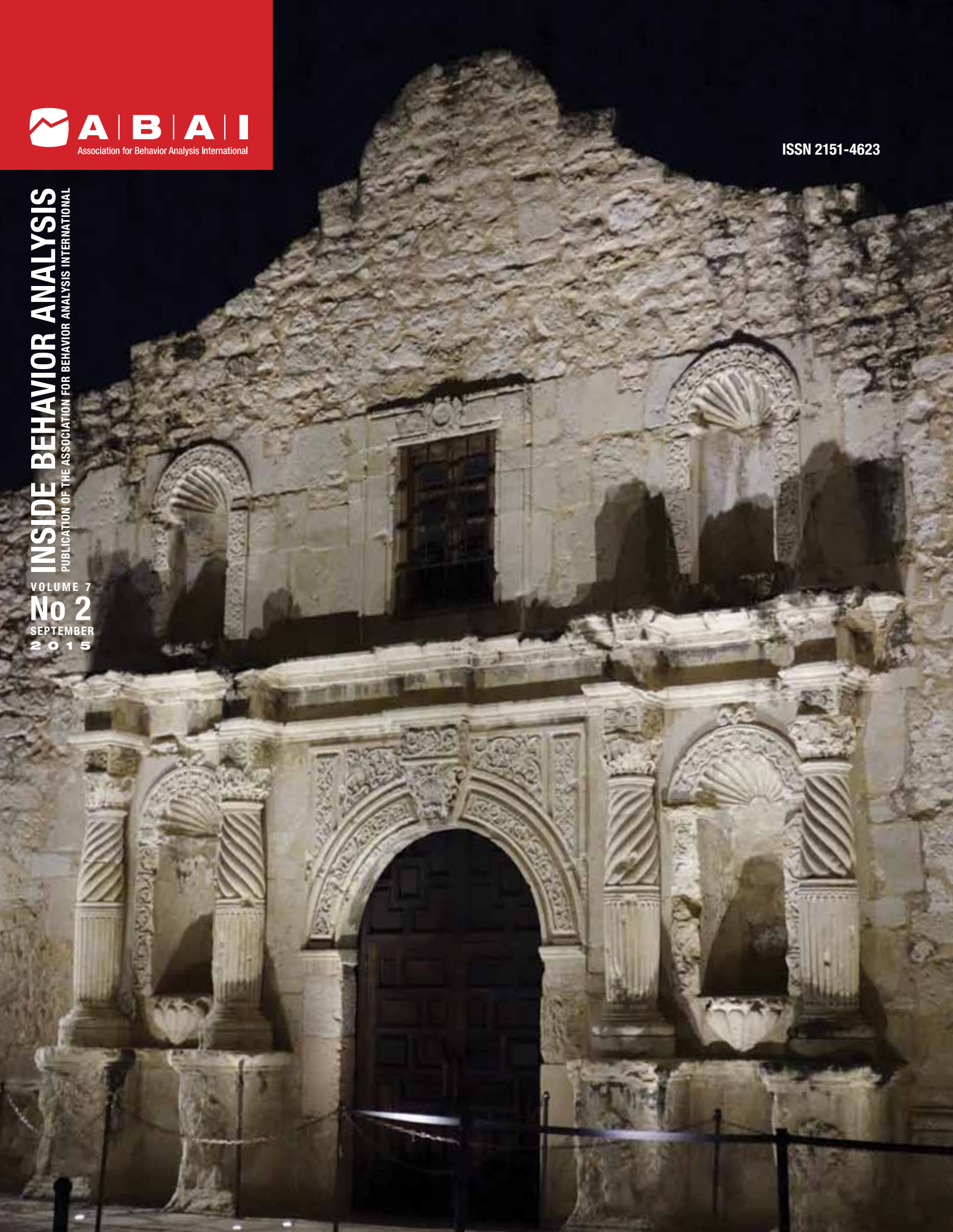


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Think tank participants (from left): Emmanuel Z. Tourinho, Marcelo Benvenuti, Ingunn Sandaker, Laercia Vasconcelos, Maria Amalia Andery, João Claudio Todorov, Maria E. Malott, Ramona Houmanfar, Sigrid S. Glenn, Júlio De Rose, and Molli Luke.

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Cultural Analysis From a Behavioral Perspective

São Paulo, April 9–10, 2015

BY JOÃO CLAUDIO TODOROV, MARCELO BENVENUTI, SIGRID S. GLENN, MARIA E. MALOTT, RAMONA HOUMANFAR, MARIA AMALIA ANDERY, JÚLIO DE ROSE, MOLLI LUKE, INGUNN SANDAKER, EMMANUEL Z. TOURINHO, AND LAERCIA VASCONCELOS



1 Conference presenters and think tank participants.

On April 9–10, 2015, a stimulating event titled, “Contingencias Sociais: Indivíduo, Cultura, e Sociedade” took place at the University of São Paulo in Brazil. There, a group of faculty, students, and distinguished scholars, inspired by the work of Sigrid S. Glenn and João Claudio Todorov, discussed essential concepts on how cultural phenomena could be considered from a behavioral perspective. The think tank was part of a regional meeting of Brazilian Society of Psychology (Sociedade Brasileira de Psicologia, SBP) and was organized by Todorov and Marcelo Benvenuti (president of the Associação Brasileira de Análise do Comportamento). The opening session was attended by Ricardo Gorayeb, president of the Brazilian Society of Psychology.

This was scholars’ third formal discussion on cultural phenomena and behavior analysis. In 2005, the first think tank on metacontingencies and cultural analysis was organized by Todorov and Maria Malott as an initiative of ABAI and the Associação Brasileira de Psicoterapia e Medicina Comportamental in Campinas, Brazil. The second was organized in 2007 by Ingunn Sandaker at the Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences in Norway.

Think tank members were able to appreciate laboratory research on the concept of metacontingency and other cultural phenomena in the laboratory through a poster session review.

Think tank participants, conference invited presenters, and the audience had the opportunity for exchange during the morning session. Invited presenters summarized their research to think tank participants and the audience and then think tank participants presented the summary of their work.

The 2015 cultural analysis think tank and associated conference was sponsored by the following organizations:

- Brazilian Society of Psychology: A civil nonprofit organization, with its headquarters Ribeirão Preto, São Paulo, Brazil. The society publishes abstracts of its annual meetings and a magazine titled *Trends in Psychology*; organizes meetings that serve as a space for the creation of other associations on similar topics; and collaborates with other scientific associations for knowledge dissemination and protecting the interests of teaching, research, and practice in psychology.
- The Institute of Psychology of the University of São Paulo (<http://www.ip.usp.br/portal/>).
- The São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP): A public foundation with the mission to support research projects in all fields of knowledge within higher education and research institutions. The foundation works with the scientific community to fund research in biodiversity, bioenergy, global climate change, neuroscience, and other related fields. FAPESP maintains cooperative agreements with national and international research funding agencies, higher education institutions, and business enterprises and offers programs to support foreign scientists willing to work in research institutions in the state of São Paulo, Brazil (<http://www.fapesp.br/en/>).
- The CAPES Foundation: A public foundation established in 1951 within the Ministry of Higher Education as a Brazilian government agency awarding scholarship grants to graduate students in universities and research centers in Brazil and abroad (<http://www.iie.org/en/programs/capes>).

Concepts developed by the think tank will continue to be refined and a follow-up meeting will take place in 2016 at a summit of cultural analysis in Denton, Texas—organized by Sigrid S. Glenn and others. ❖



2 Deisy das Gracias De Souza discusses data during a poster session.



3 The audience looks on.

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The 41st ABAI Annual Convention: Recap of 2015 and Plans for 2016

BY MARIA E. MALOTT



1 Ron Van Houten holds his SABA award. **2** Susan Schneider speaks during the SABA Awards Ceremony. **3** Mickey Keenan's SABA award presentation. **4** Sigrid Glenn and SABA President Michael Perone pose with the Distinguished Service Award. **5** Aubrey Daniels and Peter Kileen catch-up during a reception. **6** ABAI International Representative Ingunn Sandaker looks over her notes. **7** Rod Clark and Mike Dorsey at one of the poster sessions. **8** Susan Wilczynski, Sheila Alber-Morgan, and Bill Heward pose with a copy of *Applied Behavior Analysis*. **9** Robert Ross discusses posters. **10** Martha Hübner performs during the BAARTs SIG special event.



ABAI returned to San Antonio and Texas for our 41st Annual Convention and enjoyed another successful event. One of the highlights—the opening event and SABA Awards Ceremony—featured leaders in behavior analysis earning much deserved recognition for their work and accomplishments. Dr. Sigrid S. Glenn—recipient of the Award for Distinguished Service to Behavior Analysis—gave her personal perspective on how behavior analysis has grown and changed over the past 30 years and provided some insight on future directions for the field. Dr. Michael Keenan was recognized for international dissemination of behavior analysis due to his efforts to address the shortage of behavior analysis training courses in Europe and confront many of the myths about applied behavior analysis. Dr. Susan M. Schneider accepted the Effective Presentation on Behavior Analysis in the Mass Media Award for her book *The Science of*

Consequences, which covers the range of areas behavior analysis has touched and the influence our science has had on other fields of study. Finally, SABA's award for scientific translation went to Dr. Ron Van Houten, who examined a number of areas where behavior analysis could make a difference and describes ways to overcome obstacles to the behavioral approach with his talk, "How Can We Increase the Impact of Behavior Analysis in Solving Problems in New Areas?"

In her presidential address, "Behavior Analysis Without Borders," Dr. Maria Martha Hübner energized the audience with an enthusiastic presentation on ABAI's efforts to tear down barriers, not just between nations, but with the behavior analysis community itself, where fragmentation has occurred between key domains (e.g., basic research, applied research, service delivery, theory and philosophy). Dr. Hübner discussed the data and literature that would help



11 Michael Domjan plays the violin as part of the BAARTs SIG reception. **12** Mariachi's entertain attendees during the ABAI Expo. **13** William Baum poses with an Outstanding Mentor Award with Linda Hayes. **14** ABAI President-Elect Jack Marr addresses the audience during a presentation. **15** Students take a fun group photo during a reception.



ABAI to transcend borders between members in the same way it has with those between nations.

This year's B. F. Skinner Lecture Series—featuring distinguished speakers from outside behavior analysis—once more provided convention guests with a look at ways in which behavior analysts can work with experts from other sciences and achieve meaningful results. The series featured talks on dog training, addiction, genetics, child development, and more.

Those interested in learning more about these talks and other presentations given during the 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 San Antonio, but other past ABAI conventions and conferences as well.

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. Session chairs were tasked with assigning a number of discussants to a group of posters who engaged with their assigned presenters; asking informed questions and providing helpful feedback while amongst attendees.

In her talk, "The Origin of Emotionally Modern Humans: How Did Humans Become Such 'Other-Regarding' Apes?" presidential scholar and renowned biologist Sarah Blaffer Hrdy discussed the psychological and emotional underpinnings for "other-regarding" impulses in early in hominids. Dr. Hrdy explained her rational

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for believing that the evolutionary basis for emotionally modern humans arose as byproducts of shared parental and alloparental care and provisioning of young. It was an informative presentation on a fascinating topic, and we were fortunate to be able to follow-up the next day with a special panel session, "A Discussion With the 2015 Presidential Scholar, Dr. Sarah Blaffer Hrdy." This panel, featuring Linda J. Parrott Hayes, Sigrid Glenn, Ingunn Sandaker, and Frances McSweeney, gave attendees a deeper look into Dr. Hrdy's works, particularly her views on the nature of motherhood and its role in the evolution of the human species. ABAI is grateful to Dr. Hrdy for joining us this year and for being generous with her time during the convention.

The association continues to promote science and provide opportunities for our community to grow and learn. Many of the convention's popular presentations, including B. F. Skinner lectures, invited speakers, and the presidential and presidential scholar addresses, are now available in our online Learning Center. If you were unable to attend the convention or weren't able to make

one of the highlight presentations, we encourage you to use this valuable resource, which also includes the option to purchase and earn CEs. Join the growing number of ABAI members who are discovering just how valuable the Learning Center can be for furthering educational and professional goals. Visit the Learning Center today at www.abainternational.org/learning-center.aspx.

While we remain pleased with the impressive attendance the annual convention continues to enjoy, the association recognizes that there are many people out there who could benefit from ABAI membership and/or participation in an ABAI convention or conference. The team is using the summer to not only develop improvements for next year's convention, but is also working on a redesign of our website and growing our public outreach. Please continue to check our website (www.abainternational.org) for announcements on ABAI's new projects and initiatives.

We look forward to bringing the 42nd Annual Convention to downtown Chicago. While the Windy City has long been a popular host city among attendees, we are

B. F. Skinner Lecture Series Presentations

Applied Animal Behavior

Simon Gadbois, "Training Sniffer Dogs as Lab and Field Research Assistants: What They Can Teach Us"

Stewart J. Hilliard, "Military and Police Working Dog Training: Evolution in Response to Broader Changes in Applied Animal Behavior"

Autism

Ami Klin, "A Frontier for Applied Behavior Analysis: Altering the Natural Platform of Social Brain Development in Infants and Toddlers With Autism"

Behavioral Pharmacology

Richard Lamb, "Questioning Some Assumptions About the Processes Involved in Addiction"

Clinical, Family, Behavioral Medicine

Todd B. Kashdan, "Emotional Agility: The Science and Applications"

Community Interventions, Social and Ethical Issues

Robert C. Gilman, "The Dynamic Planetary Context for Behavior Analysis"

Human Development

Ye Wang, "Utilizing Visual Phonics to Supplement Reading Instruction for Students With Diverse Needs"

Experimental Analysis of Behavior

Catharine Rankin, "Behavioral, Neuronal, and Genetic Analyses in *C. elegans* Lead to Insights Into Mechanisms of Habituation"

Education

Matthew K. Burns, "Using Data to Identify the Function of Academic Behavior"

Organizational Behavior Management

Darryl A. Wahlstrom, "Channel Your Inner Entrepreneur: There's More to Consulting Than 'Hanging Up a Shingle'"

Practice

John Constantino, "Genes, Environmental Sensitivity, Psychiatric Comorbidity, and Adaptation in Autism"

Science

Edward A. Wasserman, "From Keller and Schoenfeld to Concepts and Categories"

Jeffrey Karpicke, "Retrieval-Based Learning: Active Retrieval Promotes Meaning"

James MacKillop, "Applying Behavioral Economics to Understand Addictive Behavior: A Translational Approach"

Teaching Behavior Analysis

Carolyn Orange, "Exploring the Possible Causes of the 25 Biggest Mistakes Teachers Make"

Theoretical, Philosophical, and Conceptual Issues

R. Alison Adcock, "Changing Neurobiology With Behavior: How Expectation of Reward and Punishment Influence Learning and Remembering via Distinct Brain Systems"

Verbal Behavior

Ethan Kross, "Self-Talk as a Regulatory Mechanism: How You Do It Matters"

especially excited that the 2016 convention will take place at the Hyatt Regency Chicago & Swissôtel Chicago, right in the heart of Chicago. Both hotels overlook the Chicago River and Lake Michigan and are in short walking distance of world-class restaurants, shopping districts, and arts and culture attractions. In addition to a full program including the B. F. Skinner Lecture Series, invited presenters, papers, symposia, business meetings, reunions, posters, and more, pre-convention workshops will begin Friday afternoon, May 27 and continue all day Saturday, May 28. Call for Papers will be launching soon, so be sure to check

www.abainternational.org/events/annual-2016.aspx for an upcoming announcement!

The ABAA 41st Annual 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 ABAA's staff and interns, who work tirelessly every year to prepare for and run the annual convention. Finally, thanks to everyone who came to San Antonio; we look forward to seeing you all again in 2016! ❖

Invited Presentations and Tutorials

Applied Animal Behavior

Timothy Edwards, "The Nuts and Bolts of Scent Detection"

Autism

Rebecca P. F. MacDonald, "Catchin' 'Em Early: Outcomes for Toddlers With Autism"

Iser Guillermo DeLeon, "Behavioral Economics: Fundamentals and Implications for Intervention in ASD"

Behavioral Pharmacology

Matthew W. Johnson, "Psychedelics as Adjunct Medications in Behavioral Treatments of Addiction"

Clinical, Family, Behavioral Medicine

Scott T. Gaynor, "Behavioral Activation as a Treatment for Adolescent Depression"

Community Interventions, Social and Ethical Issues

Panel: Sigrid Glenn, Anthony Biglan, and Robert Gilman, "Promoting Sustainable Culture Through Behavior Analytic Theory and Practice"

Developmental Disabilities

Louis P. Hagopian, "Delineating Subtypes of Automatic Self-Injurious Behavior"

Stephanie M. Peterson,

"Delivering Teleconsultation for Functional Behavior Assessment and Intervention: Things to Consider"

Experimental Analysis

Leonard Green, "Discounting of Delayed and Probabilistic Gains and Losses: Carving Discounting at Its Joints"

Timothy D. Hackenberg, "Working With and for One Another: Toward an Experimental Analysis of Social Behavior"

Education

Jennifer L. Austin, "Functional Analysis and Intervention in Mainstream Schools: What Lessons Do We Still Need to Learn?"

A. Charles Catania, "Why Behavior Analysts Should Care About Sensory Psychology"

Human Development

Symposium: R. Douglas Greer, Ye Wang, Jessica Singer-Dudek, and Martha Pelaez, "Procedures for Reinforcing Infant Vocalizations and for Preschoolers Learning New Tacts and Spontaneous Mands"

Susan M. Schneider, "It's a System!: The Essential Role of Behavior Analysis in Developmental Systems Theory"

Organizational Behavior Management

Judi Komaki, "Still Dreaming, but Still Learning to Create Positive Climates for Leaders"

Joshua K. Pritchard, "10 Things Every Behavior Analyst Should Know About Behavior Analysis and Entrepreneurship"

Ron Van Houten, "How Can We Increase the Impact of Behavior Analysis in Solving Problems in New Areas?"

Practice

Karen S. Budd, "Don Baer Invited Address: Fifty Years of Behavioral Parent Training Research: A Look Back and a Look Forward"

David P. Wacker, "Conducting In-Home Functional Analyses and Functional Communication Training via Telehealth"

Science

Symposium: Suzanne H. Mitchell, Scott Kollins, and Warren K. Bickel, "Research Funding: Introduction to NIMH's Research Domain Criteria and the Potential Application in Behavioral Studies"

Matthew W. Johnson, "Behavioral Economics of Sexual HIV Risk Behavior in Humans: Sexual Discounting"

Symposium: James E. Carr, Christopher A. Podlesnik, Dorothea C. Lerman, and Christine E. Hughes, "Is There a Home for EAB in Applied Training Programs?"

Teaching Behavior Analysis

Matthew C. Bell, "Hello, Teacher: Evidence-Based Teaching and Behavior Analysis Today"

Theoretical, Philosophical, and Conceptual Issues

Allen Neuringer, "Epicurus and B. F. Skinner: Uncommon Resemblances and Springboards to the Future"

David C. Palmer, "The Role of Atomic Repertoires in Generalized Operants and Observational Learning"

Verbal Behavior

Francesca Degli Espinosa, "From Analysis to Application: Using Multiply Controlled Verbal Behavior to Teach Generalized Question Discrimination to Children With Autism"

Matthew P. Normand, "B. F. Skinner's Analysis of Language: Misconceptions and Misunderstandings"

Update From SABA's 2014–2015 Capital Campaign

One way ABAI members can help to advance the science and practice of behavior analysis is to contribute to the on-going capital campaign of our sister organization—the Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis (SABA). For more than 30 years, SABA has been promoting the field of behavior analysis by supporting talented students, encouraging global dissemination of the science, and recognizing our most inspiring leaders—providing them a platform to expand their audience. To achieve our financial objectives and solidify our ability to fulfill our major goals, we encourage you to lend a hand by making a gift in the form of a single contribution, a pledge to contribute a sum of money over the next few years, or a bequest in your will.

We are now 10 months into SABA's 2014–2015 Capital Campaign. As September approaches, we have surpassed the two million dollar mark, with pledges and donations from 308 individuals and organizations (Figure 1) totaling \$2,195,760 (Figure 2)!

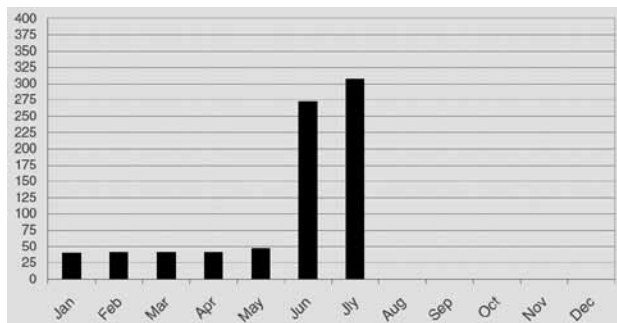


Figure 1 Number of SABA Capital Campaign donors by month.

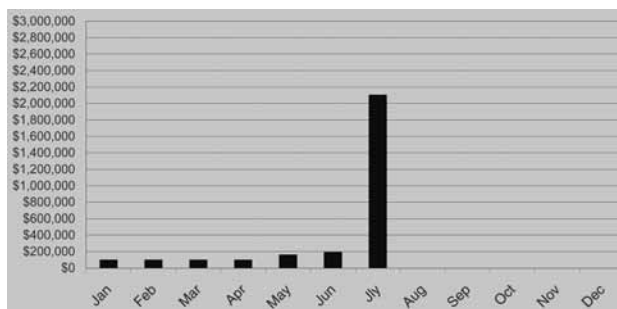


Figure 2 Total dollar amount pledged by month.

Behavior Analysis and Training System Program Trust

Our great leap forward in July is due almost entirely to an incredible \$2 million planned bequest made by Dr. Richard Malott. Dick has entrusted SABA to establish a Behavior Analysis and Training System (BATS) Trust and act as its trustee. BATS is a “lab” in the Department of Psychology at Western Michigan University, currently under Dick’s supervision. Over the years, the BATS program has matriculated outstanding students and has the primary purpose to train behavior analysts at all levels (from bachelors to doctoral) to be practitioners, as there is a need for high-quality training of practitioners, just as there is the need for high-quality training of researchers.

Under the conditions of the bequest, each year, SABA will give an amount to the WMU Foundation to be used exclusively by BATS as part of the Department of Psychology. SABA will determine the maximum amount of annual funding for BATS that will keep the principal of the trust intact and will provide oversight of the trust, its activities, and its use of funds. This will be done to assure that the use of funds are in keeping with the purpose of BATS and the restrictions of the trust.

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We are extremely grateful to those individuals who have already pledged, and especially to the major donors who have shown early commitment to the goal and whose participation we hope will encourage others in the field to give.



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Steven C. Hayes

Steven C. Hayes received his Ph.D. from West Virginia University and currently serves as professor and director of clinical training in the Department of Psychology at the University of Nevada, Reno. Dr. Hayes has a record of voluminous research and substantial impact, within behavior analysis and beyond. His contributions to research have been exemplary, with 40 books and more than 550 publications, many of them cited hundreds of times, and more than \$10 million in grant funds. He is the principal developer of relational frame theory and acceptance and commitment therapy, highly influential behavioral approaches to verbal behavior and evidence-based clinical practice, respectively, that have generated considerable research and achieved widespread adoption. Dr. Hayes's contributions to teaching and service have also been exemplary. He served as department chair and clinical director of a program known for its behavior analytic excellence. Dr. Hayes has held many influential service (e.g., National Advisory Council for NIDA, president of Division 25, and president of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies [ABCT]) and editorial (e.g., AE of JABA) positions, and has received numerous awards and recognitions for his work (e.g., the SABA Awards for International Dissemination of Behavior Analysis and the Impact of Science on Application, the APA Don Hake Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from ABCT). His contributions span conceptual, empirical, and clinical domains with remarkable breadth and depth.



Carmen Luciano Soriano

Carmen Luciano Soriano received her Ph.D. from the Complutense University of Madrid and earned the rank of titular professor at the University of Granada, Spain. She currently serves as professor of clinical psychology at the University of Almería, Spain, and as director of the doctoral programs in applied behavior analysis and functional analysis in clinical and

health contexts at that university, of which she was also co-founder. In addition to her extensive record of scholarly and professional publications, Dr. Luciano is perhaps best known for her experimental and clinical contributions in verbal behavior and her efforts to disseminate behavior analysis. She established behavioral clinics for the treatment of developmental disabilities, stress disorders, and anxiety at the Universities of Grenada and Almería and at the ACT institute in Madrid, which provides treatment for a wide range of disorders; she was solely responsible for obtaining the necessary funding for the many research projects conducted in verbal processes of ACT treatment. In addition, over the past 20 years, she has obtained funding from the Spanish government to conduct an intensive master's-level training program in behavior analysis that is open to students from Spain and most of Latin America, and has provided comprehensive training to more than 400 students from around the world.

Timothy A. Shahan, received his Ph.D. from West Virginia University. Following postdoctoral and research positions at the University of Vermont and the University of New Hampshire, he currently serves as professor and chair of the Experimental and Applied Psychological Science Graduate Program in the Department of Psychology at Utah State University. Across his career, Dr. Shahan has made impressive basic research contributions to a number of critical areas in behavior analysis, including conditioned reinforcement, quantitative analysis of choice and resistance to change, resurgence and drug relapse, information theory, and clinical applications of behavioral momentum theory. This empirical work has been supported by more than \$7 million from the NIH and accompanied by influential review papers focused on highly original integrations across these research interests. Dr. Shahan has also made extensive service contributions to the field, including as associate

editor of the *Journal for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*, special editor of *Behavioural Processes*, president of SQAB, and member of the SEAB board. His representation of behavior analysis as member and chair of the NIH's Biobehavioral Regulation, Learning, and Ethology study section is especially noteworthy.

João Claudio Todorov received his Ph.D. from Arizona State University. He held faculty positions at the University of Virginia at Fredericksburg and the University of São Paulo at Riberiao Preto before his appointment at the University of Brasília in 1973, where he has spent most of his career. Retired since 2000, he is professor emeritus and also still serves as a researcher. From 2000–2009, he was a professor at the Catholic University of Goiás. Dr. Todorov's career as a behavior analyst includes a remarkable range of achievements in research, education, and service to his discipline and his country. At Brasília, Dr. Todorov served variously as department chair, dean of graduate studies and research, vice-president, and president of the university, all while leading generations of Brazilians to behavior analytic research and academic careers that continue his legacy, and helping to secure a place for behavior analysis in the nation's academic governance. His scholarly contributions span important basic research topics (e.g., multiple and concurrent schedules, avoidance, and pharmacology), applications to the solution of societal problems—his more recent focus, and dissemination of behavior analysis to the public (with more than 150 articles in the Brazilian media). Dr. Todorov's many contributions have been widely recognized—by the Brazilian government with the Cross of the Ordem de Rio Branco, by SABA with the Award for International Dissemination of Behavior Analysis, and by an award from the Ibero-American Federation of Psychological Associations. ❖

Designation as a Fellow of ABAI

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

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



Timothy A. Shahan



João Claudio Todorov

Examining Sarah Hrdy's Research

BY CHRISTINA NORD

Evolutionary anthropologist Sarah Blaffer Hrdy has focused her career on the parental strategies of human and nonhuman primates. Her work emphasizes the phylogenetic and ontogenetic importance of cooperative care throughout evolutionary history.

These contributions question long-held ideas concerning parental instinct, and investigate what evolutionary conditions created the human desire for social connectedness. These contributions have direct implications on behavior analysis and its quest for environmental arrangements that generate meaningful changes in society.

Hrdy's most recent book, *Mothers and Others: The Evolutionary Origins of Mutual Understanding* (2009), explores how humans became "emotionally and behaviorally modern" through an evolutionary history of cooperative care. *Mothers and Others* investigates "evolutionary elaborations" on pre-existing conditions for cooperative traits among caretakers and their young. Hrdy argues that humans are successful because of the presence of alloparent helpers that permitted the evolution of large brains. Recent data furthers this claim by indicating that the brain's maximum energy demands for synaptic formation occur around ages 4-5, later than originally assumed and during a particularly important period for alloparent provisioning (Kuzawa et al, 2014). Her previous book, *Mother Nature: Maternal Instincts and How They Shape the Human Species* (1999), sought to clarify how "maternal instincts" function, countering the idea that they are engaged by a sort of instinctual "switch." *Mother Nature* argues that maternal behavior results from numerous environmental and biological factors, including cues from the infant, the mother's biological condition, her perception of how much parental support she will have, all framed by the mother's own history.

Hrdy's emphasis on environmental influence over reproductive and parental strategies is of great interest to both the applied and conceptual dimensions of behavior analysis. Hrdy states that "[b]rains require care more than care requires brains" (p. 176), and a compelling theory presented in *Mothers and Others* is that cooperative breeding evolved before "braininess." Hrdy's focus on ontogenetic variables can assist behavior analytic strategies to arrange successful parental environments. For example, Hrdy (2009) stresses the role of environment in supporting empathic behavior: "...both males and females start out with an innate capacity for empathy with others and for nurture, but past experiences along with proximate cues are critical for the development and expression of nurturing responses" (Hrdy, 2009, p. 290). The capacity for empathy, Hrdy argues, has an important biological basis, but it does not necessarily lead to innate parental instincts.

Hrdy's work also contributes to behavior analytic theory. *Mothers and Others* presents evidence that babbling initially developed as a way for infants to "stay in touch without touch" (humans are unlike other great apes in that infants are more frequently out of direct contact with their mother's body). Once naturally selected, babbling could go on to encourage other verbal behavior. Skinner (1957) claimed that babbling was both automatically reinforcing and a necessary condition for future verbal operants, and Hrdy (2009) appears to agree, stating, "The power of babble, I suspect, preceded the gift of gab by more than a million years" (p. 124).

Additionally, *Mothers and Others* challenges traditional



Western claims about the need for concrete nuclear families headed by biological mothers and fathers. Hrdy (2009) offers many examples illustrating that it matters less who provides parental care, but rather that parental care is indeed present. Considering the amount of time children spend with teachers of all kinds throughout their childhood, it follows that Hrdy's description of alloparents can be extended to teachers. Teachers (including providers of behavioral services) can be considered

the "alloparents of the 21st century." Children need to develop social connectedness with reliable and trustworthy caregivers in order to combat strong fears of abandonment that may result in lifelong maladaptive behavior (Hrdy, 1999 & 2009). These observations are significant in highlighting the need for access to alloparental help, ranging from childcare settings to the workplace, and the need for behavior analysis to promote and support such care.

The final chapter in *Mothers and Others* is an all but a direct call to recognize and support the need for cooperative care in human society. Humans, perhaps more than any other species, have developed the ability to change their environment, for better and for worse. Hrdy (2009) explains, "The modern emphasis on individualism and personal independence along with consumption-oriented economies, compartmentalized living arrangements in highrise apartments or suburban homes, and neolocal residence patterns combine to undermine social connectedness" (p. 286). This is not to say that humans cannot survive without social connectedness, exemplified by severely neglected individuals who survive to reproductive adulthood. Indeed, natural selection does not prioritize "human" traits to combat a world lacking what Hrdy terms "the art of nurture." But just as our species has evolved behavior to dramatically change our environment, we also have the ability to choose whether our species will continue into a world with less social connectedness. It is up to society, especially behavior analysts, to decide if society is better off with "empath[y] and curio[sity] about the emotions of others" (Hrdy, 2009, p. 294). If so, Hrdy's work helps identify the conditions under which these traits flourish so we can reinforce them.

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Updates From ABAI's Affiliated Chapters

ABA España

BY VIRGINIA BEJARANO RUÍZ, KATERINA DOUNAVI, AND JAVIER VIRUES-ORTEGA

The chapter continues to promote behavior analysis in Spain and, more generally, in the Spanish-speaking world. This year, we have updated our e-learning platform, are in the process of updating our course sequence to the current standards, and broke our own record for number of students sitting for and passing the BACB exams. We hope that BACB certification will continue to gain momentum in Spanish-speaking countries. Our practicum offerings have been expanded by the inclusion into our practicum consortium of the newly created Centro Algoritmus (www.centroalgoritmus.com) in the beautiful city of Marbella, Spain; congratulations to clinical director, Javier Plaza. We have contributed to the international dissemination of BACB credentials by facilitating the translation of a collection of documents for the BACB. Among our new projects is the exciting venture of developing tablet and smartphone apps for the behavioral community. The first to be launched is the iPhone app, ABA Diction—a simple app featuring ABA Spain's English-Spanish glossary of behavioral terms.

We have also published the methodology for developing this glossary in recent months, hoping that our approach could be used by others interested in adapting English behavioral terms into other languages. The glossary has been packaged in Apple Dictionary format and is now available for free at ABA Spain's website, aba-elearning.com.

ABA Germany

BY ROBERT SCHRAMM

ABA Deutschland (The German Society for Behavior Analysis) has been hard at work this year building on our accomplishments from 2013–14. In the spring of 2014, we held our annual meeting in Hesse, Germany, where we updated our bylaws, discussed former accomplishments, and addressed ideas for new directions. One of the decisions made during this meeting was to sponsor our first ABA workshop, which was held later that year in November with the 2-day presentation of Mary Barbera, BCBA-D. The workshop was a great success, with a full room of more than 80 participants. Discussion is ongoing regarding further work in getting BACB credentialing accepted in Germany, as well as discussion over an autism-related ABA conference in the coming year. Our group has grown to almost 30 members with several new BCBA's joining our ranks. We had our annual meeting on May 9 in Goettingen. Anyone interested in attending future meetings can email us at info@abadeutschland.org. We will also be working to expand our board of directors to five members—up from three. Among other important topics, we discussed the appropriate response (or the appropriateness of a response) to a recent scathing anti-

ABA article that was published here suggesting that ABA works against the rights of the individuals we seek to help, that we try to normalize people with ASD and diminish their individuality, and that we are not concerned with the “why” of how people behave to the harm of our clients. Awareness and understanding of ABA is still in its infancy here, and critiques like this can hold sway. It is important that we all come together to determine an appropriate way to respond, if at all.

ABA India

BY SMITA AWASTHI

ABA India is a not-for-profit nongovernment organization registered in 2009. It has grown from a small organization with two behavior analysts to include many behavior analysts and students of behavior analysis as its members. As part of its efforts for dissemination of behavior analysis, ABA-India organizes a conference each year in a different city in India.

In December 2014, the Fifth Annual ABA Conference, “Building a Sustainable Future for Children and Young Adults With Autism,” was held in the historic city of Hyderabad. Renowned Indian dancer Dr. Alekhya Punjala spoke about art and science being seamless and how exposing children to art forms could help in creating new interests and talents. Dr. Manish Vaidya, Dr. Karen Wagner, and Dr. Padma Pallavai were the keynote speakers at the event. Dr. Vaidya also conducted a workshop on stimulus equivalence for the new ABA student community in India and parents of children with autism. There were four workshops that covered varied topics.

Since its inception, ABA India has seen consistent growth in the number of ABA students both attending and presenting at the conference in India. The Fifth Annual Conference had 18 papers, and all were presented by certified behavior analysts and students of behavior analysis in India. Thus, the ABA India conference has set a trend of data-based interventions documenting the work on children with ASD. Each year, our most exciting session is the “Parent Perspective,” which last year had three parents presenting their journeys using ABA principles with their children with autism.

Currently there are 18 behavior analysts practicing in India. It is with great pride that we announce that the BACB-approved course sequence initiated by Dr. Neil Martin under the aegis of the BMI School is now running the third cohort. Many students from this cohort presented papers on skill acquisition and reduction in inappropriate behaviors at the Fifth Annual Conference.

ABA professionals in India continue to make sustained efforts toward building awareness, disseminating scientific practice, and building capacity for providing quality services for the autism community. Two pre-conference workshops were organized by ABA India in Hyderabad. The website

committee continues to update the website in a timely fashion on events related to ABA initiated by the chapter.

ABA India participated in the Expo at the 41st ABAI Annual Convention in San Antonio, and its founding trustee was present at the affiliate chapter meeting.

The ABA India executive council elected a new president in 2015. Gita Srikant (BCaBA) brings 15 years of experience and leadership running an organization for children and families with autism.

The Sixth Annual ABA Conference in India will be organized in February 2016 at India's IT city of Bangalore. We invite participants from across the globe to travel to India and participate through paper presentations and workshops.

ABA of Brazil

BY DENIS R. ZAMIGNANI AND JAN L. LEONARDI

The Brazilian Association of Behavioral Psychology and Medicine (ABPMC) was founded in 1991 with the objective of congregating psychologists and professionals from other areas interested in the dissemination and scientific development of behavior analysis.

Since its inception, ABPMC has gathered professionals involved in the teaching, researching, and practicing of behavior analysis in several contexts—basic research, applied research, theoretical/philosophical research, and professional practice, as well as students of several areas of knowledge who are interested in human behavior. Nowadays, ABPMC has more than 1,500 members distributed in almost all Brazilian states and a database of 11,000 contacts.

Since its founding, ABPMC has held an annual meeting called the Brazilian Meeting of Psychology and Behavioral Medicine, in which participants at different stages of academic development (from undergraduates to post-doctorates) present their work and disseminate the most significant advances in their respective fields of interest. The annual meeting of ABPMC is considered the largest Brazilian forum of behavior analysis and one of the largest in the whole world.

In addition to promoting the dissemination of behavior analysis through its annual meetings, ABPMC has produced a collection of 27 books titled *Sobre Comportamento e Cognição* (On Behavior and Cognition), which was followed by a four-volume book collection called *Comportamento em Foco* (Behavior in Focus). Besides those, ABPMC has been publishing the *Brazilian Journal of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapy*, a biannual peer-reviewed publication, and *Boletim Contexto* (Context Bulletin), an online blog that promotes news about the actions of ABPMC and other associations (like ABAI); the latest editions of behavior analysis journals; conferences and other events related to behavior analysis; and debates and interviews with specialists in the area, among other material.

ABPMC also provides services to the community by offering lectures on behavioral themes that may be of

interest to the general public. In this vein, the association created the ABPMC Sustainability Prize in 2011 for interventions and research projects that address issues surrounding sustainable development. This important theme also guides some of the activities of the current ABPMC administration and will be present in its annual conferences.

In 2014, ABPMC approved, in a democratic meeting of its members, the regulation of behavior analyst accreditation for Brazil. This is being developed by a specific commission that was elected for this purpose. The project originated from the behavior analytic community itself, who manifested the interest in monitoring the quality of the practice of Brazilian behavior analysts. The implementation of the behavior analyst accreditation by ABPMC certainly will be another milestone for an association whose 25 years of contributions to the advancement and dissemination of behavior analysis in Brazil would not fit in this brief description.

ABA of Italy

BY PAOLO MODERATO AND FRANCESCO POZZI

The Istituto Europeo per lo Studio del Comportamento Umano (IESCUM), one of the Italian chapters of ABAI, was established to translate into specific actions a vision of science in Italy, both on the experimental and the applied side. Since it was formed, IESCUM has been committed to promoting the full range of behavior analysis's scientific and humanistic potential—IESCUM is committed to the training, development, and evaluation of behavior analysis in a range of clinical settings. Throughout the year, IESCUM has offered experiential trainings in clinical behavior analysis, acceptance and commitment therapy, and functional assessment procedures with scholars and professionals like Benjamin Schoendorff, David Gillanders, Linda Hayes, and Peter Sturmey.

The dissemination of a sound culture in applied behavior analysis (ABA) has been carried out at the institutional level via a 2-year postgraduate BACB-approved course sequence (now in its ninth edition), along with as many as five 180-hour BACB-approved course sequences targeting operators who aspire to become assistant behavior analysts. The growing demand for ABA interventions for children with autism spectrum disorders has set the modus operandi for a strong demand for ABA training. Thanks to contributions from Philip Chase, Neil Martin, Vincent Carbone, and Mickey Keenan, students of the IESCUM coursework are able to learn high standards and reinforcing contingencies of learning.

These courses are addressing the request for ASD therapy training, but are not limiting the educational content and purposes to this strong, yet limited, field of application. IESCUM looks at its BACB-approved coursework as an opportunity to spread behavior analysis beyond the boundaries of autism treatment. From those initial

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experiences based on solid collaboration with the BACB, IESCUM has taken an active role in the development of the internationalization of behavior analysis certification, working jointly with other approved 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 clinical comprehensive fashion.

One of the aims of IESCUM is to show the potential of a science of behavior to address relevant social problems. With this in mind, a joint project with the University of Bangor was carried out in collaboration with the greatly missed Fergus Lowe, and with 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 has been applied in schools in Sicily and in the Milan area. The Food Dudes program implements large-scale, effective behavioral principles, thus demonstrating how the same principles applied at the level of a single individual may also work when applied in the context of large groups. While waiting for the long-term results of the program, it is a fact that the mid-term results are very encouraging. The Food Dudes program was able to change the eating behaviors of the students, promoting a healthy lifestyle. Strong support and positive comments were received by teachers and families after seeing the changes in the behavior of their children. The initiative received good coverage by Italian national and local media, too.

In 2014, IESCUM organized and hosted the 11th International Congress on Behavior Studies, a series started by Peter Harzem and Emilio Ribes-Inesta in 1992. The congress has been held in Milan, Italy and has seen the

participation of many international representatives of the behavioral research fields. In the wake of the discussions at previous conferences and examining the needs of the 21st century, the event was titled “Behavior Science and Policy” and focused on the contribution of behavioral science to societal change, including social policies, public health, public administration, prevention, smart cities, and sustainability. Many international invited speakers coming from a variety of nations and fields of study attended the 2-day congress, which was preceded by an “open” day, with the participation of political authorities and journalists. This first day was intended as testimony for how scientific behavioral knowledge can be of great help in addressing a spectrum of social issues. Information about the program and speakers is still available at www.iescum.org/11thicbs.

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 in and contributing to this project. In 2014, IESCUM founded the first Italian nudge unit, Nudge Italia (www.nudgeitalia.it). Nudge Italia is part of the newly founded TEN, the European Nudge Network. The aim of the initiative is to promote a behavioral and scientific approach to confronting issues that have social, health, or environmental impacts.

All of these actions have been developed under and with the supervision of IESCUM, which in 2014 celebrated its 10-year anniversary, and are detailed at www.iescum.org.

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.

From October 1–3, 2014, ALABA held its annual convention in Birmingham. Our annual conventions allow members and other interested professionals to learn via workshops and presentations from nationally recognized behavior analysts as well as active researchers and practitioners in our state. Furthermore, the convention allows us to provide members with opportunities for reuniting with old friends and colleagues, networking with professionals and potentially new colleagues, and earning continuing education credits. We kicked off the 23rd annual convention with two informative workshops: “Teaching Discrimination and Matching Skills to Learners With Autism and Related Disorders” (conducted by Dr. Gina Green) and “The Top 5 Things I Learned About

Programming for Instruction in Early Intervention” (conducted by Dr. Nicole Rodriguez). This year’s keynote addresses highlighted current research in intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as regulation issues in behavior analysis: Dr. Green, “Public Policies on the Practice of ABA: Status and Some Lessons Learned”; Dr. Kevin Luczynski, “An Individualized and Comprehensive Approach to Teaching Conversation and Greeting Skills to High-Functioning Individuals With Autism Spectrum Disorders”; and Dr. Rodriguez, “Behavioral Variability and Autism.” Other presentations emphasized ethical practices, state-specific regulation of ABA practices, and CEU standards in behavior analysis: Dr. John Rapp, “Low Publication Rate of 2005 ABAI Presentations: Are CEU Standards Sufficiently Rigorous?”; Dr. David Bicard, “Treatment of Escape-Maintained Problem Behavior: Finding the Sweet Spot and Giving Up Control”; Dr. Paige McKerchar, “Updates on Practicing ABA in Alabama”; and Dr. Sara Bicard, “Increasing Physical Activity in Adults With Intellectual Disabilities”; and our presidential address, “Maintaining Ethical Practices Across Disciplines.” We thank all our presenters for contributing to the advancement of our more than 100 attendees’ behavioral repertoires!

Congratulations to our new president-elect, Sacha Pence; member at large, John Rapp; and students at large, Kalie Bible and Sarah Haygood. The 2015 Executive Committee—including Todd McKerchar, Sara Bicard, Ashlie Walker, Sabrina Franks, and Ryan Zayac—is actively preparing for this fall’s 24th annual convention being held October 7–9 in Birmingham. Please visit us online at www.alabamaaba.com for more information and to register for the convention.

In legislative news, members of the Alabama Behavior Analyst Licensing Board were appointed: Paige McKerchar, Susan Ford, Marc Williams, David Bicard, Stacy Ladden, Beverly Marston, and David Stewart. The board is currently working on rules and regulations and looks forward to offering licenses soon. ALABA continues to monitor legislation in the state and hopes to see changes to funding opportunities in the coming years. We also closely follow the many accomplishments being made by behavior analysts in other states, and we are so very thankful for all the hard work being done by our colleagues nationwide!

Arizona ABA

BY DIANA DAVIS-WILSON

It has been an exciting year for the great state of Arizona. Our licensure board, the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners, approached us with an opportunity to make revisions to our current licensure mandate. With the exception of the 1,500-hour supervised experience requirement, we were successful in creating revisions that matched the BACB Model Licensure Act. The new statute was amended in late July and adopted by the board in October. The changes to the statute should provide clarity for the application process for

licensure and supervised experience requirements. The rule-making phase of the legislation is currently on hold pending the governor’s approval.

In April 2014, the Arizona Association for Behavior Analysis (AZABA) held its annual meeting with a little over one-third of our enrolled members in attendance. Discussions on the supervision requirements and registered behavior technician credentials were highlights of the meeting. We welcomed our new president-elect, Joe Gentry Ph.D., BCBA-D; new secretary, Kristine Mooney, M.Ed., BCBA; and treasurer, Kellie Band, DBH, BCBA. Additional topics included the transition to the DSM-V, as well as special considerations for practice under the new early intervention program funded by the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

Our ethics committee continued to focus on state-related issues such as practicing without a license. Specific focus was placed on addressing ethical violations when they involve colleagues, supervisees, and coworkers, as well as substantial review of the upcoming changes to the BACB code of conduct guidelines.

After a successful 2013 supervision workshop, we were able to host a second 8-hour workshop in September 2014 and an annual workshop and conference in November. Our marketing focus was to ensure that supervisors understood the new supervision standards and had completed supervisor credentialing by the due date set forth by the BACB. Resources, forum bulletins, and meetings were made available to all members. The annual conference included two keynote speakers, Timothy Slocum, Ph.D., BCBA-D, and Patrick McGreevy, Ph.D., BCBA-D. Presentation topics included evidence-based practice, functional living skills, organization of behavior and its implications for applied analysis, staff effectiveness and data-based decision making, autism and trauma, generalizing applied behavior analysis across multiple clinical populations, assessment and training of the Registered Behavior Technician, and the role of behavior assessment in neuropsychology.

Our annual chapter meeting for 2015 was held May 1. Updates from this meeting are available to all members on the member forum. This year will include ongoing discussion and consideration of the success of AZABA. Current projects include participation and review of legislation related to restraints and seclusion, the CPT code implementation, changes in the diagnostic criteria and how these may affect preauthorization, as well as the implementation of the Registered Behavior Technician credential. Continuing education interest amongst members continues to be the mainstreaming of behavior analysis, which will be the upcoming focus of our workshops and annual conference scheduled for November 2015. AZABA also warmly welcomes our first in-person master’s degree program in applied behavior analysis at Arizona State University. Classes

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will begin in fall 2015. Arizona continues to be a hot market for behavior analysts interested in relocation; our career force is flexible and competitive. Contact AZABA through our website (azaba.org) for information on career opportunities and agencies with open positions.

Arkansas ABA

BY CHRISTOPHER EWING

The Arkansas Association for Behavior Analysis (ArkABA) is dedicated to the advancement of the science and application of behavior analysis and committed to promoting research, education, and practice based on the principles of behavior analysis. ArkABA strives to disseminate knowledge from the science of behavior analysis to the public and to professional behavior analysts. Its focus for 2015 is the promotion of ABA services and the education of consumers. The areas ArkABA is targeting for consumer education include what is applied behavior analysis, who is qualified to provide ABA services, and what is a quality program. As an organization, ArkABA identified the education of consumers as a priority due to recent changes in insurance coverage of ABA services for children with autism.

Currently, most members are professionals working with individuals with autism in home settings, but we hope to include clinicians, other practitioners, and parents from around the state. ArkABA membership consists of Professional, Full, Affiliate, and Student members.

Association for the Advancement of Radical Behavior Analysis

BY ALESSANDRO VALDINA

The past year has been both busy and satisfying 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 discussing our strategies and successes we are reinforced, learn lessons, instill hope, and are instilled with hope.

Grant in Memory of Ettore Caracciolo for Behavior Analysis Research

Following the death of Prof. Ettore Caracciolo, a pioneer of behavior analysis in Italy and founder of AARBA, the chapter has established a grant in his memory to support behavior analysis research. AARBA awarded the 2014 grant to two researchers for a value of €10,000. One of the recipients is committed to testing the efficacy of a B-BS process on the reduction of injuries in healthcare environments; the other is dedicated to studying people's interaction with increasingly complex aviation systems. Results of this research will be presented at the 11th International Conference of AARBA.

The OBM Network Outstanding Contribution Award to AARBA President

At the end of 2014, AARBA president Fabio Tosolin, was awarded the OBMN Outstanding Contribution Award. The OBM Network bestows this award on individuals or corporations that have made significant and measureable contributions to the field of organizational behavior management and are deserving of special recognition from the network. Prof. Tosolin was honored and was presented with a plaque during the ABAI 2015 convention in San Antonio, Texas.

Culture and Values From a Behavioral Perspective, the Theme of the 10th AARBA International Conference (Trieste, June 26–28, 2014)

The 10th AARBA International Conference took place in Trieste, June 26–28, 2014, and AARBA dedicated it to culture and values and how to build them through a scientific method. It included two tracks: OBM-BBS and clinical-educational psychology, organized in partnership with AIAMC, the Italian Association for Behavior Analysis and Modification. The president of the Italian Republic gave his endorsement to the conference.

AARBA hosted Aubrey Daniels (Aubrey Daniels International), Grainne Matthews (Quality Safety Edge), Nirvana Pistoljevic (Columbia University), and Steve Roberts (Safety Performance Solutions), who were able to gather more than 400 attendees, including authorities, CEOs, HSE managers, HR managers, consultants, students, researchers, teachers, therapists, and others.

The next conference will take place in Bologna, October 12–14, 2015, and it will focus on OBM as the only way for complete and efficient management of companies. AARBA will organize this conference in partnership with the Confederation of the Industries of Bologna.

AARBA participated with its own stand at two exhibitions: one in Milan dedicated to professional training (Expotraining) and one in Bologna dedicated to occupational safety and health (Ambiente e Lavoro).

Preserving the Integrity of Behavior Analysis Interventions by Improving Knowledge, Skills, and Expertise of Italian Behavior Analysts

The Academic Master Course in ABA—created in 2012 by Parma University in collaboration with TICE and AARBA—continues with the aim to educate psychologists and other specialists on behavior analysis principles applied to educational, clinical, and organizational areas.

The president of AARBA, Prof. Fabio Tosolin, is also a member of the scientific committee of AIAMC, the oldest association of behavior analysts. In September 2014, AIAMC members voted him president-elect of the association. His mission aims to encourage professionals to

adopt a rigorous scientific approach in their practice. His mandate ends in 2020.

AIAMC has more than 2,500 members and 13 associated schools all over Italy and is officially recognized by the Italian Ministry of University and Research. These schools educate psychologists willing to practice psychotherapy, for which attending a 4-year part-time specialization course is needed. AARBA and the AIAMC president are committed to making the programs of these courses consistent with the academic master course programs in terms of content, requirements, and accreditations.

Teaching Applied Behavior Analysis to Safety Professionals

AARBA is committed to teach safety professionals to train and encourage safe behaviors. A 32-hour course for safety trainers started its sixth edition, and more than 100 people learned the rules for teaching emergency and operational procedures, as well as use of PPEs and discrimination of risks at work through the application of shaping, modeling, fading, and several other learning paradigms.

In 2014, AARBA held three behavior-based safety master courses (80 hours), one of which was in collaboration with the Modena and Reggio Emilia University (engineering faculty “Enzo Ferrari”). The course arrived at the 28th edition and trained at least 500 B-BS qualified experts.

Training Safety Officers How to Behave in Case of Fire Through Precision Teaching via eLearning: An Award From the Safety Trainers Professional Association

In 2013–14, AARBA worked with Parma University to conduct a single group study on the effectiveness of precision teaching in training fire officers how to behave in case of a fire. The experiment has been included in the master's thesis of a student graduating in psychology. The c-test demonstrated that every one of the eight students learned efficiently (i.e., in few minutes) and effectively (i.e., fluency increased meaningfully). This research won the 2014 AIFOS award, “The e-learning training in occupational safety” (AIFOS in the Italian Association of Safety Trainers).

Research: Improving Hygiene and Safety Behaviors in Health Facilities

Since June 2013, thanks to the financing of INAIL—the 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). This was the first experiment in Italy of B-BS applied in this field, and it aims to increase frequency and quality of hygiene and safety behaviors impacting the health of both operators and patients. Researchers presented preliminary results during the 2014 edition of our annual international conference, and showed that controlled

behaviors' frequency has been increasing meaningfully (i.e., x12 after the treatment on “washing hands before and after each intervention” against the baseline).

Experimenting With Precision Teaching for Blue-Collar Workers

In 2012, AARBA entered a consortium composed of 14 partners for a project called Tell Me (Technology Enhanced Learning Living Lab for Manufacturing Environments). In the second year of the project, AARBA tested and experimented with precision teaching in all three use cases (wood industry, helicopter Industry, and fabrics industry). Results were interesting: In a controlled experiment, blue-collar workers trained with PT about defect recognition and problem solving performed 2X better in the post test in terms of both accuracy and fluency against the control group.

Association Française—Les Professionnels de l'Analyse du Comportement

BY DIANE FRASER

Association Française—Les Professionnels de l'Analyse du Comportement has a new president, Cherice Caldwell, MEd, BCBA. Our new address is 4, rue de Pouilly, Fountains Les Dijon, 21121, France. We will begin a new training for BCaBAs and BCBAs in September 2015. We have a new location in Boulogne-Billancourt and new financing through the Centre de Formation. We are excited to begin a program with both a remote and a live application. We are very happy with these results and hope to have a new university home at the University of Bourgogne very soon.

Atlantic Provinces ABA

BY SHEILA BULMER, MARLENE BREITENBACH, PAUL MCDONNELL, AND SORCHA PARKER

At present, the executive committee of the association consists of Sheila Bulmer (past president), Paul McDonnell (president), Marlene Breitenbach (president-elect), Holly Seniuk (secretary-treasurer), and Sorcha Parker (member-at-large). We have created a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ABAatlantic) and are actively working on developing a web page. Our membership application form can be accessed directly from the ABAl website, where you can find us in the listings for non-U.S.A. chapters.

Our association was approved as a chapter of ABAl in February 2014, so this past year has been our first, and it has been an exciting period of laying foundations for our new organization. The biggest challenge we face is connecting with members due to the vast distances within our boundaries. Our region includes four provinces, has a population of 2,355,500 (2012 census), and covers a

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huge area (1,731 kilometers between our two largest cities—a 3-hour flight). The province of Newfoundland and Labrador is an 8-hour ferry ride from the closest port on the mainland (Sydney, Nova Scotia). In addition to distance, we also live in a bilingual environment. New Brunswick, for example, has a population that is 33% Francophone, with smaller percentages in the other provinces. These geo-cultural realities create special challenges as we try to grow the chapter and have a significant impact on the public, professionals, and the four provincial governments within the region.

Membership in the Atlantic Provinces Association for Behaviour Analysis (APABA) began last year with 15 members and currently stands at 44, but we anticipate that membership can be doubled in our second year. During the past year, we had representatives at the ABAI annual convention in Chicago, and they attended the chapter-training workshop, held a business meeting, and presented at the Expo. In July, we organized a teleconference with James Carr, CEO of the BACB, to explore practical but imaginative ways we could develop our organization. Dr. Carr was very insightful and helped us set some new goals, particularly in relation to providing educational opportunities. We held our first annual general meeting in November in Moncton, New Brunswick. The meeting was attended by 28 members. The purpose of the meeting was to allow members an opportunity to discuss key aspects of governance and review the goals of our new association, as well as to connect and enjoy an engaging workshop with our guest webinar speaker, Dr. William Heward. A number of important issues were raised including recruitment, web design, continuing education, a supervision network, lobbying insurers for coverage for clients of members with BCBA certification, ways to seek lower professional liability insurance for members, public awareness and what we can give back to the community, student mentorship programs, parenting programs, a BCBA bedtime reading group, and many other topics.

Many of you will recognize that our webinar speaker, Dr. William Heward, is one of the co-authors of the Cooper, Heron, and Heward ABA text commonly known colloquially as “the white book.” Dr. Heward’s webinar was wonderful, and it could not have been on a more suitable topic, “Common Mistakes by ABA Practitioners and How to Avoid Them.” Although it would be difficult to summarize in a few words, one major point was that we, as behavior analysts, need to avoid formulaic approaches and adapt interventions to the circumstances. The other point I wish to make about Dr. Heward is that he generously donated his honorarium for the webinar to be used as an award for individuals pursuing behavioral research and/or projects on environmental sustainability. As he said, “Since resources are always scarce for newly established chapters, I’d rather you direct those precious dollars to advance

the work/impact of Atlantic Provinces Association for Behaviour Analysis. One possibility might be for APABA to fund an award to support research on sustainable practices/ environmentally friendly behavior change.” It is nice to report that we as a group decided to do just that, so we will be developing an award along these lines.

In order to advance the work of the association, we have established a number of standing committees: a communications committee, an awards committee, and an education committee. Our next general meeting is scheduled for June 20. We are working toward another webinar/workshop for that event. Recently, we applied to the Behavior Analyst Certification Board to become an approved continuing education provider, and that application was successful. We plan to host many opportunities for members to access continuing education opportunities, so this recognition is invaluable to us.

We see part of our role as stimulating understanding and awareness of ABA as a discipline that has tremendous potential to improve people’s lives. Ten years ago very few people in our region were aware of or knowledgeable about behavioral techniques. A lot has changed in 10 years, and today we can report that the development and advancement of our science has been robust, but still variable across the region. One measure of the level of interest in ABA is the number of people with BCBA certification at present. When we do a count, we see that New Brunswick has 12, Prince Edward Island has 4, Nova Scotia has 3, and Newfoundland has none. While these figures may change in the near future, they do serve as an indication of the variable development across the region and the clear need to expand training in the future. Nevertheless, the three Maritime Provinces are doing very well on a per capita basis when compared to most other provinces in Canada. Still, we clearly need to increase our numbers substantially.

However, another sign of broad-based regional support for ABA comes from recent developments in education. Many of our members have been involved in the development of an ABA-based online autism training curriculum that will be available to educators across the four provinces. The program has been developed in both English and French and is designed for resource teachers, classroom teachers, and educational assistants who work with students with autism. This development required agreement and collaboration among four provincial Departments of Education, and on April 2 of this year, the program will be officially launched. To date more than 1,000 people are signed up for training from around the Atlantic Provinces and a good representation from both language communities. The impact of this extensive ABA-based program on the educational systems in the four provinces is going to be enormous. In addition, we expect that it will have a major impact on the general public by increasing their awareness and appreciation of the value of ABA.

We are enthusiastic about the coming year and expanding our activities. We are also looking forward to collaborating with chapters from other Canadian provinces, and we arranged a meeting at the ABAI convention with some of these colleagues. We are grateful to both the Ontario and Québec chapters for the assistance they have provided to us. Lastly, we want to express our gratitude to the ABAI team, who are always so incredibly supportive and encouraging. It is indeed very reinforcing!

Australian Association for Cognitive Behaviour Therapy

BY NICOLE LEE

The major focus of the Australian Association for Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (AACBT) for 2015 is preparation for hosting the Eighth World Congress of Behavioural and Cognitive Therapies (WCBCT). It is with great pleasure that the AACBT invites all cognitive and behavioral therapists and researchers around the world to Melbourne for this congress, June 22–25, 2016.

The theme of the eighth WCBCT 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 (CBT). CBT is not owned by any single profession, and 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 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 also 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. Read more at www.wcbct2016.com.au.

In addition, we continue to host professional development activities for our members in the form of workshops, master classes, and “pub discussion” seminars (www.aacbt.org/eventscalendar). Members receive a generous discount on all our events and access to our journal *Behaviour Change* (www.aacbt.org/viewStory/MEMBERSHIP).

We are also pleased to announce the appointment of a new national president, Prof. Nicole Lee. Nicole is an associate professor at the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (nceta.flinders.edu.au) and director of the LeeJenn Group (www.leejenn.com.au). She specializes in substance use and mental health interventions research and translation of research to practice.

Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan

BY JAMES T. TODD

We are pleased to report the tremendous growth of behavior analysis in Michigan over the last year, and the many positive contributions of our members to the effective, ethical, and science-based treatment of problems associated with autism, traumatic brain injury, addiction, and other conditions—but also not forgetting the important work of those in organizational behavior management, behavioral medicine, education, behavioral research, university and college instruction, animal training, and other areas. A few years ago, there were about 80 BCBAs and BCaBAs in Michigan. Now there are more than 230. That number supplements the many behavior analysts already credentialed as master’s- and doctoral-level clinical psychologists and those working in other fields. We are indebted to Peter Holmes, Dennis Delprato, and others almost three decades ago for their efforts establishing behavior analysis as a respected and licensable clinical treatment specialty in Michigan, paving the way for our current success and the widespread benefits that arise from it.

The 29th Annual Convention of the Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan (BAAM) was an incredible success. It was held February 19–20, 2015, at the Student Center on the campus of Eastern Michigan University (EMU). We had more than 510 attendees braving record temperatures as low as -25F to attend. We believe that this year’s BAAM convention may hold the record for the coldest ABAI chapter meeting ever. Attendance was up by about 100 over 2014, which was up by about 100 from 2013. The 500-plus attendees came from more than two dozen universities and colleges, more than a dozen states, and two Canadian provinces. The rising attendance figure is even more impressive when we consider that the Michigan Autism Conference, offered in September by our friends at Western Michigan University, also attracts hundreds of attendees. One thing is clear: Michigan-area behavior analysts, including our international members just over the border in Canada, are second to none in their dedication.

In addition to the record attendance, BAAM had a record number of submissions, presentations, and posters—expanding the convention to five tracks over two days. Sessions had to be booked in the largest rooms available in the Student Center. We hope to expand the number of sessions again next year. A growing number of vendors displayed job opportunities, merchandise, and other offerings. We are especially grateful to Dick Malott and his students at Western Michigan University for their many fine poster presentations and enthusiastic participation.

Many local and regional agencies sent staff and

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administrators, reflecting the expansion of behavior analysis opportunities in the state. The growing participation of faculty and students from Central Michigan University, Michigan State University, and Oakland University did not go unnoticed. We were pleased to be able offer some space in our schedule and poster session to our friends in related areas of clinical and applied intervention. BAAM appreciates and recognizes the work of others who do good science-based empirical investigations of behavior.

BAAM scheduled all regular sessions in meeting rooms overlooking EMU's Lake House area. BAAM extends special thanks to the staff of the EMU Event Planning Office, especially Linda Moore; the Catering Department; and all the workers in the Student Center for their contributions to making the convention run smoothly. The support of the EMU Psychology Department, BAAM's sponsor, was again essential to our success. Special thanks go to the Psychology Department Head, Carol (Keti) R. Freedman-Doan. As always, the BAAM staff and volunteers, led by EMU students Caitlyn Sorensen, Aimee Moore, Ambreen Shahabuddin, Karla Maschalko, and Leanna Gonzales, did excellent work planning and managing the convention.

BAAM once again had two keynote addresses. The Thursday keynote, "Beyond the Black Box: Acquired Brain Injury and Behavior Analysis," was delivered by Harvey Jacobs. Jacobs's well-received presentation reminded behavior analysts of the high incidence of traumatic brain injury and the great value of behavior analysis in its effective treatment. Jacobs especially emphasized the importance of behavior analysts having good knowledge of neurology in designing behavioral programs. The effective coordination of our programming with that of speech pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and other clinical professionals is critical to quality outcomes.

The Friday keynote, "What You Don't Know May Hurt Someone," by Cathleen Piazza of the Munroe-Meyer Institute, addressed the historical importance of behavior analysis in understanding and resolving certain feeding disorders. She continued the theme of acquiring appropriate specialty expertise and training in addition to being good behavior analysts. Piazza reinforced Jacobs's message about the importance of teamwork among behavior analysts and other professionals in planning and implementing effective evidence-based treatments.

The many other convention sessions are too numerous to fully list. Here is just a sampling: "Selection by Consequences as a Causal Mode" by Jay Moore (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee); "Linguistic Recursion and Autoclitic of Order" by Robert J. Dlouhy (Western Michigan University); "Research on Identifying Verbal Units in the Context of Ongoing Conversation: Some Preliminary Data and Suggestions for Future Research"

by Robert G. Vreeland and Genae A. Hall (Behavior Analysis and Intervention Services and Behavior Analysis Center for Autism); "Are My Data Accurate? Improving Data Collection in Applied Behavior Analysis" by Josh Plavnick, Savana Bak, and Julie Thompson (Michigan State University); "A Comparison of Accurate and Inaccurate Performance Feedback on College Students Doing Data Entry Tasks" by Michael Palmer and Carl Johnson (Central Michigan University); "What Does That Have to Do With Me? How Philosophy and Practice Interact and Guide Radical Behaviorism" by Sean Field (Western Michigan University); "Promotion of Behavior Analytic Practice: Lessons on Sustainability in a Lower Middle Income Country" by Carmen Britton (University of Connecticut); "Self-Care Behaviors in Children With Severe Food Allergies" by Lauren Harrison, Sarah Rice, and Catherine C. Peterson (Eastern Michigan University); "Decreasing Repetitive Behaviors Through Increasing Self-Awareness in Children Diagnosed With Autism," a symposium organized by Rachel Ulrich (University Pediatricians Autism Center); "Behavior Analytic Assessment Measures: Methods to Our Madness," a symposium organized by Thomas J. Waltz (Eastern Michigan University); "Using Antecedent Strategies to Support Active Participation During Small Group Direct Instruction in Mathematics With Students With Autism Spectrum Disorder" by Julie Thompson (Michigan State University). A full copy of the 2015 convention schedule is available on the BAAM website.

In other developments, Western Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, and Central Michigan University were beneficiaries of large (\$500k–\$4 million) allocations of state funds for work in autism, especially for the expansion of training in behavior analysis. BAAM initiated a newly designed website in mid-2014, retaining much of the information from the aging 1990s-style site. The new site has modern HTML coding and back-end features, which should make for easier viewing on phones and smaller devices. This redesign took approximately a year, and the transition of information from the previous site to the new one is continuing. We had hoped to positively report on behavior analysis licensure in Michigan, which had passed the Michigan Senate 33–4. An accident of the calendar—the relevant House of Representatives committee was not scheduled to meet in time—prevented a House vote in the last days of the legislative session. We nevertheless deeply appreciate the work of Senator Rebekah Warren and her staff for getting a bill written and introduced, and to Wayne Fuqua of Western Michigan University, Colleen Allen of the Autism Alliance of Michigan, Kimberly Gaedeke of Michigan's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, our clinical psychologist friends, and many others for their advice, support, testimony, and other important contributions. We will try again in this new session.

BAAM will hold its 30th Annual Convention February

18–19, 2016, in the Student Center at EMU. 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 even greater attendance, and will add some new convention features to accommodate our growth. For more information, visit the BAAM website at www.baam.emich.edu.

Behaviour Analysis in Ireland

BY JENNIFER HOLLOWAY

Behavior Analysis in Ireland or the Division of Behavior Analysis (DBA), held its Eighth Annual Conference in the Sheraton Hotel in Athlone on April 4–5, 2014. With more than 160 people in attendance, it was one of the most successful and informative meetings to date. Last year's program provided delegates with a choice of workshops delivered by Prof. Doug Greer and Dr. Lori Greer (Columbia University, New York and CABAS), Prof. Robert Mellon (Panteion University, Athens, Greece), and Dr. Donny Newsome and Dr. Kendra Newsome. In addition, other presentations covered topics such as interventions for literacy and numeracy support using precision teaching, relational frame theory, and social skills interventions for children with high-functioning autism.

Students had the opportunity to present their work during the poster presentation session. The session is an informal opportunity for students to present their work in a supportive environment. Dr. Rita Honan and Dr. Ken Kerr presented a prize to Niamh Lyons (MSc in ABA, National University of Ireland, Galway; NUIG) for this year's best student poster presentation. Niamh's work focused on the use of technology to support young adults with intellectual disabilities to transition across work activities.

The conference closed with a panel discussion on the subject of the future of behavior analysis in Ireland. Dr. Denis O' Hora (NUIG) chaired the discussion and was joined by Dr. Jennifer Holloway (NUIG), Prof. Mellon, and Dr. Brian Roche (NUIM). Topics included the relationship between applied and basic research, new ideas for dissemination of behavior analysis, and the importance of maintaining the highest standard of intervention for consumers of ABA. The panel members noted the quality and diversity of research currently being conducted in Ireland.

On July 29, 2014, the DBA hosted Prof. Neville Blampied from New Zealand to present a workshop titled, "A Behavioural View of Sleep Through the Lifespan" at Trinity College, Dublin (TCD). The workshop was very well attended by behavior analysts from across Ireland. The workshop gave a unique perspective on the causal factors for sleep disturbances in neurotypical individuals, as well as evidence-based interventions for remediating sleep issues. CPD credits for BCBA's were available to those attending.

The DBA held a continuing education ethics and supervision workshop for practicing behavior analysts,

delivered by Dr. Rita Honan in November 2014. The two-day workshop meets the CEU requirements for BCBA continuing certification. Additionally, the DBA has launched a website to provide further information on the activities of the division as well as information on ABA: <https://behaviouranalysisinireland.wordpress.com/>.

Projects Underway

The test centers for the BCBA exam were recently closed in Ireland, resulting in Irish applicants being required to travel to the UK to take the BCBA exam. The DBA is actively engaged in correspondence with the BACB and its representatives to re-open the Dublin test center. The committee expects to hear a decision on the re-opening of the center in 2015.

There is growing demand for behavior analysis across public and private services supporting individuals with differential diagnoses in Ireland. There is currently no professional recognition for practicing behavior analysts in Ireland. The division has elected a subcommittee, including Dr. Jennifer Holloway (NUIG), Prof. Julian Leslie (University of Ulster), Dr. Maeve Bracken (TCD), Dr. Carol Murphy (NUIM), Dr. Olive Healy (TCD), and Dr. Kevin Tierney (TCD) to work on the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI) competencies framework for professional recognition of practicing behavior analysts within Ireland. The subcommittee completed and submitted the DBA framework document to the PSI in June 2013 and is preparing to work with the PSI to proceed further to ensure professional recognition of practicing behavior analysts in Ireland.

Upcoming Events

The DBA hosted its Ninth Annual Conference in Galway in April 2015. The DBA was delighted to have Prof. Brian Iwata, Prof. Peter Killeen, and Prof. Julian Leslie deliver workshops and keynote addresses at the conference. In addition, the DBA is also committed to running a number of other workshop events in Dublin to highlight the work of Irish behavior analysts, as well as offer students the opportunity to present their work in data-share events.

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 35th Annual Conference was held October 16 and 17, 2014. The BABAT conference, the nation's oldest regional behavior analysis conference, is the third largest

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behavior analysis conference in the United States (behind only the ABAA 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's conference was sold out, with more than 1,100 professionals in attendance. Highlights included keynote addresses by Gregory Hanley, Linda LeBlanc, Pat Friman, Wayne Fisher, and Gina Green, who was awarded the 10th Annual Murray Sidman Award for Enduring Contribution to Behavior Analysis. In addition, more than 25 other nationally known speakers presented invited addresses at the conference. In November 2014, a survey was emailed to 1,343 individuals, and 345 individuals responded. Overall, feedback regarding the conference was very positive.

Planning is well underway for the 36th Annual BABAT Conference, to be held October 14–16, 2015, at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. We plan to continue to offer opportunities to earn continuing education credits from the BACB and APA. For this coming year, for the first time, the conference is being expanded to three days in order to offer a day of scheduled workshops titled "The Behavior Analyst Master Series." Presenters of these advanced-topic workshops, offered for 3 to 6 hours each on Wednesday, October 15, include Brian Iwata, Charles Catania, Bill Ahearn, Greg Hanley, Mark Sundberg, Dennis Reid, Peter Gerhardt, and Darnell Lattal. Each workshop will be limited to 50 attendees, and complimentary dinner with the presenters will be provided.

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. Congratulations to our winners.

- Jacquelyn MacDonald (Western New England University; Bill Ahearn, advisor) was the winner of the Seventh Annual BABAT Student Paper Competition
- Megan Barber (Simmons College and New England Center for Children; Diana Parry-Cruwys, advisor) won the BABAT/B. F. Skinner Foundation Student Poster Award
- Kara Wunderlich (University of Florida; Tim Vollmer, advisor) was awarded the BABAT/B. F. Skinner Foundation Student Research Award

Legislative Activity

The final draft of the Massachusetts behavior analyst licensing regulations sailed through a final public hearing with strong support from the behavior analyst and consumer

advocate communities on December 1, 2014. The regulations had been in the drafting stage since then-Governor Patrick signed the licensing law in early 2013. In conjunction with the Division of Professional Licensure, a Behavior Analyst Task Force was formed and created the regulations by which the licensing law will be enacted and enforced.

Rep. John Scibak (D-South Hadley), who was subsequently appointed chair of the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, was the driving force behind the passage of the law. He shepherded the proposed licensing law through many revisions and, ultimately, to passage during informal sessions at the end of 2012. BABAT supported this course of action and worked to help steer positive change.

The New England Behavior Analyst

BABAT recently sent out its eighth 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 fourth annual BABAT social was held April 16, 2015. The event was an opportunity for New England behavior analysts to gather in an intimate setting to socialize, network, and receive updates on our field. It's also a fun night out with colleagues and local behavior analysts. BABAT members from more than 35 New England schools and agencies attended. BABAT also gave an update on current legislative efforts along with a brief review of the new licensure standards. Our invited speaker was Dr. Stuart Vyse from Connecticut College. He most recently authored *Going Broke: Why Americans Can't Hold On to Their Money* (Oxford, 2008).

Bermuda ABA

BY ERICA SMITH, EMMA MARTIN, THEA FURBERT, AND NATASHA PEDRO-PETTY

Applied behavior analysis (ABA) in Bermuda once again saw positive growth in 2014. Through the continued partnership with Tomorrow's Voices–Bermuda Autism Early Intervention Centre, ABA is growing little by little every year. When Tomorrow's Voices was established in 2007, the founders made a conscious decision to pick ABA, and more specifically verbal behavior (VB), 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.

In 2014, 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 seven years of existence, the clinical center has hired more than 30 staff and trained each and every one of them in the use of ABA/VB. The formation of the Bermuda Association for Behavior Analysis (BABA) in fall 2011 was due in part to the ongoing work by Tomorrow's Voices.

In 2014 the synergistic 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 workshops hosted parents, teachers, and allied health professionals:

- March 2014—Strategies for Encouraging Positive Behaviours
- March 2014—Let's Play: The Importance of Play in the Development of Children
- April 2014—Functions of Behavior
- 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?

In 2014, Tomorrow's Voices led the way with regards to growing the ABA profession in Bermuda. For instance, senior therapist and BABA member Ms. Emma Martin, BCBA, became eligible to supervise persons gaining their BCBA certification. Also, senior therapist and BABA member Ms. Natasha Pedro-Petty became eligible to sit for the BCBA exam. Additionally, there has been marked growth in interest in board certification, as currently there are two members in Bermuda studying to achieve this designation.

In order to influence public policy, Tomorrow's Voices and BABA members met with the Minister of Health, Seniors, and Environment in April and December 2014. These meetings facilitated discussions on the growing incidence of autism in Bermuda, the growing wait lists to access services, the lack of insurance coverage for ABA therapy, and the need for appropriate facilities to serve those with autism and developmental disabilities.

Continuing the partnership with Tomorrow's Voices, 2015 planned workshops and seminars will focus on the following topics:

- March 2015—Tomorrow's Voices: Who Are We?
- April 2015—In Touch With Autism: How Much Do You Really Know?
- June 2015—ABA: Autism and Beyond
- September 2015—Daily Living Skills: Moving Towards Independence
- November 2015—Skills Generalisation: What Does This Really Mean?

Our goal for 2015 is to sustain current membership levels 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.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of BABA or finding out more information should contact Erica Smith at 441-297-4342 or info@tomorrowsvoices.bm.

British Columbia ABA

BY SARA WHITE

The British Columbia Association for Behavior Analysis (BC-ABA) has finished another successful year. We had four positions up for election this year, all of which were contested. This is the first election we have held in which all of the positions have been contested. We distributed 152 ballots, and a total of 77 people, or 52%, of our membership (both full and student members) participated in voting.

Our organization also continues to be 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 seventh annual conference this year and were privileged to have Dr. Mary Jane Weiss as our keynote speaker. Dr. Weiss also presented a pre-conference workshop on ethics. We had 146 people attend the pre-conference workshop and 258 people attend the conference—our best attendance numbers to date. We also were able to offer continuing education credits at one other event offered in partnership with a local autism education agency. Additionally, we sponsored a two-day supervision workshop, presented by Guy Bruce, so that our members could fulfill the new BACB requirement for training in supervision.

BC-ABA has also been working to increase the benefits of membership beyond discounted conference rates and affordable continuing education offerings. Last year we were able to negotiate a contract to give our members access to the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*, *Behavior Analysis in Practice*, *The Behavior Analyst*, *The Analysis of Verbal Behavior*, and *The Psychological Record*.

Our membership and public relations committees have been working diligently to increase our exposure both by continued development of our website and 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. Additionally, our student representatives have organized a

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student alliance that consists of four representatives from local colleges and universities. They are working to organize student-specific events and have put together a resource of undergraduate and graduate programs in ABA and potential funding sources for current and potential students.

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 expand 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. We have worked with them to put together a joint proposal outlining the preliminary steps of regulation, which has been released to our membership, and we will be working with them to pursue regulation for behavior analysts with a goal timeline of late 2015 or early 2016. We have been successful in developing a positive working relationship with the college and look forward to continued collaboration.

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 D. WALLACE

The California Association for Behavior Analysis (CalABA) has 1,789 members to date. We just had a successful annual regional conference in sunny San Diego, CA, where we partnered with the OBM Network. We had a number of outstanding keynote addresses, a "Fight for Your Right to Practice" after-party, as well as a luncheon, awards ceremony, and B. F. Skinner auction. Needless to say it was a stimulating conference. We have rolled out our new website and encourage you to check it out (calaba.org). There, you can get updates on news and events, advocacy, resources for working with health insurers, and information regarding next year's conference. Here is our current board of directors:

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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) advising the PRC government on the systematic training of ABA to current therapists working in the ASD field, (b) initiating the process of developing a nationwide verbal behavior assessment, and (c) applying for governmental approval to accept CABA as one of the subdivisions of the China Association of Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons (CARD).

In 2015, we were very happy to have Professor Yan Qing Guo become our President of Honor. We also congratulated Ms. Miao Miao Cheung, who became the president of CABA. Ms. Cheung has graduated from the University of Hong Kong with master's degree in medical sciences (major in psychiatry). She has been working both in Hong Kong and Beijing as an ABA therapist and consultant for 11 years. Her focus is on early intervention of children with ASD, verbal behavior training, and assessment.

Ms. Cheung, Professor Mei Xiang Jia of Peking University, Ms. Jing Zhu (BCBA), and Ms. Dorothy Zhang (BCBA) wrote the first ABA training manual for CARD and had it published. CARD has started to use this training manual to provide introductory-level training for therapists working in the ASD field. This manual has

been used as a nationwide training material. The team also helped CARD to develop an online teaching and examination system. With this training system, teachers from anywhere in the country can first attend the online course, second attend a workshop held by qualified trainers, and then finally take the online exam. The qualified therapist will then be awarded a certificate issued by CARD, which has to be renewed every 2 years.

Professor Wei He Huang (BCBA), Dr. Dan Li, and their team have translated the VB-MAPP into Chinese. Both the manual and the protocol were published. Together with Ms. Cheung and Ms. Zhang, they were invited by CARD to hold several VB-MAPP nationwide trainings. They have also participated in the development of the VB-MAPP electronic assessment tool kit. With the extremely unbalanced demand and supply situation in China, an electronic assessment tool kit acts as a means to quickly train enough practitioners be able to correctly perform an assessment. An electronic version and results of the assessment and suggested education plan will be computer generated. This will help to simplify the work of practitioners so that they can handle more cases due to the vast demand.

In 2015–2016, 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 the quarterly newsletter, providing more workshops, and organizing the 2015 conference. The board of directors will review and renew the strategic plan for 2013–2016, aiming to provide high-quality and professional services to the Chinese public.

Colorado ABA

BY KARINA MIAO MIAO CHEUNG

The Colorado Association for Behavior Analysis (COABA) was founded as a nonprofit Colorado corporation in June 2014. It is both a chapter of ABAI and an affiliate of the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts. COABA's mission is to advance awareness about, the development of, and access to the science and practice of behavior analysis in the state of Colorado by:

- encouraging the understanding of behavior analysis in academic, research, and natural environments
- supporting the design and application of effective and evidence-based behavioral procedures to improve the quality of life of the citizens of Colorado
- serving as a professional reference group for those who identify themselves as scientists or practitioners in disciplines that embrace the principles and practices of behavior analysis
- informing political, legislative, and policy-making bodies with respect to all matters pertaining to behavior analysis.
- organizing colloquia, symposia, and workshops that shall serve as forums for the presentation of scientific and technological achievements, clinical practice, and

discussion of the affairs of the organization

- publishing and distributing behavior analysis information
- developing a culture to support ethical problem-solving and decision-making for scientists or practitioners in disciplines that embrace behavior analysis principles and practices

COABA held its first election of officers in October 2014 and its inaugural executive board is as follows: Jim Carr, president (2015–2016); Bridget McKenna, secretary (2015–2017); P. J. Self, treasurer (2015–2016); Dixie Eastridge, director (2015–2016); Christine Ratcliff, director (2015–2017); and Linda LeBlanc, director (2015).

COABA accepts members in three categories: full, affiliate, and student. There are currently 51 members of the organization (all full members). COABA's 2015 activities include efforts to grow membership, provide social networking opportunities for members, and provide continuing education through live workshops and webinars. More information about COABA can be found at www.coaba.org and www.facebook.com/groups/COABA.

Connecticut ABA

BY MARK J. PALMIERI AND ELIZABETH NULTY

The Connecticut Association for Behavior Analysis (CTABA) has enjoyed an exciting and productive year in its ongoing efforts to support the development and advancement of the field of behavior analysis within the state of Connecticut through research, education, and dissemination of information. This year CTABA has successfully hosted a variety of events for our community, including a fall workshop for practitioners and families, a series of supervisor training workshops, professional networking events, and our annual conference. This was the first year that CTABA hosted a professional networking event for practitioners around the state. It was held at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, Connecticut. The event was extremely well-attended and included invited speakers as well as ample time for small group discussions about work throughout Connecticut.

This year's conference was held in New Haven, and CTABA welcomed more than 375 participants. This was also the first year that our conference included a pre-conference workshop day. Two day-long workshops were available, and we are excited to report that this first extension of our conference activities was very successful. Shaunessy Egan, MSED, BCBA, gave a workshop titled "Understanding the Conceptual and Clinical Applications of Skinner's Verbal Behavior." The second workshop included two talks: "Supervising a Scope of Practice—What Should Behavior Analysts Be Able to Do?" by John Molteni, Ph.D., BCBA-D, and "Ethics: Historical Missteps, Current Practices, & Implications for the Future," by Sam Blanco, MSED, BCBA; Paul J. Mahoney, MA, BCBA; Lorraine F. Otte, MEd; and Michael Dorsey, Ph.D., BCBA. Our

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conference speakers included Cathleen Piazza, Alicia Alvero, Darlene Crone-Todd, Melissa Nosik, and Jorge Reyes. These individuals allowed for a diverse set of topics to be discussed and invigorated the conference's professional development activities. Our speakers hosted discussions on the treatment of feeding disorders, performance management, delayed discounting, updates from the BACB, and the treatment of sexual offenders. The 11th Annual Conference also welcomed our largest number of professional exhibitors and organizational members ever. As organizations throughout the state have expanded, offering increased access to ABA-based services to individuals across Connecticut, CTABA has worked progressively to engage these teams within our community.

CTABA has had an exceptionally busy year with respect to our public policy efforts. Our Legislative Committee wrote letters in support of the proposed changes to the private insurance mandate. The changes included increasing the age limit for ABA services for individuals with ASD, as well as removing spending caps for services. Another legislative effort included advocating for Connecticut's behavior analysts with regards to the Medicaid waiver to cover services for ASD, including ABA. CTABA wrote letters praising the state for its recognition that children with ASD are in need of these services; however, CTABA opposed the additional education requirements for BCBAs and BCaBAs (e.g., coursework outside of the scope of practice for behavior analysts and additional supervision requirements). Additionally, CTABA Executive Council members met with the DDS Commission regarding concerns with the Medicaid waiver. We are also proud that CTABA sponsored a bill to license behavior analysts in the state of Connecticut. Representatives from the CTABA Executive Council and CTABA members testified in March before the Public Health Committee. The licensure bill received a unanimous vote of support, and the bill is currently waiting for a hearing within the Connecticut Senate.

Delaware ABA

BY KAORI NEPO

In April 2014, the annual chapter meeting was held following a board meeting. The vice-president, Gary Alison, presented the plan of the election to the members in attendance and disseminated bylaws and information regarding the upcoming election to all members.

The election took place in May 2014. There were nine members nominated for seven positions: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, membership director, and two members at large. More than 50 members voted through a web-based survey, and the results were presented by the previous board members, Regan Root and Vince Winterling on June 25, 2014. The new board members are as follows.

- President: Kaori Nepo, MEd, BCBA
- Vice-President: Gary Alison, Ed.D.
- Membership Director: Marcie Brown, MA
- Secretary: Susan Pfadt, MEd, MA, BCaBA
- Members-at-Large: Kristin Villone, Ed.D., NCSP and Cathleen Alberts, MEd, BCBA

The first board meeting was held in September 2014 with the incoming and outgoing board members. Then, an additional meeting was held in March 2015. The board discussed (1) ways to reach out to non-members who might be interested in joining the chapter; (2) ways to promote the science, understanding, and practice of behavior analysis in Delaware and the eastern shore of Maryland; and (3) ways to improve the functioning of the board.

In order to recruit more members, the board created a Twitter account and updated its Facebook account. The board also presented a chapter poster at the ABAAI Expos in Chicago (2014) and San Antonio (2015). The chapter website was updated to provide our members information including upcoming chapter and ABAAI events, a link to the ABAAI website, a new membership form, and other related information. In addition, quarterly newsletters will be published in the coming year.

Delaware ABA is also committed to promoting the science, knowledge, and application of behavior analysis. In the previous fiscal year, the board agreed to become a BACB ACE provider—not only to offer members and non-members educational opportunities, but also to attract more members through workshops. Once the bi-annual/quarterly workshops are established, the chapter will should be able to hold an annual conference within 2 years.

The board also discussed how to improve its functioning. First, the election of a treasurer was scheduled in April 2015 in order to manage membership fees, workshop fees, and the cost of the BACB ACE provider application. The elected treasurer will lead the process of setting up the chapter bank account and membership fees. Second, the board modified the membership application form to address fees and collect additional information about members (e.g., interests and occupations). Third, the board will initiate changing the chapter status in the current fiscal year.

Additionally, the chapter collaborated with service providers and the Division of Developmental Disability Services of Delaware to modify the standardized trainings for direct care professionals. Furthermore, the chapter provided information regarding Delaware Senate Bill 21 and monitored service delivery under the bill.

Experimental Analysis of Behaviour Group

BY CARL HUGHES, AMY HULSON-JONES, REBECCA SHARP, AND SEAN O'NEILL

It is a great pleasure to report on the 2015 Experimental Analysis of Behaviour Group (EABG) conference. The meeting was held at University College London over 3 days (March 30–April 1, 2015). This year's meeting was a huge success, with more than 230 registrants. The quality of the presentations was extremely high, and presenters came from all backgrounds in behavior analysis. Presentations covered a range of areas: conceptual papers, basic research, applied research, and practice settings. An encouraging mix of academics, applied researchers, parents, and non-academics who work in the field as applied behavior analysts attended, many of whom had travelled internationally.

The behavior analysis community was saddened by the recent sudden and unexpected death of Professor Fergus Lowe. This year's conference was dedicated to him. Fergus had been active in behavior analysis, and he was one of the main drivers promoting behavior analysis in Europe for nearly five decades. Fergus started organizing the EABG meetings in 1978 and had supported both conference and chapter ever since. Many will be aware of the impact that Fergus had on behavior analysis in Europe and wider afield. His academic contributions spanned 50 years, and he published basic, theoretical, and applied research papers of the highest quality. He was also one of the founding members of the European Association for Behaviour Analysis. He will be greatly missed.

It was a great privilege to have Professor George Sugai present the first Professor Fergus Lowe Memorial Keynote Address. Professor Sugai (Neag School of Education at the University of Connecticut) did not disappoint and closed the last day of the conference with an informative and thought-provoking talk on school-wide positive behavior support.

We had a number of very distinguished invited addresses at this year's conference. We were very excited to welcome Professor David Gast from the University of Georgia, who delivered a great tutorial on single-case experimental designs. Dr. Maggie Hoerger from Bangor University closed the first day with a very illuminating and insightful talk on the standard provision of ABA in schools. Dr. Hoerger outlined some key messages for the field of ABA. One of the take-home messages was how we as behavior analysts can work within the existing systems and funding constraints.

Dr. Jennifer Austin (president) provided an update from the UK Society for Behaviour Analysis on behalf of the current panel members: Mecca Chiesa, Kate Grant, Suzy Yardley, Neil Martin, Richard May, Mandy Williams, Jane McCready, and Shelley Swain.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

This year's EABG meeting reflected the strong position that prevails in the UK and Europe in providing a large proportion of the CEUs for Board Certified Behavior Analysts for no additional charge. EABG 2015 offered 24 events, including symposia, invited addresses/tutorials, panel discussions, and workshops, accumulating a total of 47.5 CEUs. The number of CEUs being awarded to BCBA and BCaBA delegates this year exceeded the number awarded during EABG 2011 and EABG 2013 (see Figure 1 and Figure 2).

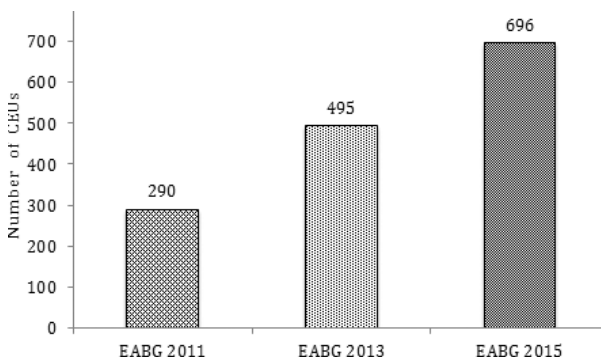


Figure 1. Comparison of total number of CEUs awarded at the 2011, 2013, and 2015 EABG conferences.

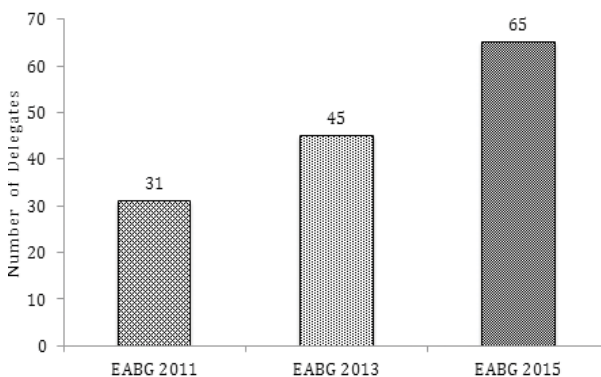


Figure 2. Comparison of total number of delegates collecting CEUs at the 2011, 2013, and 2015 EABG conferences.

The EABG team wishes to thank all the delegates and presenters who attended the 2015 conference and our invited speakers who delivered truly inspiring and thought-provoking talks. Special thanks are due to students from Bangor University, Wales who volunteered and worked hard to facilitate the smooth running of the conference. A huge thank you also must be given to John Draper and the support team at University College London for assisting and hosting the event yet again. If this increasing upward trend in attendance persists, we might need to consider looking for a larger conference venue!

The broad range of high quality behavior analytic research and training disseminated during EABG 2015 was an encouraging reflection of the strength and continued evolution of behavior analysis in Europe.

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Florida ABA

BY AMY POLICK

The 34th Annual Meeting of the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis (FABA) took place September 17–19, 2014 at the beautiful and luxurious Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs, FL. The conference was attended by nearly 1,000 members and featured 20 paper sessions, 27 symposia, 4 panel discussions, 10 IGNITE presentations, 12 pre- and post-conference workshops, 19 posters, 5 invited speakers, 1 keynote, and 11 special events/meetings. FABA's programming committee worked tirelessly during the months prior to the big event, and by all accounts the lineup was a huge hit. From Thursday morning's kickoff with the memorable and inspiring keynote address from the Lieutenant Governor of Michigan, Brian Calley, to the Friday afternoon expert panels, attendees had access to a wealth of information and education with each passing hour.

What was better was the constant "buzz" about the high quality of the presentations. Speakers traveled from all over the country and presented on an incredible variety of topics, all of which illustrated the diversity of ABA applications. Presentations included strategies for autism early intervention, behavioral safety, and athletic performance, to name a few. Moreover, FABA's invited speakers did a tremendous job discussing recent research in verbal behavior and autism (James Carr), vocational services for adult consumers (Dorothea Lerman), best practices for evaluating clinical interventions in autism (William Ahearn), advances in JABA (Timothy Vollmer), and issues related to ABA and public policy (Gina Green).

Also during this past year, 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 supporting a behavior analyst licensure bill in the legislature, which is focused on providing consumer protection with behavior analysis practice in Florida. Additionally, FABA continually monitors issues in the legislature related to funding and insurance coverage of ABA services, expansion of ABA services, and policies regarding restraint and seclusion in public schools.

Every year in Florida, the first week of September is proclaimed "Florida Behavior Analysis Week." Also happening this September is FABA's 35th Annual Meeting, which will take place at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort September 30–October 3. Exciting things are in store for FABA's 35th anniversary, including an incredible lineup of presenters. FABA's keynote address during this celebratory year will be given by Bridget Taylor, and invited presentations will be given by Vince Carbone, Pat Friman, Greg Hanley, and Mary Jane Weiss. A presidential

address will also be given by Amy Polick. Additionally, many other excellent speakers will address a wide range of topics, including effective and ethical professional practice, scientific research, developmental disabilities, autism, verbal behavior, education, parenting, organizational behavior management, and animal training and welfare.

FABA's annual meetings not only provide valuable education and information, but they also include important social events to enhance networking opportunities and make the conference more enjoyable for attendees. Some of the favorite events are speed networking, speed recruiting, poster bingo, roundtable lunch special interest group discussions, and book signings. Other popular social events include the well-known hospitality suite and the FABA social, which is a traditional big social gathering occurring during one of the evenings of the conference. FABA also has the benefit of holding meetings at some of the most beautiful beaches in the world, and members are encouraged to bring family members and significant others and use this conference as an opportunity to stay at the beach post-conference for some vacation time.

As always, the upcoming FABA conference will feature the FABA store, which includes a wide array of FABA gear (clever and cool behaviorally related clothing and gifts), office supplies, and books, as well as some special 35th anniversary items. To learn more about FABA and its upcoming conference (including access to the conference program), or to become a FABA member, please visit www.FABAWorld.org or contact executive director, Amy Polick, at polick@psy.fsu.edu or secretary/treasurer-media coordinator, Jon Bailey, at jonbailey1@mac.com.

Four Corners ABA

BY AMY KENZER

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 region (Utah, Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico). The chapter had another strong year of providing behavior analysts in the Four Corners region with an intellectual home. Andrew Gardner, Ph.D., BCBA-D (Northern Arizona University and Behavioral Consultation Services of Northern Arizona, BCSN, LLC) is the current president of 4CABA and organized our eighth annual conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico, April 11–12.

The eighth annual conference was held in the heart of Santa Fe—the historic downtown plaza, at the La Fonda on the Plaza Hotel, boasts a rich history of housing politicians, movie stars, and royal guests since it was built in 1922. Consistent with 4CABA's focus on balancing basic and applied research, we had a strong line-up of speakers from both areas. The conference was attended by more than 100 members, several exhibitors, and nine amazing presenters. This year's list of speakers included

David Wacker (University of Iowa Children's Hospital), Eric Jacobs (Southern Illinois University), Carla Lagorio (University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire), Caio Miguel (California State University, Sacramento), Ryan Brackney (Arizona State University), Leilani Feliciano (University of Colorado, Colorado Springs), John Borrero (University of Maryland, Baltimore County), and Jonathan Tarbox (Center for Autism and Related Disorders). Each year, we include a speaker from outside the field of behavior analysis to talk about behaviorally relevant subject matter—this year's speaker was David Dixon (University of New Mexico). Additionally, we give a Best Poster Award to a student based on the quality of his or her poster presentation. The competition takes place on the first night of our annual conference and award recipients receive a free membership and conference registration for next year's conference. Congratulations to this year's winners.

In our ongoing efforts to increase membership and let other behavior analysts know what we've been up to, 4CABA hosted an Expo booth at the 41st ABAI Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas. 4CABA also published our annual newsletter with relevant updates from around the Four Corners region.

Four Corners ABA is open to anyone 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 conference, where they are exposed to cutting-edge knowledge regarding behavior analysis and receive free CEUs! Take a look at our website for more information (www.4caba.org), and follow us on Facebook.

French ABA

BY LAURENT MADELAIN

In 2015, French ABA members continued to build on the momentum established in previous years. Because ABA is so underdeveloped in France, providing training for young applied behavior analysts is our most important mission. This is why we strongly support the international development of the University of Lille's master's program in experimental and applied behavior analysis in France. The University of Lille is the only French university hosting a research group studying experimental and applied behavior analysis. About 15 new students join the program every year, and although we are well aware that this figure is still much too small to fulfill the need for certified behavior analysts, we believe that this program is the key to the

future of behavior analysis in France. We continue to receive invaluable help from the behavior analysis program at West Virginia University and from the Universidade de Brasília. We believe that the opportunity to collaborate and share ideas with prominent members of the behavior analysis scientific worldwide community is key to providing students, professionals, and academics with the most updated theoretical and applied developments. To this end, members of French ABA presented (and will present) their research at several international behavior analysis meetings such as the European Association for Behavior Analysis convention in Stockholm, Sweden; the Society for the Society for the Quantitative Analyses of Behavior conference and the ABAI annual convention in San Antonio, USA; the Experimental Analysis of Behaviour Group conference in London, UK; or the ABAI international conference in Kyoto, Japan. We will also organize two symposia on ABA during the next meeting of the Société Française de Psychologie in Strasbourg this fall.

It is very important for us to have renowned behavior analysts from other parts of the world coming to meet with professionals, students, and academics in order to develop new collaborations and bring new perspectives on behavior analysis. This year we are looking forward to hosting Professor Ralph Miller, from Binghamton University, who obtained a prestigious Fulbright Fellowship to spend a sabbatical year with our research group in Lille.

Aside from our involvement in the academic development of ABA, we also pursue the task of organizing behavior analysis professionals and developing behavior analysis in France by supporting a network of local associations of parents and professionals devoted to providing help to individuals with autism. To this end, the chapter is developing a solid applied behavior analysis French network through formal scientific meetings and trainings.

Georgia ABA

BY NIC WEATHERLY

It was another exciting year for the Georgia Association for Behavior Analysis (GABA)! The 2014 conference took place November 7–8 and was extremely well received, with more than 100 online and in-person attendees. We were proud to have another round of great speakers this year covering a range of important topics, including Dr. Dennis Reid discussing training and supervision, Dr. Melissa Nosik discussing updates to the BACB, and Dr. Andy Lattal discussing the importance of conceptual issues in the practical application of behavior analysis. We also added a Student Showcase this year to give students an opportunity to present and receive feedback. The membership of GABA has maintained strong as the impact of behavioral services in Georgia continues to create demand for behavior analysts in the state. GABA has maintained its

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role as an active leader in the Georgia public policy arena, continuing to support efforts related to autism insurance reform and working hard with organizations such as the Behavior Analyst Certification Board and the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts to help disseminate the science and protect the rights of behavior analysts in Georgia. The state has made great strides in the area of insurance reform, and GABA leadership continues to stay on top of regulatory issues facing behavior analysts. We recently incorporated so are in the process of restructuring our organization in accordance with this change, bringing in new committees and new individuals into GABA leadership. We're always keeping busy and have a number of efforts currently in the works, so we're all looking forward to another productive year!

Hawai'i ABA

BY AMANDA N. KELLY

It has been a whirlwind of a year here in Hawai'i! In 2014, the Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis (HABA) hosted several well-attended talks with experts in the field of behavior analysis, presenting on an array of diverse topics (e.g., supervision, legislation, restraint prevention, organizational management, etc.). Speakers for our continuing education events in 2014 included Dr. Jim Carr (BACB), Lorri Unumb (Autism Speaks), and Dr. David Lennox (QBS, Inc.).

This past fall, HABA was honored to celebrate our 10th annual conference with Dr. Julie Vargas (B. F. Skinner Foundation) as our esteemed keynote. Our conference was our biggest event on record (more than 100 attendees), attracting local speakers as well as presenters and attendees from across the globe: Dr. Susan Ainsleigh (Bay Path College, MA), Mary Rose Gaw (Queens University, UK), Isaac Bermudez (CA), and Thea Davis (NH).

It's amazing the difference a year can make, especially in regards to legislation. In a matter of moments, the entire political landscape can change, sometimes favorably. This year, we fought tirelessly for autism insurance reform and licensure for behavior analysts. We are prepared for a long journey ahead still, yet we remain appreciative of how far we have come together. HABA is especially grateful to the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB), the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts (APBA), and Autism Speaks for providing ongoing support, training, resources, and guidance for political endeavors in the state. HABA would also like to send many "mahalos" (thanks) to everyone who came together in support of the Hawai'i autism insurance reform with the #malamaourkeiki social media campaign! With your support, we showed the world that when it comes to protecting and caring for our children ("malama" our "keiki"), we stand united!

HABA maintained momentum from last year by jumping immediately into action in 2015. With the new year came new ideas. This year, HABA has added two new positions: neighbor island representative (Dr. Johanna Taylor) and parent representative (Kriste Draper). We have seen several positive changes since creating these positions and our student representative position remains open. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and proof of enrollment to vicepresident@Hawai'iaba.org.

There are several organizations that provide support for children in Hawai'i. This year, HABA has made a concentrated effort to reach out to these entities in attempts to collaborate on community initiatives. While collaboration takes careful coordination, we are extremely pleased to report progress in this area. Already this year, we have partnered with multiple stakeholders to sponsor several community events: Autism Town Hall Meeting, Parent Perspectives Panel, and Hawai'i Walk for Autism. Thanks to a partnership with the Center for Autism and Related Disorders and the Institute for Behavioral Training, HABA is able to offer free access to online behavioral training for parents in Hawai'i. Parents who would otherwise not be able to access applied behavior analysis services can now do so free of charge.

Stay tuned in for activity updates for the remainder of the year! We have several amazing events and speakers lined up for the second half of 2015! This year HABA will be hosting a 2-day conference, September 4–5, which will be held at the East-West Center in Honolulu. Our call for proposals ended in late May, and poster submissions were accepted until June 30. With keynote presenters Drs. Jim Carr and Dick Malott, it is surely an event you will not want to miss!

Heartland ABA

BY KATHRYN PETERSON

The Heartland Association for Behavior Analysis (HLABA) held its ninth annual conference March 5–7, 2015, in Omaha, Nebraska. We were honored to recruit Dr. Barbara Esch to conduct a full-day pre-conference workshop, "Challenges and Solutions Regarding Speech and Language Evaluation and Programming." The workshop was attended by individuals from a variety of fields and from surrounding states. We also had several invited conference presenters, including Dr. David Wacker, who presented "Conducting In-Home Functional Analysis and Functional Communication Training via Telehealth," Dr. Nicole Gravina, who presented "A Behavioral Approach for Impacting Safety and Leadership in Business," and Dr. Sean Casey, who presented "Clarifying Ambiguous Functional Analysis Results Using Concurrent Operants Arrangements."

We received seven submissions for paper addresses. Presenters included Ashley Lugo, "What Is Pre-Session Pairing? Developing a Procedure to Reflect Clinical Recommendations"; John Lamphere, "Using Behavioral Skills Training and Visual Performance Feedback to Train

Staff on Implementation of Pre-Session Pairing”; Paige McArdle, “Effects of Pre-Session Pairing on Child Behavior and Preference for Alternative Therapeutic Conditions”; Todd Owen, “Evaluating Efficacy and Child Preference for Treatments for Problem Behavior Maintained by Negative Reinforcement”; Victoria Smith, “Teaching Manding for Help as a Conditional Discrimination”; Andresa DeSouza, “Use of a Pause Procedure to Teach Appropriate Echoic Responding Following the Instruction ‘Say’”; and Mychal Machado, “Refinements in the Assessment of Divergent Multiple Control.” We also received one submission for a panel discussion, “Furthering the Practice of Applied Behavior Analysis in Nebraska: A Discussion on Legislative Issues and Future Directions,” which was chaired by Dr. Steven Taylor. For the seventh year in a row, we hosted a poster session and competition on Thursday, March 5. Many students, faculty, and professionals from the surrounding states were in attendance. We had 10 research poster submissions and four expo poster submissions. Finally, HLABA conducted a post-conference workshop on Saturday, March 7. We invited Dr. Steven Taylor, “The New BCBA Ethics Code: What Do You Need to Know?”

We offered a poster presentation award, to contribute financial support to a student attending the annual ABAI convention. The winning poster was titled, “Comparing the Efficiency of Error Correction Procedures and Children’s Preference for a Particular Procedure,” presented by Brittany LeBlanc, who is currently a master’s student at the University of Wisconsin. We had three recipients for the Heartland Association for Behavior Analysis Award for Excellence for their contributions to the field of applied behavior analysis in the Heartland. These recipients were Dr. Valerie Volkert, Dr. Mark Shriver, and Dr. Lisa Kelly-Vance. We welcomed 52 pre-conference attendees, 129 conference attendees during the speaker line-up on Friday, and 38 post-conference attendees, which were about the same numbers as previous years.

Our 10th annual conference will be March 3–4, 2016 in Omaha, Nebraska. We are in the process of identifying prominent behavior analysts in the field to present and conduct workshops at our next conference.

The 2015–2016 HLABA executive board includes Kathryn Peterson (past-president), Amber Paden (president), William Higgins (vice-president), Steven Taylor (secretary-treasurer), Jennifer Brock (representative-at-large), Amanda Zangrillo (representative-at-large), and Victoria Smith (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 Dr. Ashley Lugo, Dr. Patrick Romani, Jennifer Brock, and Dr. Brett Kuhn.

Hong Kong ABA

BY EMILY KWAN

The Hong Kong Association for Behavior Analysis (HKABA) is delighted to see the growth of board certified behavior analysts (BCBAs) and board certified assistant behavior analysts (BCaBAs) in Hong Kong over the past year. Four years ago, we only had a few BCBA-Ds, BCBAs, and BCaBAs in total. Since then, more certified behavior analysts have come or returned to Hong Kong from overseas. Meanwhile, more native behavior analysts pursued their certification. As of April 2015, we have 2 BCBA-Ds, 27 BCBAs, and 6 BCaBAs who are practicing ABA in this little land. Through their dedication and professionalism, more individuals and families have encountered ABA practice and have gained an increasing understanding of what ABA is.

Furthering our dedication to professional development, we must mention that HKABA has been offering three cohorts of BCBA and BCaBA courses. In the past, the classes were delivered in one of the international schools in Hong Kong that generously allowed us to use their space. Recently, we have been approved and supported by Hong Kong Polytechnic University to deliver our classes in their facility. This is very exciting, and we are looking forward to working along with the university to expand our enrollment and bring out the science and knowledge of ABA through the platform of the university!

Last summer, we also had the pleasure of hosting a workshop on the topic of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) given by Dr. Rebecca Dogan. Dr. Dogan received her formal education and training in the United States and relocated back to Asia following graduate school. She has a Ph.D. in behavioral psychology and is a credentialed practitioner who conducts behavioral assessments and is qualified to design and supervise behavior analytic interventions. In the workshop, Dr. Dogan delivered the content with the group of behavioral practitioners interactively. She covered the diagnostic criteria of ADHD, some common misconceptions, and some evidence-based approaches, and she brought up a few case studies for a lengthy discussion with the group. All the participants enjoyed the workshop and rated Dr. Dogan highly in their feedback.

We are excited about all the movements that we have made in the field. In coming years, HKABA 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.

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Hoosier ABA

BY ANN BALOSKI

The Hoosier Association for Behavior Analysis (HABA) is the Indiana affiliated chapter of ABAI. The mission of HABA is to facilitate humane, ethical, and effective behavioral practices in academic, research, home, school, clinic, community, and other settings. To this end, HABA works to establish community partnerships, inform policy makers, and support best practice of behavior analysis throughout Indiana.

In the past year, HABA has had a growing presence with community advocates, government agencies, and policy makers through the activities of the executive board and sub-committee members.

The executive board meets monthly and HABA holds quarterly membership meetings with continuing education opportunities and organizes an annual conference.

The 2014 conference, “ABA in the Real World,” was a huge success. It was held in beautiful downtown Indianapolis, with internationally recognized presenters and fun social activities. HABA intends to repeat this success with its 2015 annual conference October 23–24, “Behavioral Pediatrics: Research to Practice.” 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. Save the date—we hope to see you there.

Icelandic ABA

BY BÁRA KOLBRÚN GYLFAÐÓTTIR

The Icelandic Association for Behavior Analysis (ICEABA) continues to promote the development of behavior analysis as a basic and applied science in Iceland and introduce the applications of behavior analysis to professionals and students alike.

We are a small and growing association of 40 members, about half of whom live abroad. Part of the association’s purpose is to introduce the different behavior analysis master’s and doctoral programs available to Icelandic students. Applied behavior analysis has a longstanding and well-established footing at the University of Iceland and more recently at the University of Reykjavík. Most students opt to do postgraduate or cand.psych research in Iceland. Traditionally, Icelandic students have completed their graduate studies in applied behavior analysis abroad, such as in the US, UK, and Norway. Right now, seven students are studying abroad. The options for Icelandic students have recently expanded as Reykjavík University now offers an MSc program for 20 students each year in clinical psychology with a BACB-approved course sequence in applied behavior analysis.

The association places emphasis on informal meetings where members can share information on research and work in the field. We find this very important for the vitality of our group. Our regular coffeehouse meetings are popular and continue throughout the year. Our email list has also been a great resource for lively discussions, and these continue with verve both on our email list and on our Facebook page.

In September 2014, we celebrated the association’s 10-year anniversary. Since the establishment of our organization, we have grown in numbers and ambition. Our first conference was held in 2009, and we now aspire to hold a conference every other year with smaller events, like workshops, in between.

In April 2015, Dr. Einar Ingvarsson gave a workshop on teaching intraverbal behavior to children with autism and other developmental disorders. The workshop was successful and well attended by professionals and students in the field.

We have started organizing our fourth conference, expected to take place in the fall of 2016. The conference theme will be behavioral problems in children and teens. This is a hot topic in Iceland these days, since behavioral problems, such as violent behavior in both preschool and elementary school, have gained more media attention.

The official language of Iceland is Icelandic, a North Germanic language. It is spoken only by the 320,000 people of Iceland. Icelandic behavior analysts and students often run into problems when trying to talk about behavior analysis in Icelandic. Because of this, ICEABA nominated four of its members—G. Adda Ragnarsdóttir, Ingi Jón Hauksson, Kristján Guðmundsson, and Þorlákur Karlsson—to translate and coordinate professional behavior analytic terms from English to Icelandic. We now expect to publish this work within the next year.

The members of ICEABA are excited for the future. We aim to continue working on promoting the science of behavior in Iceland and being a professional reference group for scientists and practitioners in the field of behavior analysis.

Illinois ABA

BY AUTUMN MCKEEL

The Illinois Association for Behavior Analysis (IL-ABA) is a state organization whose purpose is to promote behavior analysis, primarily through an annual convention. IL-ABA is the state chapter affiliate of ABAI. The goals of the organization include encouraging collaboration among behavior analysts, fostering relations between practices and universities, and creating a licensing bill for behavior analysts in Illinois.

The fourth annual convention was held in Springfield, Illinois, April 9–10, 2015. Speakers included a variety of professionals from university professors to practitioners and educational leaders in behavior analysis. The agenda included a pre-convention workshop, poster session, and eight symposia of relevant speakers who discussed current

faculty research agendas, practice agendas, and student research agendas for Illinois. As in past conventions, 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 research agenda discussed student opportunities during and after graduating from behavior analysis programs in the state. In addition, a presentation regarding ethical considerations was added. An annual business meeting addressed organization progress and proposed changes. During the April 2014 business meeting, board members voted to separate the membership and registration dues, and this has been reflected in the costs of the latest convention.

During the April 2014 annual convention, a sub-committee was developed to pursue the development of a licensing bill in Illinois. Over the past year, the committee of five members has been diligently writing and revising a licensing bill, working closely with national figures who are knowledgeable in this area, as well as working with state legislators to make progress. In addition to continuing the development of the licensing bill, IL-ABA would like to encourage student research involvement in Illinois. One way this has been addressed is by the addition of the poster session at the annual convention.

Future conventions will maintain a single-track structure that will emphasize science and practice within the state. This organization will serve as a connection and collaborator among behavior analysts across the state to continue effective strategies based on research. Also, by connecting university professionals, students, and practitioners, it will build foundations for contacts, resource management, research opportunities, and experience for students across the state. The IL-ABA annual convention will allow students, practitioners, and researchers to become heard, voice their concerns, and discuss ethical guidelines in practice. One of the major objectives of IL-ABA continues to be the establishment of a licensing bill for Illinois.

IL-ABA members are contacted through mass email via the chapter email account, Behavior Analyst Certification Board contact lists, ABAI, the IL-ABA Facebook page, and updates on www.ilaba.org. An annual meeting will continue to be held during the ABAI convention.

Iowa ABA

BY TODD KNEALING

The Iowa Association for Behavior Analysis (Iowa ABA) annual members' meeting was held November 7, 2014, in Des Moines, Iowa, in conjunction with the second annual conference. New officers, Abby Dierks, James Prickett, and Corey Stocco were elected as members of the board

of directors. Lisa Daniel, Maria Valdovinos, and Todd Knealing were respectively elected as secretary-treasurer, president-elect, and president.

Conference presenters addressed varied interests of the 89 attendees. Dr. Patrick Friman (Boys Town and the University of Nebraska School of Medicine) presented "Walden III for Troubled and Traumatized Out-of-Home Teenagers." Dr. Jonathan Baker (Rehabilitation Institute, Southern Illinois University) presented "The Assessment and Treatment of Aging Related Challenging Behavior, and Beyond: Planning for Program Survival Through Staff Training, Treatment Integrity Assessment, and System Design." Dr. Kendra Morrison (University of North Texas) presented "Developing Meaningful and Efficient Data Collection Systems for Individuals With Autism." An "Overview of the Iowa Autism Support Program" was discussed by Laura Larkin (Iowa Department of Human Services).

Monetary support for the conference was provided by local, state, and regional organizations with an interest in behavior analysis. As a result of the conference, membership numbers were maintained at a high level, allowing the organization to continue to plan for future opportunities for its members.

Iowa ABA continues to be actively involved in ABAI through member and board participation during the annual convention. The board conducts open meetings on the second Thursday of each quarter and invites interested members to participate in meetings and on committees. The publications committee produced excellent work, maintained the organization website, and updated social media. 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 third annual conference is currently being planned and will be held in West Des Moines on November 6, 2015.

Israel ABA

BY EITAN ELDAR, MICHAL HIRSCHMANN, AND EINAV COHEN

IABA was established in 2003, held its first conference shortly afterward, and has been offering a yearly conference and workshops ever since. IABA is growing consistently, reaching more than 160 members. All of the IABA members actively support ABA in various academic and clinical fields, and hundreds of professionals participate in IABA's activities every year.

More than 200 students are studying yearly in two approved BACB programs. This figure is growing dramatically and consistently, indicating a substantial need and interest among educators, clinicians, and decision makers. These programs are offered at Tel-Aviv University, led by Prof. Amos Rolider (BCBA-D), and at Kibbutzim College, led by Dr. Eitan Eldar (BCBA-D).

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IABA has published the Hebrew version of ABA ethical principles, and a Hebrew glossary of ABA terms. The BACB task list has been translated too, in cooperation with the BACB. A committee of experts representing IABA and the Association for Certified Behavior Analysts (MENTA) has completed the translation of the BACB exams to Hebrew. The exams are now offered in Israel, in its native language. A few textbooks have been published in Hebrew, written by several Israeli scholars. Notably, most of the students who have graduated from the above-mentioned programs were employed in a variety of educational and clinical agencies in Israel. Some are already holding key positions in the education system and in other organizations. The Ministry of Education has appointed a nationwide ABA advisor, and gradually, regional advisors will take the lead in their areas. This is an important development, showing the growing interest of educators in our field. On the same note, the Ministry of Health has issued regulations defining the role of behavior analysts in their special education institutions, while allocating specific ABA hours to the curriculum.

A new initiative by IABA encourages minorities to join the ABA professional community. IABA is supporting the dissemination of ABA among Israeli Arabs, and has invited a representative of the religious sector (Charedic) to join the board of directors. IABA goals are to:

- promote ABA as a leading science in human behavior
- gain Ministries of Health and Education recognition for the discipline as a distinct and unique profession
- have more members and friends join IABA
- publish an ABA newsletter/journal in Hebrew
- establish additional approved ABA programs in universities and initiate the first full ABA graduate program
- promote experimental and applied ABA research in Israel
- strengthen our ties with the BACB and ABAAI, and encourage more Israelis to take part in their activities
- join forces with the Israeli Certified Behavior Analysts Organization

IABA maintains a website (www.iabaonline.com), a Facebook site, and a yearly newsletter in Hebrew sharing ABA projects and theoretical papers. A recent issue was devoted to ethical issues and to regulations related to ABA in the education system.

The 2015 IABA conference dealt with issues relating to the new regulations published by the Ministry of Education regarding behavior challenges in the education system. More than 150 professionals, researchers, and educators participated. The highlight of the yearly conference has been the roundtable sessions—enabling participants to discuss topics of their interest. A unique keynote lecture was offered jointly by a lawyer and an ABA professor analyzing legal issues in school and clinical settings.

Jordanian ABA

BY MAHMOUD SHEYAB

The mission/objectives of Jordanian ABA (Jor-ABA) are to allow for communication among behavior analysts and others interested in behavior analysis in Jordan and MENA countries; to advance the science of behavior analysis, disseminate and encourage its application for changing socially relevant behaviors, advocating ethical practices, and providing leadership in the practice of the science in diverse fields like education, developmental disabilities, autism, mental health, organizational behavior management, and research; and to contribute to the well-being of society by developing, enhancing, and supporting the growth and vitality of the science of behavior analysis in Jordan and the region through research, education, and practice.

Description of Membership

There are about 40 members right now; all have MS degrees in applied behavior analysis. The majority are graduates of the Behavior Health Analysis Master's Program at the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) from 2007–2012.

Newsletters/Publications

Members of Jor-ABA are working to develop a website and newsletter, and the first newsletter will appear on January 1, 2016. One publication was already published by the president in 2014:

- Sheyab, M., Pritchard, J., & Malady, M. (2014). An extension of the effects of praising positive qualifying autoclitics on the frequency of reading. *The Analysis of Verbal Behavior*, 30, 2

Specifically of Interest to Behavior Analysts

The chapter is made up of graduates of the first graduate training in behavior analysis in the Arabic-speaking MENA countries. Current officers are president, Mahmoud Sheyab, MS, RN, MSN, first BCBA from Jordan and vice-president, Fakhriah Nemrawi,

The second Jor-ABA conference, “Current and Future Responsibility of Jor-ABA” will be held in Amman, Jordan, August 10–14, 2015. You can learn more about the chapter on the web (www.abainternational.org/constituents/chapters/non-usa-chapters.aspx), Facebook (www.facebook.com/pages/Jordanian-Applied-Behavior-Analysis-JABA/398669340150349), or by contacting Mahmoud Sheyab (mms.org@hotmail.com).

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, Jessica Foster. The council is assisted by a secretary, Jessica Foster, and a treasurer, Linda Heitzman-Powell. In addition, KansABA has a Legislative Affairs Committee chaired by Nan Perrin and enlisting legislative liaison Kelley Harrison, a Membership Committee chaired by Jill Koertner, a Website Committee chaired by Jason Hirst, a BACB Certification Committee chaired by Linda Heitzman-Powell and Jill Koertner, and a Professional Development Committee chaired by Tyler Re.

Membership

KansABA has membership categories for Full members—members who meet the requirements for full membership in ABAI (\$50 membership fee), Affiliate members—citizens of the State of Kansas and Kansas City metropolitan area who express an interest in behavior analysis in Kansas (\$40), Adjunct Members—citizens in other states and countries who express an interest in behavior analysis in Kansas (\$30), and Student members—students who meet the requirements for student membership in ABAI (\$20). Membership includes registration at the annual KansABA conference, which includes admission to the conference's Career and Education Fair, snacks and beverages throughout the conference, lunch, and an evening reception. The membership year is from conference to conference.

Conference

Holding an annual conference was our main activity this year, as it is every year. Unlike most affiliate conferences, though, ours normally do not include 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 but one out-of-state speaker, usually an alumnus of the Department of Applied Behavior Science at the University of Kansas. This year, however, the program was different.

In 2014, the State of Kansas passed "An ACT concerning insurance, providing coverage of autism spectrum disorder, required licensure of persons providing applied behavior analysis" (Bill 2744). It was 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 in

Kansas. The devil, of course, is in the details (e.g., rules, regulations, best practices, certification, licensure). This year's conference, "Professional, Legal, and Practice Issues in Behavior Analysis," addressed these topics. We invited three notable outside speakers:

- Gina Green (Executive Director, Association for Professional Behavior Analysts), "Public Policies on the Practice of ABA: Status and Lessons Learned"
- James E. Carr (Chief Executive Officer, Behavior Analyst Certification Board), "An Update on the Behavior Analyst Certification Board"
- Mike Wasmer (Autism Speaks), "Update on Legislative Action in Kansas"

In addition, we had three panel sessions, whose presenters spoke briefly on more specific issues and then opened a dialogue with audience members. One session was on Kansas and Missouri school district perspectives on providing behavior analytic services (e.g., referrals, staffing, services, and transitions). Another was on parent and guardian perspectives on obtaining behavior analytic services (e.g., quality, insurance). The final panel consisted of the invited speakers who addressed these issues, as well as issues raised in their own presentations.

The conference also included a morning business meeting, a noon Career and Education Fair, and an evening reception. The fair was for for-profit service providers (e.g., in autism, developmental disabilities) and nonprofit agencies (e.g., state, county) seeking to hire staff, as well as educational programs that train students in behavior analysis (e.g., University of Kansas). Also, KansABA gave its 2015 KansABA Award for Distinguished Contributions to Behavior Analysis in Kansas to Barbara C. Etzel. Kenda Morrison presided. Continuing education units were available through the Behavior Analysis Certification Board. We also prepared certificates of attendance. Attendance was about 100.

KansABA Website

Our Website Committee chair, Jason Hirst, updated our website again this year. Please visit us at www.Kansaba.org.

Initiatives in 2013–2014

KansABA undertook three initiatives last year. The first was to increase our membership. Because KansABA's main activity has been our conference, independent of membership, conference registrants were rarely KansABA members. This year, conference registration included KansABA membership (and KansABA membership included conference registration). As a result our membership grew from about 10 to 75 members. The second initiative was to include a Career and Education Fair at the conference. This included a half-dozen providers,

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agencies, and educational institutions. All the conference registrants could attend the fair, as well as non-registrant “guests” of KansABA.

Plans for 2014–2015

In addition to hosting another conference, our plans for 2014–2015 include expanding the scope of our website and pursuing Internal Revenue Service tax-exempt status. In addition, our newly founded Professional Development Committee—Tyler Re, chair—will develop a colloquium series in the Kansas City metropolitan area that addresses topics in behavior analysis.

Kentucky ABA

BY BRANDON M. FRANKLIN

It was an exciting year for the Kentucky Association for Behavior Analysis (KYABA) under the leadership of our president, Jason Simmons. We had the privilege of offering a workshop series for the community. The 2-day workshop in September featured Patrick C. Friman, Ph.D., ABPP, who delivered two talks on the first day called “Behavior Analysis in the Mainstream of Everyday Life” and “Tell Me a Story: Colloquial Vignettes for Teaching Select Behavior Analytic Concepts to Non-Behavior Analysts.” He partnered with William L. Heward, Ed.D., BCBA-D, who presented “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 was filled by Gregory Hanley, Ph.D., BCBA-D, who conducted morning and afternoon sessions called “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.” These presentations each offered six CEUs, and the series was a fantastic way to end our year as it drew in more than 135 registrants per day.

In September/October of 2015 we will look to conduct another workshop at Spalding University in downtown Louisville, KY. Details about that event are forthcoming and will be available at <http://kentuckyaba.org>.

Between workshops, our executive committee and members were hard at work disseminating behavior analysis and KYABA to the folks of Kentucky and surrounding states. The committee 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 2015: In addition to attending the ABAA convention in San Antonio, we had

our local executive member and chapter president, Stephen Foreman, present at the event during the leadership workshop, explaining licensure in Kentucky. KYABA was represented well at the ABAA convention in San Antonio, with many members attending our annual open meeting in addition to three of our board members attending the leadership workshop.

For more information about KYABA or to register for our September workshop, please go to <http://kentuckyaba.org>.

Korean ABA

BY YUNHEE SHIN

Hyo-shin Lee, a professor at Daegu University, was elected president of the Korean Association for Behavior Analysis (KorABA) in May 2014. KorABA working with the Korean government on license certification for behavior analysts. Currently, the Korean government is trying to create a system of diagnosis and high-quality educational/welfare services for persons with disabilities. KorABA and The Korean Association of Child and Adolescent Behavior Therapy chapters will collaborate on co-hosting a conference and developing future initiatives for the field in Korea.

The chapter holds two conferences every year; activities include professional training programs. The first conference this year took place in May 2015 at Seoul National University. We’d like to hold an international conference in the future to collaborate and share with other countries the ABA approach to treating persons with disabilities.

We also publish four issues of the *Journal of Emotional & Behavioral Disorders* each year. KorABA has various annual and recurring activities and grants a Behavior Therapist Certificate to individuals who complete a 2-year training course and pass the certification examination. The training, designed primarily for new professionals, includes on-line and on-site programs in ABA theories.

Newsletters/Publications

We have published a quarterly journal that has been ranked for 20 years by the Ministry of Education as one of the best publications in Korea. *Journal of Emotional & Behavioral Disorders* is printed in Korean and targets the education and general welfare of children and youth with emotional and/or behavioral disorders. The 2015 (volume 30) release dates for *Journal of Emotional & Behavioral Disorders* are March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31.

Conferences

KorABA’s Annual Spring Conference took place on May, 30, 2015. Dates have not yet been determined for the 2015 Annual Autumn Conference.

Professional Training

Upcoming professional trainings led by KorABA will include our Summer Program, “Assessment, Diagnosis

and Evaluation for individuals With EBD,” to be held during July and August. Our winter program, “Abnormal Behaviors and Psychology,” will take place in December 2015 and January 2016. Additionally, KorABA offers several online trainings: “Assessment, Diagnosis and Evaluation for individuals with EBD”; “Abnormal Behaviors and Psychology”; “Intervention for Individuals With EBD”; and “Applied Behavior Analysis on PBS.”

Membership

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

- enrolled in an applied behavior analysis and interventions for individuals with emotional, behavioral, or learning disabilities 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 AND SANG-MIN HAN

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

With more than 600 current members, KACBT consists mainly of academics, including professors and undergraduate students, but its membership is also open to practitioners, special education teachers, and behavior analysts. Supporting members with practicum placement, KACBT has many officially affiliated institutions and partners. In February 2014, four newly affiliated institutions were added to this list.

KACBT holds many events, including annual conferences, biannual workshops, and periodic seminars. In 2014, these events welcomed college professors, students, practitioners, parents of disabled children, and special education teachers:

- February 2014: Invited presentation for Hankyoreh Newspaper, “Ten-Minute Guide to Knowledge and Empathy” (Jung-Yeon Cho)
- March 2014: The 15th Seminar on Behavior Analysis, “Establishing the Concept of Behavior Therapy Measurement, Assessment, Implementation, and Supervision” (Jung-Yeon Cho); “Observation and Data Collection of Target Behavior” (Sam-Sung Kang)
- May 2014: Invited presentation, “Theory and Practice of Brief Counseling—The Parent Consultation Utilizing Question Method” (Ok-Kyoung Kim)
- August 2014: Workshop for the Dreamstart Branch Center in Namhae Province, “Enhancing Competency

in Professionalism for Social Welfare Officers and Building an Integrated Support System by Networking Among Organizations”

- September 2014: Case Conference, “Access to and Use of Public Facilities and Services by Handicapped Persons”
- November 2014: The 2014 Spring Conference by the Korea Society for Emotional & Behavioral Disorders, Keynote Presentation (Sonoyama Shigeki); “The Effects of School-Wide Positive Behavior Support in a Special School on Academic Engagement Behavior, Problem Behaviors, and Individualized Education Goal Attainment of Students With Disabilities” (Young-Ran Kim, Ji-Yeon Park)
- November 2014: Invited presentation, “Autism and ABA” (Sang-Min Han)
- December 2014: The 16th Behavior Analysis Workshop, “Ethics for Practitioners” (Jung-Yeon Cho); “Acceptance and Commitment Therapy” (Hye-Myung Joo)

In addition, KACBT has many local supervisors, all of whom were credentialed by KACBT for supervision. KACBT organizes training programs for practitioners and students on the assessment and diagnosis of developmental disabilities, evidence-based practices for behavior analysis and intervention, functional behavioral assessment and implementation of tactics, evaluation of interventions, and presentations of case studies and seminars. The case conferences are held four times a year, where students and practitioners share research with in-situ supervision.

KACBT supports several research groups from many regions in the country (Seoul, Pusan, Taegu, and Kwangju) 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, KACBT supported four training workshops and seminars by the research groups.

KACBT continued the partnership with the Ministry of Health and Welfare, and in 2014, the training coursework for the behavioral rehabilitation intervention by KACBT were approved by the ministry and were included in the nationwide Special Rehabilitation Support Services.

For more information about KACBT, please visit the website at www.kacbt.or.kr.

Lone Star ABA

BY GERALD E. HARRIS

Lone Star Applied Behavior Analysts (LSABA) was established in 2009 to provide community support for professionals and students in the field of applied behavior analysis (ABA). Houston-area members include practitioners as well as educators, and those who work in either the public or private sectors. While a majority of the members are involved in the application of ABA to children with autism, LSABA recognizes and supports those

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professionals who show the utility of ABA in application to a wide variety of populations and problems.

The regular LSABA meetings continue as an excellent forum to inform practitioners of ABA-related news, events, and issues. At the beginning of each meeting, different committee chairs or members present specific information on current issues, followed by a discussion of local relevance.

In the past year we have improved accommodations for the professionals around Houston by alternating a north and a south meeting throughout the year. Houston covers a large area, and traffic can be difficult. By having meetings that are in a more convenient location, we have more people attending, even from the outlying communities.

Legal issues related to the practice of ABA are of course forefront in professional minds. The LSABA Legal Committee is devoted to monitoring, informing, and (where appropriate) influencing local laws and regulations concerning the practice of ABA. LSABA monitors new or evolving laws and regulations affecting the practice of ABA in the Houston area. LSABA members are informed about opportunities to voice their opinions and concerns to governmental individuals and agencies enacting and implementing those laws and regulations. Information is also given to providers and the community on the practical impact of legislative actions. This past year, LSABA has voiced positions on several ongoing Texas legislative and regulatory issues, including definitions of ABA providers for public assistance programs and licensing of ABA providers.

Many local ABA practitioners are particularly interested in third-party insurance issues related to ABA treatment for children with autism. LSABA works with insurance companies as they develop their systems to accommodate ABA services, informing and shaping the evolution of reasonable payments for quality services. LSABA has also provided information to ABA providers to assist them in complying with and benefiting from the new third-party payment systems.

Each LSABA meeting includes a continuing education component, with BACB-approved CEU credits. Current ABA research articles are selected and presented and discussed in depth. The mix of practitioner and scholar viewpoints involved typically results in a very informative, lively, and interesting educational experience.

An important goal of LSABA is to inform and support the use of ABA in the Houston area. To that end we work closely with the Houston Families for Early Autism Treatment (FEAT). An LSABA representative attends and participates in FEAT board meetings in order to facilitate communication between the two groups and help coordinate local ABA support activities. Such activities include LSABA BCBA's providing regular, full-day ABA workshops for the community. The ABCs of ABA workshops provide a basic foundation in ABA for parents, teachers, and others;

the 123s of ABA provide more detailed information about specific ABA applications. This past year LSABA conducted six full-day workshops for the community. These were well attended and feedback was very positive.

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

LSABA continues to be very appreciative of support and recognition from the state chapter, TxABA, and works cooperatively with them to further the goals of ABA professionals. There is a good system of information exchange in place, and LSABA and its members individually participate in and assist with TxABA activities and events, such as the annual TxABA convention.

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

Overall, for a still young organization, about 6 years old, LSABA appears to have a good foundation and a good track record of accomplishments. LSABA is certainly blessed with having dedicated and caring members, and excellent support from the ABA professional establishment.

Louisiana BAA

BY JANICE HUBER

Mission and History

The Louisiana Behavior Analysis Association (LaBAA) is a nonprofit organization that promotes ABAA'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 2012 as a 501c(4) and became the ABAA-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 composed of a president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. Current officers are Grant Gautreaux, Ph.D., BCBA-D, president; Melissa Raymond, MA, BCBA, vice-president; Kakie Fontenot, MEd, BCBA, treasurer; and Janice Huber, MA, BCBA, secretary. The LaBAA Board of Directors is composed of regional representatives from

across the state, a parent representative, and a student representative. Current regional representatives are Chad Favre, MS, BCBA; Katie Jenkins, MEd, BCBA; Kelly Spears, MS, CCC-SLP, BCBA; Scott Williamson, MA, BCBA; and Justin Daigle, MA, BCBA. Lydie Neumann 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.

In March 2015, the voting membership amended the bylaws to include a proxy voting procedure for board members and amended the officer positions of the Executive Committee. Effective in 2016, the Executive Committee will consist of a president, past-president, president-elect, treasurer, and secretary.

Membership

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

- Professional representation—LaBAA is committed to protecting the interests of LaBAA 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 in 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 150 members at the time of writing. Member meetings were held in November 2014 in Baton Rouge and in May 2015 at the ABAI convention in San Antonio.

Committees

The 2014–2015 Membership Committee is chaired by Kelly Spears. 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. LaBAA membership is included as an option in conference registration. At the 2014 conference, membership reached 200 members.

The 2014–2015 Fundraising Committee is chaired by Kacie Fontenot and Janice Huber. The committee conducted raffles and sold items at the 2014 conference.

The 2014–2015 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 2014–2015 chair is Kacie Fontenot. The LaBAA website is host to employment ads, service providers, the ongoing t-shirt fundraiser, and news and updates regarding behavior analytic events.

The Legislative Committee, chaired by Grant Gautreaux 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. In August 2014, Governor Jindal signed Act 481, a law revising Act 351's wording regarding student exemptions. LaBAA leadership submitted to the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board suggested language, which was incorporated into the law. 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 2014 Conference Committee, chaired by Katie Jenkins, organized the Second Annual Gulf Coast ABA Conference in November 2014 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. More than 150 people attended the 3-day conference. Presenters and attendees from across the United States and from multiple countries took part in workshops conducted by Grant Gautreaux and Rich Mancil, BCBA-D; symposia; a poster event; a social; and a keynote address by the director of education at the Jigsaw School, Emma Hawkins, MSc, BA (Hon), PGCE, BCBA, CABAS ABA. The 2015 Conference Committee is co-chaired by Katie Jenkins and Daniel NoackLeSage, MA, BCBA.

Manitoba ABA

BY ASHLEY BORIS

The Manitoba Association for Behaviour Analysis (MABA) is proud to be in its 10th year as an affiliated chapter of ABAI. During our ninth year, several objectives were met, including offering CEU events for BCBAs and BCBA-Ds, successfully publishing two newsletters, developing a brochure for distribution to the general public to promote behavior analysis, organizing our First Cutting Edge Research Event and our Second Annual Student Poster Competition, hosting our Third Volunteer Appreciation Night and our Ninth Annual Conference, and holding our Annual General Meeting. To promote MABA as an affiliated chapter of ABAI, we presented an Expo poster and attended the leadership training session during the 2014 ABAI Annual Convention in Chicago, IL.

This past year, MABA formally established its advisory committee to review licensing and certification options for behavior analysts in our province. Discussions are underway, and our goal is for certification and licensing to be an option for behavior analysts who have received their

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degrees from a distance education ABA program or who have degrees in applicable fields other than psychology. The advisory committee has also begun the process of advocating for additional faculty positions in the ABA area at the University of Manitoba.

In October 2014, MABA was successful in partnering with the Department of Psychology at the University of Manitoba to host Dr. James E. Carr (CEO, BACB) for a Psychology Department Colloquium. Dr. Carr was also the keynote speaker at our Ninth Annual Conference and delivered two presentations, titled “An Update on the Behavior Analyst Certification Board” and “Understudied Intervention Procedures in the Early Behavioural Treatment of Autism.” The conference also featured a presentation by our invited speaker, Dr. Patricia Furer (St. Boniface General Hospital, University of Manitoba) on maximizing the effectiveness of behavioral approaches in the treatment of anxiety disorders, a roundtable discussion with Dr. Carr and a panel of clinicians on the topic of working effectively with other disciplines, and presentations from students in applied behavior analysis on a variety of research and application topics.

We are already looking forward to our 10th Annual Conference, to be held Thursday, October 15, 2015 at the University of Manitoba. The conference will feature presentations by our keynote speaker, Dr. Gina Green, Ph.D., BCBA-D (executive director, APBA); two invited speakers, Dr. Adrienne Leslie-Toogood, Ph.D. (University of Manitoba, Canadian Sport Centre Manitoba) and Dr. Gregg Tkachuk, Ph.D. (University of Manitoba, Pan Am Clinic); and a number of other students, researchers, and practitioners. MABA's 2015 conference will be a milestone event as we celebrate the 10-year anniversary of our organization.

MABA became a continuing education (CE) provider in late 2013, and in 2014 we organized several events that offered affordable CEs to our BCBA and BCBA-D members. Notably, we partnered with the St. Amant Research Centre to present our first Cutting Edge Research Event. The event featured presentations by graduate students of the ABA Program at the University of Manitoba who are conducting research projects at St. Amant. In 2015, we plan to host a workshop in partnership with St. Amant that will offer CEs to our members.

MABA also hosted its Second Annual 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. Dickie Yu, and Dr. Toby Martin, evaluated the posters and presentations to select our graduate and undergraduate winners. We had a great turnout of students and ABA faculty partaking in the presentations and ensuing discussions.

In pursuit of our mission to disseminate information on behavior analysis, MABA participated in the Manitoba Psychological Society's annual psychology month event in February 2014. We sponsored a presentation on behavioral strategies to improve children's sleep habits. The general public was welcomed to attend, and there was an excellent turnout of parents and ABA practitioners. Additionally, we sponsored an information booth at St. Amant to promote behavior analysis.

In May 2015, MABA attended the ABAI annual convention in San Antonio, TX, and presented a poster at the Expo. We greatly enjoyed participating in the affiliated chapter leadership training session and also had the opportunity to meet with fellow Canadian chapter board members to share suggestions and ideas.

Our key objectives for 2015 include developing a user-friendly website that is bilingual (English/French); advocating for additional ABA faculty at the University of Manitoba; exploring licensing and registration options for behavior analysts in Manitoba; increasing our membership through various recruitment initiatives; providing a variety of presentations for the general public on matters relating to behavior analysis; 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 10th Annual Conference.

Maryland ABA

BY CARRIE S. W. BORRERO

The Maryland Association for Behavior Analysis (MDABA) continues to grow and support behavior analysts in Maryland. Our organization is dedicated to the dissemination of behavior analysis, both basic and applied, to all of our members. MDABA held its annual conference November 21, 2014, in Baltimore, MD. We were fortunate to have Aubrey Daniels (Aubrey Daniels International), Chris Newland (Auburn University), Derek Reed (University of Kansas), Amy Odum (Utah State University), and Louis Hagopian (Kennedy Krieger Institute) present to more than 300 MDABA members on various topics including delay discounting, behavioral economics and indoor tanning addiction, and the delineation of subtypes of self-injurious behavior. In addition, we were fortunate to have two students present invited talks showcasing data from their graduate studies (Jessica Becraft, University of Maryland, Baltimore County and Eliana Pizarro, University of Maryland, Baltimore County). Nearly 20 posters were presented by staff and students from organizations in the Mid-Atlantic region including Bancroft, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Kennedy Krieger Institute, and The May Institute. In addition, Lynn Bowman and Samantha Hardesty presented a supervisory training workshop. Jennifer Zarcone assumed the role of

president, as Christine Accardo was elected president-elect. Meagan Gregory was elected member-at-large, along with continuing member-at-large John Borrero, and Anthony Concepcion was elected student representative. We thank our outgoing board members: Ethan Long, Sigg Siggurdson, Daniel Clark, Iser DeLeon, and the previous co-directors SungWoo Kahng and Lisa Toole, for their years of service to MDABA. Plans are currently underway for the 18th annual meeting of MDABA. We are pleased to share that Jim Carr (Behavior Analyst Certification Board), Iser DeLeon (University of Florida), Mark Lewis (University of Florida), Michael Perone (West Virginia University), and Timothy Vollmer (University of Florida) will be speaking at our upcoming conference on December 11, 2015 in Baltimore, MD. Jim Carr will be presenting a pre-conference workshop on December 10, 2015, and we will continue to have our Annual MDABA Student Paper Symposium, open to all students studying behavior analysis, as well as a poster session during the conference. Our 2015 conference will be held at the Hilton Baltimore. For more information about our upcoming conference, please go to our new website, www.mdaba.org. Finally, we are pleased to share that representatives from MDABA successfully worked with the state legislature to approve the licensing of behavior analysts in Maryland. The Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee (BAAC) has worked closely with the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to develop the application for licensure and to disseminate information to behavior analysts in Maryland. Members of the BAAC include John Borrero, Lynn Bowman, Erin Camp, Erin Schaller, and James Wade.

Massachusetts ABA

BY ROBERT ROSS

The Massachusetts Association for Applied Behavior Analysis (MassABA) was established in 2010 to support practicing behavior analysts in the commonwealth. Massachusetts has the highest per capita concentration of Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) in the United States, with more than 12 land-based university programs with approved BACB course sequences. The leadership of MassABA has focused on providing increased professional development opportunities, legislative advocacy, and dissemination of information/resources relevant to the practice of behavior analysis. Over the past several years, MassABA has worked across the behavioral community to development community partnerships, promote the field, and educate others about the exceptional work conducted by behavior analysts. Some important accomplishments are described below.

Autism Insurance Funding

In 2011, the Act Relative to Insurance Coverage for Autism Services (ARICA) passed. Our board members spent countless hours working with our membership, legislators,

Autism Speaks, and other advocacy organizations, which resulted in a landmark law with neither age nor dollar caps. ARICA is arguably the best autism treatment mandate law in the country. The implementation of ARICA required significant work with insurance companies, state regulators, and the behavioral community. This effort is ongoing, and MassABA has established a fairly effective relationship with the oversight and regulatory entities to help shape and mold policies related to coverage by informing the insurance community about who we are and what we do. MassABA continues to educate the insurance community to adequately understand behavioral practices and increase consumer access to quality evidence-based treatment.

Medicaid Coverage for ABA Services

While the ARICA bill was a great accomplishment, the children and families who access health care through the state Medicaid program were not covered. Immediately after the passage of ARICA, MassABA's legislative committee staff went to work to address this problem. After significant effort, a bill to rectify this disparity and bring services to this underserved population was enacted and is currently awaiting implementation (slated to occur in early 2015).

Licensing of Behavior Analysts

Last year, after a multi-year effort, the state enacted a licensing law that will bring oversight and consumer protection to consumers of behavior analysis services. The governor at the time, Deval Patrick, signed the behavior analysts licensing bill into law. This bill was supported by both major behavior analysis organizations in the state and was a landmark of collaboration by behavior analysts for the betterment of our field. MassABA was instrumental in working with key legislators, university program representatives, advocacy groups, and other stakeholders to ensure that high standards of qualification (based upon the BACB's requirements) were adhered to as a condition of licensure. The regulations to implement this law have been completed, and it is ready for implementation. MassABA has been preparing to disseminate the information and support behavior analysts within the state to obtain and complete licensing applications.

Annual Conference

Thanks to the explosive growth of behavior analysis and the high quality of previous conferences, MassABA was forced to move its annual conference from Bentley University in Waltham, MA to Marlboro, MA this year. The Bentley site could accommodate only 500 attendees. After 2 years at maximum capacity, we made the decision to move to the Best Western in Marlboro as it has the capacity to accommodate up to 700 attendees. The conference keynote speakers for this year include the following people:

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- Dr. Carl Hart is the author of *High Hopes* and an expert in the area of drug addiction research. He has challenged the validity of many of the common perceptions regarding drug addiction and treatment.
- Dr. Mark Dixon presented, “Getting Control of America’s Gambling Addiction,” which is particularly timely as Massachusetts prepares to legalize gambling this year.
- Dr. Susan Schneider’s talk was titled, “Operant Principles Everywhere: Interdisciplinary Behavior Analysis and the Future of Our Field.”

Additionally, more than 20 other local and national practitioners and researchers led workshops and symposia. This conference also included a poster session featuring the work of individuals and agencies within Massachusetts.

Active Committees

MassABA has a number of very active and effective committees whose efforts continue to make a big difference for behavior analysts in Massachusetts:

- The Legislative Committee works tirelessly to stay abreast of all developments in the legislature that could impact the practice of behavior analysis in Massachusetts. They give of their time and resources to ensure that our field is represented and protected. This committee is chaired by John Randall.
- The University Programs Committee is a standing committee that meets to coordinate on issues of concern for Massachusetts’s many university programs offering BABC Approved Course Sequences and the commonwealth’s two ABAI-accredited behavior analysis programs, and to ensure that their perspectives are considered in legislative and training initiatives. This collaboration was vital during the attempts to pass the state licensing law. This committee is co-chaired by Dr. Joe Vedora and Dr. Jeff Skowron.
- The Conference Committee is mostly to thank for the tremendous success of the MassABA conference—a highly anticipated annual event for many in the state. This success is largely a function of the work of a dedicated core of individuals, chaired by Dr. Steve Woolf.
- The Continuing Education Committee works to identify critical training and professional development needs across the commonwealth and then arrange for CE events. Last year the committee worked to ensure that trainings that met the BACB supervision requirements and ethics requirements were available to members. Surveys were also sent to MassABA members to help identify training needs across the commonwealth. This committee is chaired by Dr. Robert Ross.

MassABA will continue to look forward and work to support the development of our profession in the commonwealth of Massachusetts. We recognize the importance of strong collaboration with ABAI and other entities that wish to unite and strengthen the applied practice of behavior analysis and believe that this is essential to our field.

Mid-American ABA

BY CARLA LAGORIO

The Mid-American Association for Behavior Analysis (MAABA) is a regional affiliated chapter of ABAI. MAABA is a membership organization devoted to promoting scholarly interchange in behavior analysis through its annual conference. The annual conference 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 15th Annual Mid-American Association for Behavior Analysis Conference was held October 30–November 1 in St Louis, MO at the Hampton Inn-Gateway Arch. More than 160 people attended the conference, which featured an outstanding speaker lineup. The 2014 MAABA president, Jonathan Baker (Southern Illinois University Carbondale), began the conference with opening remarks. Next, speaker SungWoo Kahng (University of Missouri) gave the first symposium, “The Lost Art of Classroom-Based Group Contingency Research.” This was followed by Chris Riley-Tillman (University of Missouri), who presented a symposium titled, “Direct Behavior Ratings: The New Emerging Alternative.” Mark Dixon (Southern Illinois University Carbondale) then gave a presentation titled, “Scaling Up: Evidence Behind the Practice of the PEAK Relational Training System for Children.” Closing out the morning was Len Green (Washington University in St. Louis) who gave a talk called, “Self-Control as Choice Behavior: The Behavioral Economics of Impulsivity.”

The afternoon began with Doug Johnson (Western Michigan University), who presented, “Motivation and Feedback: Teasing Apart Some of the Most Important Variables in Organizational Behavior Management,” which was followed by Eric Jacobs (Southern Illinois University), whose talk was titled, “Progressive Ratio Schedules on Token Reinforcement and Mathematical Principles of Reinforcement.” Closing out our Friday session were Maria Valdovinos (Drake University), who presented a symposium called, “Are Changes in Psychotropic Medication Regimens Associated With Changes in Functional Assessment Outcomes?” and Andrey Anokhin (Washington University School of Medicine) who gave a talk titled, “The Genetics of Delay Discounting.” These presentations were succeeded by the first of two winners of our Forrest J. Files Student Research Award, Amy Harper (University of Kansas). Amy’s talk was titled, “Preference and Reinforcer Effects of Different Types of Attention in Young Children.” MAABA

then held an open business meeting, and the day ended with poster presentations by students and faculty. This year's conference featured 45 posters representing work conducted at 11 different institutions. The 2014 MAABA conference also included the second 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 this event annually.

The second day of the conference began with the second winner of our Forrest J. Files Student Research Award, Jason Hirst (University of Kansas). Jason's paper was titled, "Effects of Varying Feedback Accuracy During Skill Acquisition in Laboratory and Analogue Settings." This was followed by a symposium by Matthew Broadhead (Purdue University) titled, "Strategies for Using Behavioral Systems to Promote Ethical and Professional Behavior." Val Farmer-Dougan (Illinois State University) next provided her talk, "Do Deaf Dogs Act 'Deaf': Assessing Behavior in Hearing and Visually Impaired Dogs." During the final part of the day, Jolene Sy (University of Maryland, Baltimore County) presented a symposium titled, "Acquisition and Maintenance Under Imperfect Contingencies: Work in a 'Messy' Environment." Finally, Michael Amlung (University of Missouri) presented, "Examining Dynamic Influences on Motivation for Alcohol via Behavioral Economics."

We are looking forward to the 2015 conference, to be held October 15–17 in downtown Kansas City, MO at the historic Hotel Phillips. The conference will again include addresses on both basic and applied behavior analytic research and theory. Registration fees for the conference include MAABA membership and are \$20 for students and \$60 for faculty and professionals. CEUs are available for \$10 each, and we will offer approximately 10 over the 1.5 days of talks. Students and faculty are encouraged to present posters on their research or theoretical efforts. In addition, one or two students are annually given the Forrest J. Files Student Research Award to help offset travel costs.

The current president of MAABA is Derek Reed (University of Kansas), and the president-elect is Carla Lagorio (University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire). More information about MAABA, the annual conference, student awards, registration information, and joining our email list can be found on the website, www.midamericanaba.com, or by contacting the operations coordinator, Carla Lagorio, at lagorich@uwec.edu.

Minnesota Northland ABA

BY MATT NEWQUIST

Greetings from the Minnesota Northland Association for Behavior Analysis (MNABA)! We enjoyed a 2014 that brought continued membership growth as applied behavior analysis grew increasingly recognized as an important resource in communities across Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota and as MNABA participated in efforts

to get the autism insurance mandate implemented. We welcomed three new faces to the executive council: Icha Arief (St. Cloud State University) as the student liaison, Julie Ackerlund-Brandt (St. Cloud State University) as conference chair, and Ashley Warling-Spiegel (Successful Life Project–MN Department of Human Services). We also said goodbye to long-term board members Tim Moore and Sara Roberts as they stepped down from their roles on the board to let newer board members carry the torch. We appreciate all they have done for MNABA!

In 2014, MNABA—led by our legislative liaison, Eric Larsson (Lovaas Institute For Early Education–Midwest)—continued to work at the capitol in support of implementation of the autism insurance mandate that will include funding for ABA-based therapy. We also provided comment to the Minnesota Department of Human Services on their proposed *Positive Supports and Services Rule*. As part of this comment we shared our *Standards of Practice for Applied Behavior Analysis in Minnesota* (available at www.mnaba.org) to assist those evaluating the rule. We will continue to work to expand the opportunity for behavior analysts to practice in the region.

Student membership in MNABA is significant, and so has been the work of our MNABA student liaison over the last year. The fourth annual MNABA data blitz was a great success, with excellent student presenters from St. Cloud State and the University of Minnesota. We had originally scheduled the event earlier in the year; however, we ended up rescheduling later to allow more students to attend. We are glad we did as we had great presentations!

MNABA's Executive Council liaisons have continued to work diligently, connecting with their communities for speaking engagements about ABA with community organizations and county human services departments, as well as commenting on public policy. 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 2014 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 the VB-MAPP, led by Mark Sundberg, was one of our best attended workshops to date and was followed by a spirited networking social later that evening. On Friday, conference goers attended stimulating presentations on a variety of topics, from Mark Sundberg ("The Role of Play in ABA Programs: Analysis, Assessment, and Intervention"), Bethany Raiff ("Using Technology to Overcome Barriers to Delivering Behavioral Interventions for Healthy Behavior"), Kevin Filter ("PBIS in Minnesota Schools: Working

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Toward Tier Three”), Ben Witts (“Why Understanding Theory and Philosophy Will Make You a Better Practitioner”), Eric Larsson (“The Purpose and Outcomes Found in Comprehensive Multi-Modal Evaluation of Intensive Early Intervention Behavior Therapy”), Amy Gross and Carrie Brower-Breitwieser (“Behavior Analysis in Non-Traditional Settings: How to Collaborate and Disseminate Behavior Analysis to Patients, Families, and Colleagues Within a Medical Environment”), Tara Bertone and Lisa Barsness (“ABA and SLP Collaboration: A Team Approach to Building Functional Communication in Children With Autism”), Jon Sargeant (“The Self-Employed Behavior Analyst—An Entrepreneurial Perspective”), and Stacy Coleman Symons (“Ethics and Values Part II: ‘Tending and Befriending’ Our BACB Guidelines and APA Code”).

We are very much looking forward to our MNABA 2015 conference scheduled for September 24–25, 2015. Please check www.mnaba.org soon for details on registration and presenters—we would love to see you in Minnesota!

Missouri ABA

BY JOHN M. GUERCIO

The Missouri Association for Behavior Analysis (MOABA) continues to offer extensive supports to its members related to the advancement of behavior analytic services across the state. The year has seen the departure of two key board members who provided a number of contributions to the organization in the years that they served. We would like to acknowledge Dr. Adam Hahs and Dr. Michele Williams for their tireless service to MOABA, and we wish them well in all of their endeavors. We just hosted our 11th annual conference with their help. The conference was a great success.

Statewide members of MOABA were treated to a great conference this year with a set of well-rounded topics that addressed both philosophical and clinical areas that our members may encounter on a day-to-day basis. Updates were also provided related to some of the new guidelines as they pertain to supervision and the continuing education opportunities that will be required in this area, in addition to ethics training that had already been required. MOABA has maintained extensive advocacy toward offering the training opportunities and continuing education that its members need in order to be evidence-based providers of quality behavior analysis services in Missouri. This year’s conference also included an 8-hour training on supervision as required for those serving in a supervisory role after January of 2015. Updates related to the Behavior Analyst Advisory Board were also provided. The licensing board continues to oversee the licensing of qualified behavior analysts in the state and mete out disciplinary action as needed. The process in Missouri continues to be a model for other states.

Montana ABA

BY WILLIAM CALDERHEAD

The Montana Association for Behavior Analysis (MT ABA) was founded in 2013 to support students and professionals in the field of behavior analysis through education, research, and practice. It gained tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(6) organization in 2014 and established a Facebook page to keep its 19 members informed of developments in the field. The page also advertised the chapter’s 2015 Autism Conference focused on verbal behavior to educators, parents, and autism providers across the state. The conference featured Mary Lynch Barbera, author of *The Verbal Behavior Approach*, and Mark L. Sundberg, author of the *Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment and Placement Program (VB-MAPP)* and co-author of the original *ABLLS* and the book *Teaching Language to Children with Autism or Other Developmental Disabilities*, and offered 12 free Type 2 CE credits.

Michelle Garcia Winner, founder of Social Thinking, was the keynote speaker at the 2014 Autism Conference attended by more than 600 people. She introduced her audience to the Informal Dynamic Social Thinking Assessment, an instrument for measuring social thinking and related skills of school-aged children and adults with communication difficulties, and trained participants in social behavior mapping—a way of distinguishing “expected” from “unexpected” behaviors.

MT ABA members lobbied state legislators on behalf of bills to expand Medicaid coverage of autism services in 2015. The Medicaid Children’s Autism Waiver, in existence since 2009, provided autism training, respite, and ABA treatment yearly for approximately 55 children ages 1–4, but the legislature considered expanding Medicaid coverage for early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT). This would allow provision of ABA services to eligible youth through age 20 under the EPSDT child health criteria. Montana’s Department of Public Health and Human Services estimated that as many as 1,200 persons with autism might be eligible under EPSDT. Another bill called for the provision of ABA treatment under the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), specifying that ABA services “must be designed and overseen by an individual who is certified by the behavior analysis certification board as a board-certified behavior analyst.”

Due to Montana’s vast geographic expanse, networking was important but difficult. Members used social media and web conferencing tools to stay in touch and advocate for expanded ABA services for children with autism. They also made great strides in educating parents, schools, and physicians about the importance of using scientific, evidence-based practices. As a result, there was growing recognition at the highest levels of state government that early intervention using ABA can reduce the need for later intensive services and vastly improve the quality of life of families and children with autism.

Nevada ABA

BY GWEN DWIGGINS

The Nevada Association for Behavior Analysis (NABA) seeks to grow and increase membership and active involvement within the organization. Chapter membership is currently at 120 and growing. NABA offers four levels of membership (Full, Affiliate, Sustaining, and Student). Membership applications can be completed on our website, www.nevadaaba.org. Membership in NABA provides access to a yearly newsletter and reduced pricing for our annual conference.

In an effort to better disseminate information related to behavior analysis, the NABA board recently completed a major overhaul to our website, making access public and available to anyone. NABA held its annual conference in Reno, Nevada on October 18–19, offering a non-concurrent event featuring an outstanding line-up of invited speakers. NABA prides itself on holding a diverse conference including basic and applied topics across several areas of research. Our keynotes for the 2014 conference were Dr. Anthony Biglan and Dr. Edward K. Morris. Presentations included talks on physical exercise, learning and memory, precision teaching, autism, cultural practices, motivation, supervision requirements, behavioral economics, theory, and aging issues. Finally, the 2014 board put great effort into reorganizing the chapter boards and roles and into drafting an overall business plan to ensure sustainability.

This year, NABA has updated its bylaws, and we are working toward designing educational webinars to offer continuing education opportunities to our members. NABA has also participated in stakeholder meetings to advocate at the legislative level in the areas of licensing of board certified behavior analysts and board certified assistant behavior analysts, as well as the acceptance of registered behavior technicians by the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners. NABA has also participated in insurance coverage issues at the state level. The board created two additional chair positions this year: student liaison and legislative. The purpose of the student liaison is to assist the student representative in conference planning as well as increasing student involvement and feedback on how the board can better serve student members. Our legislative chair has tracked upcoming legislation, which directly impacts the professional practice of behavior analysis. The legislative chair keeps the board abreast of what changes are being proposed and how these may impact professionals in the community. The board also voted to approve advertisements from local academic settings, service agencies rendering behavior analytic services, and businesses whose products assist with the delivery of behavior analysis to consumers. The board voted on rules and rates governing advertising on the website as well as vendors attending the annual conference.

This year, NABA will hold our annual conference on October 16–18. This will be the first year the conference will be held in the Las Vegas area, and we will again offer a well-rounded and esteemed group of invited speakers. Additionally, we will offer workshops on ethics and supervision requirements of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. NABA will also be supporting graduate students involved in research with our Student Presenter Award.

Moving forward, NABA seeks to increase our membership base and to encourage more involvement from members throughout the year. We are also invested in garnering more participation from student members on committees and providing the board with ways to better serve student members. NABA remains committed to building partnerships in our community to advance the field of behavior analysis.

New Hampshire ABA

BY THEA DAVIS AND RACHAEL ALLING

It has been an exciting year for the young New Hampshire Association for Behavior Analysis (NHABA). The chapter created a much-needed forum for professionals and families to meet and collaborate on topics directly related to behavioral services in New Hampshire. Membership continues to grow; we hope this trend continues in 2015–2016.

In addition to attending quarterly meetings, NHABA members participated in important discussions related to the state of New Hampshire's educational outreach, insurance funding, state licensures, and continuing education initiatives.

Serving as NHABA's representative, Thea Davis, chapter president, attends monthly NH Autism Council meetings. Numerous important topics are discussed at these meetings, including autism-related legislation and upcoming ASD-related events in the state. Thea also represents NHABA on the State Plan Work Group. The group is charged with supporting the development of a protocol to conduct focus groups and a stakeholder forum to generate ideas for improving the state's system of care for children and youth with ASD. Using the input collected, the State Plan Work Group will assist in creating a comprehensive statewide plan to pursue suggested enhancements.

NHABA launched its website, www.nhaba.net; a chapter committee is charged with continually improving the site's content and expanding its resource library. NHABA hopes the website will offer members valuable information and serve as an important resource for nonmembers interested in behavior analysis-related topics. Maintaining and promoting the website supports NHABA's mission of (1) advancing the development and awareness of behavioral services in New Hampshire and (2) raising awareness of the association.

This year, the chapter offered BACB Type 2 CEU training workshops. These free professional development

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opportunities are an important and popular benefit of NHABA membership.

Autism Bridges Inc., located in Bedford, NH is proud to financially sponsor the first 2 years of NHABA and is able to offer membership for free. NHABA is working toward sponsoring its first conference in the spring of 2016. This will be an exciting opportunity to reach out to others within the state. A number of professionals from around the country have expressed interest in attending as speakers. We hope to hold this event annually, as it supports NHABA's mission of promoting and supporting professional development for behavior analysts in New Hampshire.

For more information on NHABA, the 2016 annual conference, chapter meetings, or to learn how to join, please contact us at admin@nhaba.net.

New Jersey ABA

BY KEVIN J. BROTHERS

The New Jersey Association for Behavior Analysis (NJABA) enjoyed another successful year in 2014–2015. The new website—launched in 2013—continues to enable members to interact with the organization with ease and convenience. Automating communications and improving conferences are the other two priorities for NJABA. To that end NJABA created a Facebook page this year. Members can stay current on NJABA events and relevant news from the board and membership.

Our annual conference—held in March of this year—was a success, with Dr. William Heward presenting the keynote address titled, “Why Be a Behavior Analyst.” At the conference Dr. Heward announced the NJABA Behavior Change for a Sustainable World Research Award, which he has generously funded. Any applied, basic, or translational study to be conducted in New Jersey with a primary goal of increasing understanding of human behavior and environmental preservation/enhancement is eligible for consideration. We look forward to submissions. Visit our website (www.NJABA.org) for more information.

More than 225 people now routinely attend our annual conference held each March. Symposia presenters are required to make data-based presentations with demonstrations of experimental control. The conference offers a terrific opportunity for junior colleagues to practice their research presentation skills and for veteran researchers to display the high-quality research being conducted in and around New Jersey.

Our 2014 summer workshop was held at Georgian Court University and was presented by Dorothea C. Lerman, Ph.D., BCBA-D, from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. The workshop was titled, “Vocational Assessment and Training for Adults With Autism Spectrum Disorders: Some Examples From Research and Practice.” Her workshop offered useful suggestions for autism intervention during the

adult years. We are grateful to Dr. Lerman for sharing her expertise in NJ. Thanks to Dr. David Wilson, BCBA-D, and the NJABA events chair for their tireless efforts to coordinate the many tasks necessary to make the annual conference and the summer workshop enjoyable and successful.

NJABA and Autism New Jersey continue to collaborate, to strengthen our advocacy for the profession in Trenton and throughout New Jersey. This year NJABA launched workgroups on early intervention, public school services, adult services, and insurance providers. NJABA workgroups are developed and coordinated through collaboration with Autism New Jersey. Thanks to Dr. Suzanne Buchanan, BCBA-D, (NJABA government affairs chair) for coordinating these efforts.

As provided for in NJABA's bylaws, new members of the board of directors were elected this past March. Dr. Sandra Gomes, BCBA, was elected president-elect. Dr. Eric Rozenblat, Ph.D., BCBA-D, finished his tenure in the position of president-elect and assumed the presidency on July 1, 2015. In addition, Kate Britton, MEd, MA, BCBA, was elected secretary. NJABA thanks Dr. Kevin Brothers, BCBA-D, for his time and dedication to NJABA, as he moved on from the presidency in June. He accepted the appointment as treasurer for 2015–2016.

New Jersey's behavior analysts can learn more about these initiatives and our mission at our website, www.NJABA.org.

New York State ABA

BY FRANK CICERO

This has been another exciting and busy year for New York State ABA (NYSABA). We have been active legislatively, provided professional training opportunities for members, and continued our efforts to strengthen internally as an organization. As was stated in our 2014 chapter update, New York welcomed the enactment of our behavior analyst licensing law last year. It was a long road, and we were all excited to see our “new” profession take shape. Since July 2014, the state has developed a licensing board consisting of board certified behavior analysts, licensed professionals in related areas, and consumer representatives. They have already held several meetings with a focus on interpreting the new law and designing procedures for granting licensure. Representatives from NYSABA have been in attendance at each meeting. Issues remain with respect to the scope of practice of the license. At this time, the license is limited to behavior analysts who work with individuals with a diagnosis on the autism spectrum. Behavior analysts working in other areas are still considered to be practicing the profession of psychology without a license and are therefore in violation of New York State law. The opinion of NYSABA is that linking the science of behavior analysis to only one population is illogical and unacceptable. Another issue we are facing is the process by which the state wants to grant licenses: The most current regulations adopted by

the state are not in alignment with BACB qualifications for certification; this will allow professionals to obtain their license in behavior analysis at a level that is less rigorous than best practice standards. This would be at the detriment to consumers of our services. NYSABA continues to remain hopeful that we can work together with the state in the shaping of our license.

NYSABA celebrated our 25th conference anniversary in October. Our conference was held in beautiful Saratoga Springs and was attended by an audience of more than 400, in addition to more than 30 sponsor and exhibitor agencies! Attendees were honored to hear keynotes by Drs. Bill Heward and Aubrey Daniels as well as talks by many other knowledgeable and exciting speakers on a variety of topic areas. We had a fun and interesting research poster session as well as a student IGNITE session. Board members included Debbi Napolitano, president; Frank Cicero, president-elect; Linda Matey, treasurer; Dana Reinecke, secretary; Rachel Cavallari, student activities chair; Dan Lesinski, consumer representative; Denise Lombardi, finance chair; David McAdam, education chair; Kim Shamoun, legislative chair; Niall Toner, membership chair; Heather Walker, marketing chair; and Sheila Jodlowski, Emily Jones, and Traci Lanner, at-large representatives. We welcomed Dana Reinecke as the president-elect, Nicole DeRosa as secretary, and Tricia Moss as newest at-large representative.

We are excited to be planning for our next conference, which will be held October 1–2, 2015 in the state capital of Albany. We are happy to announce keynotes by Drs. V. Mark Durand and Jim Johnston, as well as a number of outstanding invited speakers, agency exhibitors, and social networking events. Look for more information about the conference on our website, www.nysaba.org. Our call for papers deadline has already passed, but our call for research posters remains open. The NYSABA board continues its efforts in strategic planning in order to strengthen our organization and increase benefits for membership. NYSABA also sponsors other activities throughout the year and publishes an informative newsletter. However, in order to maintain our activities and continue to have a legislative presence in the state, we need to increase chapter membership numbers and the participation of current members. Please support your profession in New York by joining as a new member, renewing your membership, spreading the word to other professionals who are not current members, attending NYSABA events, and participating in legislative activities. Together, we can shape the future of behavior analysis within New York!

New Zealand ABA

BY ANNE MACASKILL

The New Zealand Association for Behaviour Analysis (NZABA) is a community of people working, teaching, and researching in behavior analysis in Aotearoa, New

Zealand, and internationally. Our main event each year is the NZABA conference held in late August. In 2014, we convened in Dunedin for a great weekend of sharing, learning about, and discussing research (plus a tour of the famous Speight's Brewery). Eighty-eight people attended, presenting 31 papers and 8 posters, continuing the consistent upward trend in the number of conference attendees over recent years. We were very pleased to give Geoff White an award in special recognition of his important and sustained contributions to behavior analysis in New Zealand throughout his career.

NZABA provides students with opportunities to present their research in a collaborative, collegial environment, and we particularly value the contribution that students make to our conference. Student presentations were outstanding in 2014. Two particularly high-quality presentations were given awards by a panel of judges, with prizes supplied by NZABA. The award for the best student speaker in the basic research domain was given to John Bai from the University of Auckland for his clear and engaging talk describing his Ph.D. research project titled, "Response Rates and Persistence After Response-Contingent Food and Additional Stimuli."

The winning student presentation in the applied domain was titled, "Teaching Job Skills to Adults With ASD: Efficacy of Video Modelling." This talk was presented by a team of students from Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. Mitchell Stevenson, Shaun Pearl, Vanessa Rausa, and Simon Finkelstein described their successful project developing a working business staffed by adults with ASD. Overall, we are pleased that more of our colleagues from Australia joined us at the 2014 NZABA conference than ever before.

We were also pleased to welcome a larger number of people who work in behavior analysis outside universities. NZABA is an approved continuing education provider for the Behavior Analyst Certification Board and many NZABA conference papers provide the opportunity for BCBAs to receive continuing education units. Our organization is pleased to be able to support the professional development of practicing behavior analysts.

In 2015, our conference will be held at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand. Christchurch is a beautiful city on the Avon River in the South Island. You may wish to combine attending our conference with skiing, hiking, whale watching, and/or attending the Australasian Winter Conference on Brain Research in Queenstown, to be held around the same time. Christchurch has an international airport, making this a particularly convenient location for international conference attendees.

Please visit our website at nzaba.org for more information about our organization and activities. You can complete a form to join NZABA; we do not charge a membership fee.

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The website also provides contact information for people working in behavior analysis at each New Zealand university and allows you to sign up to our email list to receive updates about events and issues of interest to members. This will include the call for papers and other information about upcoming NZABA conferences.

North Carolina ABA

BY DUKE SCHELL

The North Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis (NCABA) held its 26th anniversary conference in Asheville, NC, on February 11–13, 2015. The conference was a great success thanks to the leadership of chapter president Vicki Harper (Riddle Developmental Center), as well the rest of our Executive Council: Kristie Thompson, past president (Optum Health); Callie Plattner, president-elect (Carolina Center for ABA); Melanie Bachmeyer, vice president (University of North Carolina-Wilmington); Beth Schmitt, secretary (Murdoch Developmental Center); Nancy Poteet, treasurer (Riddle Developmental Center); Chris Wensil, member-at-large (Mariposa School); Selene Johnson, member-at-large (ABC of NC); Kimberly Bunch-Crump, student representative (University of North Carolina-Charlotte); Jamie Clary, publications editor (Gaston College); Fred Spooner, senior NCABA advisor (University of North Carolina-Charlotte); Duke Schell, liaison to ABAAI (Riddle Developmental Center); and a host of other NCABA volunteers.

The 26th anniversary NCABA conference opened with the presentation of awards to honor North Carolinians who have promoted behavior analysis in research and everyday practice. Ya-yu Lo (University of North Carolina-Charlotte) received the Fred S. Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award, Adrienne Covington (Carolina Center for ABA) received the Technical Utilization Award, Frank Wells (Caswell Developmental Center-Retired) received the “Do Things” Award, and Caitlin Kirkwood (University of North Carolina-Charlotte) received the NCABA Student Scholarship Award. You can see descriptions of the NCABA awards and photos of our award recipients at our website, www.nc-aba.com.

Invited speakers at this year’s conference included Denny Reid (Carolina Behavior Analysis and Support Center), Adrian Sandler (Olsen Huff Center), Frank Symons (University of Minnesota), Wendy Donlin Washington (University of North Carolina-Wilmington), Ruth Hurst and Terrance Adams (Central Regional Hospital), Julie Grimes (AnimalWorks, LLC), Melanie Bachmeyer (University of North Carolina-Wilmington), Kent Corso (NCR Behavioral Health, LLC), and Jim Bodfish (Vanderbilt University). More than 20 other speakers participated in concurrent sessions, and the highlighted student symposium was hosted by Kimberly Bunch-Crump

(University of North Carolina-Charlotte). There were 24 posters in the NCABA poster session, coordinated by Melanie Bachmeyer, the first evening of the conference, and several people were recognized for outstanding posters, including Cliff Cowan, Rachael Cushing-Cook (St. Gerard House), and R. M. “Duke” Schell (Riddle Developmental Center) in the professional category; Caitlin Kirkwood, Melanie Bachmeyer, Amanda Criscito, Courtney Mauzy, Billie Klein, and Diane Berth (University of North Carolina-Wilmington) in the graduate student category; and Allison Usher, Michelle Collopy, Heather Pearson, and Kia Smalls (University of North Carolina-Wilmington) in the undergraduate student category. Special thanks to our poster judges: Frank Symons, Jim Bodfish, Adrian Sandler, Tom Thompson, and Kristie Thompson.

The 26th annual conference had more than 235 participants. NCABA offered free registration for the first 20 student members, several of whom volunteered in varied activities at the conference. The social on the second night of the conference was a wonderful gathering filled with behavior analysis conversations, tasty food and beverages, and the ever-popular Bad Ash Band from Morganton.

NCABA provided both certified behavior analyst and NC psychologist continuing education credits. During the conference 98 certified behavior analysts from six states earned 1,166 continuing education credits, and 46 NC psychologists earned 384 continuing education credits in workshops and invited addresses co-sponsored by NCABA and the NC Psychological Association. The NCABA conference continues to receive excellent feedback from attendees seeking professional continuing education. On a scale of 1–4 (where 1 = “poor” and 4 = “excellent”) NCABA scored well in the following areas: cost of CEs (3.5), breadth of CE topics (3.4), and CE verification process (3.6).

At the 41st ABAAI Annual Convention in San Antonio, NCABA’s president, Callie Plattner, hosted the NCABA poster at the Expo. This was an important milestone for NCABA. The chapter’s Executive Council approved partial financial assistance in order to send Dr. Plattner to the annual convention and chapter leadership training. This opportunity for financial assistance for an NCABA officer to attend the ABAAI convention will be reviewed annually by the Executive Council.

Please visit our website at www.nc-aba.com to see highlights from the 26th anniversary NCABA conference, including photos of the festivities this year and in years past, to learn about our newly elected officers, and to find information on becoming an NCABA member. The NCABA website also provides information about our history since 1989 (including the “25 Year History” slide show), links to newsletters, and information about NCABA-sponsored workshops and the 27th annual conference to be held next February in Wilmington.

Norwegian ABA

BY ERIK ARNTZEN

In 2014, Norwegian ABA had about 850 members, and this number has been relatively stable for the past 15–18 years. The vast majority of members hold a bachelor's degree in social welfare; however, an increasing number of members hold a master's degree in behavior analysis.

Norwegian ABA arranges an annual conference. The number of attendees at the 2014 annual conference was 790. The conference was a 4 days long with several parallel tracks. We had presentations within all domains of behavior analysis, and there is growing interest in both experimental and conceptual issues. Also, translational research was presented. Dr. Gracie Beavers (Georgia State University) was the invited speaker and gave a couple of presentations, "Have a Dream: My Hopeful Future for Behavior Analysis" and "Conditioning the Behavior of the Listener." A poster session provided students an opportunity to participate.

Norwegian ABA publishes two journals, *The Norwegian Journal for Behavior Analysis* and *The European Journal of Behavior Analysis*. *The Norwegian Journal for Behavior Analysis* is published quarterly and is a peer-reviewed journal featuring papers on research, practice, and conceptual issues in behavior analysis—mainly in Norwegian. Since 2011, abstracts in English have been included. *The European Journal of Behavior Analysis* (EJOBA, www.ejoba.org) is a peer-reviewed journal published twice a year. EJOBA primarily features original publications of experimental reports and theoretical or conceptual papers relevant to the analysis of the behavior of individual organisms. EJOBA has published a number of special issues since the first volume in 2000.

Ohio ABA

BY JENNIFER SWEENEY AND BRYAN DROESCH

The mission of the Ohio Association for Behavior Analysis (OHABA) is to support the growth and dissemination of applied behavior analysis in the public and private sectors, with special emphasis on application in educational settings. Objectives include providing professional development support in the form of a yearly conference; supporting the certification of BCBAs, especially in Ohio; and providing an informational website to support of behavior analysis for businesses, schools, and clinics. The website will also provide up-to-date information from legislative agencies and advocacy groups related to the practice of behavior analysis in Ohio.

OHABA is primarily an interest group and works to disseminate behavior analysis by (a) promoting behavior analysis in educational settings, (b) promoting behavior analysis and university programs that specialize in applied behavior analysis, (c) providing a forum for the discussion of research and conceptual issues in behavior analysis, (d) maintaining a website containing information about the organization and about behavior analysis in Ohio and

elsewhere, and (e) functioning as the Ohio contact for and affiliate of ABAI.

The OHABA Executive Board members as of April 2014 were past president, Morten Haugland, Ph.D., BCBA-D; president, Tracy Guiou, Ph.D., BCBA-D; president-elect, Bryan Droesch, MS.Ed., BCBA, PC; treasurer, Maria Baerkircher, MA, BCBA; and secretary, Jennifer Sweeney, Ph.D., BCBA-D. The OHABA board is committed to making the organization a resource for members. The board added additional positions and developed committees to assist chairs in completing their duties. The additional board members include student representative, Nate Bishop; marketing and technology chair, Ron DeMuesy, M.Ed., BCBA; membership chair, Whitney Sims, MA, BCBA; professional standards chair, Jennifer Sweeney, Ph.D., BCBA-D; and program chair, Nikki Powell, Psy.D., BCBA-D.

In 2014, the full board and committees worked hard to coordinate several events for the members. First, after a successful conference on April 5, 2014, with keynote speaker Dr. Dick Malott, the board jumped right into planning an even bigger conference for the following year. They coordinated a 2-day conference that was held in April 2015 at the Columbus Convention Center. Speakers included Dr. Patrick McGreevy, Dr. James Carr, Dr. Gina Green, and Dr. Bryan Davey. Second, the board held a supervision training for members to receive CEUs in Columbus in June 2014. Last, the board held a town hall meeting in Twinsburg, Ohio to reach out to members regionally. The board members and committee members developed a town hall meeting series, which includes CEU opportunities for 2015 for four meetings across regions of the state.

OHABA's website was updated this past year. Sections for resources, updates, and events were added. OHABA has posted updates regarding the state certification process and other local events on the website as well as on Facebook and Twitter. Individuals are also able to apply for membership, register for OHABA events, and make inquiries, all through the OHABA website at www.ohaba.org.

Ontario ABA

BY ALBERT MALKIN

The Ontario Association for Behaviour Analysis (ONTABA) has been keeping busy over the past year. ONTABA's board of directors and many devoted volunteers from the community have been working on behalf of the members; we are in the midst of another year of progressing initiatives, conferences, and community events.

ONTABA's 22nd annual conference will host local and international speakers on November 16–17, 2015, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Last year's 21st annual conference was ONTABA's biggest to date, with attendance approaching 500 zealous behavior analysts who braved a

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winter storm for a chance to take in the line-up of guest speakers that included Dr. Aubrey C. Daniels, Dr. Raymond G. Miltenberger, and Dr. William H. Ahearn, as well as a multitude of concurrent sessions. This was also complemented by more record-setting events, with our largest poster session yet, and followed by our third annual social event.

ONTABA's committees have worked diligently toward their goals for 2014–2015. The Membership and Recruitment Committee continues to provide ongoing and far-reaching presentations throughout the province, informing the community about the benefits of ONTABA membership. Their work last year helped ONTABA reach its highest membership number to date: 634. This number was nearly double our membership of the previous year. Our board has worked to attract new members through access to community discounts and institutional access to JABA and JEAB at no extra charge.

The Professional Regulation Committee of ONTABA has made continued efforts to maintain contact with ministries and government officials in order to advocate for professional regulation and recognition of behavior analysis. The Public and Community Relations Committee has maintained a wide portfolio of tasks involving marketing and branding, professional practice, family outreach, fundraising, and events. This committee has successfully participated in and raised money for charity during events such as walks for autism, and has also continued to support ONTABA's presence on social media; ONTABA has active pages on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Please feel free to join us online!

In keeping with our goals of dissemination and advocacy for behavior analysis, a new committee was founded to further ONTABA's media presence—the Media Response Committee is an exciting new venture for our board. Others, such as the committee in charge of ONTABA's newsletter, The ONTABA Analyst, and our Webpage Committee, have continued to keep ONTABA's members abreast of all of the behavior analytic happenings in Ontario.

On the whole, ONTABA has seen the fruits of the labor of our many dedicated volunteers in Ontario, and we hope to keep it up for many years to come.

Oregon ABA

BY JENNIFER KNIPLING

Over the past year, the Oregon Association for Behavior Analysis (ORABA) has been very active in shaping legislature and policy regarding the practice of applied behavior analysis in Oregon. With the recent passing of laws that require insurance coverage of ABA therapy for autism, there has been a great need for experienced professionals to help define applied behavior analysis and support high standards for qualification of professionals providing therapy. ORABA is actively working to provide this expertise to local government representatives.

Last year, ORABA hosted five lectures and two workshops to encourage professional development. Topics included the new CPT codes, navigating the certification process, and new supervision requirements. Our membership and attendance at our quarterly meetings increased in 2014. ORABA continues to 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

The Pennsylvania chapter (PennABA) of ABAAI was incorporated in 1998. Richard M. Foxx and William Helsel saw a need to support behavior analysis in the state of Pennsylvania. In 2000, Richard Kubina chaired a meeting at the ABAAI convention to help elect PennABA's first set of officers. With the creation of PennABA, service providers, teachers, students, and families in Pennsylvania gained a resource that fosters the application and growth of behavior analysis.

PennABA has been encouraged by the growth in the demographics of its membership. Not only have seasoned professionals who provide ABA services maintained membership, but students, teachers, direct care providers, and family members of those needing services have joined the ranks. With the goal of supplying members with skills and resources in behavior analysis, PennABA has dedicated its annual conference to providing speakers who encourage and foster behavior analysis within the lives of its members.

On April 1–2, PennABA held its 17th annual conference in Hershey, PA. The conference featured workshops, a speaker series, a poster session, exhibitors, and a social lunch-in. For many behavior analysts in the region, the PennABA conference has become a yearly tradition. A notable change from past conferences was moving the poster session to an extended lunch and social opportunity during the day of the speaker series. The feedback regarding this change has been incredibly positive. We are expecting to see an increase in the number of poster submissions as a result of this adjustment.

Over the past year, the PennABA Executive Council worked with a web-development agency to completely overhaul the website (www.PennABA.org). The result is a more up-to-date and user friendly experience for the PennABA membership. The site currently features information about the annual conference, membership, and employment opportunities. Plans are already underway to further develop the site and increase the online presence of PennABA.

Two positions on the PennABA Executive Council are open: student representative and member-at-large. A call for nominations will be sent to all voting members, with an election occurring shortly thereafter.

In 2008, Act 62 was signed into law. A portion of this bill outlined licensing requirements for “behavior specialists.” A number of PennABA members have had questions or expressed concerns regarding the behavior specialist license. The PennABA Executive Council plans to create a task force to evaluate the regulation, with the purpose of advocating for high-quality behavior analysis in Pennsylvania.

In closing, PennABA continues to evolve and adapt to best serve its members. However, despite some changes, our primary goal remains the same: improve the state of behavior analytic practice in PA and the surrounding region. Thank you for your support.

Philadelphia Metropolitan ABA

BY AMANDA FISHER

The Delaware Valley Association for Behavior Analysis chapter was created more than two decades ago with the mission to bring together new and established behavior analysts from Philadelphia and the surrounding regional areas. This year, the chapter has undergone a facelift and changed its name to the Philadelphia Metropolitan Association for Behavior Analysis (PMABA) to better reflect the originally intended regional scope. The Philadelphia Metropolitan region includes areas surrounding Philadelphia in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland. Specifically, this includes but is not limited to the areas of New Castle County, Delaware; Cecil County, Maryland; Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, and Salem Counties in New Jersey; and Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania. Members include professionals in various areas within behavior analysis including applied, basic, organizational, higher education, and more.

Our objective is to provide continuing education for behavior analysts in an informal setting that has the atmosphere of a social gathering. Another primary goal of PMABA is to increase cohesiveness among local behavior analysts who might otherwise be isolated as a result of working in diverse settings with service providers and researchers who are not behavior analytic, as many of our members are the only behavior analysts at their places of employment. Our email listserv provides announcements on local workshops, conferences, and other events, as well as employment opportunities and recent legislative or advocacy issues relevant to local behavior analysts.

PMABA seeks to better serve as a scientific and professional reference and networking group for its members by making a number of changes this year. This year, PMABA has enacted an updated set of bylaws, held several business meetings, elected an executive council, established membership procedures, and is renewing its commitment to dissemination of information relevant to local behavior analysts as well as providing three to four continuing education events per year. The chapter is led by the following

executive council members: Amanda Guld Fisher, president; Donald Hantula, secretary/treasurer; and Beth Rosenwasser, information officer. The first networking and continuing education event was held in April and included a presentation by Kimberly Kirby, a researcher at Treatment and Research Institute in Philadelphia, PA. Several other events are in the planning stages for the summer and fall of 2015. Finally, the chapter is developing a website that will act as a resource for local behavior analysts providing membership information, local events, and other important information.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of PMABA should contact Beth Rosenwasser at beth.rosenwasser@gmail.com to be added to our email listserv and receive information about the membership process, upcoming events, and our soon-to-be-released website.

Philippines ABA

BY MARIA TERESA COJUANGCO

In 2014, Philippines ABA worked with a public school by giving applied behavior analysis workshops to their special education teachers at the primary levels. Philippines ABA created a training program for every grade level to enhance the understanding of most teachers in applying applied behavior analysis in their intervention programs for several special needs students in a school set-up, and for their parents to carry out in their homes. Several teachers were given assistance in creating a more comprehensive and effective program based on the school curriculum. Most teachers were guided by accredited applied behavior analysis practitioners and were given the opportunity to obtain additional training in some accredited applied behavior analysis centers. The school intended to collaborate with Philippines ABA for the succeeding school year to increase training for middle school teachers handling children with different special needs.

Philippines ABA continued to work with several local universities in giving internship programs for students with different practitioners as part of their required internship hours. The number of student interns increased, and most of their hours were spent working with children on the autism spectrum and with other learning disabilities.

Philippines ABA sponsored several workshops on medical and health issues of children; these were conducted by local medical professionals to assist parents in addressing their concerns about personal and oral hygiene, food intake, and other behavior issues.

A fundraising workshop on continuing applied behavior analysis training was offered to local practitioners, parents, and students, and was conducted by Mr. Rick Gutierrez, a BCBA professional guest from the USA.

For 2015, Philippines ABA will collaborate with more local government health agencies in increasing awareness of applied behavior analysis and give assistance in their intervention programs.

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Polish Society for Behavioral Psychology

BY EWA KULIGA

Polskie Stowarzyszenie Terapii Behawioralnej (the Polish Association of Behavioral Therapy; PABT) is a countrywide nonprofit organization, consociating active practitioners of behavioral therapy. PABT's mission is to provide multidirectional, comprehensive, and professional help to the disabled—in particular to persons suffering from emotional and intellectual disabilities—and to their families. Another vital purpose of PBTA is promoting behavioral therapy among therapists and academics.

Currently, PABT has more than 80 registered members from every significant behavioral therapy center in Poland, as well as the parents of persons undergoing behavioral therapy and other concerned experts (physicians, academics, and students). It provides substantial patronage for and cooperates with a number of Polish centers and institutions (in Gdansk, Kielce, Krakow, Warsaw, Zabrze, etc.) focused on providing effective help to persons with autism, and publishes the informational periodical *Krok za krokiem* (Step by Step), which contains articles by world-renowned experts on teaching persons with autism. PABT has promoted behavioral therapy by organizing specialist trainings for a wide range of attendees (mainly the teachers and parents of the emotionally and developmentally disabled). More than 1,000 participants attended such trainings in 2014. Also in 2014, the association formed non-public schools (called “I CAN”), which taught 12 students with autism spectrum disorders.

The boards of Poland's two ABAI affiliated chapters (i.e., PABT and the Polish Society for Behavioral Psychology) have initiated a joint program aimed at unifying the formal requirements for behavioral therapists in Poland. The aim of these actions is to consolidate and formalize the occupational trainings for behavioral therapists that are currently in place in Poland and thus define the requirements for practicing therapists in order to make behavioral therapy clearly identifiable with the highest quality of therapeutic services. Therefore, in light of that common goal, the two associations have decided to create a registry of practicing behavioral therapists in Poland to integrate and regulate the existing system of trainings and occupational education that enables applicants to obtain the title of behavioral therapist. As of this moment, 114 people in Poland have been granted the title of licensed behavioral therapist. A set of theoretical and practical trainings framed as four preparatory routes, as well as the appropriate examination criteria, have been prepared for persons applying for the granting of the occupational title of behavioral therapist:

- Route I (for practicing therapists) includes completion of a three-level course in behavioral therapy and at least five specialization courses, no less than 2 years of professional practice under supervision, and a positive reference from the head of the relevant therapy center.
- Route II includes completion of a three-level course in behavioral therapy and at least five specialization courses, completion of no less than 120 hours of internships at any of the collaborating centers, professional practice under supervision (a minimum of 50 hours of supervision), and a positive reference from the supervisor.
- Route III includes completion of the following courses from the Institute of Psychology at Jagiellonian University: “Wprowadzenie do psychologii behawioralnej (Introduction to Behavioral Psychology)” and “Terapia behawioralna: teoria i praktyka (Behavioral Therapy: Theory and Practice),” completion of at least five specialization courses, no less than 100 hours of internships at any of the collaborating centers, professional practice under supervision, and a positive reference from the supervisor.
- Route IV includes completion of the postgraduate studies in applied behavior analysis at the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, completion of no less than 80 hours of internships at any of the collaborating centers, professional practice under supervision (a minimum of 50 hours of supervision per year), and a positive reference from the supervisor.

PABT has conducted practical trainings (training and observational internships) for pedagogy (The Pedagogical University of Cracow, Jagiellonian University) and psychology (Jagiellonian University) students and tutors from other educational institutions.

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

- The Behavioral Therapy Clinic (BTC) in Cracow and a local branch of the BTC in Wroclaw, Raciborz, and Czesochowa provide therapeutic support for the families of developmentally and emotionally challenged persons from all over Poland. The BTC's operations include diagnostic consultations for children with suspected developmental disorders (performed usually by a committee consisting of a psychiatrist, a psychologist, a speech therapist, a special education teacher, and a rehabilitator) and conducting home therapy programs. The consultations are an opportunity to establish a program for therapy, and the parents are instructed on its implementation; during subsequent visits, such a program undergoes the necessary modifications and the parents' skills are further improved. Currently PBTA's BTC oversees home therapy for almost 2,500 families throughout Poland.
- The Emergency Intervention Team is a short-term (up to 2 weeks) intensive therapy for persons with

developmental and behavioral disorders and their families facing material and other hardships. In 2014, around 30 families from all over Poland used this form of therapy.

- The integration classes are aimed at younger children with disabilities identified as belonging to the spectrum of autism, but possessing basic group-work skills. The classes are conducted on the basis of preschool teaching methodology and the principles of applied behavior analysis. The objectives of the classes are to integrate the children within a group and develop their social competence. There are currently eight children participating in the classes.
- The social skills training are classes conducted in small groups and intended to develop positive social behaviors. The classes are aimed at older children with emotional disorders, Asperger's syndrome, and high-functioning autism. Eight students currently attend these classes.
- PABT works to obtain resources that allow further development of the organization and introduce new statutory activities (including research programs).

One of the more important events of 2014 was a behavioral rehabilitation camp. Twenty families from across Poland participated in the event. The camp involved intensive therapy work aimed foremost at instructing and supervising parents and guardians of persons with developmental and emotional disorders under the care of the BTC. The camp also included theoretical trainings, the purpose of which was to broaden and deepen the scope of the parents' and guardians' knowledge of applied behavior analysis

Polish Society for Behavioral Psychology

BY MONIKA SUCHOWIERSKA-STEPHANY

The Polish Society for Behavioral Psychology (PTPB) was founded on November 16, 2002, and we are now in the second decade of our operations! Society members mainly include psychologists (university lecturers and clinicians), students of psychology (undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate students), and people representing other helping professions (e.g., teachers and speech therapists). The most important statutory goals of PTPB include the following:

- developing and promoting psychological knowledge, with special attention paid to behavior analysis as a science of behavior
- improving the professional qualifications for members of the society and of people whose goals align with those of the society
- supporting scientific initiatives of society members
- disseminating knowledge of successful applications of behavior analysis to unfavorable social phenomena and individual/personal problems
- promoting professional ethics and their implementation

- educating the general public about behavioral treatment as a form of psychological treatment, as well as disseminating knowledge on its effectiveness

Since 2009, PTPB has been a stronger organization due to a fusion with another behaviorally oriented society in Poland, Polish ABA. This fusion was done with mutual understanding of the two organizations' governing bodies and favorable outcomes for dissemination of behavior analysis in Poland. The main accomplishments of PTPB in the last 3 years include the organization of three national symposia:

- The IX International Scientific Symposium of PTPB, "Developmental Disabilities From the Perspective of Behavior Analysis and Childhood Psychiatry," gathered more than 300 attendees. We hosted expert psychiatrists and psychologists from Poland as well as international presenters from California State University, Stanislaus (USA); Marshall University (USA); Bangor University (UK); University of Kansas Medical Center, Center for Child Health and Development (USA); Istituto G. P. Fabris, Università IULM (Italy); and Innlandet Hospital Trust, Psychiatric Division (Norway). The symposium was organized to disseminate publications on developmental disabilities and behavior analysis in the special issue of *Progress in Medicine*, a medical journal devoted to family doctors. The symposium was organized jointly by PTPB, the Department of Behavior Analysis at the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities, and Step-by-Step Charitable Foundation for Children with Developmental Disabilities and Their Families.
- 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). The symposium was organized jointly by PTPB, the Department of Behavior Analysis at the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities, and STEP BY STEP Foundation for Children with Developmental Disabilities and their Families.
- The XI International Scientific Symposium of PTPB, "The Clinical Context Of Behavior Analysis: Three Waves Of Behavior Therapy," gathered more than 200 attendees, and about 40 international students participated in the symposium. We hosted psychologists from Poland; California State University, Stanislaus (USA); Bangor University (UK); University of Gothenburg (Sweden); and the National University of Ireland, Maynooth. The symposium was organized

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jointly by PTPB, the Department of Behavior Analysis at the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities, and STEP BY STEP Foundation for Children with Developmental Disabilities and their Families.

PTPB has recently published two books on behavior analysis: *Behavior Analysis From A to Z*, by Przemysław Bąbel, Monika Suchowierska-Stephany, and Paweł Ostaszewski, for which we received a SABA International Grant. The forewords to this book were written by Prof. W. Joseph Wyatt and the late Jerry Shook. *Behavioral Interventions for Children With Autism: Theory, Research, and Practice of Applied Behavior Analysis*, by Monika Suchowierska-Stephany, Paweł Ostaszewski, and Przemysław Bąbel, is the first book in Poland that deals comprehensively with applied behavior analysis. The forewords to this book were written by Prof. William Heward and Prof. Gary Novak.

The society also took 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. Paweł Ostaszewski and Dr. Przemysław 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 work with the Polish Association of Behavioral Therapy on the certificate of behavioral therapist—we have more than 140 behavioral therapists and more than 20 behavioral supervisors. A new website for behavioral therapists was launched (www.terapeutabehawioralny.pl/home/). The society also sponsored workshops throughout the year focusing on rational behavior therapy.

Members of PTPB (Dr. Monika Suchowierska and Prof. Paweł Ostaszewski) created at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities the first specialty in the country in applied behavior analysis. The courses will be taught in Polish and in English at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Finally, PTPB organized the second competition for the best behavior analytic master's thesis. Two scholarships for students and their mentors were awarded. The awarded theses are projects conducted jointly by students and professors from the University of Social Sciences and Humanities (Warsaw, Poland) and California State University, Stanislaus (USA). Our plans for 2015 include the following:

- organizing the XII International Scientific Symposium of PTPB
- organizing the third student master's thesis competition
- launching a website for evidence-based approaches to child therapy
- publishing the second edition of *Behavior Analysis From A to Z*
- increasing membership

Québec ABA

BY MARC J. LANOAZ

The past year has been a busy one for the Québec Association for Behaviour Analysis (QcABA). Last October, QcABA was approved to offer a course sequence that meets the coursework requirements for board certified behavior analyst (BCBA) certification. The approved course sequence will be the first in North America to offer instruction in French. Registrations have exceeded our expectations, and we are looking forward to starting the sequence. We have also upgraded our website and created a new Facebook page for the association, which now has more than 100 followers. The association has continued to host journal reading club meetings on a monthly to bi-monthly basis, during which members discuss recent behavior analytic research studies. Participation in the journal club allows members certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board to earn free Type 2 credits toward recertification. As a new benefit for members this year, QcABA purchased an institutional subscription to the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis and now provides free access to all its members. Three members of the board of directors also attended the leadership training offered at the ABAAI annual convention in San Antonio, Texas. Our participation in the event will undoubtedly assist us in becoming more effective in disseminating the science of behavior analysis in Québec.

Our Fifth Annual Conference, which was held March 6 at the Université de Montréal, was our most popular ever with 99 attendees. We were very fortunate to welcome as keynote speaker Dr. Patrick C. Friman, director of Boys Town for Behavioral Health and professor at the University of Nebraska Medical School. He delivered two very interesting presentations: The first was on behavioral pediatrics and the second on anxiety and autism. We also had a presentation from Dr. Marc J. Lanovaz on the development of a standardized model to reduce stereotypy and a panel discussion on ethical dilemmas in early intensive behavioral interventions. The events committee held its first poster competition, which was won by Caroline Montigny from the Université du Québec à Montréal. More than 20 members also benefited from free CEUs toward the maintenance of their certification in behavior analysis. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who made this day possible and send a special thanks to our speakers.

In the year to come, we plan on holding our Sixth Annual Conference in March 2016. The board of directors is currently in the process of identifying potential keynote speakers for the conference. The new chair of the newsletter committee is working on the development of a new issue, which should be published in January 2016. The website committee aims to continue the integration of social media within its communication strategy, and to optimize its use to reach our members and the general public. The

association is also actively preparing the start of the course sequence; our first cohort of students will begin their courses in September 2015. Altogether, these activities should allow our association to carry out its mission and assist it in meeting its strategic objectives for the next year.

Rhode Island ABA

BY JANE I. CARLSON

Greetings from the Ocean State! Our chapter is gaining momentum, and we have had a number of notable accomplishments this year. First, our state is moving forward with licensing for BCBA's. Several of our members have been appointed to the initial Licensing Board at the Department of Health. We are optimistic that a licensing process will be in place in the very near future.

We co-sponsored, along with the Groden Network, a 2-day symposium on ASD. The symposium was held on April 2–3 in Providence, RI. Dr. Greg Hanley and Dr. Hanna Rue provided keynote addresses. BCBA credits were offered free of charge to registrants. In the future, we hope to expand the number of BCBA CE opportunities available in Rhode Island.

We may be a tiny state, but we're committed to developing a strong chapter membership. This past year, we developed a membership fee structure, and the membership application is now available on our website. We also offer organizational membership, and our current organizational members include Momentum Professional Behavioral Health Services, Pathways Strategic Teaching Center, the Groden Center, and the Trudeau Center.

Saudi Arabia ABA

BY MONA AL-HADDAD, SUSAN AINSLEIGH, SHUMAILA JAFFREY, AND KATELYN CRAIG

The Association for Behavior Analysis of Saudi Arabia (SA ABA) was accepted as an ABAAI affiliated chapter in May 2013. Upon its founding, SA ABA published the following mission statement:

SA ABA was created with the mission to disseminate information about the science of applied behavior analysis and support the development of and access to behavior analytic services for people in need. To accomplish this mission, the chapter seeks to support the development of graduate opportunities for appropriate candidates within Saudi Arabia, plan and support continuing education for practicing behavior analysts, and advocate for the right to community-based access to behavior-analytic services through governmental and regulatory channels in Saudi Arabia.

The current officers are Mona Al-Haddad, MEd, BCBA, president; Susan Ainsleigh, Ed.D., BCBA-D, president-elect; Shumaila Jaffrey, MS, BCBA, secretary; Katelyn

Craig, BCaBA, treasurer; Reema Abu Najela, BS, publications officer; and Khulood Eshaq, student officer. SA ABA continued a membership drive this year, focusing on recruitment of members throughout the kingdom, beyond the city of Jeddah, where most of the initial members resided and the chapter's roots began. Currently, SA ABA has 45 members.

SA ABA is committed to a continued schedule of awareness events designed to disseminate information about the science of applied behavior analysis and SA ABA throughout the kingdom. This year, SA ABA officers attended the ABAAI convention in San Antonio and presented at the Expo for the first time. SA ABA also exhibited at the annual symposium of the Jeddah Institute for Speech and Hearing (JISH) in April 2015. These exhibitions shared the mission and goals of the chapter and continued to recruit members.

SA ABA published its second newsletter in February 2015. This newsletter, as the previous one, shared information about practicing clinicians in Saudi Arabia, clinical topics of interest, upcoming events related to ABA, and resource information for those interested in learning more about applied behavior analysis. The newsletter was distributed to families, professionals, centers, and school throughout the kingdom, and posted on the Middle East ABA Facebook page. It was distributed in hard copy at the JISH Annual Symposium in Jeddah in April 2015.

SA ABA officers conducted professional development events in Saudi Arabia designed to advance knowledge and improve practice of applied behavior analysis. Intensive training on supervision of candidates for certification in ABA was conducted in 2014 to meet BACB training requirements. This training was conducted by president-elect, Dr. Susan Ainsleigh, and occurred both in 2014 and 2015 at JISH. Ms. Shumaila Jaffrey, BCBA, presented a 3-day workshop in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on use of the VB-MAPP. These events were designed to increase behavior analytic skills of professionals in Saudi Arabia, and also to disseminate information about applied behavior analysis and the chapter.

In 2015, SA ABA, under the leadership of former secretary, Dr. Michelle Kelly, and president, Mona Haddad, completed a translation project funded by a 2014 SABA International Development Grant. Three projects were completed: a glossary of applied behavior analysis terms, translated from English to Arabic; translation of the BACB *Fourth Edition Task List*; and translation of the BACB *Professional and Ethical Compliance Code* from English to Arabic. These documents will be displayed and disseminated throughout the Middle East and posted for practitioners on the BACB website.

SA ABA is committed to increasing access behavior analytic services. To this end, the chapter plans collaborative work in the coming year with educational, governmental,

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and regulatory channels in the field of applied behavior analysis and within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Issues such as licensure of professionals, graduate training opportunities, and support for families and service providers are priorities. Furthermore, SA ABA plans annual conferences in 2015 and 2016, to be held in Jeddah, focusing on continuing education opportunities for practicing behavior analysts, and increasing knowledge and learning about applied behavior analysis for all members of the Jeddah community and throughout the region. SA ABA is also working collaboratively to support the University of Nevada, Reno and the King Faisal Specialist Hospital's Center for Autism Research in Riyadh, and Dar Al Hekma University in Jeddah, in their efforts at developing and offering graduate-level educational programs in applied behavior analysis in the kingdom.

SA ABA welcomes members at the full, affiliate, and student levels. Membership is open to all individuals interested or actively engaged in behavior analysis. Any person wishing to become a member must submit a completed application form and pay annual membership dues. Contact us at abasaudiarabia@gmail.com or malhaddad@dah.edu.sa for membership information.

South Carolina ABA

BY MEGHAN PANGBORN HELMAN

Our annual conference was held November 13–14, 2014 at the Marriott in Charleston, South Carolina. We are grateful for the insight that Gina Green, Ethan Long, and Melanie Bachmeyer provided at the 2014 conference. Our 2015 conference will be held November 12–13 in Greenville. Join us for an exciting line-up of speakers and a chance to connect with the behavior analysis community in the state.

South Carolina ABA welcomes new members! Membership is open to anyone who is interested in the application of the principles and procedures of behavior analysis. Please let us know if you are interested in hearing more about the chapter or being placed on the mailing list for announcements of meetings and events.

Southeastern ABA

BY CHRISTINA ALLIGOOD

The Southeastern Association for Behavior Analysis (SEABA) is a regional affiliated chapter of ABAAI. Like its parent organization, SEABA seeks to promote scholarly discourse within and about behavior analysis. SEABA membership is open to anyone with a scholarly interest in behavior analysis who registers for our annual meeting. Current members include established scholars, professionals, and students in psychology as well as related disciplines such as education, psychopharmacology, and social work. Most members reside in the Southeast, although an increasing number participate from other parts of the US.

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., in Florida, North Carolina, West Virginia, Alabama, and elsewhere) without a venue for scholarly interaction. For many, the Southeastern Psychological Association had served this purpose, but the content of that conference had become overwhelmingly professional rather than scientific (i.e., following the direction of APA). SEABA was founded to 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 of non-competing presentations so that all participants could conveniently attend all sessions, 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 make up a well-balanced program of basic, applied, conceptual, and philosophical presentations. The fall was selected to complement the ABAAI convention in the spring, and the first meeting was held in 1984 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

A Special Emphasis on the Future of Behavior Analysis

A guiding philosophy of SEABA is that students are junior colleagues, with an emphasis on the latter portion of the term. Consequently, SEABA strives to keep membership and conference 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.

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 32nd annual SEABA conference will be held October 22–24, 2015 in Roanoke, VA. More information, registration, and CEU pre-purchase are available at www.SEABAonline.org.

Swedish ABA

BY ULRIKA LÅNGH AND DAG STRÖMBERG

The Swedish Association for Behavior Analysis (SWABA) had 151 members in 2014. One objective during the year was to increase SWABA's activity on social media in the form of disseminating research and news concerning behavior analysis, as well as providing opportunities for discussion among members. More than 400 people are currently following SWABA on Facebook. Another accomplishment in 2014 was to develop a new graphic profile, which can be seen on the SWABA website.

SWABA was represented at the ABAI 2014 annual convention in Chicago. During the convention, SWABA presented a poster during the Expo. Also, the chapter auctioned off a unique SWABA t-shirt, the proceeds of which were donated to the SABA unrestricted fund.

In September 2014, SWABA hosted the seventh European Association for Behavior Analysis conference at Stockholm University. The conference was attended by 250 persons from 22 countries.

Around 60 members attended SWABA's autumn meeting in October. The theme was single-case design. Several examples from different fields were presented and the meeting ended with a panel discussion.

SWABA has members all over the country, and for the first time a members meeting was held outside the capital city. In November 2014, 30 members gathered in Gothenburg, and in March 2015, the annual meeting was held with about 60 participants. Topics covered included safety behaviors in the industries, pro-sociality and perspective taking, and the difference between teaching and learning.

SWABA supports the formation of special interest groups (SIGs) and information about each group is on our website (www.swaba.se). During the past year, the Animals SIG has been particularly active and has offered several activities. Additionally, both the Organizational Behavior Management SIG and the Certified Behavior Analysts SIG have had meetings, while some of the other groups have been active on social media.

SWABA would like to encourage anyone who plans to visit Sweden or Scandinavia to contact the board (info@swaba.se) to explore the possibility of meeting and/or lecturing. SWABA holds its annual meeting during the first quarter of each year. In 2015, the chapter's fall meeting will be held on October 9 in Stockholm.

Switzerland ABA

BY GHADEER BARGHOOTHY

So much has been accomplished by the Association for Behavior Analysis of Switzerland (ABA Switzerland) this year! The chapter is working hard on the dissemination of behavior analysis in the country. In order to take a step closer toward this goal, our chapter board members presented a small talk on what our science is about and the misconceptions surrounding it to an audience of professionals and parent members of a big autism organization in Geneva. We had some great questions and were able to have some rich discussions with audience members. We were also happy to see that many students attended and were interested in the similarities and differences between applied behavior analysis in general and the specific methods derived from it.

It is also important for the chapter to promote evidence-based practice. This year we started translating documents for the Association for Science in Autism Treatment website in both French and German. The ABA Switzerland team is also working on a presentation and possibly some videos to include on our website. Our aim is to help promote our science in the three main Swiss languages and make the different applications of it more accessible to the public.

In 2015, the chapter continued to provide CEU opportunities, in collaboration with other associations. In June 2015, a workshop was provided by Drs. Pat McGreevy and Troy Fry called, "Teaching Functional Skills to Children and Adults With Moderate to Severe Disabilities, Including Autism." ABA Switzerland will also be providing its first solo workshop with Dr. Guy Bruce in September 2015, titled "Effective Supervisors Do What It Takes! Organizational Performance Engineering to Improve Client Outcomes." This workshop will target all service providers who would like to improve their managerial skills and outcomes as a whole, no matter the type of structures they work in. Details of the workshop are on our website as well as on Dr. Bruce's website. In the future, we hope to continue providing regular CEU opportunities to certified behavior analysts in Switzerland and neighboring European countries and to keep providing surprises exclusive to our members.

Through the chapter's collaboration with the 2nd of April Committee, we helped provide a free workshop by Dr. Gerhardt on the importance of the integration of people with autism in the workplace and the behavioral procedures possible to achieve these goals in job coaching. The presentation and the French translation are available for free on the Autisme Suisse Romande website. The chapter thought that it was important to promote the use of behavioral technology with adults as what little applied behavior analysis focus there is in Switzerland is predominantly on early intervention.

Finally, chapter members have also been lobbying and collaborating with professionals to figure out a way to

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bring behavior analysis to universities in Switzerland. It is important that behavior analysis be taught in the local languages and for it to be accessible to professionals in the country. We are also looking for ways to gain recognition by the Swiss Federation of Psychologists. As part of our objective to provide courses and gain professional recognition, ABA Switzerland board members have increased efforts to connect with the Behavioral Economics Network in Zurich and make contact with organizational and behavior management professors across the country.

Taiwan ABA

BY SHU-HWEI KE

The Taiwan Association for Behavior Analysis (TABA) was affiliated in 2005 as a national chapter of ABAI. One of our missions is to spread knowledge of behavior analysis to professionals and parents. In order to disseminate the practical use of applied behavior analysis principles in the education and treatment of people with special needs, TABA has been working closely with the Taiwanese government to provide training workshops every year. TABA's accomplishments in the past year include the 2014 TABA Annual Conference with special topics of verbal behavior teaching and problem behavior issues, and an introductory series of workshops for parents, teachers, and professionals. At the 2014 conference, TABA invited BCBAs and BCBA-Ds to give two talks on verbal behavior and stimulus pairing, and practitioners to present their research papers in applied areas. We also had our second presidential election.

TABA currently offers two BCaBA course sequences with a total of 35 students. Furthermore, as TABA develops and matures, demands from both parents and practitioners are increasing as to 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 need to train parents and practitioners and provides funding for intermediate training. The goal of this workshop is to provide parents and practitioners with basic knowledge of applied behavior analysis principles and prepare them to work more effectively for the long-term well-being of their children. In addition, TABA receives funding to offer social skills training workshop for parents. TABA continues to work with universities and nonprofit organizations to promote behavior analysis.

Tennessee ABA

BY ANNETTE LITTLE AND BETH URBANCZYK

Late summer, the Tennessee Association for Behavior Analysis (TNABA) saw the passage of SB 1047: Licensure for Behavior Analysts in the State of Tennessee. We are currently awaiting the governor's final selections of who

will serve as members on our Behavior Analyst Licensure Committee. Once the governor chooses those members, we will work with the Health Related Boards personnel to develop the rules and regulations for licensure of behavior analysts. Please continue to watch the TNABA portal, the TNABA Facebook page, and your email for updates on next steps for licensure in Tennessee. Beth Urbanczyk, past president, will continue to work as TNABA's legislative liaison with the Waller law firm in Nashville, which provides legislative monitoring for TNABA.

Another major accomplishment occurred on July 24, 2014. TNABA made our final payment to Caissa Public Strategy. Thank you to the many behavior analysts who donated to our licensure efforts. We also want to thank the BACB for the \$5,000 grant we received. We especially want to thank the APBA and Gina Green, Ph.D., BCBA-D, for all the guidance, leadership, cheerleading, phone calls, emails, and overall support for behavior analysts in Tennessee in working with us on licensure.

As past president of the TNABA, Beth Urbanczyk steps down with a sincere thank you to a wonderful organization and all the wonderful members who have supported this group over the last 4 years. It has been an amazing journey. Beth gives her best to each TNABA member and thanks the chapter for the opportunities and experiences during her tenure.

We would like to introduce our new Executive Committee: Remaining strong and steady is our director of operations, Jason Otto; new members include Annette Little as president, Esther Bledsoe as West TN representative, John Staubit as Middle TN representative, and Samantha Edwards as East TN representative. We also have three new student officers, one from each region: Brandon McCord is our West TN student officer, Joey Staubit is our Middle TN student officer, and Kendall Hauck is our East TN student officer. Finally, we have the following returning and new committee chairs: Jason Grosser for the Professional Standards Committee, Shiloh Beene for the Publications Committee, Allison Crawford for the Membership Committee, and Paul Malanga and Nea Houchins-Juarez for the Continuing Education Committee.

Since the October 2014 conference, the Executive Committee and Jason Grosser have been working diligently on reviewing the TNABA bylaws and will make recommendations for changes soon. Paul Malanga and Nea Houchins-Juarez have already secured some amazing speakers for the 18th Annual Conference in October 2015. John Staubit has completed an online survey of members and others on topics to ensure we provide a high-quality conference and meet the needs of our membership. Respondents showed relatively high interest in practitioner topic areas such as ethics and consultation and clinical practice in all settings such as schools, clinics, and the community. Allison Crawford has been working hard on

contacting the membership and reminding everyone about 2015 TNABA membership renewal. Bridget Faloon did a fabulous job with the TNABA newsletter, which Shiloh Beene took over in April 2015.

Texas ABA

BY JENNIFER N. FRITZ

Executive Council

The 2014–2015 Executive Council consisted of President Jennifer N. Fritz, Past President Anna I. Petursdottir, President-Elect Dorothea C. Lerman, and council members Sarah A. Lechago, Einar T. Ingvarsson, and Richard G. Smith. The student representative to council was Courtney Laudont. Elections were held in February for the new office of secretary and a council member. Rachel Koelker was elected secretary, and Sarah Lechago was re-elected to council. Heather Barahona served as the Texas Association for Behavior Analysis (TxABA) executive director, Carla M. Smith served as treasurer, and Mariah Hope served as administrative coordinator. In addition, student members elected Wai-Ling Wu from the University of Houston-Clear Lake as the student representative for 2015–2016.

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 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. This committee assisted in developing official TxABA merchandise and will play an important role in promoting behavior analysis in Texas.

Special Interest Groups

In 2014–2015, TxABA had three active special interest groups (SIGs) arranged around members' common interests and geographical locations. Regina Crone served as the president of the DFW Area Autism SIG. The DFW Autism SIG held 11 professional development events, connected with two local nonprofits to build a professional community, and developed a social media presence, which increased membership to 50. Domonique Randall served as the president of the OBM SIG, which has increased to 12 members. The OBM SIG has communicated via an online discussion forum and discussed articles relevant to practice. Rebecca Morgan served as the president of the

Behavior Analysis in Public Education (BAiPE) SIG, which has increased to 13 members. The BAiPE SIG held five meetings last year, developed a social media presence, and communicated with members through a listserv to build a professional community.

Annual Conference and TxABA Awards

TxABA's 2015 regional conference was held February 26–March 1 at the Westin Galleria in Houston, TX. This year marks the fourth year in a row with a record-breaking number (1,034) of conference attendees. The conference included four tracks this year. Invited speakers for the basic and applied research track included Claudia Dozier, Leonard Green, Timothy Hackenberg, Sarah Lechago, and Drake Morgan. Invited speakers for the general track included Darlene Crone-Todd, Edward Morris, Sigrid Glenn, Christy Alligood, and Scott Gaynor. Invited speakers for the autism track included Bridget Taylor, Ruth Anne Rehfeldt, Tina Sidener, Karen Toussaint, and SungWoo Kahng. Invited speakers for the professional issues track included Lorri Unumb, Deborah Grossett and Shawn Fleck, James Carr, Peter Sturmey, and Joanne Gerenser.

The outstanding 2015 Conference Committee consisted of conference coordinators Carla Smith and Heather Barahona, ACE provider Gordon Bourland, and program chairs Einar Ingvarsson, Sarah Lechago, Domonique Randall, and Dorothea Lerman.

A very special award was presented this year to Dr. Sigrid Glenn for being a Pioneer of Behavior Analysis in Texas. TxABA has been very fortunate to benefit from Dr. Glenn's ongoing dedication to the field over the years, and we were honored to celebrate her remarkable achievements with her at the conference. She joins other Pioneers: Joel Greenspoon, James L. Kopp, and Donald Whaley. We also celebrated the achievements of Dr. Deborah Grossett and Dr. Robin Rumph with the Career Contributions to Behavior Analysis Awards. They have continually provided exceptional leadership and service to the organization, and they join other Career Contribution awardees: Richard G. Smith, Gordon Bourland, Hilary J. Karp, Janet Ellis, Sigrid Glenn, and Don Williams.

Each year, if revenue permits, TxABA awards 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 there were three recipients of the 2015 James L. Kopp Memorial Scholarship: Katherine Ledbetter-Cho for her paper, "Effects of Script Fading on Scripted and Novel Utterances in Conversations Between

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Peers With Autism”; Rachel Scalzo for her paper, “Analysis of Behavioral Indicators as a Measure of Satiation”; and Katie Wiskow for her paper “Examining a Brief Class-Wide Intervention as a Multiple Schedule.”

The poster session featured TxABA’s annual student poster competition. This year’s winners were Emily Hilz from the University of North Texas, who presented, “A Bout Analysis of Feeding in Rats as a Function of Force and Ratio Requirements” (co-authored by B. Libman and J. Pinkston), and Katie Wiskow from Texas Tech University and the Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research, who presented, “The Effects of Peer Responses on the Strength of Individual Novel Responses” (co-authored by J. M. Donaldson).

Upcoming Activity

The upcoming year is an extremely busy one for TxABA. The Texas legislature went into session in January 2015, and we introduced legislation for licensure of behavior analysts. Representative Simmons and Senator Lucio filed bills and served as champions for an independent licensure board. This has been a joint effort of the TxABA Executive Council, the Public Policy Committee, and an attorney. We received input on the bill from the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts, and Autism Speaks. In addition, TxABA was very active in supporting legislation relevant to behavior analysis and practitioners throughout the legislative session.

The 2016 conference will be held March 3–6, 2016 at the Worthington Renaissance Fort Worth Hotel in Fort Worth, TX. Save the date!

United Arab Emirates ABA

BY SHARIFA YATEEM

The United Arab Emirates ABA (UAE-ABA) was created with the mission to disseminate behavior analysis in the UAE. Specifically, the organization shall serve as a scientific and professional reference and networking group for its members, disseminate information to promote its mission to a wider audience, and hold meetings to discuss the advancement of behavior analysis in the region. Since the establishment of UAE-ABA in 2013, membership has grown to more than 100. Members are from different backgrounds, such as professionals, clinicians, therapists, and parents. This proves that UAE-ABA has been working hard to ensure all members of the community are learning about applied behavior analysis and the science of behavior.

The UAE has become a leading country in many aspects and domains. Additionally, the nation is now becoming more familiar with applied behavior analysis; this is evident from the increase in centers that have been requesting board certified behavior analysts (BCBAs). In the past year, the UAE has run more workshops by BCBAs (in both Arabic and

English) in the region to discuss the importance of applied behavior analysis in different domains such as feeding issues, decreasing challenging behaviors, prompting, incidental teaching, teaching play and leisure skills, and many more.

In a similar context, this year UAE-ABA celebrated the approval by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board of a course sequence that was submitted from Emirates College for Advanced Education (ECAE) as meeting the coursework requirement for taking the board certified assistant behavior analyst (BCaBA) examination under the fourth edition requirements. ECAE is the first institution in the UAE to have a BACB-approved course sequence. Additionally, the BACB has approved ECAE as a Type 2 Approved Continuing Education provider.

ECAE is a partner of the Abu Dhabi Education Council and a government specialist teachers’ training college in the UAE, which contributes to academic and educational excellence. The college was created in 2007 to respond to the need for world-class teacher education and to train the next generation of Emirati teachers for Abu Dhabi and the UAE. ECAE offers different tracks for undergraduate and graduate programs and offers a wide variety of benefits for its students. ECAE contributes to educational development through its specialized educational centers (www.zawya.com/story/MOU_between_Emirates_College_of_Advanced_Education_ECAE_and_New_England_Centre_for_Children_Abu_Dhabi_NECC_AD-ZAWYA20150311095003/).

Additionally, UAE-ABA is working extremely hard to get recognized by leaders in the region as an important chapter in contributing to the well-being of society by developing and enhancing the science of behavior analysis through practice and education. Due to our hard-working team, we are able to work hand in hand with the Emirates Autism Society in the UAE to grow and develop applied behavior analysis in the region. UAE-ABA will continue to disseminate behavioral practice and research in collaboration with other associations and centers.

Utah ABA

BY THOMAS S. HIGBEE

It has been an exciting year for behavior analysts in the state of Utah. In June 2014, we held our largest state conference in history, with approximately 80 attendees. Invited presentations were given by Dr. Jim Carr from the BACB as well as local experts in behavior analysis. We also had a spirited business meeting during which we revised our bylaws to encourage greater participation by chapter members.

Utah Association for Behavior Analysis leadership also worked successfully with state legislators and stakeholders to pass a licensure bill this legislative session. Beginning in July 2015, behavior analysts in the state of Utah are able to apply for licensure. This will further legitimize behavior analysis as a field as well as provide important consumer protections for clients of behavior analytic services in Utah.

Vermont ABA

BY THOMAS MOORE

The Vermont Association for Behavior Analysis (VtABA) has enjoyed a productive and exciting year. VtABA recently launched a new website (www.vtaba.org). The website showcases several new features that will make becoming a member and obtaining updates much more user-friendly. Most notably, one can now register for our annual conference online and submit payment electronically. This was very helpful this year for our annual conference, which was held April 9, 2015. VtABA enjoyed its largest turnout yet for an annual conference, and this year featured guest speaker Patrick Friman, Ph.D., ABPP. The audience was composed of attendees from diverse academic and professional backgrounds, many of whom traveled from surrounding states within New England. Aside from our annual conference, VtABA hosted an ethics training this past year for BCBAs seeking CEUs. VtABA plans to continue to offer trainings and other events during the coming year, which will aim to strengthen the knowledge base and professional relationships of our members and the community.

Virginia ABA

BY KATE LEWIS

The Virginia Association for Behavior Analysis (VABA) continued to advance its mission in 2014. It doubled in membership, and a new board member and student representative were elected. The mission of VABA is to promote and support the practice, research, and dissemination of behavior analysis throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The strategic plan also lays out the following goals:

- to be well known in the community
- to provide quality service to our members
- to inspire a new generation of behavior analysts

In efforts to meet the above mission and goals, VABA developed a public policy committee this year headed by the chapter president-elect, Christy Evanko. Through the public policy committee VABA is working hard to become relevant to its members and all who support behavior analysis in the Commonwealth. This past year, the committee has focused on such issues as behavior analysis in early intervention, coverage of applied behavior analysis for those with autism spectrum disorders, expansion of behavior analysis to serve other populations, and the role of the professional behavior analyst in the school. In the future, VABA plans to continue to expand efforts to address the needs of its constituents.

VABA members indicated through the 2013 survey that they would like VABA to have a more user-friendly and modern website. In response, VABA updated the website and we're excited about all the new features, including the members-only page that requires a log-in for the most

up-to-date information about behavior analysis in Virginia. VABA also hosted a HIPAA webinar in collaboration with California ABA this year to offer members a unique opportunity for continuing education.

VABA continues to host an annual conference. This year's conference was held in Charlottesville, VA on April 11. The keynote speaker was Dr. Greg Hanley, who also presented a pre-conference workshop on April 10 on practical assessment and treatment for severe problem behaviors. There were four other speakers who presented on a variety of research topics and a poster session at the conference.

Membership in VABA includes registration for the annual conference in the membership year. Members also benefit from up-to-date information about behavior analysis in Virginia, as well as throughout the nation. Go to the website, www.virginiaaba.org, to become a member, and please follow VABA on Facebook and Twitter.

Washington ABA

BY CHRISTOPHER JONES

The second year since the formation of the Washington Association for Behavior Analysis (WABA) has seen continued growth and progress. Events ranging from our annual conference to the near passage of a behavior analyst licensure bill exemplify the high level of participation and support from our membership. Our membership has grown significantly, and we are nearly triple the number that we were as of last year's report. As of March, the WABA membership (n=197) comprises nearly two-thirds of all BCBAs in Washington State, thanks to the ongoing hard work of our Public Relations Committee.

In 2014, three different WABA committees continued their strong progress, and one new committee was formed. Together, they create a vibrancy and cohesion among Washington behavior analysts that has been missing for many years.

Our Conference Committee successfully put on an amazing and informative conference in August that hosted keynote speakers Peter Gerhardt and Shahla Ala'i-Rosales. In addition, a panel of professionals speaking on matters related to insurance reimbursement and protections was very popular. Follow-up surveys on the conference revealed an overwhelming response of satisfaction from participants. Additionally, despite the fact that APBA is holding their annual conference in Seattle this year, a membership-wide survey found that they still strongly preferred that we host another conference this summer. This is a strong testament to the satisfaction with last year's conference. This year, on Friday, August 28, we will be hosting another conference with keynote speakers Drs. James Mulick and Cathy Watkins. Both will bring unique behavioral perspectives that Washington consumers of behavior analysis do not often get exposure to.

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WABA's Public Relations Committee has been successful at helping to make WABA an even stronger and more unified voice for our field in Washington. The committee has had successful drives to increase our membership, created a WABA presence on Facebook and LinkedIn, and our website designer has managed to make a phenomenal website at www.washingtonaba.org. As evidence, we received anecdotes from one mother in the state who said her daughter used WABA's website as one of her primary resources for a high school capstone project on autism. Our Public Relations Committee has also managed to research and secure a number of marketing items that were displayed proudly at our exhibition booth both at APBA and the ABAI convention this year.

Our newest committee, the Fundraising Committee, has been very, very successful. Because of our legislative efforts, it was determined in mid-2014 that a lobbyist needed to be hired in order to further our political causes. However, before a lobbyist could be hired, a serious fundraising effort needed to begin. As of the writing of this report, in only 4 months, the Fundraising Committee has raised more than \$20,000 toward a goal of \$30K+. This is an incredible testament to the hard work as well as the level of support that the behavior analysis community wants to provide. These donations have come from some fundraisers, but the overwhelming majority has come from individual behavior analysts, behavior analysis businesses, consumers, and other interested individuals. One of the committee's agenda items is to contact and encourage every BCBA in Washington State to donate \$100 toward securing the necessary funds to afford our lobbyist for 1 year. This has been very successful to date. This committee has been successful in hosting socials as well as a major reception at APBA.

Last, our most productive committee this year has been our Public Policy Committee. With the help of leadership in APBA and the BACB, WABA drafted a licensure bill for Washington State behavior analysts, assistant behavior analysts, and behavior technicians in early 2014. Through countless hours of writing and re-writing, phone calls, and meetings, a final bill was drafted and an application for a department of health sunrise review was submitted in July. After several more phone calls, letter-writing campaigns, and hours of testimony before the department of health in August, the department released its final report in December recommending licensure with only relatively minor modifications to the text of the bill. After acceptance of all of the modifications, the revised bill was dropped in the docket for the 2015 legislative session. The Senate bill was taken up and after testimony, dozens of phone calls and conference calls, personal meetings with various lobbyists, hallway meetings, and two different committee votes, the bill was voted out of the Senate 49-0! The bill then moved quickly through the House, passing out of the House Healthcare Committee with a unanimous vote. As

of this writing, we are waiting to hear if it passes out of the Rules Committee and onto the House floor for a final vote. Then on to the governor's office for a final signing. We are strongly optimistic that Washington will be the 20th state to create a licensure law for behavior analysts.

It has been an incredibly productive and successful year for WABA. Considering the amount that has been accomplished, it is amazing that all of the people getting it done are volunteers. The hundreds of person-hours that have been donated to furthering the protection and dissemination of behavior analysis practice is something that brings great pride to our organization and to the field. We look forward to continued success in 2015-2016.

Wisconsin ABA

BY MATT WELCH

The Wisconsin Association for Behavior Analysis (WisABA) was founded in 2004 as a state chapter of ABAI with the mission of promoting an evidence-based understanding of human behavior and helping the people of Wisconsin to improve their lives and the lives of those around them. WisABA is also an affiliate of the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts. This past year saw WisABA conduct its Seventh 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 WisABA social, the annual member-presenter dinner, and a keynote address by Jay Moore, Ph.D. Other notable WisABA activities conducted over the past year and carrying into 2016 include a social with faculty and students from the behavior analysis program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and continued efforts toward WisABA providing BACB continuing education credits through a distance-learning journal club.

WisABA will conduct its Eighth Annual Conference at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Union South August 10-12, 2015—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 the chapter will again offer conference admission free of charge to parents whose children are diagnosed with developmental or intellectual disabilities. 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. Please contact us through wisaba.org or our Facebook group, or keep up with WisABA via @WisconsinABA on Twitter. ❖



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Conferences

ABAI conducts multiple conferences each year. Our annual convention features the contributions of approximately 5,000 participants from more than 50 countries.

An annual autism conference convenes those treating or studying autism.

Special conference topics from our recent past include apps, games, and technology; theory and philosophy; and behavioral economics.

A biennial international conference promotes the science of behavior analysis to chapters and universities throughout the world. Recent host cities include Oslo, Granada, and Mérida.

University Program Accreditation

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

These standards are designed to encourage and support exemplary training of behavior scientists and scientist-practitioners in the experimental and theoretical foundations of behavior analysis and in ethical and evidence-based practice.

Jobs in Behavior Analysis

Members post thousands of job openings and resumes online annually, through our JobTarget job board. This has become an industry hub for employers and job seekers alike.

Special Interest Groups

ABAI supports 36 special interest groups (SIGs) covering the scope of behavioral study and treatment, and welcomes applications from members interested in creating new groups in emerging areas of the field not yet served by such a group.

Publications

ABAI has partnered with Springer, an international publisher for scientific journals, to manage our publishing. Already we have refined the electronic interface for journal management, streamlined editorial review for editors, and hastened publication for authors. Below is a list of our publications:

The Psychological Record
The Behavior Analyst
The Analysis of Verbal Behavior
Behavior Analysis in Practice
Inside Behavior Analysis



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Updates From ABAI's Special Interest Groups

Applied Animal Behavior

BY TERRI BRIGHT

The focus of the Applied Animal Behavior Special Interest Group (AAB SIG) is both to communicate with SIG members, ABAI members, and applied animal behaviorists in other organizations and to promote scholarship in applied animal behavior. The membership is diverse, and includes academicians, researchers, and practitioners from a variety of disciplines who are 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, and expert reviewers carefully choose the winners each year. Those interested in our group might also want to visit our 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 a former SIG president, Dr. Christina Alligood, we have a set of bylaws and non-profit status.

At the ABAI convention in San Antonio, the B. F. Skinner Lecture Series featured Simon Gadbois, who discussed training "sniffer" dogs as lab and field research assistants, and Timothy Edwards, who discussed recent changes in the methods used to train military service dogs. A tutorial was presented by Timothy Edwards on operational scent detection with animals.

Symposia included research that featured a variety of interesting applied behavior techniques, from functional analyses of resource-guarding in dogs, to per-session pairing for odor detection, and treatment of barking and separation-related canine behaviors. In another symposium, research was presented on preference assessments in zoos and animal shelters in a variety of animals, from snakes to cats.

Additionally, 12 posters on applied animal behavior were presented. The SIG also 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 a continuing relationship with the new ABAI SIGs Board. For more information, do not hesitate to contact the SIG president, Terri Bright (see above).

Autism

BY ROBERT K. ROSS

This past year has been one of tremendous change for the Autism SIG. From very early on, the Autism SIG had partnered with the Parent-Professional Partnership (PPP) SIG. However, the PPP SIG has formally disbanded. The dedicated members and leadership of the PPP SIG had worked hand in hand with the Autism SIG in our shared mission to support children and families impacted by ASD. Their support and friendship will be greatly missed, though many remain involved with the Autism SIG, and for that we are grateful. This change, as well as the challenge of trying to be a volunteer organization disseminating information to a very broad constituency, has led the SIG leadership to the difficult decision to shift the focus of SIG activity from two resource-intensive activities to a more project-focused agenda.

As of last year the SIG has ceased to produce a periodic newsletter. This activity required support and an ongoing level of time and personnel that the volunteer SIG board simply did not have. The SIG leadership also recognized that the Association for Science in Autism Treatment (ASAT) was producing a well-resourced and quality newsletter that was serving the needs of our members. A decision was made to make this newsletter available via a link sent to our members. We plan to make this information available each time the ASAT newsletter is published. SIG members can opt to access the link or not once they receive the email from us.

In keeping with a shift in priorities, the SIG has moved to refocus its resources on projects of interest to its members. This year at the ABAI convention in San Antonio, a survey of projects was distributed to members (this will also be sent electronically to all members) to identify priorities with respect to the development of resource guides for families and other consumers of ABA-based autism treatment services.

The SIG has come to the recognition that development and dissemination of resources such as the Consumer Guidelines is both consistent with its mission and its available resources. Additionally, the SIG has begun partnering with Autism Speaks to develop and disseminate such resources. We are excited about this partnership and have been working with Dr. Kara Reagon at Autism Speaks on these projects. We view the development of standards of care in ABA-based autism treatment as well as guidelines for identifying quality personnel, programs, and schools as an exciting and critical continuation of our work. The details of these proposed projects and a survey soliciting input

from the SIG membership were disseminated at the ABAI convention business meeting in San Antonio. We encourage any member wishing to provide input into helping us focus the prioritizing of projects or participate in the development of these resources to contact us.

The SIG did experience some turmoil this year, as its president, John Molteni, informed the SIG that he would not be able to continue his term due to family and personal reasons. The SIG leadership met and chose to have past president Robert Ross assume the duties and fulfill the remainder of the term. The SIG will hold a new election next spring to fill the role of incoming president, and we encourage active committed members who may be interested in running to contact us to volunteer for projects to demonstrate your commitment to the SIG and its activities. The SIG also shifted its web presence from a traditional website to a Facebook page. We are hoping to enhance our presence in this forum and are actively seeking social media-savvy members to help in this arena. Thanks to the continued outreach of Jen Zarcone and Wayne Fisher, the SIG helps support the ABAI autism conference every year. We suggest speakers, participate in conference planning, and present on the SIG at the conference. We hope to continue and strengthen this collaboration in the coming year.

As one of the largest ABAI SIGs, with more than 1,500 members, we continue to recognize the importance of the Autism SIG taking stands on critical issues in both the treatment of persons and families impacted by ASD as well as political issues within our field. It is our sincere hope that you will take the time to do whatever you can support this vital mission, as members of ABAI and as professionals representing the science and applied practice of behavior analysis. If you have any questions regarding the SIG and how you can participate, please contact us via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/abaiautismsig.

Behavior Analysis and the Arts

BY TRAVIS THOMPSON

The Behavior Analysis and the Arts SIG made progress in developing programmatic participation at the ABAI 2015 Annual Convention, including several scientific presentations and as a joint venture with the presidential reception planning committee. Events for this year's convention included an invited tutorial, two symposia, a poster presentation, and a musical/spoken word reception. We plan to create a survey in hopes to find new ways in which the arts can be useful to ABAI members during 2015 and beyond. The data collected from this effort will go toward developing activities that meet the interests of the membership.

The decision was made shortly after last year's convention to establish a Facebook page in lieu of a website, based on recommendations from other SIGs. The Facebook page has had limited participation, which will be a focus of increased effort for 2015–16. We are planning a pre-convention

workshop for 2016 to be led by an internationally known expert on effective presentations of scientific information, as well as other workshops on integrating the arts with behavioral interventions.

Behavior Analysis and Technology

BY DOUGLAS A. JOHNSON

The Behavior Analysis and Technology Special Interest Group (BATEch SIG) was created in early 2014 with the mission “to advance the science of behavior through the development, dissemination, and application of technology in basic and applied settings.” This SIG offers fairly high potential for collaborations across specializations and other SIGs. The group held its first annual meeting on May 24, 2014, and 38 people joined the BATEch SIG as a result. Furthermore, the positions of chair (Douglas A. Johnson), chair-elect (Kenneth J. Killingsworth), secretary/treasurer (Jonathan Friedel), membership coordinator (Rogelio Escobar), and website coordinator (Melinda Sota) were decided by the present membership. In January 2015, a special issue of the *Mexican Journal of Behavior Analysis* was dedicated to the topic of technology and behavior analysis, including a description of the BATEch SIG. Subsequent to the publication of this special issue, another 15 members joined, bringing the total membership to 53 as of March 2015. The second annual BATEch SIG meeting was held May 23, 2015, with the purpose of attracting new members, updating current members, and selecting a new chair-elect.

A website was developed by Melinda Sota to help coordinate communication between members and provide a central access point for the SIG. The web address is <http://batechsig.com>, and the site allows members to post on a range of topics related to the intersection of technology and behavior analysis. The posts have included topics related to research, supporting individuals with disabilities at work, user research methodologies for instructional design, autism, behavioral apps, and the dissemination of behavior analysis. There were 615 unique site visitors for 2014 and 460 unique site visitors for 2015 (so far), including page views from 36 different countries.

Membership is open to all behavior analysts with an interest in the dissemination, development, and application of technology. Interested individuals can learn more by visiting <http://batechsig.com>.

Behavior Analysis for Sustainable Societies

BY JULIA H. FIEBIG

The Behavior Analysis for Sustainable Societies Special Interest Group (BASS SIG) has entered its fifth year. The

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most recent BASS SIG business meeting was held at the 41st ABAl Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas. Agenda items included identifying goals for the upcoming year, inclusive of how to increase member involvement, communication, and sharing of resources. While the BASS Facebook page has reached 660 “likes,” communication on the Facebook page and the Yahoo discussion group has decreased in the last year. Other outlets for communication and dissemination of information include the BASS blog website as a forum for sharing information, making commentaries, and posting examples of sustainability and behavior change efforts across disciplines. This was also offered as an opportunity for members interested in contributing blog posts that address ideas and new initiatives. A summary of meeting notes and action items was posted to the Yahoo listserv files for member reference. Lastly, an update on BASS officers and elections was discussed. Contact information for all BASS officers and links to the Yahoo discussion listserv can be found on the BASS blog website, <http://baforsustainablesocieties.blogspot.com>.

Objectives of BASS continue to include supporting 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 the BASS SIG’s target goals:

- increase BASS SIG membership within ABAl 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 ABAl 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/behavioranalystsfor sustainablesocieties/>) 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 ABAl site for updates.

Behavior Analysis in Military and Veterans’ Issues

BY ABIGAIL B. CALKIN

The Military/Veterans (MilVet) SIG is entering its fourth year of ABAl operation. The SIG focuses on how the field of applied behavior analysis (ABA) can contribute to those who have served in the U.S. military. Given that this is a young SIG and there are also many issues that currently affect military and veteran communities (autism, suicide, PTSD, and traumatic brain injury), co-chairs Abigail Calkin and Kent Corso and SIG members remain excited about discussing the issues and needs of this specific population. During the SIG’s 4 years, a significant amount of time was devoted to increasing membership, while also examining viable ways of accessing the military and veteran communities.

At present, the Tricare ECHO program for treating autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) 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 MilVet SIG continues to work to raise awareness about the obstacles that lie in the path of delivering ABA to the military and veteran population. We continued our grassroots approach to pressure DoD and the VA in order to make ABA available to the MilVet community.

At the 2015 ABAl annual convention, Kent Corso led a symposium titled, “Current Applications of ABA With Military Service Members and Veterans.” Abigail Calkin presented, “Standard Celeration and 1-Minute Timing: Changing Inner Behaviors of Service Members and Veterans.” There have been over half a million diagnoses of PTSD resulting from the 13 years of war in Afghanistan and Iraq. Jim Meador presented “Video Simulation Training in Law Enforcement: Veterans’ Versus Non-Veterans’ Performance.” Ted Hoch’s talk was called “The Development of an Instrument That Assesses the Verbal Operants of Military Service Members and Veterans With Traumatic Brain Injury.” There have been 253,330 independent diagnoses of traumatic brain injury given to American service members since 2001. Corso’s talk was titled, “Suicide Prevention Program Outcome Evaluation Using

the Standard Celeration Chart and Single-Case Research Design.” The current suicide rate of active duty, discharged, and retired military remains at 22 per day.

Corso conducted a workshop on delivering ABA with cultural coherence 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. Calkin’s workshop, “Change Thoughts, Feelings, and Urges,” covered topics relevant to those recovering from PTSD.

The 2015 ABAI Convention also included the Expo poster, “Additional Opportunities to Help Military Service Members and Veterans.” Information included the fact that over half of those deployed suffer from physical injuries, PTSD, and/or traumatic brain injury.

The co-chairs were pleased with the increase in the SIG’s membership. When the first SIG application was submitted, there were 14 members. The MilVet SIG currently has a total of 42 members, a growth of 30% over last year. After pre-convention publicity was sent to other SIGs about the MilVet SIG, its membership grew.

One of the MilVet SIG members, Megan Miller, created a Facebook page for the SIG on May 28, 2014. The site is a closed group with 86 members and 11 postings not including responses to those postings.

In the coming year, we look to expand a project on suicide in Utah and a project for the Verbal Operant Channel Assessment of Language for Military and Veterans (VOCAL-Mil/Vet). We also hope to increase regular contact and networking between the SIG and other members of the MilVet community. Lastly, we hope to increase SIG activity through social networking.

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 using occupational training for veterans and service members. The MilVet SIG will continue to support Hoch’s team, Meador’s efforts, Calkin and Corso’s move forward on the Utah suicide project, 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 will continue its presence at future ABAI Expos. This remains 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 Kent Corso at kentcorso@gmail.com or Abigail Calkin at abc@abigailcalkin.com.

Behavioral Gerontology

BY JONATHAN C. BAKER

Behavioral gerontology is the application of behavior analysis to aging and age-related issues (LeBlanc, Raetz, & Feliciano, 2011). By the year 2030, nearly 20% of the American population will be over the age of 65, and our society will face increasing challenges in providing adequate and affordable supports to the growing number of older adults who need them. The Behavioral Gerontology SIG (BGSIG) has the mission of fostering interest among behavior analysts in addressing and researching aging-related issues. Even as we grow the number of potential providers in this area, we face the barrier that most existing care agencies for seniors are unaware of the potential benefits of incorporating opportunities for behavior analysis into their practices. Thus, there are many opportunities for behavior analysts to make a powerful social impact, but those opportunities come with the challenge of convincing consumers of the value of our craft. The BGSIG holds a meeting during ABAI’s annual convention and also honors a student presenter each year. In addition to ongoing business activities, this meeting typically includes a discussion of challenges involved in working in multidisciplinary service settings and brainstorming ideas for research studies to foster future student participation. A newsletter is distributed twice per year, and the spring newsletter always includes a list of the aging-related presentations at the upcoming convention. Information about the SIG, including previous newsletters, is available on the website (<http://bgsig.wordpress.com>).

Behavioral Medicine

BY 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.

To learn more about the Behavioral Medicine SIG, visit our website (<https://sites.google.com/site/bmedsig/>) or

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Facebook page (Behavioral Medicine SIG of ABAI). The Behavioral Medicine SIG offers opportunities for members to engage in research collaboration and discussions about behavior analysis and health promotion.

The annual Behavioral Medicine SIG meeting was held during the ABAI convention in San Antonio. During the meeting, SIG members discussed strategies to enhance benefits of SIG membership. The goal for this upcoming year is to improve dissemination of behavioral medicine technologies and research among behavior analysts, consumers, and the medical community. We are working on providing opportunities for webinars and CEUs for SIG members, and creating a student research scholarship.

Behavior Analyst Online

BY PAUL R. MALANGA

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

The publication of the SIG's journals has been assumed by APA; the BAO SIG will continue to meet primarily under the direction of Dr. Michael Commons. The goals of the BAO SIG will remain the same:

- be responsible to its membership to develop useful resources in everyday research, education, and application of the science of behavior
- operate under the guidance of its Senior Membership Board
- provide behavior analysts with valuable information:
 - theory and basic and applied research based on behavioral principles, behavioral development, and behavioral practice
 - expectations and roles of the behavior analyst
 - collaboration and communication with other stakeholders
 - assessment strategies including functional assessment and analysis, curriculum-based measurement, and direct and analogue assessment
 - behavioral interventions across an array of disciplines including behavioral health, education, criminology,

consultation, verbal behavior, and early intervention, to name a few

- laws, funding, and public policy
- organizational behavior management-level strategies and interventions for mental health, developmental disabilities, and educational interventions and systems for intervening
- training and professional standards

Objective

The objective of the BAO SIG is to develop specific resources including, but not limited to, the following:

- online referral services
- professional placement services
- behavior analysis web boards
- document shares
- eNewsletters
- online behavior analysis storefronts

Subscribe

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

Behaviorists for Social Responsibility

BY MARK MATTAINI AND RICHARD RAKOS

The work of Behaviorists for Social Responsibility (BFSR) has emphasized three areas over the past year. First, our flagship continues to be the interdisciplinary, open access journal *Behavior and Social Issues*, with which we have been associated since 1990 (and even earlier under a different title). Published by the University of Illinois at Chicago library, the journal remains strong, with about 30,000 article views in the past year, and an expanding level of submissions. Our acceptance rate over the last three years has averaged under 25%.

Second, we have initiated a new project that we hope will draw wide attention. While behavior analysis and behavioral systems (cultural) analysis have potential to make contributions to addressing major societal and global challenges, paths to involvement in such work remain obscure, with limited attention in behavioral educational programs, and limited career opportunities. In response, we are conducting a detailed analysis of current and potential practices and metacontingencies that could better link behavior analysts, and in particular behavior analysis students, to work being done in areas of social and environmental importance. We are drawing from interviews with expert informants who have made such connections, and from a detailed conceptual analysis of interlocking practices among at least 25 sectors, including behavior analysis departments, university administrations, student groups, all levels of government, advocacy organizations,

and many others. Our preliminary analysis suggests that movement toward greater engagement with societal issues may not be as difficult as has often been suggested (including by Skinner). We shared some preliminary data and analyses in a poster session at the 2015 ABAI convention.

Finally, recognizing the limitations of meeting only once a year, and our long-time difficulties without regular face-to-face contact in sustaining SIG work throughout the year, BFSR has also initiated an effort over the past year to expand our digital presence and interaction. Given our almost 40 years of experience with attempting to mount large-scale initiatives with our members spread thinly across the globe, we expect that it will take an additional year to achieve our goal levels across social media platforms. We therefore began with the modest goal of establishing a meaningful presence on Twitter, which we have achieved, with plans to link this work with an expanded Facebook and blogging presence over the next year. We are also partnering with Todd Ward in an online Twitter marketing study oriented toward drawing more attention to our work.

Overall therefore, our activity level has increased considerably over the past year, with the expectation that activity will accelerate further in 2015–16 as our current projects mature with increased leadership time available. To stay up to date, please follow us on Twitter @BFSRorg!

Clinical

BY TOM WALTZ AND EMILY THOMAS JOHNSON

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

At the 2015 convention, the Clinical SIG met to continue work on several ongoing projects. Our 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/constituents/special-interests/special-interest-groups.aspx.

Crime, Delinquency, and Forensic Behavior

BY WENDY LITTLETON-KOZMA AND ANN F. FILER

The ABAI SIG focusing on crime, delinquency, and forensic behavior is in the process of transitioning to new leadership. Teresa Balawejder has moved on from the role and Kelly McElrath is the new SIG leader. She will consult with Joseph Cautilli as she transitions to her new responsibilities.

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

This SIG has much to offer those behavior analysts who are interested in the prevention of recidivism, the treatment of offenders, lessening the burden on our prison system, saving society money, and the overall reduction of crime and the damage it does to families.

The SIG operates and maintains a listserv. We currently have 126 members who have contributed to 22 posts pertaining to such subjects as providing consultation for veterans in prison, child medications, the psychology of false confessions, risk assessment, and functional behavioral assessment. Finally, the SIG also posts positions for members seeking employment or a career change.

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The SIG is currently exploring collaboration with the Practitioner Issues in Behavior Analysis SIG and the Behavior Analysis in Military and Veterans' Issues SIG about ways to allow licensed behavior analysts to work in the VA system.

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Direct Instruction

BY ANN F. FILER AND WENDY LITTLETON-KOZMA

Direct instruction (DI) is a logical choice for a wide variety of learners. Frequently, the instructional needs of learners with ASD and other learning challenges are similar to the needs of typically developing learners. As a stated goal, the Direct Instruction Special Interest Group (DI SIG) strives to coordinate and support a continuum of ongoing education, training, and networking opportunities for all individuals interested in direct instruction, as an effective evidence-based instructional practice. The significance of evidence-based instructional practices has been established, and numerous studies support direct instruction as an effective practice within this domain. Direct instruction is a *system of teaching* in which instructional variables are controlled through the use of carefully designed instructional materials, instructional sequences, and teaching strategies to ensure students will master content at a reasonable rate.

DI SIG members met for the annual business meeting at the 2014 ABAI Convention in Chicago, Illinois. DI SIG members discussed a summary of focus points identified at the SIG leadership training held earlier that day. In addition, members were provided an update on the status of the DI SIG wiki site. Last year's goals were reported on, and projects targeted for the coming year were established. The DI SIG project list for 2014/2015 included the following:

- develop a fully functioning Facebook page
- increase DI SIG membership
- identify three volunteers to assist with DI projects
- add at least one radio podcast and PowerPoint training to the DI SIG wiki website

Several items from the project list have been partially accomplished. Content for the DI SIG Facebook page has been developed, membership has increased and one volunteer has been identified to assist with 2015/2016 projects. In addition, a training has been completed on the sounds production list associated with reading mastery. The DI SIG is working to make the training accessible on the DI SIG wiki site.

The DI SIG is working to develop a collaborative relationship with members of the Autism SIG. Suggested

goals for this collaborative group continue to include planning for and providing ongoing training for professionals on multiple levels (introductory, intermediate, and advanced/research level) and offering education and support for parents and practitioners attending ABAI workshops and presentations.

The DI SIG continues to seek to identify various challenges, administrative practices, and implementation strategies pertaining specifically to evidence-based instructional practices in 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. Participants will continue to develop a systematic process for determining best practice guidelines and publishing standardized processes for implementing solutions. The DI SIG continues to discuss the development of research projects validating the effectiveness of DI implementation with special needs learners on the autism spectrum. The SIG will also continue to work on several research proposals that were established at the conclusion of the 2012 convention.

Note the following upcoming training: The National Institute for Direct Instruction will sponsor its First Annual Training Institute August 5–8 in San Antonio, Texas. The institute will offer a one-stop training event designed to help teachers, paraprofessionals, building coordinators, and administrator master tools for implementing DI successfully for all students. For more information, please visit www.nifdi.org.

Dissemination of Behavior Analysis

BY MEGAN MILLER

The Dissemination of Behavior Analysis Special Interest Group (DBA SIG) focused on several activities in 2014. In order to disseminate behavior analysis and benefit certified behavior analysts, the SIG became an approved CEU provider with the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. Officers of the SIG look forward to hosting online CEU events and recorded webinars for SIG members and the public at large on topics related to behavior analysis. During our meeting at the ABAI convention in 2015, the SIG determined a schedule of presenters and topics for the year, as well as additional goals.

The SIG also focused on growing its presence on social media. Weekly posts related to behavior analysis were shared on Facebook throughout the year. The Facebook page has increased the visibility of the SIG and has more than 1,500 followers.

At the end of 2014, new officers were elected to serve the SIG for 2015. Megan Miller, BCBA, was elected as SIG chair. Dr. Amanda Kelly, BCBA-D, will serve as the past chair. Melissa Engasser, BCBA, was elected as the vice-chair. Christy Evanko, BCBA, was elected as the webmaster. Liz Callahan, BCBA, was elected as the secretary. Eyal Cohen was elected as the treasurer. Congratulations to the new SIG officers!

All SIG members receive access to CEU events for free or at reduced rates. To join the SIG, visit our website today, <http://aboutbehavior.webs.com>.

Ethics and Behavior Analysis

BY DAVID J. COX

The Ethics and Behavior Analysis SIG (EBASIG) is excited to have begun its third year as a functioning SIG within ABAI. The purpose of this SIG is to enhance the current state of and provide recommendations for ethical conduct for all individuals who use the title "behavior analyst." Inquiry from the SIG into ethical behavior includes all areas of literature from experimental research, applied work, service delivery, and academia as related to the analysis of behavior. There are currently 38 members through the SIG's official website and 118 subscribers to the ethics and behavior analysis listserv.

In its second year, the SIG accomplished a number of action items set forth at the business meeting held during the 40th ABAI Annual Convention in Chicago. This has included increasing the overall rate of ethics-related postings on relevant EBA-related social media forums, continued SIG sponsorship of ethics-related symposia at the annual ABAI convention, and further outlining the structure of the SIG with a focus on long-term sustainability. The most exciting action item accomplished by the SIG was the creation of a system for providing monetary encouragement to students for engaging in ethics-related research and publications. This financial support went live in the fall of 2015.

At the 2015 Annual Convention in San Antonio, the SIG met to discuss future action items for the current year. Interested parties are referred to the following website where the current action items are published: <http://ethicsandbehavioranalysis.webs.com>.

Membership is open to any individual who is a member of ABAI and who has expressed interest in actively or passively engaging in the actions taken by the EBASIG toward the above-stated purpose. Anyone interested in participating or becoming a member is encouraged to visit our website. For those interested in participating in the ethics and behavior analysis listserv, please contact David J. Cox at cox.david.j@gmail.com.

Evidence-Based Practice

BY SUSAN M. WILCZYNSKI

The Evidence-Based Practice SIG of ABAI holds its business meeting at the annual convention. In 2014, we identified developing a website and increasing SIG activity as our highest priorities. Our goal was to reach out to other organizations and identify shared interests. Although a website was created, we found that members were not able to invest the time required to build strong and sustained relationships with other organizations. SIG leaders convened to discuss whether the priorities that had been identified matched the actual needs identified by our members. A plan to reorganize the Evidence-Based Practice SIG was drafted and presented to the membership during the business meeting at the annual convention in San Antonio. The primary need identified by many of our members is the ability to discuss how to communicate effectively about the evidence-based practice of applied behavior analysis with individuals within the community. Toward that end, the membership voted on a plan to change the primary objective of the SIG. This will increase communication among members that better allows them to have their primary needs met.

Experimental Analysis of Human Behavior

BY MANISH VAIDYA AND J. ADAM BENNETT

2014 Activities

The SIG held its 2014 annual meeting at the annual convention in Chicago, IL. At the meeting, Dr. J. Adam Bennett was elected to be the chairperson of the EAHB SIG. He also graciously agreed to coordinate the paper competition for an additional year. The SIG is also grateful for the efforts of Dr. Hayashi, who was elected to serve as treasurer; Dr. Vaidya, who continues to serve as editor of the *EAHB Bulletin*; and Mr. Voss, who continues to serve as our webmaster.

The SIG selected Dr. Harry Mackay to receive the EAHB SIG Distinguished Contributions Award for 2014. William Dube, Ph.D., introduced Dr. Mackay and provided a summary of his many contributions to the experimental analysis of human behavior. Dr. Mackay then gave an award address reflecting on his research career with an eye toward the future. The session was chaired by Eric Jacobs, Ph.D.

The SIG recognized the work of two young scholars through its annual Experimental Analysis of Human Behavior Student Paper Competition. Dr. J. Adam Bennett coordinated the competition, which resulted in two winning submissions. The first award was presented to Kathryn R. Glodowski for her paper "Response Patterns During Token

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Schedules of Reinforcement in Adolescents Diagnosed With Autism.” Dr. Jason Bouret served as Ms. Glodowski’s faculty sponsor. The second award was presented to Monica Ma for her paper “The Role of Intraverbal Naming on the Emergence of Novel Intraverbals and Equivalence Classes.” Dr. Caio Miguel served as Ms. Ma’s faculty sponsor. Both students were presented with a certificate and received reimbursement for their ABAI convention registration.

2015–2016 Activities

The 2015 EAHB SIG Distinguished Contributions Award was presented to Deisy de Souza, Ph.D., professor of psychology and special education at Universidade Federal de São Carlos. Drs. João Claudio Todorov and Joanne Kledaras introduced Dr. de Souza and provided a summary of her many contributions to understanding human behavior. Subsequently, Dr. de Souza gave an award address reflecting on her research career with an eye toward the future. The session was chaired by J. Adam Bennett, Ph.D., and was held Saturday, May 24, from 9:00–9:50 am in room 007A of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Thank you for joining us in celebrating the illustrious career of Dr. de Souza.

During this year’s meeting, we 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 Contributions Award.

Plans for the upcoming year will 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 EAHB SIG continues to increase its membership (currently 30 ABAI members) by (1) presenting a poster at the ABAI Expo, (2) promoting the annual Distinguished Contributions Award address, and (3) increasing the visibility of the *EAHB Bulletin*. SIG dues are \$20/year, which includes access to the *EAHB Bulletin* and immediate access to all articles. There are no fees for student membership; however, only paying members receive immediate access to all *EAHB Bulletin* articles.

Gambling

BY BENJAMIN N. WITTS

The Gambling Special Interest Group (G-SIG) has had yet another very productive year! We continue to grow and expand our reach and, as always, membership in the SIG is completely free and open to anyone with an interest in gambling research, practice, theory, or policy. Our website, gsig.squarespace.com, has helped to follow through on our promises from 2014. These initiatives include our

membership tracking feature, our quarterly newsletter, and gambling research software housing. These latter two initiatives plus a new third are worthy of greater attention.

The Quarterly Handle

In gambling, a “handle” consists of all the money the casino stands to earn. Likewise, *The Quarterly Handle* (TQH) represents all of the information that stands to benefit gambling researchers in behavior analysis. In 2014, we increased our efforts to cover national trends in gaming, new gaming formats, and a celebration of our members’ success. For example, in several editions we covered a growing trend of semi-legal Internet cafes (i.e., pseudo-casinos) that have sprung up around the US, particularly in the South. We have also made in-depth analyses of newer platforms, like online casinos that use social media and social gaming aspects. TQH offers members stories and news that are not readily available in journals and conferences, and thus serves as an additional source of useful information.

Gambling Software

One major hurdle to gambling research is the lack of software that provides the researcher with control over the variables of interest. To help address this concern, the G-SIG’s website continues to grow its collection of freely available gaming research software. Each program was developed by or in collaboration with a behavioral researcher. Therefore, each program represents countless hours of work or finances staked by the researcher, and is completely free to our members. G-SIG members are encouraged to download these programs, experiment with their features, and incorporate them into their own research. But we still need more, and our members’ donations help to keep others producing new and important research. It’s never been an easier (or cheaper) time to be a behaviorist interested in gambling research!

Multi-SIG Symposium

This year we offered the first-ever multi-SIG symposium at the ABAI convention. Members of the Ethics SIG, Clinical SIG, Experimental Analysis of Human Behavior SIG, and the Gambling SIG came together to present on how each contributes to research and understanding of gambling behavior. Particular attention was paid to problem gambling and the future of behavior analysis in gambling research. To say this symposium was a success would be a gross understatement! We are already putting things in motion to gear up for our next multi-SIG collaboration.

Moving Forward

The G-SIG invites you to be part of its efforts to support our fellow behavior analysts in pursuing their particular interests in gambling. Be it basic, conceptual, application, or even policy, there is a place for each of you in the SIG.

We hope to see you online at gsig.squarespace.com, at an upcoming conference, or at our annual meeting at next year's ABAI annual convention.

Health, Sport, and Fitness

BY BETHANY W. NELSON

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 and fueled by enthusiastic discussion at our previous business meetings over the years, we continue to work toward creating an on- and off-line community of active SIG member collaborators to help with efforts to disseminate applied behavior analytic techniques in our areas of interest.

In the last year, there were few changes to the group and its activities. Our newly elected chairperson, Bethany Nelson, joined us in October 2014; since then, the HSF SIG logo got a new look, and was added to our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ABAI.HSF.SIG), as well as the new website (www.hsfsigabai.com). The website has myriad online resources (e.g., articles, journal links, blog posts, events, member forum) pertaining to ABA in health, sport, and fitness. Some topics include weight management (i.e., exercise, diet, and nutrition); workplace wellness; living healthy lifestyles for children and families; sports and athletic performance; and smoking cessation and addiction.

In past years, members have contributed to our blog with posts on topics such as behavior analytic tools for weight management, health-related public policy, technology for self-management, and health trends in pregnancy. SIG membership is currently at 110, with a growing email list. We continue to encourage all our members to be involved in keeping the conversation going on social media (Facebook) and our website. These provide opportunities for our members to chat with one another, network, share ideas, and to stay up to date with current research trends in applied behavior analysis in health and fitness. At present, we are delighted to note that we have had increased activity on our new Facebook page, with 474 likes to date.

At the 41st Annual Convention in San Antonio, the HSF SIG had several exciting events. We were proud to host four symposia: (1) Danah Mulqueen, provided an overview of behavior analysis applications in health, sport, and fitness; (2) Chris Nieves, Kimberly Crosland, and Raymond Miltenberger, "Effectiveness of a Wearable Technology for Increasing Physical Activity"; (3) Danah Mulqueen, Kimberly Crosland, and Raymond Miltenberger, "Using Video Modeling and Video Feedback to Improve Olympic Weightlifting Technique"; and (4) Jill Basso, "A Review of Current Tai Chi Research and Proposed Research Project."

In addition to the symposia, we also had our much-anticipated HSF SIG annual business meeting, where we discussed current and future research projects; dues

structures and best uses of funds; event planning for future networking and collaboration opportunities; opportunities to disseminate behavior analysis to mainstream health, sport, and fitness venues; reconfiguring member recruitment strategies; additional uses for the website and social media and continuing content building as a resource; and how to make membership in the HSF SIG as beneficial as possible. For all the progress we've made in the past year, the HSF SIG would like to thank Jennifer Klapatch, Annabelle Winters, Bobby Newman, Gabi Torres, Stephen Ray Flora, and all contributing members. For more information, to join the HSF SIG, or if you're interested in making contributions to the website or social media, please contact Bethany Nelson at hsf.abai@gmail.com.

History of Behavior Analysis

BY EDWARD K. MORRIS

The aim of the History of Behavior Analysis Special Interest Group (HoBA SIG) is to advance behavior analysis nationally and internationally by understanding its history. Our mission is to promote new knowledge through original and rigorous research and to expand and deepen its instruction. Our objectives are to increase the quantity and quality of presentations and publications on the field's history (e.g., at conferences, in journals) and increase the quantity and quality of its instruction (e.g., in curricula, courses, continuing education). Our purview is the field's long past, short history, recent origins, and historiographic methods. Our audience is behavior analysts, other scientists and humanists, and the public at large.

Why HoBA?

The rationales for the SIG's aim, mission, and objectives are many. In *Concepts and Principals*, Jack Michael (2004) offers this:

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 history and historiography of behavior analysis reveal interdependencies across the field's discipline, subdisciplines, and practices. The field has breadth and depth beyond any of them—behavior analysis is greater than the sum of its parts. Additionally, the field has strong connections with the biological, psychological, and social sciences. Behavior analysis is defined, in part, by its complementarities and contrasts with them.

Beyond this, historiography has more general rationales. Cicero (106–43 BCE) offered among the first: "Those who

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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)

Activities

To date, the SIG has held business meetings at ABAI annual conventions, has established (and maintains) a listserv (see HOBA@LISTSERV.UHD.EDU), and has established (and maintains) a website (www.historyofbehavioranalysis.org). The minutes of its business meetings are on the website.

The HoBA SIG has many activities to pursue in service to its aim, mission, and objectives. Among them are (a) promoting the submission of history symposia, panel sessions, and papers for ABAI and other related events (e.g., international, national, regional); (b) identifying and supporting a historian for every ABAI SIG, affiliate organization, and accredited program; (c) disseminating syllabi for history of behavior analysis courses and for the inclusion of behavior analysis history in other courses—every course should include history (e.g., conceptual foundations, verbal behavior, applied behavior analysis); (d) establishing a searchable bibliography of publications on the history of the science; (e) developing a monthly “current contents” of history-focused publications for the listserv; (f) soliciting the names of behavior analysts unidentified yet in photographs (e.g., as a feature of the ABAI Expo); and (g) expanding the website’s inclusion of the foregoing and other materials (e.g., searchable quotations, a calendar, timelines). The HoBA SIG plans to pursue some of these activities this year.

The HoBA SIG’s greatest need is storing and archiving (storing is not archiving) the field’s materials (e.g., association, conference, and university records; photographs, films, and videos; oral histories and vitas). Behavior analysis has materials stored and archived at the Behavioral Apparatus Virtual Museum, the B. F. Skinner Foundation, the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies, the Harvard University Archives, and the Center for the History of Psychology (CHOP), but these venues are more focused on their aims, missions, and objectives than on behavior analysis history in general (and may charge fees, e.g., CHOP). Professional and practice organizations, universities,

and academic departments also store and archive behavior analytic materials that are, wittingly or unwittingly, relevant to this pursuit, but their purviews, too, are more focused. The decentralization of these materials inhibits systematic history of behavior analysis research and the SIG’s aim, mission, and objectives. The HoBA SIG requires a centralized archive or, at least, a network of storage and archives identified and searchable by their holdings. The issue of storage and archiving was a main topic of discussion at the HoBA SIG’s 2015 business meeting.

Governance

HoBA’s 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 may need a more expansive organizational structure, bylaws, and dues beyond what we have at the moment for elections, the foregoing activities, and the website.

Membership

Our membership increased markedly last year from about 100 to 154, thanks to ABAI’s sharing information about the SIG with interested ABAI members. 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., ABAI affiliate organizations, Division 25 [behavior analysis] of the American Psychological Association, the Society for the Quantitative Analyses of Behavior), members of organizations established independently of behavior analysis (e.g., Cheiron, History of Science Society, Society for the History of Psychology), and independent scholars. SIG members need not be members of ABAI. To join the SIG, contact Edward K. Morris:

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Joining the SIG automatically includes membership on the HoBA listserv.

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Human Development

BY MARTHA PELAEZ

The main mission of the Human Development SIG (DEV SIG) is to promote a behavioral-developmental thrust among behavior analysts by bringing professionals from outside traditional behavior analysis and from developmental psychology to ABAI meetings and working to form collaborations. We wish to bring behavior analysis into the wider world of child psychology and learning, comparative psychology, adult development and gerontology, sociobiology, education, behavioral economics, developmental disabilities and autism, and language development, among other fields.

The DEV SIG promotes behavior analytic empirical and conceptual analyses of issues related to behavioral development, and 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 many complex kinds of behavioral phenomena such as stimulus equivalence, relational frames, language, motivation, problem solving, and autism, as well as normal and problematic behaviors and social interactions. In addition, our discussions have also dealt with the historical bases of behaviorism and behavior analysis as basic science and applied practice. The SIG has about 175 members, including faculty, students, and practitioners who are members of other SIGs and are interested in our mission and the human development convention program and discussions.

To this end, the SIG promotes a refereed journal, *The Behavioral Development Bulletin* (BDB). Since its inception as a newsletter (M. Pelaez, editor, 1991), BDB has published articles of an inter- and multidisciplinary nature, including pieces on sociobiology and child and adult behavioral development. BDB has evolved through the years; starting in April 2015, BDB became a publication of the American Psychological Association (APA). The journal now includes a larger editorial board—Michael Commons and Martha Pelaez serve as editors. Dr. Commons holds several positions in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and is a founder of the *Journal of Adult Development*, the Society for the Quantitative Analyses of Behavior, and the Society for Research in Adult Development. Dr. Pelaez is a Frost Professor in the Department of Leadership and Professional Studies in the College of Education at Florida International University and founder of BDB.

Prospective contributors and subscribers are encouraged to visit the journal's APA homepage: www.apa.org/pubs/journals/bdb. Articles published in BDB are also available through PsycARTICLES to a global audience of more than 3,400 institutions and 60 million potential users.

We will be publishing behavioral, peer-reviewed scientific information about human and nonhuman

development. The new 2015 BDB plans to provide developmental psychologists with peer-reviewed scientific information and has two main goals: understand development in behavioral terms and reach out to the field of developmental psychology with the innovations that behavior analytic approaches to development have provided. We are interested in educational and clinical interventions that stimulate and increase desired developmental outcomes. Measurement of development includes identifying sequences or progressions of learning and development in behavior, cognitive, and social areas (e.g., language, reasoning, moral development). BDB issues to be published by APA will begin in fall 2015. The new sections will include five areas of specialization: Section 1 on Speech and Language Pathology, Section 2 on Positive Adult Development, Section 3 on Behavioral Development-Based Education, Section 4 on Developmental Approaches to Clinical and Counseling Psychology, and Section 5 on Behavioral Assessment and Intervention in Children.

Another important goal of the DEV SIG is the quality of the human development ABAI convention program. We produced a full program for the ABAI 2015 convention, covering a range of interests related to the SIG's mission via invited addresses, tutorials, symposia, panel discussions, papers, and posters. This year, a no-host SIG dinner was held at the ABAI convention in San Antonio, TX. The dinner is always open to nonmembers as well as SIG members, is well attended, and fun! Starting in September 2015, the DEV SIG has an agreement with ABAI to process its annual membership dues.

Just as in 2014, this year's human development program at the ABAI convention was rich and diverse. We had many events, including a successful invited tutorial by Susan M. Schneider, titled "It's a System! The Essential Role of Behavior Analysis in Developmental Systems Theory." Schneider has championed the inclusive "developmental systems" approach to nature/nurture relations. Her book, *The Science of Consequences: How They Affect Genes, Change the Brain, and Impact Our World*, summarizes the field of operant behavior, its larger nature/nurture context, and its full range of applications. It earned a mention in the journal *Nature*. Schneider pictures what is known about biology and behavior: genes, epigenetics, neurophysiology, operant and respondent principles, hormones, history, and much more. Like other sciences, behavior analysis is part of a grand interdisciplinary effort, and the biobehavioral system is large and complex indeed. Developmental systems theory attempts to encompass many complex, nonlinear interactions across all levels. The operant principles in which behavior analysts specialize have proved to be an important part of the empowering flexibility in the larger system (e.g., Novak & Pelaez, 2004). The work on the benefits of enriched environments, the causes and

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treatments for autism spectrum disorders, the surprising flexibility of reflexes and rehabilitation for victims of stroke and traumatic brain injury, to name a few examples, are all part of much larger efforts, says Schneider. Her tutorial showed that systemic interactions are critical influences on our own work.

The ABAI DEV program included some interesting panel discussions, for instance, “Lessons Learned While Growing a Developmental Disabilities Organization,” chaired by Patrick C. Friman, made the point that the process of change leads to growth not only in the science of our field, but in our personal selves as well. In the process of life and work, we learn all our lessons, some of which stay with us forever and become personal truths. These “lessons or personal truths,” emphasized by Friman and collaborators, shape how businesses are run, how leaders lead, and how an industry grows.

Another interesting symposium organized this year included “Relationships Between Reinforcement Value and Behavioral Stages of Development,” (W. J. Harrigan, M. Commons, and S. Giri). Presenters in this session illustrated how behavioral developmental stages and value of reinforcement interact. These researchers argued that the stage required for contingencies between one’s own behavior and the consequences to be discernable may exceed the stage of performance of the person. A second way, they showed, is that stage has an influence on the effective value of events. This new integrative theory was then illustrated using data from a study of peddlers, in which it was shown that there is an empirical relationship between behavioral stages of development on economic tasks and the income people obtain (value). A third paper made predictions about how investors might do in the stock market, given different behavioral stages of investing (lower stage investors net lower values). It was also illustrated how attachment entities change with development, with children reporting attachments mainly to people, pets, and objects, while adults report attachments to more abstract entities, such as ideals. These changes are shown to conform to the theory of behavioral developmental stages.

Both the DEV SIG and the DEV program at the ABAI convention have been adding more sessions on adult development and gerontology. One very interesting data-based symposium was “Stimulus Control in Older Adults: Basic and Applied Research on the Impact of Stimuli” (chaired by D. Seefeldt, Southern Illinois University). The symposium talks, discussed by Paige Raetz (Trumpet Behavioral Health), presented research on stimulus equivalence and recognition among older adults with neurocognitive disorder, transferring stimulus control from one verbal operant to a deficit verbal operant for older adults with aphasia and/or neurocognitive disorder, the role of discriminative stimuli in functional analyses of disruptive

vocalizations among older adults with neurocognitive disorder, and the impact of differing delays in a delayed match-to-sample task on remembering behavior among older adults with neurocognitive disorder. We also had a very interesting symposium called “Multicultural Approach to Behavioral Gerontology: Evaluations of Behavioral Interventions for Aging Related Issues in the United States and Japan” chaired and discussed by Jonathan Baker (Southern Illinois University). The researchers presented a series of studies in both the United States and Japan aimed at developing and implementing behavioral interventions to address age-related changes. Talks included evaluations of toilet training and implications for current behavioral approaches, the impact of praise and reinforcement on lower limb weakness, basic research on the impact of reinforcement probability on motor tasks, and research assessing elderly behavioral independence.

In the area of early child development, we also had several other interesting presentations, for instance, “Risk-Resiliency Evaluation, Identification, and Reversal of Developmental Delays for Children 0–5,” chaired by Ray Brogan (Kaplan University) and Kathryn LeLaurin (Applied Developmental Science Consultant). The presenters identified and reversed developmental delays represented by developmental measures in early childhood (basic research). Identifying a specific cause of the delay could lead to an exact match for intervention. This is why early intervention is effective for developmental disabilities. Even without a clear cause of the developmental delay, however, there is evidence that an intervention can still be effective without being an exact match to the cause of the delay. Many times, after intervention of any kind, the child demonstrates age-appropriate behavior in later assessments, they argued. That is, there seems to be a reversal of the deviation from normal development. However, the nature and cause of these deviations have to be explored. When early intervention is effective in reversing the effects of developmental delay, whatever was counteracted by the intervention should be considered the cause or major influence of the developmental delay. They made recommendations regarding ways in which parents, educators, and other professionals can enrich the environment of development in early childhood. Also, a group of researchers from the University of the Pacific reported on their basic–applied preliminary experimental findings with infants’ food preferences (Bettencourt, et al.).

The invited symposium, “A Revolution in Our Understanding and Treatment of Verbal and Social Development” was chaired by Douglas Greer (Teachers College, Columbia University). The presenters made the case that what we know about verbal behavior development will dictate how we should intervene and teach infants and young children with language delays, social deficits, and cochlear implants. Their main argument is that empirically

identified verbal development cusps are driven by the presence or absence of learned social reinforcers, including how, or if, these can be acquired from social learning contexts. Social learning itself is a behavioral developmental cusp also driven by learned reinforcers. Presenters discussed research on how tested protocols can establish missing cusps, mands, and tacts, resulting in significant advances in children's social, verbal, and educational prognoses (Costa & Pelaez). A large and growing evidence base suggests that in order for language topographies to be verbal, learned social reinforcers must be present as a function of incidental experiences or design. The studies reported show how establishing and building new reinforcers for observing responses and social reinforcers appear key to the advancement of verbal development and social development. All the talks in this symposium pointed to the essential role of the establishment of collaborative reinforcement in child verbal development.

The human development 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 Ye Wang from Teachers College, Columbia University presented "Utilizing Visual Phonics to Supplement Reading Instruction for Students With Diverse Needs." Her research shows that visual phonics is a tool that uses a combination of visual, tactile, kinesthetic, and auditory feedback to facilitate the development of phonemic awareness, reading, spelling, and speech production skills. The system she reported consists of 45 hand movements and written symbols, which represent each phoneme and relate to how a sound is produced. Visual phonics helps deaf, hard of hearing, hearing, and special needs individuals "see" or conceptualize the English sound system and relate it to print. Wang reported results from three studies collected in three states with various age groups of children. She showed that given instruction from various phonics-based reading curricula supplemented by visual phonics, preschool, kindergarten, and first-grade students who were deaf or hard of hearing could produce improvements in beginning reading skills and the acquired skills could be sustained after intervention.

Overall, the DEV program was very well attended and liked! Our SIG business meeting was open to both SIG members and nonmembers alike, but nonmembers served in only an advisory capacity. We welcome you to join us and share your ideas and contributions. You can become a member of our SIG by visiting the ABAI website

Multicultural SIG: Multicultural Alliance of Behavior Analysts

BY JANE YIP

The purpose of the Multicultural Alliance of Behavior Analysts (MultiABA) is to connect behavior analysts who have an interest and/or experience in serving multicultural/minority populations, whether they be ethnic, religious, geographic, or socio-economic. To this end, MultiABA has organized cultural trainings since December 2013—many with CEUs available. To serve the diverse audience, a translation committee has been formed; soon, MultiABA will provide certain CEU materials in several languages, not only in English. The culture-specific trainings aim to address the basis of behavior analysis and its application to human problems—including problems associated with service delivery—arising from culture in a scholarly, but accessible manner. In addition to seminar presentations, MultiABA plans to elicit research showing how deep-seated cultural practices can inform service delivery, an area of direct impact. To better understand behavior analysts' cultural competencies, a needs assessment was sent out by MultiABA to BACB certificants in January 2015. The result showed unanimous support for the role culture plays in behavior analysis. However, to date, "culture" remains relatively under-defined in behavior analysis.

The following is a hypothetical construct of possible research into the way culture impacts learning: (i) Factors essential to learning covered under the current theoretical concepts of behavior analysis—cues, responses, and rewards—are mainly studied in the context between the interaction of a leader and follower. (ii) Less studied factors in learning that are driven not by leader and follower include such incidences as social motivations. In social motivation, imitation is the driving force that occurs amongst a group of people. It is a process by which matched acts are evoked in two people and connected to appropriate cues; this process may represent "cultural learning."

Ideas such as those above require scholarly discussions. In response to this theoretical necessity, MultiABA is in the planning phase of creating an academic journal tentatively called *Global Issues in Behavior Analysis*. MultiABA looks forward to feedback from the ABAI community on this project.

Another purpose of MultiABA is to spread the mission of ABAI worldwide while being in alignment with the NGO of the civil society of the United Nations. In September of 2014, MultiABA attended the human rights and development conference in Geneva, Switzerland. Furthermore, a young child of one of the board members of MultiABA personally wrote and presented a self-advocacy speech as a person with ASD on autism and digital media

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titled "Connection," which was published online: www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/CRC/Discussions/2014/AutisticMinorityInternational.doc.

There has been a movement in the United Nations to favor individuals with autism, rather than providers, to speak on issues relating to their interests. For MultiABA, this move represents an ideological cutting edge in advocacy work. By aligning with the agenda of the United Nations, MultiABA strives to connect local behavior analysts to the world economic and social development agenda of a particular group that the former endorsed. It is the group presenting as clients that most behavior analysts in Western countries serve: the disabled. Hence it is fitting that deeper alignment with the United Nations is sought, as MultiABA has applied for consultative status to allow its members, and also members of ABAI, to submit their work that is congruent with the United Nations's millennial development agenda for disability. MultiABA would like to implement the techniques of behavior analysis in the world platform to advance the treatment and plight of people suffering from various disabilities as part of the human rights agenda.

ABAI contributes to the well-being of society by spreading the science throughout the world through knowledge dissemination. The highlight of 2015 is the approval from the BACB board for an alternate pathway to train BCBA candidates in Japan. Both the 270-hour (BCBA) and 180-hour (BCaBA) coursework options have been approved, and this is the first time that coursework is available in Japan.

MultiABA's ultimate goal is to develop, enhance, and support the growth and vitality of the science of behavior analysis in the cultural sphere. This is an exciting time for this SIG, as the topic of culture and ABA is at a critical moment in theoretical development, service delivery, and service to the world. Since no one is free from the shackles of culture, let us first consciously understand the mechanism by which cultural imprinting becomes conditioned in the repertoire of human behavior. Second, the resulting science can be thoughtfully applied to direct a better course of behavior along the sentiment of B. F. Skinner, "to save the world."

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.

In 2014, Dr. Suzanne Mitchell and Dr. Paul Soto assumed leadership roles immediately prior to the 2014 ABAI Annual Convention in Chicago. They hosted a business meeting and presented a poster at the Expo, which generated some interest, and listed the many presentations at the meeting that would be of interest to those interested in neuroscience. A business meeting and presence at the Expo were also included in the 2015 ABAI Annual Convention in San Antonio.

Over the next 12 months, increasing the profile and relevance of the SIG to ABAI members is a major focus, and anyone who is interested in contributing to this effort or has ideas for additional initiatives is encouraged to join and become involved in the SIG by contacting Suzanne Mitchell at mitchesu@ohsu.edu. Membership is open to all ABAI 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 of enhancing the SIG and its place in ABAI.

Organizational Behavior Management Network

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This past year has been very exciting for the Organizational Behavior Management Network (OBMN). At this year's ABAI convention, we welcomed Manny Rodriguez as our new president-elect. Manny will join Heather McGee, Ryan Olson (past-president), and Siggi Sigurdsson (current president) to make up the OBMN Board of Directors. Nicole Gravina will be rotating off the board, after several years of service. We will miss her ideas, but are excited about the current team. We are already in the beginning stages of planning for our 2017 OBMN Conference. Look for more information soon!

Membership

We had an excellent time at ABAI's 2015 convention in San Antonio, where organizational behavior management (OBM) was well represented with 23 presentations, 2 workshops, and 16 posters. This is on the heels of our co-conference with California ABA in San Diego, where we kicked off the presidential project "Change Makers," with Dr. Aubrey Daniels and Dr. Anthony Pratkanis as invited speakers. Both of these events were fantastic opportunities

to meet with skilled behavior analysts, and increase their exposure to the field of OBM, the network, and how to get involved. Thank you to everyone who was involved in making these events such a success!

Receiving printed versions of the latest *Journal of Organizational Behavior Management* and having online access remains a great reason to be a member of OBMN. We are always looking to expand the benefits of membership, and appreciate the feedback we received on the April survey.

Currently, OBMN has 350 members, representing 20 countries. In the last year, we have seen 17% growth in our membership, and we are continuing our efforts to expand that membership by developing relationships with students and faculty in OBM graduate programs. Thank you to those of you who have helped in these recruitment efforts!

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

Content Development and Web Administration

In the summer of 2014 and leading into the fall of 2014, the web administrator completed training with the content development officer (2 hours a week for 6 weeks). Approximately 90% of the tasks of the web administrator have been handed to the content development officer (Brian Molina) based on the outlined plan of rolling the position into the web administration role. 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 website theming and design are being taught to this officer.

A number of more advanced tasks revolving around conference registration were managed by the web administrator as well as normal tasks related to work overflow for general marketing needs (e.g. graphics, text formatting, content publishing).

The current administrator has focused on upgrading the OBMN website. Based on the complexities of the site and a beginner level skill of website creation using the Drupal CMS, it was decided to hire an experienced designer to redesign the site. A design and outline were provided prior to the ABAI convention.

In the spring of 2015, a new content development officer was identified, and Brian Molina (current web administrator) has begun training him. We're excited to welcome Brandon Martiniz-Onstatt to the team! Training is expected to last until spring of 2016, at which time Brian Molina will step down and Brandon will take on the roles and responsibilities of web administrator. A new content development officer will then be identified and trained in the same manner.

Liaison Outreach Program

Over the past year, OBMN has piloted the Liaison Outreach Program. The purpose of the program is to

increase involvement of OBMN members around the country and to expand the reach of the network by increasing its presence at conferences and other professional events. Since its inception, graduate students from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; the University of Nevada, Reno; Florida Institute of Technology; and the University of North Texas have joined the liaison program.

The initial results of this program show great promise as our liaisons have already created content for OBMN, 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. Our liaisons are also currently working with Dr. Ryan Olson on the presidential project. In addition to this, our liaisons are putting together materials promoting OBM and OBMN to present at conferences.

Our goals for the coming year are to continue creating promotional as well as to further increase the number of liaisons to include individuals from other schools. To aid in increasing enrollment in the program, we are currently developing a recognition system for the liaisons. Finally, we plan to add more projects and responsibilities to the purview of the liaison program.

Social Media

OBMN's social media presence has grown considerably over the last year. Most of that growth was seen in Facebook, which expanded from 635 followers to 773 followers between January 1 and December 31 of 2014. The most popular posting of 2014 reached nearly 6,000 people, with other posts ranging from 95 to 680 people reached. Twitter followers increased from 57 to 95. Twitter does not offer the same data analytics, so it is not possible to report how many people may have been reached through this medium.

OBMN has decided to focus on participating in more social media ventures during the next year. We have geared up our grassroots outreach to bring in more Facebook and Twitter users. We hope to bring our members more relevant information and topics through our social media outreach. Through our social media ventures we hope 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 OBMN conference.

OBMN Newsletter

This has been another great year for the OBMN newsletter! Halfway through 2014, there was a change in editorship. Anna Conard, after years of dedicated service, has moved to the treasurer position, and Carolyn Brayko has stepped in as the new editor. The newsletter has a new regular column, "Leaders in OBM," where Amber Candido (University of

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Nevada, Reno) selects notable people in the field to give an interview. As always, the newsletter features a wide variety of topics, from sharing null results in “The Null Zone” to societal commentaries, not to mention that it’s the best way to get the latest information on OBM related talks and events at regional and national conferences. We strongly encourage submissions to the newsletter. Please see the website for more details, or contact the current newsletter editor, Carolyn Brayko at cabrayko@gmail.com.

Treasury

OBMN is in excellent financial health—funds currently total \$23,753.49 from membership fees and surplus from previous conferences. Most of these funds cover costs related to the *Journal of Organizational Behavior Management*, website and software costs, professional and legal fees, marketing and copy costs, conference costs, and costs from the business meeting at the annual ABAI convention. The Chris Anderson Research Fund currently totals \$4,864.90. The General Donations Fund currently totals \$37,620.25, a result of the generous donations from OBMN supporters and conference sponsors. Donations can be submitted to:

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Awards

Amber Candido, an advanced graduate student at the University of Nevada, Reno, has taken over the OBMN awards coordinator role. This role involves the solicitation of award nominations, the organization of a selection committee, and the coordination of award selections. This year, OBMN has selected Dr. Carl Binder as the recipient for the OBMN Lifetime Achievement Award and Dr. Fabio Tosolin as the recipient of the OBMN Outstanding Contribution Award. Additionally, OBMN was pleased to offer a special Lifetime Achievement Award to the late Dr. Bill Abernathy. Dr. Abernathy was a true gift to our field and he will be missed. Please visit the OBMN website for more information about award criteria and a list of past recipients: 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 Special Interest Group (PFD 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 PFD SIG is to generate interest; foster collaborative research; share clinical information; and impact training, practice, and reimbursement for evaluation and treatment of pediatric feeding disorders. As such, the SIG will attempt to tackle some tough issues that face clinicians who treat children with feeding disorders.

Over the past few 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 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 child. More than 100 sites have been identified. Initial pilot Phase 1 survey data (e.g., 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. 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 (e.g., program brochures, intake forms, goal and outcome forms, data collection materials). Based on input from the group, we compiled 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).

For the upcoming year, we discussed how the consortium members could collaborate to everyone’s benefit. One area identified by many feeding clinics was approval and payment from insurance companies for services. Collaboration across sites would establish a mechanism on a scale that could not otherwise be conducted by a single clinic, as well as data

that would be of particular interest to the payers for such services (e.g., insurance companies) as well as consumers. To do so would require knowledge about the range of outcomes of treatments and the variables that correlate with these outcomes, as well as which treatments work for which patients. Important to the further development of this idea would be commonly accepted and economically implemented measures across sites, particularly outcome measures. In light of this, we wish to begin this year the collection of data across sites on the effectiveness of assessment and treatment of pediatric feeding disorders. We have requested input from the group regarding how they are currently collecting information and measuring outcomes.

Over the past year, the SIG has initiated the development of a draft of practice guidelines for behavior analysts working in the area of pediatric feeding disorders. A committee of SIG members has begun collaborating on an outline for these guidelines. The guidelines will cover the target population (e.g., age, comorbid conditions, specific feeding targets), severity level and corresponding intensity of treatment warranted, pre-treatment issues, assessment/intervention/implementation guidelines, and treatment follow-up guidelines. The SIG will coordinate with the ABAI Practice Board on these guidelines.

Anyone interested in these issues is encouraged to contact the SIG Consortium coordinator, Tessa Taylor, at tessatr@gmail.com. Members were encouraged to exchange ideas throughout the year via email, telephone, and the Yahoo group. 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 and promote the use of PBS interventions in schools, communities, agencies, and homes and support practitioners in its use. PBS SIG members are engaged in experimental and applied analyses of behavior and interested in positive behavior support. The SIG was established in 2005 and has had three presidents since its inception.

The PBS SIG held its annual business meeting at the 2014 ABAI Annual Convention. Approximately 25 people attended the business meeting. Combined with the people expressing interest the previous year, the current stable membership of the PBS SIG is approximately 20–30 individuals. During the annual business meeting, an overview

of the SIG was presented. The majority of the hour was open for members to provide input on what the SIG should emphasize and set as goals for the next year. The primary goals for which consensus was reached was to try to build a greater partnership between PBS and ABAI and to have a greater presence at the convention. 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 APBS conference. The group also discussed having a listserv 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 SIG is continuing to pursue a formalized relationship between APBS and ABAI. The following activities were implemented in the last year in the quest to meet this goal:

- Dr. Bob Putnam, previous president of the PBS SIG, is continuing to engage with leaders of both organizations.
- As a result of the continued conversation between APBS and ABAI, a special issue of *Behavior Analysis in Practice* will be dedicated to positive behavior support in education. Invitations to specific authors were extended, and as of 3/31/15, all manuscripts are being reviewed through the peer-review process.

One additional goal was suggested and attained for 2014–2015: A listserv has been created. The first email to the listserv went out in March, encouraging all to attend the ABAI convention, providing details of the PBS SIG business meeting, and providing a spreadsheet of sessions that would be of interest to the members of the SIG. For a session to make the list, it had to have a minimum of one of the following attributes in its description: (a) multi-system of supports or continuum of supports provided to match level of support needed; (b) multi-component intervention that includes prevention, teaching replacement behaviors, and reinforcing/changing contingency responses; and (c) broad outcomes being reported (i.e., quality of life in addition to behavior change).

To grow and maintain the PBS SIG within ABAI, it will be essential for the convention to be seen as a venue where SIG members can feel valued and gain information that is relevant to their settings and practices. Thus, the goals of the PBS SIG for the next year will be as follows:

- explore having the PBS SIG sponsor sessions/symposia for the 2016 convention
- establish goals to increase membership through subscribing more people on the listserv
- developing a website that can be used to inform the public of the SIG and provide accurate information

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

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Practitioner Issues in Behavior Analysis

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The Practitioner Issues in Behavior Analysis SIG (PIBA SIG) is a special interest group that focuses on all areas of specialization for behavior analyst practitioners. This SIG developed a model licensing act for behavior analysts in 200; the BACB's model licensing act drew heavily from the PIBA SIG's model act to meet the needs and concerns of BCBA and BCaBA practitioners. We currently have 70 members and maintain a Yahoo listserv for communication among members.

This group 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 for 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 17 states that have licensure laws in place or pending for the practice of behavior analysis. A few states are working on legislation to enact licensure for behavior analysts, including Connecticut—thanks in part to the efforts of the Connecticut Association for Behavior Analysis. Connecticut currently has a title act in place for use of the terms “BCBA” and “BCaBA,” making it unlawful for anyone to claim fraudulently that they have such certification. Florida—thanks in part to the work of the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis—is also working on a licensing bill for behavior analysts.

In the past year, PIBA SIG made an effort to coordinate with other relevant groups and is working in coordination with the newly formed SIGs Board to promote our mission and work collaboratively with all ABAI SIGs. Given the growth in the number of states with licensure bills and ongoing expansion of such legislation, 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 groups on this matter of great importance and concern to our profession. We will also extend our support to efforts of the ABAI Practice Board, which may include providing training, linking practice to the research literature, and making resources available to practitioners.

PIBA SIG has not limited itself to the adoption of licensure. The SIG is also 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 link remains strong.

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 future ABAI conventions and conferences. Please sign up 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 (RAIL SIG) continued its work to support the use of applied behavior analysis in the field of rehabilitation, neuro-rehabilitation and related areas. Each year at the ABAI convention, the SIG business meeting has provided a diverse group of professionals the opportunity to discuss topics specific to this unique population and how to disseminate information and ideas over the upcoming year. The RAIL SIG Facebook page has continued to assist with contact and information exchange for its members. Be sure to check out and “like” our page: www.facebook.com/pages/ABA-Rehab-Special-Interest-Group/118243448217580. Individuals can join the SIG anytime by sending a message through the Facebook page to chairman Chris Persel or visit the group at the next SIG business meeting.

Members of the RAIL SIG reviewed the continued need to share with other behavior professionals the opportunities in rehabilitation. The group also discussed support for establishing panel discussions at state run behavior conferences that would review work with this patient population. One such panel was convened for the California ABA conference, during which panelists presented on the challenges and behavior difficulties facing military veterans who suffer from a traumatic brain injury. Several members outlined how they are serving this population and what may be done in the future. With the recent surge in media coverage of concussions and brain injuries in professional sports (e.g., the NFL), awareness seems to be increasing on the lifelong impact these injuries can have on an individual.

Trends related to insurance coverage, authorization of services, and outcomes were also discussed with a variety of input from all members. Issues related to healthcare reform and its impact on providing service remained unclear. In follow up, standards for behavior assessment and program development in neuro-rehabilitation were presented. Functional skill development and retraining programs, intensive social skills treatment, and management of maladaptive and crisis behavior are just few examples of areas in neuro-rehabilitation that require a behavior analyst's input. Applied behavior analysis, as a discipline, has proven it is an effective and evidence-based strategy that can address many of the needs in rehabilitation.

Further training in behavior techniques and development of the skills needed to effectively implement behavior programs for non-BCBA rehabilitation staff has remained a topic of interest among SIG members. Internship and practicum programs for behavior analysis students are very sparse in neuro-rehabilitation, so group members reviewed how to better provide opportunities in this area.

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, thoughtful ideas, and motivated many to pursue research and job opportunities they may not have been 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 solutions. Growth of the RAIL SIG has come from current members networking with peers and having the courage to step up to the significant challenges this treatment population presents. The RAIL SIG business meeting continues to be an energizing and refreshing gathering for all members.

Sexual Behavior: Research and Practice

BY BRIGID MCCORMICK

The Sexual Behavior: Research and Practice Special Interest Group (SB:RP SIG, formerly STEP SIG) of ABAI disseminates empirically verified information regarding sex education and therapy and supports basic and applied research on the emergence and maintenance of sexual behaviors. Members are professionals, teachers, direct service providers, parents, and consumers who are concerned with issues of sex therapy, sex education, and research. Check out our website: <http://sexualbehaviorsig.webs.com>.

The SB:RP 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 2015 ABAI annual convention, SIG interests were demonstrated during SB:RP SIG's symposium and panel discussion. Topics included a discussion of gender through a behavior analytic lens, a review of sexual behavior research and interventions for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities, environmental barriers to responsible sexual behaviors and possible solutions, how behavior analysis can help prevent sexual assault in the U.S. military, and ethics and applied interventions in sexuality. The SIG also introduced web-based informational meetings discussing various topics on sexual behavior where members can get information and support and have their questions answered. Check our website for upcoming events!

In the upcoming year, the SB:RP SIG plans to update their new website with posts relevant to the community in an effort to reach new members. We will also 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

Hace ya doce años se formó el SIG (Spanish International Group) con la intención de difundir el análisis del comportamiento entre los miembros de la Analysis Behavior Association (ABA) que hablan español, así como a la comunidad de habla hispana en general. En los últimos años nuestra membresía a crecido, y anticipamos seguirá creciendo. Nuestro planes para el futuro incluyen:

- Traer el TRACK en Español nuevamente a ABAI el cual incluiría presentaciones de renombrados analistas del comportamiento en importantes temas y diversas áreas de interés.
- En un esfuerzo por compartir las importantes actividades que ocurren cada día en nuestros países de habla hispana, que cada vez más miembros de ABA y del SIG Español traigan sus presentaciones a la citada convención. Es nuestro deseo lograr que dichas presentaciones sean conducidas directamente en español y que en muchos casos sean simposium completos sobre temáticas de actualidad, así como presentaciones extensas de las líneas globales de investigación de algunos grupos (con un resumen de los estudios más relevantes de cada línea). En este sentido, animamos a los miembros hispano hablantes de la ABA a que presenten comunicaciones específicas o líneas globales de investigación, así como se comuniquen entre ustedes para organizar diferentes simposios.
- Finalmente, continuar la reunión anual del SIG Español durante la Convención de ABAI. Recuerden que todos están invitados (miembros y no miembros)

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Si aún no son parte de nuestro SIG, los invitamos a unirse a nosotros este año, y esperamos verlos a todos en ABAI 2016.

Si tienen alguna pregunta, o necesitan información adicional, pueden contactar con Mapy Chávez en la siguiente dirección: mapy.chavez@alcanzando.org.pe.

Article in English

Twelve years ago the SIG (Spanish International Group) was formed with the intention of spreading behavior analysis among members of ABAI who speak Spanish, and the Spanish-speaking community in general. In recent years our membership has grown, and we anticipate that it will continue to grow. Our plans for the future include the following:

- introduce in a Spanish track for the ABAI annual convention, which would include presentations by renowned behavior analysts on important topics and areas of interest
- encourage more SIG members and ABAI members from Spanish-speaking countries to submit presentations for the convention—it is our desire for these presentations to be in Spanish and include complete symposia on current issues as well as extensive presentations of global research lines
- continue the annual meeting of SIG during the ABAI convention—everyone is invited (members and nonmembers)

If you are still not part of SIG, we invite you to join us this year, and hope to see you all at the 2016 ABAI convention. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mapy Chavez at mapy.chavez@alcanzando.org.pe.

Speech Pathology-Applied Behavior Analysis

BY NIKIA DOWER AND TRACIE LINDBLAD

The mission of the Speech Pathology-Applied Behavior Analysis (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 SPABA SIG 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 member who may want to serve as a committee chair or to volunteer on a committee to contact us at SPABASIG@yahoo.com.

In 2014, our paid members decreased to 35, down from 41 in 2013. As our last update indicated, this continued to be due to increased free access to SIG information and interaction through our Facebook presence. However, when we combine our SPABA Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/SPABA.SIG/) 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 594 Facebook group members at the end of 2014, as compared to only 222 members at the end of 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 SIG paid 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 website has also enabled us to continue connecting with our members and any interested professionals. The website analytics show a range of 18–79 unique visitors per day, with 58–194 page views for March 2015! We are proud to announce that there are at least 200 SLPs who are BCBA or BCaBAs worldwide. We are present in 39 states and 5 other countries. We continue to provide an online database of practitioners dually certified as SLPs and BCBA from around the world (www.pinterest.com/dowerassociates/slp-bcbas-slp-bcabas) 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 continue to 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 treatment of speech, language, and communication disorders in children and adults; and teaching and/or mentoring students in both the fields of ABA and speech pathology. These activities have taken place in North America and internationally and have thereby furthered the SIG mission. Our members presented at the 2014 ABAI autism conference and annual convention, ASHA 2014, and at annual state speech/language association conferences and applied behavior analysis association conferences. Many members were speakers at non-speech/non-behavior analytic conferences as well during 2014. At least two of our members published empirical research in 2014.

Over the past year, the SIG decided to change our award structure and divide the research and the application and dissemination grant into two \$250 awards. 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 San Antonio. 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 submissions for the 2016 grants will take place at the beginning of April 2016, with the application advertised and available in January 2016.

This year, during the SIG business meeting, an expert panel of SLP-BCBA practitioners from agencies employing dually credentialed individuals discussed their business models and challenges, as well as successes. Highlights of the discussion can be found on the SPABA website.

The SPABA SIG is looking forward to expanding our membership through various initiatives and social media and also increasing member participation on the executive 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
- continue disseminating behavior analytic information on speech/language to ASHA members through the ASHA Community Forum listserv and to speech pathologists in various speech/language Facebook groups

The identified initiatives are only feasible with increased financial support from our members. Please consider in-kind donations of expertise/services, financial contributions, or 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 or wish to volunteer to sit on a committee or 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 ENDRA B. NEWSOME

The Standard Celeration Society (SCS) enjoyed a tremendous 2014. One of the most significant developments for the society was the appointment of new presidents and officers to work with the board of directors in furthering the SIG mission. After completing a 3-year term, Dr. Kerri Milyko has moved into another role of service in the society. Dr. Milyko's vision and contributions as president have laid the foundation for a sustainable organization with the capacity to make tremendous contributions to behavior science, our communities, and the world. As of November 2014, the SCS board appointed new presidents for the society: Drs. Kendra and Donny Newsome. The new co-presidents will also serve 3-year terms. The co-presidents' first point of business was to appoint individuals to serve as vice presidents on the council. Their dynamic and talented team includes (1) Kerri Milyko as vice president of finance, with Nicky Carter serving as Kerri's co-chair; (2) Courtney Peppers-Owen as vice president of programs, with Samantha Spillman as her co-chair; (3) Megan Miller as the vice president of membership, with Tiffany Aninao as the co-chair; (4) Melissa Nosik as the vice president of scientific and academic affairs, with co-chair Timothy C. Fuller; and (5) Shiloh Isbell as vice president of communications and publications, with Sheila Habarad as the co-chair. This new energetic and devoted team will work to sustain and expand the membership of the SCS and to disseminate the love of standard measurement.

Moreover, the society has a new mission statement and core values to align the actions of the council and board of directors. The mission of the SCS is to uphold and advance the defining features and conventions of the standard celeration chart. The SCS aims to be a friendly and enduring forum, supporting application and dissemination of standard celeration charting across an expanding range of individuals, practitioners and stakeholders. The values of the SCS that guide behavior in fulfilling the mission include:

- acknowledgement and appreciation; standing on the shoulders of giants
- generosity in our interactions with others
- driving and embracing change
- social beneficence
- commitment to evidence-based practice
- having fun

In service of the mission and societal values, there are numerous efforts underway to increase international participation in the society, increase membership, improve access to standard celeration charting, and provide resources for those interested in research initiatives and publications in precision teaching. The SCS will unveil a

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new website this spring with improved accessibility and member benefits. Moreover, while the annual International Precision Teaching Conference (IPTC) will continue as the society's most significant annual event, there is a vision for increasing opportunities to learn about and practice precision teaching throughout the year.

As in many prior years, new and seasoned precision teachers gathered to learn and share research and clinical data at the IPTC in December of 2014. The conference took place in Chicago, Illinois. The society was honored to have Karen Pryor as the keynote speaker. This year, the 28th Annual IPTC will be held November 5–7 in St. Pete Beach, Florida at the Tradewinds Beach Resort and Conference Center. Dr. Janet Twyman is the keynote speaker.

Details for IPTC 2016 will be announced this spring. The society will continue to secure passionate keynote addresses 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 for more information regarding the conference.

The SCS eagerly welcomes new charters and precision teachers into our fold. This nurturing 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 HOFFNER BARTHOLD

The Teaching Behavior Analysis SIG (TBA SIG) continues to grow! At last count, there were 810 members of our listserv, the TBA-L, up by about 100 from this time last year. The list has become the go-to place to discuss matters that affect all behavior analysts.

This year, the posts on the TBA-L represented a number of disciplines. Discussions included information related to autism spectrum disorders, suggestions for clinical practice, the accurate dissemination of behavior analysis, and research. Our generous members often respond to request for resources with reprints and suggestions for reading and research. Conference announcements, continuing education opportunities, and job postings are welcome.

Joining the TBA SIG is easy and there are no membership dues. The best part about the TBA-L is that interactions are cordial and professional. Leaders in the field answer questions in a timely manner. Posts about products that might result in revenue to the poster are discouraged, so members don't have to worry about spam emails. Discussions, even professional debates, are always resolved in a civil manner. Posts are not moderated prior to posting, which helps encourage scientific discourse. Since we don't belong to any specific sub-specialty of behavior analysis, all members of ABAI may find TBA SIG membership worthwhile.

With the growing number of individuals on our list, it is time to get others involved. I have been the chair since 2008 and one chair can take the SIG only so far. At the 2014 ABAI convention, a small group of individuals drafted a new mission statement that is more reflective of the list and its interests in recent years. We also drafted a set of bylaws that better reflect the mission statement of the SIG and allow for more formal participation of its members.

We were hoping to get the new mission statement and bylaws in place in time for the 2015 convention, but unfortunately technical issues got in the way. In the fall of 2014, the server that housed our website—and was to be the venue for membership management and voting—was hacked. The site needed to be completely removed. This was a good time to re-evaluate the wants of the members in terms of web content and re-design. We are currently in the process of re-designing the website and its content. In the coming months, members should also look out for information regarding voting on the new mission statement and bylaws. Every vote counts, so please don't forget!

It is also important that the TBA SIG have collaborative partnerships with other SIGs and ABAI leadership. We have plans to coordinate with the TBA program chairs to offer workshops and specialized symposia at the 2016 Annual Convention. We continue to explore opportunities to collaborate with other groups, such as the Dissemination of Behavior Analysis SIG. The best way for this to happen is by participation of members throughout the year. Students are especially encouraged to get involved through working with the website, managing membership, and helping to maintain resources for members. There is no better way to learn about behavior analysis than to interact with the leaders in the field!

We hope that this year holds promise for growth and change in the TBA SIG. Thank you to all of our members, routine posters, and behind-the-scenes volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved in this community, please email Chris Barthold at choffner@gmu.edu. See you on the TBA-L!

Theoretical, Philosophical, and Conceptual Issues

BY BENJAMIN N. WITTS

We are so very excited to put into print the first annual report of the Theoretical, Philosophical, and Conceptual Issues Special Interest Group (TPC-SIG) in *Inside Behavior Analysis*. The TPC-SIG was started in response to what seemed to be an oversight: There were SIGs for nearly all topic area designations in the ABAI convention program book, except for theoretical, philosophical, and conceptual issues. Heck, we even had a theory and philosophy conference in 2012 without any SIG support. Of course, this had to be fixed!

Conception

The TPC-SIG is the result of efforts from many of today's most influential thinkers in behavior analysis (and, for some reason, me). While we come from a wide array of theoretical orientations, we all find value in collaborative efforts aimed at increasing awareness of and interest in theoretical, philosophical, and conceptual issues in behavior analysis. We are honored and proud of the support we've received and cannot wait to see how far this SIG goes.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone interested in theoretical, philosophical, and conceptual issues in behavior analysis. We welcome anyone outside ABAI who holds such interest, and we encourage cross-field collaborations. There are no membership dues to join the TPC-SIG. The group is particularly interested in student members and early-career members, as foundations in theoretical, philosophical, and conceptual issues will serve only to strengthen their ability to be the most effective behavior analysts they can be.

Our Mission

The mission of the TPC-SIG is to develop interest, support efforts, and promote advances in theoretical, philosophical, and conceptual issues in behavior analysis specifically and the sciences generally with respect to our understanding of the subject matter.

To accomplish our mission, we need the support of all behavior analysts. The TPC-SIG supports no one orientation above all others. Our mission is one of developing interest, of having a larger conversation with all behavior analysts, and of disseminating this conversation for the betterment of the field.

We are very excited to have the opportunity to share our SIG with you, and we hope you will take the time to visit us soon. Until then...

Verbal Behavior

BY JUDAH B. AXE

The Verbal Behavior Special Interest Group (VB SIG) is building a community of researchers, practitioners, students, parents, and others focused on disseminating theory, research, and practice based on Skinner's analysis of verbal behavior. There were two particularly exciting accomplishments this past year. First, based on requests from members, the VB SIG revived the rather dormant verbal behavior listserv (<http://lists.csustan.edu/mailman/listinfo/verbalbeh-l>), where members of the verbal behavior community engaged in rich discussions on the definition of verbal behavior, various applications of the analysis of verbal behavior, and complex questions about private events. The listserv was also a useful forum for the VB SIG to post calls for submissions to its awards, calls for nominations to its council positions, and other activities and

opportunities. Second, the VB SIG Student Group, which formed in 2012, vastly augmented its activities by holding monthly video conferences where five to seven students of verbal behavior from around the country discussed thought-provoking articles on verbal behavior and brainstormed ways the group can further serve itself and others. These videoconferences have been immensely enriching for the students, especially those who have a limited verbal behavior community on their campuses.

In addition to these new opportunities, the VB SIG continued improving the quality of its ongoing activities. We coordinated our three awards this year: (1) the VB SIG Student Grant Competition to provide funds to students with outstanding verbal behavior research proposals; (2) the VB SIG Student Research Competition to provide funds to students who produced exemplary research projects on the analysis of verbal behavior; and (3) the Jack Michael Award to honor the enduring contributions of an advanced scholar in the analysis of verbal behavior. It was exhilarating to provide monetary prizes and plaques to the deserving winners at the VB SIG business meeting in San Antonio as we nourished new researchers and celebrated a seasoned contributor. This year, the VB SIG published two high-quality issues of its newsletter, *VB News*. These newsletters contained highlights from the 2014 ABAI convention in Chicago, information about the awards, highlights of productive verbal behavior laboratories, updates on *The Analysis of Verbal Behavior* journal, article summaries written by students, and more. This past year, the VB SIG was pleased to nominate an active member of the VB SIG Student Group to serve as a student representative to the VB SIG Council. This helped with coordinating the video conferences mentioned above, recruiting students to write article reviews for the newsletter and website, and creating student group bios on the website. The VB SIG Student Group also delivered a symposium at the ABAI 2015 convention titled "VB SIG Student Event: Recent Advances in Strategies to Establish Verbal Behavior," with two verbal behavior papers by students. This was the second year of this exciting symposium focused on the VB SIG Student Group. Finally, the VB SIG held elections for four officer positions: secretary, grant competition coordinator, newsletter editor, and website coordinator. We welcome the new officers and know they will make important contributions to the group.

This year had a robust focus on membership. Whereas in past years, the VB SIG business meeting at the ABAI convention was the only time and place to become a member, it is now easy to join online thanks to our interactive and user-friendly website. At the 2014 business meeting, we gained 41 new members; in the year after that business meeting (and before the 2015 convention), we gained almost the same number of members: 35. The VB SIG recruited new members through the listserv and by

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word of mouth, and interested people immediately became members and gained the additional benefits of membership. What are the benefits of membership? There are many: (1) receive the *VB News* newsletter twice per year and have access (members only) to past issues on the website, (2) receive emails about SIG-related events and opportunities, (3) join the VB listserv to engage in discussions about verbal behavior, (4) become eligible to submit to the three VB SIG awards, (5) become eligible to be elected to positions on the VB SIG Council, (6) become involved in the VB SIG Student Group, (7) gain professional development, and (8) join an active community of people passionate about verbal behavior. We welcome our new members and look forward to increasing their access to innovative approaches to theory, research, and practice in verbal behavior. To become a member of the VB SIG, click on "Membership" on the website, <http://verbalbehaviorsig.org>.

While the VB SIG is proud of its accomplishments from this past year, we have many goals for the coming year. One goal is to increase the activities and involvement of our members. This could be by posting on the VB listserv, coordinating more video conferences like those of the Student Group, and contributing to *VB News*. We raised some of these possibilities this past year, and look forward to accomplishing this goal in the coming year. A second goal, which has been ongoing, is filing for 501(c)(3) status so that donations to the SIG can be tax-deductible. Increased donations will allow the SIG to offer more awards and other opportunities for its members and the verbal behavior community at large. A final goal is to increase collaboration with related SIGs. There are many overlapping interests with other groups, and united efforts would be fruitful.

In conclusion, the VB SIG continues to promote theory, research, and practice in verbal behavior through award competitions, newsletters, the website, conferences, and other communications. We plan to continue improving support to our members, and we plan to increase the activities of the VB SIG Student Group. Skinner considered *Verbal Behavior* his most important work, and the VB SIG is proud to help propel Skinner's pragmatic analysis of language into the future. ❖

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Remembering Stephen B. Kendall

BY DICK MALOTT

Steve and I met toward the end of our high-school senior year (1954) during jam sessions in Marion, Indiana, where Steve was playing alto sax and I was playing drums. He was my best friend at Indiana University, (IU; 1954–1958 for me and 1954–1957 for Steve, as he graduated in only 3 years).

While at IU, Pete Seeger came to town for a concert, and influenced by a mutual friend (Mike Armstrong), we attended, even though it was not jazz and jazz was pretty much the only music we respected. That concert was probably what turned Steve on to folk music.

Between our second and third year, he, George Torre, and I piled into Steve's old Ford coupe and headed to Greenwich Village for Jazz and the bohemian life, supported by Steve's summer job in the cafeteria of Charles Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Brooklyn and mine as a messenger boy on Wall Street (George joined the navy, instead).

Steve started college as a music major (clarinet and sax); but during our first year, he took an intro psych course with Jim Dinsmoor, using a text book by B. F. Skinner. As a result, he switched to a psych major, and his enthusiasm about Dinsmoor's behaviorism led me to become a psych major a year later. After getting his BA at IU, Steve went to the University of Wisconsin and then followed his professor, Ben Wyckoff, to Emory University where he got his Ph.D. and met and married a lovely, gracious young lady, Nancy.

From grad school, he went to the University of Alabama; and I went to Dennison University in Ohio. We developed the fantasy of starting our own behavior analysis psychology program in a liberal arts college somewhere, but instead he ended up at the University of Ontario and I at Western Michigan University.

August 2006, I drove through London, Ontario and spent a few wonderful days with Steve and Nancy; but during that trip I had a little accident and decided I probably should not take such road trips in the future. A year or so later I asked Steve if he'd like to visit me in Kalamazoo, MI (in the past he'd always drive through Lansing to pick up some gear at a large music store there); but he said life had gotten a little too complex for such a trip.

That drive through Ontario was the last time I saw Steve and Nancy. We managed to stay in touch with an occasional

phone call, or email, or Facebook message, until that too was no longer possible.

Steve was cool.

BY ANDY LATTAL

We all have experiences that are inexorably etched into our present behavior, wherever or however such etching occurs. Some of those experiences lasted for seconds, others a few days, and others for years. For a few years, beginning sometime around 1962, in an obscure "temporary" wooden

barracks-like building constructed during the Second World War (the last such "temporary" building at my present university, West Virginia University, came down after 2003) on the campus of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa there existed something called "SEBAC." SEBAC was the acronym for the Southeastern

Behavioral (or Behavior, depending on which of the participants you ask) Analysis Center, a unique entity and moment in the history of our science—and in my personal history. SEBAC was the creation of Stephen B. Kendall and Walter Sullins, two young assistant professors in the University's Department of Psychology who were as avid behavior analysts as ever existed.

Steve died on March 28, 2015, in his 80th year. Dick Malott has written of Steve's early years and a little of his later years. I would like to fill in with some things about Steve's early in-between years, for I was both an undergraduate and a graduate student at SEBAC during those halcyon times. I've been around operant labs all of my professional life: Anna State Hospital, the U. S. Army Medical Research Lab at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland, the University of California at San Diego, my own and others' labs at West Virginia University, and any number of operant labs in various places around the world. Steve and Walter's creation was like no other I've had the pleasure of being associated with. Maybe I was just (very) young and (very) impressionable, but I know something special when I experience it, and SEBAC was very special to all of us who had the privilege of learning behavior analysis there.

I first encountered Steve as the instructor of what was then Psychology 57, a course in comparative psych, at the onset of my junior year, in the fall semester of 1962. Two years later, as a first year graduate student, Steve's first SEBAC assignment

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for me was to build my own pigeon chamber. I was given a 4 x 8 piece of plywood, an aluminum panel, and the electrical “guts” that I would need for my project. Construction was largely contingency shaped, with a few rules and a little advice thrown in by my graduate student colleagues. But mostly I was on my own. On completing my first assignment, my second was to build the programming equipment I needed to control my brand-spanking-new chamber and thus run my experiment. For that I was directed to a large pile of relays and other electrical and electronic stuff all salvaged from the dismantling of some generation or other of computers at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville Alabama, which was at the time a crucial element of America’s space program.

Building the apparatus was a student’s rite of passage into SEBAC. By mid-October of that first year of graduate study, my first experiment was up and running. Steve wasn’t big on formality of any kind, including having meetings, so we didn’t often “meet.” But we interacted all the time. He and

Walter, and the other students, were always around to talk to and to offer their views on whatever topic one wished to bring up, but it was always pick-up, because SEBAC was a very causal place. Casual except when it came to doing the science of behavior. The lab operated 24/7 and the work was so compelling that most of us were around for much of that time. Paul Siegel, a distinguished professor in the Department, described SEBAC in history of the Department as follows:

Within the boundaries of SEBAC there developed a devotion to Skinner and operant conditioning without match elsewhere on the planet. Steve spun theory, Walter designed equipment, and John (Randolph, an older graduate student in the program), with missionary zeal, converted off-balanced graduate students seeking theoretical identity (like me, I suppose). Pigeons moved in and operant pecking resounded in the corridors. Almost magically a substantial supply of electronically sophisticated relay rack equipment turned out “homemade.” ... Walter Sullins ingenuity and SEBAC’s enthusiasts produced equipment on a scale and a budget that defied credulity.

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Relays relayed, timers timed, and snap leads snapped, for sure, but, as Siegel suggests, SEBAC was much, much more than just a pile of surplus parts reconfigured to do things for which they were never intended. Under Steve’s leadership and his modeling of the behavior of a first-rate scientist, SEBAC was a center for ideas and research creativity in behavior analysis. It is difficult to convey the highly charged intellectual environment that was SEBAC, but it pervaded all of us students’ waking moments. Classes and practica and whatever else people were doing faded compared to the

data being collected and the ideas being shared with gusto at SEBAC. Steve always was at the center. He created the intellectual climate, seemingly without even trying, and motivated all of us to take the inductive method and its fruits to their limits.

Probably in no small part because of the over-exuberance of some of my student colleagues for behavior analysis over everything else in psychology, SEBAC fell to the woes of political undercurrents in the Department. It ended almost as abruptly as it started. Steve departed a year before I finished my Ph.D., but I experience his influence to this day. Every time I say to one of my students, “Well, what does the research say about it?” or “Just try it and see what happens,” or I pull out my (by now well worn) copy of *Schedules of Reinforcement* to illustrate a point, Steve is beside me. He was heavily recruited from Alabama by the University of Western Ontario, where he then spent the rest of his academic career teaching, playing music, and making beautiful pottery. He spent a sabbatical year at West Virginia University in the late 1970s or early 1980s and published several research papers post-SEBAC. Some have been well cited over the years; all displayed his remarkably clear thinking about behavior analysis, and his creativity in both research and behavior theory. But I have to say that SEBAC was for Steve as it was for all of us who worked with him there: a moment in time never to be replicated.



2015 Calendar of Upcoming Conferences

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September

Hawai'i ABA 11th Annual Conference

September 4–5
Honolulu, HI
University of Hawai'i, Manoa
East-West Center
www.hawaiiaba.org

Sociedad Mexicana de Análisis de la Conducta 25th Annual Conference

September 9–11
Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico
Hotel Xalapa
<http://smac.org.mx>

Minnesota Northland ABA Annual Conference

September 24–25
Minneapolis, MN
Minneapolis Marriott Northwest
www.mnaba.org

ABAI Eighth International Conference

September 27–29
Kyoto, Japan
Hotel Granvia Kyoto
www.abainternational.org

New York State ABA 26th =Annual Conference

September 30–October 2
Albany, NY
The Desmond Hotel
www.nysaba.org

Florida ABA 35th Annual Conference

September 30–October 3
Daytona Beach, FL
Hilton Daytona Beach Resort
www.fabaworld.org

October

Alabama ABA 24th Annual Convention

October 7–9
Birmingham, AL
Doubletree Hotel
www.alabamaaba.com

October (cont.)

Gulf Coast ABA Conference

October 9–10
New Orleans, LA
Astor Crowne Plaza
www.labaa.net

AARBA 11th Annual Conference

October 13–14
Bologna, Emilia-Romagna, Italy
Boscolo Hotel Tower
www.aarba.eu

Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy Annual Conference

October 14–16
Amherst, MA
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
www.babat.org

Manitoba ABA 10th Annual Conference

October 15
Winnipeg, MB
University of Manitoba
Marshall McLuhan Hall
www.maba.ca

Mid-American ABA Annual Conference

October 15–17
Kansas City, MO
Hotel Phillips
www.midamericanaba.com

Nevada ABA Conference and Workshops

October 16–18
Las Vegas, NV
Embassy Suites Convention Center
<http://nevadaaba.org>

Tennessee ABA 18th Annual Conference

October 22–23
Nashville, TN
Scarritt Bennett Center
www.tennesseeaba.org

Southeastern ABA 32nd Annual Conference

October 22–24
Roanoke, VA
Holiday Inn Tanglewood
www.seabaonline.org

October (cont.)

Hoosier ABA Seventh Annual Conference

October 23–24
Indianapolis, IN
Indiana Convention Center
<http://hoosieraba.com>

November

Arizona ABA Annual Conference and Workshop

November 5–7
Phoenix, AZ
Disability Empowerment Center
www.azaba.org

International Precision Teaching Conference

November 5–7
St. Pete Beach, FL
TradeWinds Island Resorts
<http://celeration.org>

Iowa ABA Annual Conference

November 6
West Des Moines, IA
<http://iowaaba.com>

South Carolina ABA Fourth Annual Conference

November 12–13
Greenville, SC
Hyatt Regency
<http://www.sc-aba.org/>

Ontario ABA Annual Conference

November 16–17
Toronto, ON
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
www.ontaba.org

November

Maryland ABA 18th Annual Meeting and Workshop

December 10–11
Baltimore, MD
Hilton Baltimore
www.mdaba.org



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