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2011 CONFERENCE RE-CAP

For the third year in a row ONTABA was proud to host the 2011 annual conference at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on November 10th, 11th, and 12th. The rooms were filled to capacity on both Thursday and Friday while everyone enjoyed great snacks, speakers, and time with colleagues. Board Certified members of ONTABA continued to be able to receive a CEU credits included in the price of their conference registration. This year a total of 19 credits were available to be earned.

ONTABA welcomed three keynote speakers Dr. Gregory Hanley, BCBA-D, Dr. Timothy Vollmer, BCBA, and Dr. Nicole Luke, BCBA, along with many local professionals who spoke during the concurrent sessions.

On Thursday morning Dr. Hanley kicked off the conference with a presentation titled “Ten Common Mistakes Made by Applied Behavior Analysts When Addressing Problem Behavior and Ways to Avoid Them”. The presentation focused on a number of myths about the functional assessment process, and provided a review in an attempt to develop new lore regarding the functional assessment and intervention development process.

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From the President's Desk



Hello from the 2011/2012 ONTABA Board. We have hit the ground running this year as we continue to move forward with the regulation process. The Professional Regulation Committee will be looking for your input and ask that you keep your eyes on your email.

This year we are looking to increase participation with ONTABA through our various committees. We have put out a call for all committees requiring members and received some great response. In addition to participating in committees we are always looking for contribution to the quarterly newsletter. We also will be looking for additional people to sit on the website committee to assist with content development and enhance the functionality. Interested members can send an email to website@ontaba.org.

The ONTABA Board would also like to announce the recreation of the Public Policy Committee. This committee has been defunct for the last couple of years and has now been reinstated as the Public and Community Relations Committee. We put a call out for members and received great response.. This committee will begin work to raise the profile of ONTABA both inside the behavioural community and out.

The board has also begun to strategize around ways to reach out to our membership outside the GTA. We welcome any ideas members might have. We hope to hear from interested members who live throughout Ontario to help with this initiative.

Your conference chair has been hard at work planning this years Annual Conference. We will be back at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre and are looking forward to another great event. Look for the 'save the date' memo at the back of this edition.

We're well under way over here at the board and we continue to look forward to the input and support of the membership. Please contact us at any time with your questions or suggestions.

Cheers!

Jen Porter



Conference 2011 Recap Cont'd

On Thursday afternoon Dr. Nicole Luke presented a talk titled "The CABAS® Model Schools-How Teaching as Applied Behavior Analysis Can Inform School Programs". The focus of this presentation was The Comprehensive Application of Behaviour Analysis to Schooling (CABAS®) model which is a learner-driven, systems-wide application of behaviour analytic principles that incorporates evidence-based practices from applied behaviour analysis in all aspects of an educational setting. During the presentation the characteristics of a CABAS® program were in addition a number of current CABAS® programs were described.

Three concurrent sessions and lunch and learns were full of interesting topics presented by local clinicians and researchers.

The afternoon concluded with a talk by Dr. Timothy Vollmer who presented "The matching law: implications for differential reinforcement". During the presentation Dr. Vollmer provided an overview of the matching law. He presented examples of research demonstrating the matching law in both basic and applied research. The matching law and how it applies to common behavioral treatments, such as differential reinforcement were also discussed. Dr. Vollmer closed by suggesting that a fundamental understanding of the matching law will improve virtually any behaviorally based treatment procedure.

The day came to an end with a jam packed poster session. Wine and cheese were enjoyed by many ... nothing like a little reinforcement at the end of a great day! 28 impressive professional posters were displayed for learning purposes.

Friday morning began with a presentation by Dr. Luke titled "Staff Training-Thinking of our teachers as strategic scientists". The presentation will focused on the application of behaviour analysis to us as professionals who work with students. That it is the terminology suggested by Skinner (1968) that was adopted by CABAS® model schools and which has shaped the way in which we think about teaching as a science and about teachers as strategic scientists. This presentation outlined three main behavioural repertoires and discussed how they are approached in a CABAS® school.

During lunch the Annual General Meeting was attended by members of ONTABA and the achievements and progress during the 2011 year were highlighted by the board. ONTABA was proud to welcome the new members of the board, Carobeth Zorzos (member at large); Louis Busch (member at large); Lital Gruneir (Graduate Representative); David Phillips (Undergraduate Representative); and Albert Malkin (President-Elect). The board also said their goodbyes to Lisa Israel (former Member at Large); Karla Khoury (former member at large) and Andrea Pastzi (former Graduate Representative), and Darryl Nurse (former President). They were all recognized for all their hard work and support throughout their time on the board.

The membership was also introduced the process involved in order to attain title protection for behaviour analysis in Ontario.

Concurrent sessions included another three fantastic presentations and one symposium by professionals and students from the Behaviour Analysis profession.

The day concluded with a presentation by keynote speaker Dr. Timothy Vollmer. During "Some suggestions for parent training" Dr. Vollmer suggested that differential reinforcement and prompting methods are crucial components of the parenting repertoire. In addition he described a parent training protocol and evidence to support it, as well as, suggestions for future research.

The conference came to a close on Saturday with two extraordinary workshops. During "Understanding and Addressing Sleep Problems of Children and Young Adults with ASD", Dr. Hanley captivated his audience with suggestions for the assessment and intervention of sleep problems. Practitioners left the three-hour interactive workshop with a sound understanding of factors that worsen and improve children's ability to achieve age-appropriate amounts of sleep as well as strategies for addressing common sleep problems such as difficulties falling or staying asleep and nighttime routine noncompliance.



The way positive reinforcement is carried out is more important than the amount.
- B.F. Skinner



I cannot emphasize enough the importance of a good teacher.
- Temple Grandin

Committee Updates

Recruitment Committee

The ONTABA Board of Directors is pleased to provide the membership with an update on professional liability insurance. Members of Applied Behavior Analysis International, of which ONTABA is an affiliate chapter, are offering a competitively priced rate based on a per-person basis. Members can receive a quote in 5 minutes by filling out their information online through their membership portal. As always, ONTABA is pleased to address the needs of its members by offering information that the membership may find helpful.

Sincerely,

The Recruitment Committee, ONTABA

Website Committee

As many of you have noticed we have launched our member portals. Members can now renew their membership and sign up for the conference all from within the portal. This new functionality will allow us to continue to add to the benefits of membership. A new front-end facelift is also on the horizon with a cleaner more professional edge. If you have issues with your member portals please email website@ontaba.org.

ONTABA's Vision: Fostering a culture of excellence, integrity, and expertise for the advancement and the promotion of the science of behaviour analysis.

ONTABA's Mission: To demonstrate leadership, knowledge, and innovation in education, training, and research for the ethical and effective application of behaviour analysis

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Welcome to Our New Board Members



Current Role: President Elect

Albert Malkin is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. He received a Bachelor of Arts with honors, majoring in Psychology and Communication Studies from York University, and Master of Arts degree from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology, majoring in Clinical Psychology, with a specialization in Applied Behavior Analysis.

He is President-Elect of ONTABA, a member of the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts, Association of Behaviour Analysis International (ABAI), as well as an active member of the ABAI Health, Sports, and Fitness Special Interest Group.

Albert has a decade of experience providing services for individuals with developmental disabilities, in a variety of settings for individuals ranging in age from toddlers to middle age.

He is currently a Clinical Services Supervisor for Erinoak-Kids Autism Services in the ABA based services program.

He is an adjunct faculty member in the Autism and Behavioural Science Program at George Brown College, and an Assistant Professor for Sage Graduate Schools in the Center for Applied Behavior Analysis.

The broad dissemination and application of behaviour analysis are goals that he believes need to continually be strived for.



Current Role: Undergraduate Student Rep

David Phillips is currently enrolled in George Brown College's Behaviour Science Technology program, graduating this summer.

In 2007, he completed a Bachelor of Arts in Honours Psychology at the University of Guelph and moved to Toronto to spend the next several years in restaurant management, entertaining a more informal investigation of human behaviour.

He is now working as a student intern in the field of acquired brain injury. Other areas of interest include addiction, dual diagnosis, and the expanding role of applied behaviour analysis in gerontology.

Conference 2011 Recap Continued

Nicole Luke spoke about the Comprehensive Application of Behavior Analysis to Schooling (CABAS®) programs and described their characteristics.

CABAS® programs use tactics from the science of behaviour to improve instructional outcomes for students. Nicole also spoke about the training of teachers in the CABAS® programs where the focus is on the development of teachers as strategic scientists in three important areas:

1. Verbal behavior about the science
2. Rule-governed behavior
3. Contingency-shaped behavior

The ONTABA Board and Conference Committee would like to thank all the student volunteers who helped to make the conference run as smooth as possible!

Save The Date!

The ONTABA 2012 Annual Conference will be held on November 29th and 30th at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

We are pleased to announce Dr. Gina Green and Dr. Mark Dixon as our keynote speakers for this year!

Keep checking our website for hotel information and more speaker information.



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