBA-SIG also hosts the revitalized, now digital, Behavior Analyst Digest International (BADI), originally created and maintained by Joseph Wyatt (<http://aboutbehavior.webs.com/badinewsletter.htm>). BADI is an international educational digest that provides a clearinghouse and exchange of concise news and information on the experimental, theoretical, and applied

analysis of behavior. BADI was founded in 1989, then called Behavior Analysis Digest, and has since served as an outlet for all things behavior analysis. BADI is home to many behavior analysts' first publications, and has been overseen by some of the world's most preeminent behavior analysts.

As you can see, the DBA-SIG has been hard at work over the past year. Last year, while the DBA-SIG worked to get things in order, so to speak, dues for individuals interested in becoming members were waived. This year, the DBA-SIG has several new initiatives and ideas, which require funds to get off the ground. For 2014–2015, membership is being offered at a low cost of \$10 for students and \$15 for professionals. Membership dues are used to maintain the DBA-SIG website (www.aboutbehavior.com). With a paid hosting site, the DBA-SIG is able to have increased storage, which allows us to host BADI, advertise the Skinner Journalism Award, share information for other ABAI special interest groups (SIGs), and feature interviews with well-respected behavior analysts, including Patrick Friman. Membership dues will also afford access to members-only resources, such as upcoming online CE events and sample PowerPoint presentations. For individuals who actively participate as members of the DBA-SIG, the Executive Council, upon request, will also write letters of recommendation.

Looking ahead, the DBA-SIG wishes to announce that it will be accepting nominations for next year's positions. Those positions are as follows: (1) chair, (2) vice chair, (3) secretary, (4) treasurer, (5) webmaster, and (6) past chair (when applicable). To view the descriptions of the positions listed please read the current DBA-SIG bylaws: <http://aboutbehavior.webs.com/bylaws>. Currently serving on the 2014 Executive Council are Amanda N. Kelly (chair), Benjamin Witts (vice chair), Melissa Engasser (secretary), Megan Miller (treasurer), and Christy Evanko.

Maintaining active membership in the DBA-SIG is an excellent way to expand your professional network and to contribute to concentrated dissemination efforts. Last year, the DBA-SIG had more than 75 members. To join the growing list of individuals who are members of the DBA-SIG, we hope you will become a member today by visiting <http://aboutbehavior.webs.com/joindbasig.htm>.

Evidence-Based Practice

BY SUSAN M. WILCZYNSKI

The functions of the Evidence-Based Practice Special Interest Group (EBP-SIG) include:

- To identify appropriate methods for evaluating evidence from single-subject research and promote these methods within both ABAI and the larger context of the evidence-based practice movement
- To promote activities that address the large-scale implementation of EBP within systems that support their sustainability

- To advocate for behavior analysis in this societal shift by following developments in other disciplines that influence the evolution of evidence-based practice and allow the larger professional community to have a voice

Annual Meeting

The membership of the EBP-SIG met at the annual convention, and committees met to increase membership involvement and to work toward committee goals.

- **Conference Committee:** The conference committee is tasked with (a) soliciting membership and generating a list of presentations offered by members on the topic of EBP, (b) identifying officers and committee members who will “man” the Expo poster at the annual convention, and (c) managing the student award process. Committee chairs are Tim Slocum (tim.slocum@usu.edu) and Ronnie Detrich (rdetrich@winginstitute.org).
- **Elections Committee:** The elections committee is tasked with (a) developing a method for conducting elections of officers and submitting to the policy and procedures committee until the process has been codified and (b) conducting elections to occur during even years (e.g., 2014) for the following officer positions: president, financial/operations, and secretary). Note: A given individual may hold a position for up to three consecutive cycles (i.e., 6 years). The committee chair is Patty Polster (pattypolster23@gmail.com).
- **Membership Committee:** The membership committee is tasked with (a) increasing membership, (b) developing a system for tracking member contact information, (c) making membership information available to other committees as needed (e.g., elections committee will need membership contacts to run elections). The committee chair is Chris Tullis (catullis@bsu.edu).
- **Financial Committee:** The financial committee is tasked with providing recommendations to the president of the EBP-SIG regarding whether or not to secure nonprofit status independent of ABAI, the appropriateness of becoming incorporated, processes for collection of membership fees, collection of membership fees, opening a checking account that is transferrable across operations/treasurers, and other financial decisions that impact the SIG. Note: Membership fee structure should include ABAI Full members, Student members, and nonmembers. Once the officers have rendered approval, the financial committee chair will submit documented processes to the policy and procedures committee to be codified. Committee chair: Pam Raymond (praymond@mayinstitute.org).
- **Outreach–Liaison Committee:** The liaison committee is tasked with outreach to organizations within ABAI (e.g., SIGs, ABAI leadership) and outside of ABAI (e.g., APA, CEC, ASHA, APBA, etc.) to (a) inform other organizations about our activities, (b) find opportunities

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for collaboration, and (c) improve our member knowledge of related work occurring in other organizations.

Committee chairs include Terri Lewis (Terri.Lewis@oregonstate.edu) and Trina Spencer (tds95@nau.edu).

- **Outreach–Publications Committee:** The publications committee is tasked with (a) putting a minimum of two newsletters to press per year, (b) suggesting topics for discussion on Facebook as they relate to topics in the newsletter, and (c) collaborating with the technology chair so the information is readily available on the website. The committee chair is Dave Test (dwttest@uncc.edu).
- **Outreach–Technology Committee:** The technology committee is tasked with using current technology to increase interest in the EBP-SIG by outside organizations and to facilitate knowledge and discussion about EBP among the membership of the SIG. The committee chair is Jen Cullen (jmcullen@bsu.edu).
- **Policy and Procedures Committee:** The policy and procedures committee is tasked with approving and codifying the policies and procedures of the EBP-SIG by coordinating with executive officers and committee chairs. The committee chair is Mark Shriver (mshriver@unmc.edu).

2014 Accomplishments

In 2014, the president of the EBP-SIG approached the Practice Board of ABAI and requested a session on the topic of evidence-based practice for the 2014 Annual Convention. The board pursued a presentation with the goal of increasing the dialogue on evidence-based practice of applied behavior analysis among ABAI members. The Outreach–Technology Committee re-created a webpage in 2014, which can now be found at <http://evidencesig.org>. The Membership Committee reconnected with previous members and conducted a membership drive in spring 2014.

Future Goals

Our primary goals for 2014–2015 are to increase outreach to other SIGs and organizations outside of ABAI that are committed to evidence-based practice, increase student involvement and develop a student award, and increase the number of presentations at the ABAI convention dedicated to evidence-based practice, particularly as it applies to the practice of ABA.

Learn More

ABAI members interested in information about the EBP-SIG of ABAI should contact our president (Susan Wilczynski, smwilczynski@bsu.edu) or our membership chair (Chris Tullis, catullis@bsu.edu).

Experimental Analysis of Human Behavior

BY ERIC A. JACOBS

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

- **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 meeting of the EAHB SIG, where students are asked to present their experiments to the audience.
- **Sponsoring an annual Distinguished Career Award:** The goal of this award is to recognize the contributions of behavioral scientists whose work has helped to define EAHB as an interesting and viable area of study. Prior recipients have included Alan Baron, Murray Sidman, Joe Brady, Joe Spradlin, A. Charles Catania, David Schmitt, Grayson Osborne, Travis Thompson, Jack Michael, and Howard Rachlin.
- **Sponsoring the *Experimental Analysis of Human Behavior Bulletin*:** The *EAHB Bulletin* (ISSN 1938-7237) is an online, ongoing journal (www.eahb.org) dedicated to the publication of original, peer-reviewed empirical articles, notes on research in progress, technical notes, and descriptions of other activities related to human operant research.
- **Sponsoring an annual meeting for interested parties at the annual ABAI 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 2013–2014 activities

In 2013, the SIG unveiled the new look of the EAHB-SIG website as well as the new look for the EAHB Bulletin. Over the past year we continued to expand the utility of the SIG website. As an 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 then to explore the various new features and capabilities. We particularly welcome your feedback. Please navigate to the “contact” page and submit your comments. Current SIG officers include:

- Dr. Eric A Jacobs now serves as chair of the EAHB-SIG and coordinator of the EAHB SIG Career Award
- Dr. J. Adam Bennett, coordinator of the Student Paper

Competition

- Dr. Manish Vaidya, editor of the *EAHB Bulletin*
- Dr. Yusuke Hayashi, treasurer
- Mr. Zachary, webmaster

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 of 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. The SIG thanks all of the speakers, the Azrin family, and attendees for contributing to this very special event.

Upcoming plans for 2014–2015

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

The 2014 EAHB SIG Career Award was presented to Harry MacKay, Ph.D., professor of psychiatry at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. William Dube, Ph.D., introduced Dr. Mackay and provided a summary of his many contributions to understanding human behavior. Subsequently, Dr. MacKay gave an award address reflecting on his research career with an eye toward the future. The session was chaired by Eric Jacobs, Ph.D., and held on Saturday, May 24, from 4:00–4:50 pm in W176C of the McCormick Place Convention Center.

The EAHB SIG continues to increase the size of its membership (currently 30 ABA members) by (i) presenting a poster at the ABA Expo, (ii) by promoting the annual Distinguished Career Award address, and (iii) 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 bulletin. We also discussed possible nominees for next year's Distinguished Career Award.

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

Gambling SIG

BY BENJAMIN N. WITTS

The Gambling SIG (G-SIG) is undergoing a great deal of change this year! Historically the G-SIG has maintained a tight-knit group of interested researchers through semi-annual gambling conferences and symposia series at ABA's annual convention. However, after nearly 14 years in existence, the G-SIG council saw a disturbing trend in membership. Notably, the G-SIG was not welcoming as many new members each year as they had hoped, despite Edmund Fantino's prediction that gambling would be the next hot topic in behavior analysis (see Fantino, 2008). Several reasons for this trend were posited, and an action plan was put in place to address the concern. Of particular interest was the idea that the effort involved in starting gambling research far exceeded the limits that permit easy access to this area of study. Thus, the following changes are being executed in the hopes of supporting new researchers in the field of gambling behavior.

A New Website, Easier Sign-up, and Free Software

The G-SIG is happy to announce the launch of their new website at gsig.squarespace.com. The new website is designed to be a one-stop shop for anyone interested in the analysis of gambling behavior. We offer a section of related books and journals that cover behavioral pursuits in gambling research, including the primary outlet for behavioral research in gambling, *Analysis of Gambling Behavior*. New members can sign up with ease through our members section on the site. Membership is completely free and gets you access to two special features: our quarterly newsletter (below) and our software page.

The software page is designed to be a repository of custom-made gambling software to help new researchers start their own gambling projects without the need to buy expensive software or devices and without have to pay programmers to create customized projects that may already be in existence. The software is donated by fellow G-SIG members who either programmed it themselves or had it custom built with their own financial resources. Members are encouraged to donate any programs they have created in an effort to build a bigger, more useful collection of software. Currently, the G-SIG hosts two slot machine simulators, a roulette simulator, and a die-rolling simulator.

A New Newsletter: The Quarterly Handle

The G-SIG launched its first newsletter, *The Quarterly Handle*, in April of 2014. The newsletter will be published quarterly to the G-SIG members. In gambling terms, the handle is the total amount bet at a table game. In other words, it's everything the casino stands to earn with each round of wagers. In a similar sense, the newsletter provides

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the gambling researcher with an update on current trends, related news stories, and relevant non-behavioral research that may help to set the occasion for new or refined research ideas. These ideas, then, are our handle, and like the casino, we may take some, all, or none of it with each round.

Onward!

The G-SIG is growing and invites you to be part of this effort. Future expansions look to address clinical and ethical issues in gambling research, the application of gambling to the basic researcher, work on inter-SIG collaborations, and a dissemination effort that involves presenting symposia at traditionally non-behavior analytic conferences.

The gambling landscape today is dynamic and ever-changing. Indeed, there has never been a more exciting and effort-free time to become a member of the G-SIG!

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Health, Sport, and Fitness

BY JENNIFER KLAPATCH

The mission of the Health, Sport, and Fitness Special Interest Group (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, we have initiated several new projects to further the dissemination of behavior analysis to health-, sports-, and fitness-related areas of research and application. This year at ABAI's annual convention in Chicago, we were proud to host two separate symposia. The first symposium discussed behavior analytic interventions for healthy lifestyles, including interventions for increasing healthy food selection and increasing physical activity in sedentary adults, which was followed by a discussion of why behavior analysis is currently not considered a standard treatment for individuals who are overweight or obese. The second symposium discussed variables affecting children's engagement in physical exercise and play, and included experimental evaluations of instructional methods for prerequisite swim skills, as well as evaluations of the class-wide peer tutoring model's effects on social competence of children in physical education classes. Additionally discussed were interventions to increase outdoor play in children and exercise programs to improve behavior in children diagnose with ADHD and EBD. We also sponsored an unprecedented number of special events this year at the ABAI convention. In addition to our yearly fun run and yoga/Pilates session, we also had members participate in the Solider Field 10-mile run and Bike the Drive, Chicago's sponsored bicycle ride along Lakeshore Drive.

2013 brought with it additional changes to the HSF SIG as a whole as well. We elected a new treasurer, Bobby Newman, and new website manager, Annabelle Winters, to help kick off some of our new initiatives. We also collected values-based dues and voted to use dues to support student scholarship and presentations. As an offshoot of this initiative, we were also able to offer HSF SIG members free poster printing for any HSF-related posters presented at the ABAI convention! For 2015, we are hoping to sponsor a scholarship to cover the costs of attending ABAI for students conducting behavior analytic research in the health, sports, and fitness domains.

We are currently in the process of re-vamping our website (yet again) in order to make it most beneficial to our members. Based on member feedback, we are actively trying to develop a "members only" area where HSF SIG members can be contacted for clinical consultation and research collaboration in their areas of interest. We are hoping that this functionality will allow members to coordinate and network for events, research, and practice outside of our yearly gathering at the ABAI convention. For all the progress we have made in the past year, the HSF SIG would like to thank Albert Malkin, Sherry Schweighardt, Annabelle Winters, Bobby Newman, Stephen Flora, Jeffrey Hart, Shiri Ayzazo, Nicole Hill, Sharlet Rafacz, and Stephanie Gorbald for their contributions to the website and events in Chicago.

For more information, to join the HSF SIG, or if you're interested in making contributions to the website or to take a more active role in the HSF SIG, please contact Jennifer Klapatch at hsf.abai@gmail.com. Please also check out our Facebook page (facebook.com/HSFSig) and our new website (<http://hsfabai.webs.com>) for more information.

History of Behavior Analysis

BY EDWARD K. MORRIS

The aim of the History of Behavior Analysis SIG (HoBA SIG) is to advance behavior analysis nationally and internationally through knowledge and understanding of its history. Our mission is to advance that knowledge and understanding. Our objectives are to cultivate and nurture, enrich and improve, and communicate and disseminate the field's history and historiography. Our purview is the field's long past, short history, and recent origins. Our audience includes behavior analysts, other scientists and humanists, and the public at large.

Why HoBA?

In addition to the forgoing reasons for founding the SIG are the rationales for conducting historical research and pursuing its scholarship—and disseminating them. Jack Michael (2004) offers one such rationale: "Students of behavior analysis who know little of its history will be less than optimally effective in acquiring new knowledge. They will also be unaware of relations among various parts of

their professional and scientific repertoires. In short, it is important to know where we came from.” (p. 93)

For instance, the field’s history can place its subfields in relation to each other. The field has breadth and depth that extend beyond any topic, area, or subfield. In addition, its history describes the interdependence among the field’s system, its sciences, and its practices. Behavior analysis is greater than the sum of its parts. Also, its history addresses the discipline’s relations with the biological, psychological, and social sciences. Behavior analysis is defined, in part, by its comparisons and contrasts with them.

Beyond this, historiography has more general rationales. Cicero (106–43 BCE) offered among the first: “Those who know only their own generation remain children forever.” Perhaps the most common rationale is attributed to the Spanish philosopher George Santayana: “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” Another is based on Mark Twain’s (1869) observation about travel in *The Innocents Abroad*: “(History) is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness...” (p. 243). Farmington (1949) summarizes these and other rationales: “History is the most fundamental science for there is no human knowledge which cannot lose its scientific character when men forget the conditioning under which it originated, the questions which it answered, and the function it was created to serve. A great part of the mysticism and superstition of educated men consist of knowledge which has broken base from its historical moorings.” (p. 173)

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. We have no membership dues at the moment.

Governance

At the moment, our governance consists of a president, Edward K. Morris (University of Kansas); a vice-president, Karen Wagner (Behavior Service of Brevard, FL); and a secretary-treasurer, Todd Mc Kerchar (Jacksonville State University, AL). Our listserv owner and moderator is Pat Williams (University of Houston-Downtown). To move forward, we will need an organizational structure beyond this. It may require other offices, as well as committees.

Activities

The SIG was established in 2011 and our listserv in 2012. The first two annual business meetings were held at the 2012

and 2013 ABAI annual conventions. We have approximately 100 members. The attendees of last year’s meeting were Mariana Castelli, Benjamin Geraldo, Sam Leigland, Todd Mc Kerchar, Ed Morris, Matt Normand, Mark Sundberg, Lisa Todd, Jim Todd, Karen Wagner, and Diego Zila. The minutes were prepared by Todd Mc Kerchar:

ABAI’s special interest group for the History of Behavior Analysis (HoBA) held its second business meeting on Sunday, May 26 at the 2013 ABAI meeting, in Minneapolis, MN. Eleven members attended. Ed Morris (University of Kansas), the SIG’s president, chaired the meeting.

Ed Morris opened the meeting by having the attendees introduce themselves. After introductions, Ed discussed the listserv (hoba@listserv.uhd.edu), which was set up by Pat Williams (University of Houston-Downtown). Although not as active as other behavior analysis listservs (e.g., Teaching Behavior Analysis), it has been a good source of online discussion. Ed also discussed how, given our members’ obligations, the SIG would likely move slowly, but steadily to carry out the mission of advancing behavior analysis by promoting its history.

Todd Mc Kerchar then showed the attendees the SIG website he recently created (now live at www.historyofbehavioranalysis.org). The website currently defaults to an “About” page describing the SIG’s purpose and objectives. In its present form, the site also has sections for a blog, gallery, links (e.g., to archives), and documents (e.g., B. F. Skinner bibliography). So far, these sections have little content. Ed asked that people contact Todd (tmckerchar@jsu.edu) if they are interested in adding content to any of these areas or if they are interested in developing a new area within the site.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussion of potential projects the SIG could undertake. Several audience members noted several prominent behavior analysts who may be willing to donate pictures and videos to the SIG for posting to the website (e.g., Vic Laties, Jack Michael, Murray Sidman). Various larger projects were also discussed (e.g., oral histories from Keller students in Brazil), but the group agreed that we would need to start small, before tackling larger projects.

The smaller projects might include holding an annual HoBA symposium at the ABAI meetings; developing a HoBA awards program (e.g., for the best ABAI HoBA presentation); developing bibliographies of publications on the history of behavior analysis; compiling syllabi for courses (or sections of courses) on the history of behavior analysis; establishing bylaws (e.g., concerning electoral policies and procedures); and having web pages for notable quotations, vitas of deceased behavior analysts, and pictures, videos, and interviews. One smaller project that was accomplished was to have ABAI send invitations from the SIG to ABAI members who have evinced an interest in the SIG.

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Onward

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Human Development

BY MARTHA PELAEZ

The Human Development SIG missions are 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, developmental disabilities, and so forth.

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, motivation, and problem solving, as well as normal and problematic behaviors and social interactions. In addition, the discussions have also dealt with historical bases of behaviorism and behavior analysis as basic science and applied practice. The SIG has about 150 members, including faculty and students who are interested in all or part of our missions.

To promote these ends, the SIG publishes a refereed journal, *The Behavioral Development Bulletin* (BDB). The BDB has a large editorial board and publishes behavior analysts' peer-reviewed scientific information about human and nonhuman development. The journal topics include, but are not limited to, empirical and conceptual analyses of behavioral and cognitive development, emotional and social development, and child socialization, viewed from various frameworks such as behavior analysis, psychology, and

sociobiology. The journal and individual articles are available free at the Behavior Analyst Online website. We are pleased to announce that the 19th volume of the BDB has been published (M. Commons and M. Pelaez, co-editors, 2014). Please visit the following link to access our latest issue: <http://baojournal.com/BDB%20WEBSITE/archive/BDB%2019.1-F.pdf>. The guidelines for submission are available here: www.baojournal.com/BDB%20WEBSITE/Submissions.html.

The BDB provides developmental psychologists with peer-reviewed scientific information of interest. We try to inform the field of developmental psychology by taking a behavioral analytic approach, including research in cognitive development, child emotional development, developmental theory, and socialization. There are three goals. One is to understand development in behavioral terms. The second is to reach out to the field of developmental psychology with the innovations that behavior analytic approaches to development have provided. Behavior analysis provides interventions that measure and promote child development. That means we are interested in educational and clinical interventions that stimulate and increase desired developmental outcomes. Measurement of development includes identifying sequences or progressions of development in behavior and social areas (e.g., language, moral development).

Since its inception (M. Pelaez, editor, 1991), the journal has published articles of an inter- and multidisciplinary nature including areas of socio-biology and behavioral methodology. The BDB is especially relevant to behavior analysts who study the developmental processes responsible for behavior changes and their progressive organization. With this publication outlet, we hope to provide answers by looking at the biological and environmental factors that affect behavioral development, while maintaining primary interest in the role of environmental contingencies in behavior change.

Our Human Development (DEV) convention program produced a full program at the ABAI 2014 convention, covering the range of interests related to its mission via invited addresses, tutorial, symposia, panel discussions, papers, and posters. A no-host SIG dinner was held at the ABAI convention in Chicago this year. It was open to nonmembers of the SIG as well as members, and was well attended by both groups. This year at the ABAI convention our DEV program was one of the richest in the history of our SIG. We had 36 events, including a very successful invited tutorial by Edward K. Morris and Kathryn Bigelow called "Childrearing as the Behaviorist Viewed It: John B. Watson's Advice in Perspective." They described Watson's childrearing advice in the context of the culture, the childrearing, and the advice of his day. Also they commented on the legacy of Watson's advice for developmental behavior analysis today.

Our DEV area continues to contribute to the ABAI program by recruiting excellent lecturers from outside behavior analysis for the B. F. Skinner Lecture Series. This year Professor Stephen Porges addressed behavior

analysis through the lens of the Polyvagal Theory. The Polyvagal Theory describes the role physiological state has in facilitating the expression of different classes of behavior. Applying the theory to behavior analysis protocols leads to a refinement in the historical S-O-R model in which the state of the organism (O), now indexed by autonomic state, influences the accessibility of classes of behavior to stimulus control. Based on evolutionary biology and comparative neurophysiology, he identified autonomic states that facilitate or impede the expression of specific classes of behavior. His theory identifies stages of phylogenetic development that are characterized by parallel changes in behavioral repertoire and neural regulation of the autonomic nervous system. Porges proposed that modification of these “classes” of behaviors (i.e., immobilization, mobilization, and social engagement) could be optimized by monitoring autonomic variables and understanding the contextual cues that trigger transitions in autonomic state. Consistent with this model, several variables independent of stimulus manipulations, characterizing experimental conditions, and participants in behavior modification protocols (e.g., context, development, illness, medication) could influence the accessibility of different classes of behavior to stimulus control.

Our invited symposium was organized by Erik Mayville and attracted many practitioners interested in infancy, early interventions, and developmental issues. This symposium addressed two primary questions facing the practitioner today considering working with infants and their caregivers: What is the current status of the evidence supporting early identification of ASD-related deficits? And how should behavior analysts view the process of infant development and ethical issues facing those working with infants and their caregivers? They concluded that some behavioral deficits indicative of high-risk status for ASD can be identified at 12 month of age and that technologies utilizing potential biomarkers in younger infants are emerging as well as behavior analytic procedures that use reinforcement.

Our SIG business meeting was open to nonmembers of the SIG as well as members, but nonmembers served in only an advisory capacity. We welcome you to join us and share your ideas.

Multicultural SIG: Multicultural Alliance of Behavior Analysts

BY PREETINDER NARANG

The Multicultural Alliance of Behavior Analysts SIG (MultiABA) is the first nonprofit multicultural association established to support research, growth, and networking around multicultural issues in behavior analysis. Our vision is to connect behavior analysts with a common interest and/or experience in serving diverse communities, whether they be ethnic, religious, geographic, socioeconomic, or linguistic.

We are eager to share the incredible progress made by the organization with the global community of behavior analysts within ABAA. In 2013, MultiABA was well-represented at ABAA's 39th Annual Convention in Minneapolis, presenting both a panel discussion and symposium on ethics and cultural diversity. Our annual business meeting was similarly successful as we expanded our membership and welcomed new additions to our Board of Directors.

Following the convention, MultiABA adopted the Standards for Cultural Competence in Behavior Analysis Practice, a proposed set of 7 standards to guide the development of cross-cultural competency in behavior analytic contexts. This effort constitutes the first attempt by professionals in our field to delineate standards for culturally competent behavioral practice and was the focus of our first peer-reviewed article published in *The International Journal of Behavioral Consultation and Therapy* (Hughes-Fong and Tanaka, 2013). In this publication, MultiABA recommended the adoption of these standards by professional behavior analytic organizations to guide their clinicians in culturally sensitive service delivery.

In December of 2013, MultiABA held its first online CEU event on the adaptation and expansion of ABA across national, linguistic, and socio-cultural boundaries. Members of MultiABA presented three papers to an online audience and discussed in detail the ethical implications for the treatment of autism with behavior analysts across the globe. We look forward to hosting similar events in the future.

A major focus of our organization over the past year has been to obtain affiliation with the United Nations. We are happy to report that in January 2014, MultiABA became an official Civil Society Organization (CSO) with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. As a CSO, we now have a platform to share the scope of our work in social development with more than 24,000 CSOs registered with the United Nations.

In May 2014, MultiABA was once again a strong presence at ABAA's 40th Annual Convention in Chicago. In addition to a panel discussion and symposium, we participated in the convention's Expo poster session and held our first social event: ABAAIdol. Many members of our organization are assisting with ABAA's international conference in Kyoto next year, so the opportunity to collaborate with peers in our international community was invaluable.

Looking ahead, we at MultiABA have an ambitious agenda for 2014–2015. As a Civil Society Organization, we are currently in the process of applying for consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council. If granted, MultiABA will have the ability to participate in international conferences convened by the UN, as well as the preparatory meetings for said conferences. We aim to use our consultative status to discuss the rights of individuals with disabilities, including autism, and

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advocate for the inclusion of the right to effective treatment for persons with disabilities in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Our sincere hope is to participate in the Disabilities Panel of the UN General Assembly in September 2014.

Neuroscience SIG

BY SUZANNE MITCHELL

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

To promote these mission goals, Dr. Schlund, one of the founders and past president of the Neuroscience SIG, organized a number of brief presentations during the business meeting at the 2013 ABAAI Annual Convention in Minneapolis. These presentations both highlighted the use of neuroscience techniques to illustrate neural processes associated with behavioral phenomena, such as responses to reinforcement, and suggested areas of collaboration to audience members. In addition, at this business meeting, Dr. Schlund initiated conversations about the scope of the SIG, additional SIG activities and resource creation. These conversations continued after the meeting concluded and were expanded to include non-SIG ABAAI members. This vibrant dialogue resulted in several presentations at the 2014 ABAAI Annual Convention in Chicago, including a symposium organized by Dr. John Neill titled "Experimental Behavior Analysis of Auditory Discrimination in Humans With Neurodevelopmental Disabilities and Related Animal Models." The convention also featured a number of talks by prominent behavioral neuroscientists such as Dr. Bernard Balleine, as well as explorations of various neurobiological facets of neurodevelopmental disorders and discussions of the synergies between behavioral and neurobiological research.

Discussions of ways to revitalize the SIG further resulted in the introduction of several new members committed to investigating initiatives to increase the profile of the SIG and its relevance to ABAAI members. These initiatives include augmenting the web resources providing information about neural techniques and findings relevant to behavior analysts, reaching out to other SIGs interested in the biological correlates of behavior to sponsor and promote relevant presentations at future conventions and designing

educational materials for students, practitioners, and researchers. Prioritizing these and other initiatives was discussed at the 2014 business meeting, which was chaired by Dr. Neill, following a decision by Dr. Schlund to reduce his role in the Neuroscience SIG after successful service in the SIG since it was founded in 2007. Moving forward on these objectives over the next 12 months is a major focus of the SIG, and anyone interested in contributing or has ideas for additional initiatives is encouraged to join and become involved by contacting Suzanne Mitchell mitchesu@ohsu.edu. Membership is open to all ABAAI members, as well as academics, researchers, administrators, clinicians from other organizations, and consumers. We welcome anyone with an interest in the intersection of behavior analysis and neuroscience and look forward to an exciting year further enhancing the SIG and its place in ABAAI.

Organizational Behavior Management Network

BY HEATHER MCGEE, YNGVI EINARSSON, DALE GREGORY, BRIAN MOLINA, DAN SUNDBERG, JAMES MORRISON, ANNA CONARD, AND NATHAN BECHTEL

This past year has been very exciting for the OBM Network. At the 2013 ABAAI convention, we recognized the outstanding work of Dr. Alyce Dickinson, winner of the OBM Network Lifetime Achievement Award. At this year's ABAAI convention, we welcomed Dr. Siggi Sigurdsson as our new president-elect. Siggi will join Heather McGee, Nicole Gravina (past president), and Ryan Olson (current president) to make up the OBM Network Board of Directors. In the past, the board members have served consecutive 2-year terms in each presidential position, for a total of 6 years' commitment to the Network. This past year, the board unanimously voted to change the total term commitment to 3 years (1 year per position). Additionally, the board has worked very hard to develop the Presidential Project as a means to actively involve the presidents in strategic initiatives designed to foster the growth of the Network and the field. The Presidential Project involves three phases: planning phase (president-elect year), implementation phase (current president year), and evaluation and maintenance phase (past president year). Look for updates on the first Presidential Project, spearheaded by Nicole and Ryan as a combined project due to timing, soon. Finally, the OBM Network was thrilled to be a sponsor of the ABAAI 2014 Leadership Seminar, held in Chicago. This event brought professionals from the private sector, education, and ABA together in one venue and brought plenty of attendees as well!

Membership

The OBM Network is proud of the role that OBM played at the ABAAI 2014 convention in Chicago with

the Leadership Seminar giving us an extra full day of OBM on Friday and additional OBM invited speakers throughout Saturday and Sunday. It was great to meet with behavior analysts who are professionals in the field, but were unfamiliar with OBM, and have the opportunity to talk to them about our areas of interest, the Network, and how to get involved. A big thank you goes out to everyone who worked tirelessly to make sure that the ABAI 2014 convention had more OBM tracks than ever before!

Receiving printed versions of the latest *Journal of Organizational Behavior Management* and full access to them online continues to be a great reason to be a member of the OBM Network. However, we are always looking for new opportunities to add to our membership benefits, and we are very excited for the new OBM videos in our videos section. The videos being added this year are from our last conference, and we are starting to have quite the collection of fascinating talks on our website—which are accessible only to our members.

The OBM Network has roughly 300 members and continues to have a great international presence with members representing 20 different countries. We are continuing our efforts to grow throughout 2014 and are involving students and faculty from universities with OBM graduate programs in our effort to recruit and retain members. Thank you to those of you who have helped to recruit new members into the Network!

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

Content Development and Web Administration

This year, the primary objective has been to train an incoming officer (content development officer) to take over web administration in the future. A new strategy adopted by the Network is to train an incoming content development officer to become the web administrator. This initiative was developed in order to avoid the lack of training that has been observed in the hand-off of this position in the past. Necessary skills to effectively conduct the content development officer position and web administrator position were identified. These include basic operation and skills pertaining to graphic design and specifically using the program Photoshop. Web basics revolving around the Drupal CSM were taught, and currently theming of the website and website design are being taught to this officer.

Currently, the web administrator is designing a new website for the OBM Network. The main objectives will be to design a more modern, forward-facing site with an easier menu structure for users to navigate. Additional items will be added for increased interaction from members. These items include forum updates and responding to forum messages from email.

Liaison Outreach Program

This year the OBM Network decided to make a concentrated effort to expand the involvement of members by establishing ties with individual members across the country, such that those individuals actively contributing to the operations and expansion of the OBM Network. After some brainstorming we determined that the purpose of this program would be the following:

“The goal of the OBM liaison role is to disseminate OBM through hosting reading groups and developing an academic community, establishing a presence for the OBMN at conferences (sponsored posters, handouts), making contact with individuals to which OBM can be marketed, relaying questions to the OBM Network liaison officer, developing materials and content for the OBM Network, and providing resources about what OBM is (slides, reading materials, teaching materials) to interested parties.”

As a part of that effort a liaison program was designed and piloted with a small number of members at the end of 2013 and the beginning of 2014. The pilot group included one graduate student from the University of Nevada, Reno; one from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; and another from the University of North Texas. The initial results show great promise in this program as our individual liaisons have already created content for the OBM Network including a listing of free business courses targeting key skills for OBM professionals, as well as an interview series with current OBM professionals for the quarterly newsletter. Currently our liaisons are working on the presidential project with the new OBMN president, Dr. Ryan Olson, as well as devising ways to increase representation at local and regional conferences. We are currently working on increasing the number of liaisons, and finding ways to meet the remaining goals identified above.

Thus far the duties of the liaison coordinator have broken down as recruitment and communication with prospective liaisons, project management with current liaisons working on specific tasks, and learning to spell the work liaison. This upcoming year's goals are to increase the number of liaisons, develop a recognition/reinforcement system for current liaisons, and determine ways to expand the role of the individual liaisons. We are hopeful that this program will help to increase involvement in the Network, as well as increase the presence of the Network across the country.

Social Media

The OBM Network has increased its social media presence greatly in the last year. We have geared up our grassroots outreach to bring in more Facebook and Twitter users and as such we increased Facebook followers by 76% and Twitter followers by more than 200% in 2013. We hope to bring our members more relevant information and topics through our social media outreach as well as recruit new members.

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Through our social media ventures we hope to continue to involve more members in discussion on our website message boards and forums as well as important discussion with the OBM community. Our social media aims are also focusing on bringing discussion to events we host such as our bi-annual OBM Network conference.

OBMN Newsletter

This has been another great year for the *OBMN Newsletter*! In addition to the newest section of the newsletter, "The Null Zone," which has produced some incredibly informative articles, we have been very pleased with the variety of article submissions. Recent issues of the newsletter have consisted of a wide range of content. Recent topics have included a report from the field, criticisms of BBS (part I and part II), a book review, and an experimental analysis on public identification. As always, we strongly encourage submissions to the newsletter. Please see the website for more details, or contact the current newsletter editor, Anna Conard, at anna.l.conard@wmich.edu.

Treasury

The OBM Network is in excellent financial health. The OBM Network funds currently total \$23,089.02 from membership fees and surplus from the 2013 OBM Network Conference. Most of these funds cover costs related to the *Journal of Organizational Behavior Management* (JOBM), 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 \$5,214.90. The General Donations Fund currently totals \$37,370.25, a result of the generous donations from the 2013 joint conference between the OBM Network and CalABA, in Anaheim, CA. Donations can be submitted to:

The OBM Network
c/o Dr. Heather M. McGee
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Department of Psychology
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Please make checks payable to OBM Network and specify the purposes you wish the money to be used for (e.g., Chris Anderson Research Fund; General Donation Fund; other). If you prefer, you can join, pay for membership, and donate (through a secure system) online at www.obmnetwork.com.

Awards

The OBM Network would like to thank Dr. Lori Ludwig for her years of service as the awards coordinator of the OBM Network. Lori has been invaluable in the nomination, review, and award process for both the Lifetime Achievement and the Outstanding Contributions Awards. Lori has chosen

Amber Candido, advanced graduate student at the University of Nevada, Reno, as her replacement, and we are thrilled to welcome Amber into the OBM Network officer family! Please visit the OBMN website to nominate one of the many OBMers worthy of such an award: www.obmnetwork.com/obm_community/distinguished_member_awards.

Pediatric Feeding Disorders

BY TESSA TAYLOR, CATHLEEN C. PIAZZA, KEITH E.

WILLIAMS, MICHAEL F. CATALDO, AND PETER A. GIROLAMI

The Pediatric Feeding Disorders SIG now has more than 80 members, and new queries continue to be received. 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; as well as 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 3 years, 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 are associated with the treatment of feeding disorders of young children, including 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 improving 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 ABAI annual convention SIG meetings, overviews of the progress of the initial steps and next steps for the consortium initiative have been presented. First, a broad draft list of programs was created by gathering sites from the ABAI Pediatric Feeding Disorders SIG group and business meeting attendees and compiling 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., affiliations, address, contact information) was documented and maps were created depicting program locations. A first draft of extensive data to be collected from the programs was created. Initial pilot Phase 1 survey data (program affiliation, setting, disciplines, population, services available, and payment sources) and Phase 2 survey data (assessment/treatment approach/orientation for disciplines including medicine, nutrition, behavior analysis, oral motor/sensory, psychiatry, and child counseling; formal assessments; assessment

procedures; and treatment components) were collected from a pilot sample of 23 SIG members. In addition, input was solicited concerning interest in the consortium, feedback on the surveys, and 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). The Phase 1 and 2 surveys were revised based on the pilot data collected and sent out to the broader community of programs. To date, 101 programs (74%) have completed the Phase 1 survey, and 65 programs (47%) have returned the Phase 2 survey. Based on input from the group, we are also compiling information to share as resources regarding obtaining reimbursement (e.g., reference list, specific insurance policies on feeding programs, video of legal presentation on the right to treatment and managed care, and documents and practice guidelines pulled together by the ABAI Practice Board that could be used as resources to secure funding or assist in dealing with insurance companies).

Anyone interested in these issues is encouraged to contact the SIG Consortium Coordinator, Tessa Taylor, at TaylorTes@KennedyKrieger.org. Members are encouraged to exchange ideas throughout the year via email, telephone, and the Yahoo group site. 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 Special Interest Group (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 PBS SIG's goal is to create awareness of how behavior analytic principles are applied in PBS activities; promote the use of PBS interventions in schools, communities, agencies, and homes; and support practitioners in its use. The PBS SIG members are those engaged in experimental and applied analyses of behavior who are interested in positive behavior support. The SIG was established in 2005 and has experienced three presidents since its inception.

The PBS SIG held its annual business meeting at the 2013 Annual Convention of ABAI. Approximately 20 people attended the business meeting. Combined with the people expressing interest the previous year, the current membership of the PBS SIG is approximately 50. During the annual business meeting, the group received an overview of the PBS SIG. The majority of the hour was open to the members to provide input on what the SIG should emphasize and set as goals for the next year. The primary goal for which consensus was reached was to try

to build a greater partnership between PBS and ABAI. Some suggestions were to get more sessions that focused on uses of PBS approaches in the ABAI program while also having more presentations focusing on ABAI during the Association for Positive Behavior Support (APBS) conference. The group also discussed having a blog or website that would provide a forum for members and others to provide information and queries related to PBS and ABA approaches and generate more dialogue. The group reviewed the bylaws that had been established previously and agreed to accept them.

As a result of the business meeting, the initial goal was to pursue a formalized relationship between APBS and ABAI. Dr. Bob Putnam, previous president of the PBS SIG, contacted the leaders of both organizations and scheduled a series of conference calls that sought input on how the two organizations could collaborate. The following potential points of collaboration were presented and discussed:

- Presence at conferences—exhibitor/display space
- Targeted collaborative presentations
- Problem-solving teams to address common issues
- ABAI PBS Special Interest Group is provided forum for APBS conference
- ABAI education conference collaboration in November 2013
- Collaboration on dissemination of journal content
- Collaborate on journal articles—for example, JPBI special issue
- Providing space and announcement of conferences in each association's program

As a result of the conversation between APBS and ABAI, the following actions were agreed upon by the two organizations:

- Submitted proposal to ABAI Executive Council—the council concluded that ABAI wanted a cooperative relationship with APBS and encouraged continued exploration of ways to accomplish this in a manner that is beneficial for both organizations and the field
- The executive committee was asked to approve Dr. Glen Dunlap to present a one-hour paper session (typically reserved for invited presenters) with the understanding that the address would not be labeled “invited” due to the fact that the 2014 invited presenters had already been selected
- Dr. Rob Horner presented an invited session at APBS 2014 in which he described how the science of applied behavior analysis informs the implementation of PBS approaches
- At this time, the ABAI Executive Council declined offering a booth (at no charge) to APBS at the 2014 conference
- A suggestion was to prepare a special section or issue of *Behavior Analysis in Practice* that would be dedicated to positive behavior support in education

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The goals of the PBS SIG for the next year will be as follows:

- Establish measurable 1-year goals for the SIG related to increasing membership and awareness
- Assign task forces/sub groups 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 interested in behavior analysis or positive behavior support is welcome to join the SIG. To become involved, you can email Rose Iovannone at iovannone@usf.edu.

Practitioner Issues in Behavior Analysis

BY MICHAEL WEINBERG

The Practitioner Issues in Behavior Analysis (PIBA) SIG is a special interest group that focuses on all areas of specialization for behavior analyst practitioners. This SIG developed the first model licensing act for behavior analysts. The BACB's model licensing act also drew heavily from the PIBA SIG's model act to meet the needs and concerns of BCBA and BCaBA practitioners. We currently have a membership of 70 and also maintain a Yahoo listserv for communication among members.

This SIG has worked with members and other SIGs on legal and ethical issues pertaining to the practice of behavior analysis. We promote and support means of ensuring the continued ability of behavior analysts to practice as independent practitioners. The SIG provides a means of communicating about current trends and concerns pertaining to the practice of behavior analysis and efforts to place barriers for such practice by outside organizations or individuals. We help support and promote the ability of behavior analysts to be on insurance panels to provide services to family members with autism and other areas of application of behavior analytic methods.

Despite efforts by various state APA chapters, there are currently 15 states with licensure laws in place or about to be in place for the practice of behavior analysis. A few states are working on legislation for licensure for behavior analysts, including Connecticut via CT ABA. Connecticut currently has a title act in place for use of the terms "BCBA" and "BCaBA," making it unlawful for anyone to fraudulently claim they have such. Florida, via the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis, is also working on a licensing bill for behavior analysts in that state.

In the past year, the SIG has made an effort to coordinate with other relevant SIGs, and is working in coordination with the newly approved SIG Board to promote our mission and work collaboratively with all SIGs. Given the growth in the number of states with licensure

bills in place and ongoing expansion of this process, our SIG can be a place for practitioners to share information and discuss opportunities and strategies to promote the practice of behavior analysis. We also participate as an integral part of ABAI overall by working together with the other SIGs on this matter of great importance and concern in our evolution as a profession.

We will also extend our support to efforts of the ABAI 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 the PIBA SIG will continue to actively address and work on with other practice-related SIGs and via communication with the Practice Board.

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, and evidence-based practice, 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 hope to meet with those interested at the annual convention and other ABAI conferences. Please sign and request to join the list at abapractice_group@yahoogroups.com.

Rehabilitation and Independent Living

BY CHRIS PERSEL

The Rehabilitation and Independent Living Special Interest Group (RAILSIG) continued to support the expansion of behavior analysis in the field of rehabilitation, neurorehabilitation, and related areas. Last year at the ABAI convention in Minneapolis, the SIG business meeting was a great opportunity for professionals from many states to share ideas. The RAIL SIG Facebook page has continued to assist with contact and information exchange for its members. Visit the page to check it out and join/like: www.facebook.com/pages/ABA-Rehab-Special-Interest-Group/118243448217580. Individuals can join any time by sending a message through the Facebook page to chairman Chris Persel or visiting the group at the next convention SIG business meeting.

Standards for behavior assessment and treatment guidelines in neurorehabilitation have been discussed, and initial outlines have been developed. Unfortunately a reliance on pharmacological interventions rather than behavioral strategies continues. Rehabilitation, such as that for individuals with acquired brain injuries, remains

vital to bridge the gap between the medical model and the community reintegration model. Because the goals of behavior analysis strongly mirror those of rehabilitation, it is important that this discipline be represented. Functional skill development and retraining, intensive social skills treatment, and management of maladaptive and crisis behavior are just a few examples of areas in neurorehabilitation that require a behavior analyst's input. The current struggles of our military veterans and those who suffer sports concussions have raised awareness of the severe impact of repeated brain injury on athletes and those in the service of our country. However, those needing rehabilitation continue to face challenges with healthcare reform and unclear, sometimes uninformed, insurance guidelines. Behavior analysis, as a discipline, has proven to be an effective and evidence-based strategy that can address many of the needs in rehabilitation.

There is a tremendous need for training in behavior techniques and development of the skills needed to effectively implement behavior programs for non-BCBA rehabilitation staff. A recent preliminary study indicated that most professional rehabilitation therapists received little to no behavior analysis education or training. Again, behavior analysts are in a perfect position to provide comprehensive training and follow-up coaching to their peers in treatment programs. Several "packaged" behavior skills training programs have been reviewed, and there is currently an extensive research project evaluating the effectiveness of one such program in the rehabilitation environment. This basic behavior skill training is also an excellent supplement to the education and training provided to families of those who have suffered brain injuries.

The RAIL SIG continues to welcome members from diverse backgrounds including physicians, brain injury professionals, students, concerned family members, and educators. This diversity has brought about great discussions and thoughtful ideas and has motivated many to pursue research and job opportunities they may not have considered previously. Members are encouraged to share articles, program ideas, and professional experiences. Members of the RAIL SIG must continue to be the motivators of change and a solution. Growth of the RAIL SIG has come from current members networking with their peers and having the courage to step up to significant challenges this treatment population presents. The RAIL SIG business meeting was held at the ABAI convention in Minneapolis in 2013 and was enjoyed by all members.

Sexual Behavior: Research and Practice

BY BRIGID MCCORMICK AND FAWNA STOCKWELL
The Sex Therapy and Educational Programming SIG (STEP SIG) has a new name! Sexual Behavior: Research and Practice (SBRP) will continue to serve the same

mission and continue to help disseminate empirically verified information regarding sex education and therapy, and support basic and applied research on the emergence and maintenance of sexual behaviors, just with a more all-encompassing name! Members are professionals, teachers, direct service providers, parents, and consumers who are concerned with issues of sex therapy, sex education, and research. Check out our new website: <http://sexualbehaviorsig.webs.com/>. We also have a Facebook page and are always looking for new members!

SBRP SIG was founded in 2007 and has been providing a symposium at ABAI's annual convention since its inception. 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 2014 ABAI Annual Convention, the various facets of SIG interests were demonstrated during SBRP SIG's two symposia. Topics included a discussion of salience of prompts on condoms taken in a bar, implicit and explicit measures of attitudes about sexual assault survivors before and after a fact-based presentation, ways in which ABA can help LGBTQ-identified individuals despite years of studies promoting interventions for these "problematic behaviors," several case studies involving the functional assessment and treatment of problematic sexual behaviors displayed by individuals with autism and developmental disabilities, and tips for designing sexual education interventions.

In the upcoming year, the SBRP SIG plans to update their new website with posts relevant to the community in an effort to reach new members. We also will continue to release the newsletter to spread information about sexual education and research. We're looking forward to the changes the year ahead will bring!

SIG Español

BY MAPY CHAVEZ

Artículo en Español

El propósito del SIG Español es darle a sus miembros la oportunidad de intercambiar información con otros miembros de ABAI quienes hablan su mismo idioma, así como promover el análisis conductual de calidad en países de habla hispana.

En los últimos 10 años, el SIG Español se ha dedicado a la difusión del análisis del comportamiento entre los miembros del ABAI que hablan español, así como a toda la comunidad de habla hispana, y aquella que provee servicios a individuos de habla hispana.

Nuestros miembros son miembros y no miembros de ABAI quienes hablan español ya sea como primera lengua, o como lengua adicional, y quienes se dedican al trabajo en el campo de análisis aplicado del comportamiento con individuos de habla hispana.

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Durante el último año, el SIG Español se ha dedicado a promover el análisis conductual de calidad en países de habla hispana, principalmente Perú, España y Chile. Entre Abril del 2013 y Abril del 2014 miembros del SIG Español participaron en el desarrollo y promoción de la primera ley a favor de personas en el Espectro del Autismo en Perú. En Setiembre del 2013, miembros del SIG Español atendieron la Primera Conferencia Internacional en Autismo en Latinoamérica realizada en Santiago, Chile. En Abril del 2014, miembros del SIG Español participaron en la organización de la 3era Campaña de Concientización sobre el Autismo realizada en Lima, Perú.

Nuestra reunión anual ocurre cada año durante la Conferencia Anual de ABAI, si no los vimos este año, esperamos verlos el siguiente. Mientras tanto, pueden mantenerse en contacto con nosotros escribiendole a nuestra presidente Mapy Chavez, a mapy.chavez@alcanzando.org.pe.

Article in English

The purpose of the Spanish SIG is to give its members the opportunity to exchange information with other members of ABAI who speak their language and to promote behavior analysis in Spanish-speaking countries.

For more than 10 years, the Spanish SIG has been dedicated to the dissemination of behavior analysis among ABAI members who speak Spanish as well as to the whole Spanish-speaking community. The SIG also provides services to Spanish-speaking individuals.

Our members are both ABAI members and nonmembers who speak Spanish as a first language or as an additional language, and those engaged in work in the field of applied behavior analysis with Spanish-speaking individuals.

During the past year, the SIG has been dedicated to promoting quality behavior analysis in Spanish-speaking countries (e.g., Peru, Spain, and Chile). Between April 2013 and April 2014, members participated in the development and promotion of the first law for persons on the autism spectrum in Peru. In September 2013, Spanish SIG members attended the First International Conference on Autism in Latin America in Santiago, Chile. In April of 2014, Spanish SIG members participated in the organization of the Third Awareness Campaign on Autism held in Lima, Peru.

Our annual meeting takes place every year during the ABAI annual convention, and those we saw this year we hope to see again in 2015. Meanwhile, members can keep in touch with the SIG by writing to our president, Mapy Chavez, at mapy.chavez@alcanzando.org.pe.

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 past 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 Nikia Dower are the current co-chairs, and Barb Esch is the past chair. Additional committee chairs include Amanda Karsten (Grant Awards), Tracie Lindblad (Communications), and Landa Mark (Membership). The SIG would like to formally extend an invitation to any members who may want to serve as committee chairs or to volunteer on a committee to contact us at SPABASIG@yahoo.com.

In 2013, our paid members significantly decreased from 2012 due to increased free access to SIG information and interaction through our social media presence. However, when we combine our Facebook group membership with our formal membership, we can confidently confirm that our efforts to increase our SLP and BCBA membership, through the use of social media, has been successful with a whopping 222 Facebook group members in 2013–2014 as compared to only 64 members prior to 2013. 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. Since our decision to make our Facebook group an open group for anyone requesting to join without requiring paid SIG membership, the interest in this group has increased exponentially; however, the impact of this free membership on our operating funds has also been significant. Discussion regarding membership fees took place at the annual SIG meeting with some changes planned over the coming year.

Our new website has also enabled us to connect with our members and any interested professionals. The website analytics show a range of 3–149 unique visitors per day! We continue to provide an online database of practitioners dually certified as SLPs and BCBAs from around the world and have a document available for upload detailing the online/distance courses for the approved course sequences and full master's programs in ABA. These features provide families and individuals with the pertinent information in one place.

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 the fields of both ABA and speech pathology. These activities have taken place in North America and internationally and in so doing have furthered the SIG mission.

Over the past year, the SIG decided to change our award structure and combine the research and the application and dissemination grants into one \$500 award. These grants are available to ABAI members who, as students or practicing clinicians, conduct empirical research or raise awareness about behavior analysis among speech and language pathologists (SLPs). Research projects should advance the evidence base for behavior analytic conceptualization or treatment of speech, language, communication, and feeding disorders. Application or dissemination projects should involve effective application of the science-based principles of 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 Chicago. As well, an update from last year's recipients, Louis Lebowitz, "Evaluating a Multicomponent Intervention to Reduce Rapid Eating in a Child with Autism," and Melany Shampo and Aimee Irwin, "A Collaborative-Instructional Model for SLPs and BCBA's," 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 at the beginning of April 2015 with the application advertised and available in January 2015.

This year, during the SIG business meeting, an expert panel of prominent and notable speech-language pathologists and behavior analysts discussed a number of topics that could be considered somewhat controversial or would require further research in order to determine effectiveness. Among the topics discussed were the following:

- Auditory processing disorder
- PROMPT therapy
- Standardized assessment
- Overlapping scope of practice between SLPs and BAs

Highlights of the discussion can be found on the SPABA website. The SPABA SIG Executive Council is looking forward to expanding our membership through various initiatives and social media and also increasing member participation on the Executive Council and within our committees. We are also planning to complete a number of projects over the year to support our members:

- Develop web-based tutorials and in-person courses to disseminate information regarding a behavioral approach to the study and treatment of speech, language, and communication disorders in children and adults
- Work with the Verbal Behavior SIG on joint programs

and initiatives

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 the SPABA SIG, wish to volunteer to sit on a committee, or would like to assist with a specific project, please visit us at www.behavioralspeech.com, email us at SPABASIG@yahoo.com, or join our SIG and Facebook group.

Standard Celeration Society

BY KERRI MILYKO

It has been quite a fascinating year for the Standard Celeration Society (SCS)! One of the largest changes we made to our SIG is the addition of a board of directors who now govern the society in addition to our dedicated officers. As of November 2013, the SCS membership body elected Carl Binder, Kelly Ferris, Kent Johnson, Rick Kubina, and Chuck Merbitz to serve on the board. This board is in the process of appointing energetic and devoted charters to serve as officers to help sustain the membership of the SCS and to disseminate the love of standard measurement.

The second significant change in our community is the closure of our peer-reviewed scientific journal, *Journal of Precision Teaching and Celeration* (JPTC). Upon the completion of Doug Kostewitz's successful tenure as editor in chief, the board of directors along with the editorial board reached this difficult yet inevitable decision due to the lack of submissions. While the website will continue to host all past issues of the journal electronically, the society will no longer accept submissions. The SCS will, however, continue to share research and case studies through an alternative vessel. This and the addition of other membership benefits are just a few changes the board has already put into place.

Like many years prior, new and seasoned precision teachers gathered together to learn and share research and clinical data at the International Precision Teaching Conference. In December of 2013, Rick Kubina and Kerri Milyko chaired and hosted the conference at the Sirata Beach Resort in St. Pete Beach, FL. This year, the SCS tested a new format with stellar keynotes, invited talks, and special events held on the first day as a single-track day. The second day offered a plethora of papers and symposia from which attendees could choose. This format granted the possibility of BCBA's and BCaBA's to earn over 20 FREE CEUs. While earning the gratis credits, attendees learned from the likes of Rick Kubina, Carl Binder, Henry Pennypacker, Michael Fabrizio, and Elizabeth Haughton, on whom was bestowed

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the Ogden Lindsley Lifetime Achievement Award.

Next year, we will return to the wintry hustle of Chicago for IPTC 2014, December 11–13. As always, we promise passionate keynotes and data-filled presentations to sharpen the skills of any parent, behavior analyst, teacher, or other professional. Please visit www.celeration.org as the dates near to acquire further information regarding the hotel (Embassy Suites), workshops, pricing, and call for papers (May 2014).

We are eager and excited to see future developments of the SCS and always welcome new charters and precision teachers into our fold. Our loving community is full of brilliant and seasoned professionals who are always willing to offer advice or mentorship. Simply become a member and see the opportunities unfold.

Teaching Behavior Analysis

BY CHRISTINE H. BARTHOLD

The Teaching Behavior Analysis SIG (TBA SIG) continues to be the go-to place for discussions regarding behavior analysis, both basic and applied. As one of the largest ABAI SIGs, we count as members some of the top behavior analysts in the world. Clinicians, researchers, students, and consumers comprise our membership. As has been the case for several years, the majority of activity in our SIG has been on the listserv (the TBA-L). At last count, more than 750 people subscribe to the TBA-L. Discussion is lively and diverse, and encompasses all things behavior analytic. The list is a place to interact and collaborate with other behavior analysts from all parts of the globe. Behavior analysts from the United States, Europe, and Asia frequently post to the list. We don't limit our discussion on the TBA-L to university teaching; members discuss basic behavioral principles, behavior analysis research, staff training, and more. Some topics covered recently on the TBA-L include the following:

- Classroom activities for teaching behavior analysis principles
- Dissemination of seminal behavior analytic research
- Staff, family, and client training/education
- Organizational behavior management
- History of behavior analysis (especially misconceptions of Skinner's work)
- Addiction
- Punishment
- Behavior analysis in the popular press
- Clinical behavior analysis
- Verbal behavior
- Basic research
- Standard celeration charting

We are hoping to keep the list an active and vibrant place to discuss all things behavior analysis. Every behavior analyst teaches behavior analysis, whether that is through staff training, parent education, client education, or preparing future clinicians. Therefore, this is one list that every ABAI

member should consider joining. There are no dues to participate in the TBA SIG. Advertisements for commercial products and books are not permitted on the TBA-L, although members often post open positions in academia.

We also have a Facebook page with more than 800 members. Discussion on the Facebook page includes issues surrounding seclusion and restraint, journal access, and programs in behavior analysis. Professional development opportunities and clinical positions are often posted on Facebook as well. Students of behavior analysis are encouraged to join. It is a great way to learn about behavior analysis from top researchers, teachers, and clinicians. Discussions are lively, but always respectful and professional. Requests for resources are often followed up by prompt responses both on- and off-list.

If you are interested in joining the TBA SIG and the TBA-L, please send an email to Chris Barthold at chrisbarthold@bartholdautism.com, and copy our list manager, Pat Williams, at deadmantest@gmail.com.

In addition to our listserv and Facebook page, we would like to re-vamp our website to offer more resources to members. Examples include creating a place to share teaching resources and videos, advertise upcoming events and materials by members, and offer additional opportunities for professional development. If you are interested in helping with website or materials development, please contact Chris Barthold at chrisbarthold@bartholdautism.com. Students are encouraged to get involved.

Thank you for your continued interest in the TBA SIG as well as the TBA-L. It continues to be a fantastic resource for behavior analysts and consumers only because of our members. We look forward to seeing you on the TBA-L!

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David Greenway: Teacher, Father, and Friend

The Psychology Department of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette regrettably announces the death of their colleague, Dr. David Greenway who passed away on Friday, February 21, 2014. At his death, Dr. Greenway was a Tenured Associate Professor of Psychology at University of Louisiana. As a licensed clinical psychologist in the Lafayette community, David worked at Tyler Mental Health and at his private practice, Square Root of Pi Psychological Associates. Professionally, Dr. Greenway was an active member of the Association for Behavioral Analysis International. As an Executive Committee member of the Louisiana Psychological Association (LPA), he has chaired the LPA Grassroots Committee and the LPA Scientific Affairs Committee.

David joined the University of Louisiana faculty in 1996 after receiving his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of New Mexico in 1995. As an active researcher, his research interests were quite diverse. His basic research involved the examined the effects of stimulus and functional equivalence on complex symbolic behavior in humans. His applied research focused on early identification and

treatment of substance abuse. Early in his career he earned 2 National Research Service Awards from NIAAA. He was a member of Sigma XI, Phi Kappa Phi, and Psi Chi societies. During his academic career, he has published several key papers and numerous conference presentations in the area of clinical psychology. Additionally, he was principal investigator on several collaborative grants, including 2 from BORSF, 1 from NIDA, and 1 from SAMHSA. In the Psychology Department, David taught advanced clinical and assessment courses at both the undergraduate and graduate level. As a member of the University of Louisiana Graduate Faculty, he has supervised many master's thesis projects. Chairing and serving on several committees over the years, David made significant contributions to the Psychology Department and the undergraduate and graduate programs it serves.

Dr. Greenway was born and raised in Archdale, NC. He served in the US Marine Corps prior to entering college and pursuing an academic career. He is survived by his wife, Dan Liu Greenway, MD, 4 daughters, 2 step-daughters, and 1 step-son.



Don Pumroy, An Inspirational Life

BY W. JOSEPH WYATT

Donald K. Pumroy, Ph.D., ABPP (CL), passed away at his home in Hyattsville, MD, on Sunday, June 1, 2014. He was 89. Don was a member of ABAI for more than 30 years, and had presented at the 2014 convention exactly one week before his death. Active in behavior analysis, he presented at seven of the most recent eight ABAI conferences. The focus of his final presentation was school gun violence, a topic that reflected Don's interest in the application of behavior analysis to problems within the broad culture. He returned home from the convention and had already begun work on a paper about the topic at the time of his death.

Don was active in other organizations as well. He served as president of the Maryland Psychological Association (MPA) from 1962–1963 and was an MPA member for 58 years. He was also a member of the Maryland School Psychologists' Association (MSPA). Don held the distinction of having served as president of both MPA and MSPA. He is the only individual to have done so. He also served as a member, then chair, of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

Don received his Ph.D. in 1954 from the University of Washington and was first licensed to practice psychology in 1958. He retired from the College of Education and Psychology at the University of Maryland, College Park. Don had engaged in private practice since 1972 at the

Hyattsville-area Associates for Behavior Change, where he continued to work following retirement from his academic position. As of 2006, he divided his time between that practice and the Northern Neck area of Virginia, where he was also licensed. Additionally, he consulted at the Northumberland Psychological Center and worked with the Northumberland County school system in Maryland.

Another important contribution was the organizing of the College Park Behavioral Group as a means to foster behavioral research and writing. Besides being a clinical diplomate, Don was a member of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the National Register of Health Service Psychologists. He was a veteran of the U.S. military and served in two wars. His wife, Shirley, also of Hyattsville, passed away in 2001. He is survived by his son, Keith Pumroy; daughters, Patricia Sengstack and Nancy Overton; and his companion, Judy Blumenthal, who is also a behavior analyst.

Don is fondly remembered by many friends and colleagues at ABAI, MPA, and MSPA, the University of Maryland, his consulting connections, the Hyattsville group, and all who knew him. He was a person of intellect, hard work, thoughtfulness, humanity, humor, and good cheer, and he will be missed.

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2014 Calendar of Upcoming Conferences

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

August

Washington ABA Conference

August 23
Seattle, WA
Microsoft Auditorium
Seattle Central Library
www.washingtonaba.org

New Zealand ABA 11th Annual Conference

August 30–31
Dunedin, New Zealand
University of Otago
<http://nzaba.org/>

September

Kentucky ABA Workshop Series

September 12–13
Louisville, KY
University of Louisville,
Shelby-Hurst campus
www.kentuckyaba.org

Florida ABA 34th Annual Conference

September 17–20
Bonita Springs, FL
Hilton Daytona Beach Resort
www.fabaworld.org

ABA of Brazil 23rd Annual Conference

September 24–27
Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil
www.encontroabpmc2014.com

Minnesota Northland ABA Regional Conference

September 26
Plymouth, MN
Crowne Plaza West
www.mnaba.org

October

Alabama ABA 23rd Annual Convention

October 1–3
Birmingham, AL
Doubletree Hotel
www.alabamaaba.com

October (cont.)

Manitoba ABA Ninth Annual Conference

October 2
Winnipeg, MB
University of Manitoba
Marshall McLuhan Hall
www.maba.ca

ALAMOC 16th Conference

October 9–11
Asunción, Paraguay
www.alamocparaguay.com

New York State ABA 25th Annual Conference and Workshops

October 15–17
Saratoga Springs, NY
The Saratoga Hilton
www.nysaba.org

Tennessee ABA 17th Annual Conference

October 16
www.tennesseeaba.org

Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy 35th Annual Conference

October 16–17
Amherst, MA
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
www.babat.org

Hoosier ABA Annual Conference

October 17–18
Indianapolis, IN
Indiana Convention Center
<http://hoosieraba.com>

Nevada ABA Annual Conference

October 17–19
Reno, NV
Atlantis Casino, Resort, & Spa
University of Nevada, Reno
<http://nevadaaba.org>

Australian Association for Cognitive and Behaviour Therapy 37th National Conference

October 23–26
Fremantle, Western Australia, Australia
Esplanade Hotel Fremantle
www.aacbt.org

October (cont.)

Hawai'i ABA

10th Annual Conference
October 25
Kapolei, HI
Easter Seals Kapolei
www.hawaiiaba.org

Southeastern ABA 31st Annual Conference

October 30–November 1
Wilmington, NC
Hilton Wilmington Riverside
www.seabaonline.org

Mid-American ABA 15th Annual Conference

October 31–November 1
St. Louis, MO
Hampton Inn-Gateway Arch
www.midamericanaba.com

November

Iowa ABA Second Annual Conference

November 7
Johnston, IA
Hilton Garden Inn
<http://iowaaba.com>

Sociedad Mexicana de Análisis de la Conducta 24th Annual Conference

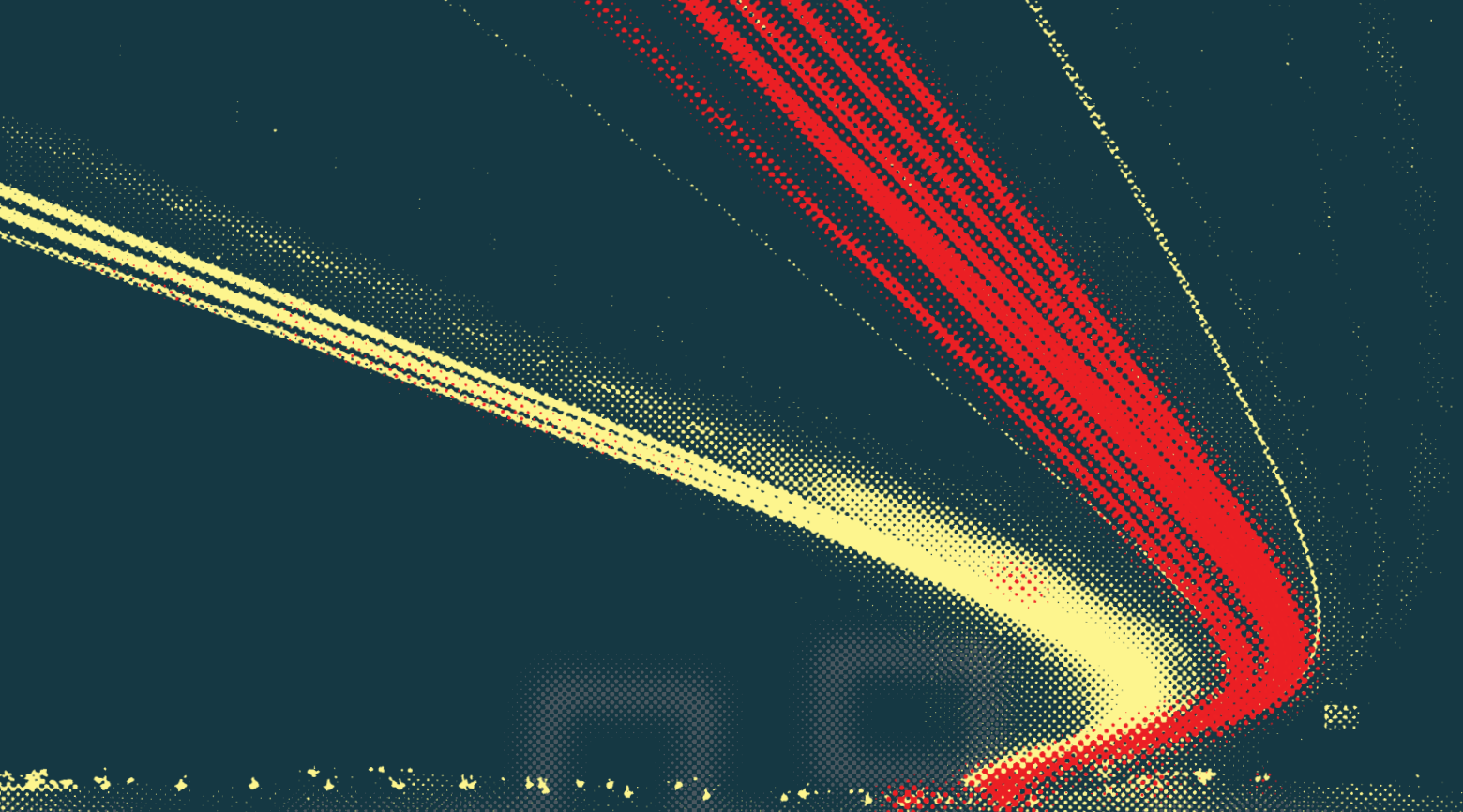
November 12–14
Tlaquepaque, Jalisco
Institute of Technology
and Higher Studies
<http://smac.org.mx>

Gulf Coast ABA Conference

November 13–15
Baton Rouge, LA
Louisiana State University
www.labaa.net

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