

Ontario Association for Behaviour Analysis

ONTABA Conference 2002

In REVIEW

Shelly Hockley
Conference Chair

I want to thank everyone who attended the ONTABA 2002 Conference. The conference began with a Symposium on Errorless Approaches to the Remediation of Childhood Disorders. The chair was Dr. Joe Ducharme with the discussant being Dr. Maurice Feldman. Dr. Ducharme's panel consisted of the following 4 graduate students, Tammy Drain, Elane Sanjuan, Patricia Behnka and Kimberly Harris. Dr. Ducharme and the panel did a wonderful job in discussing their case studies using errorless approaches within the different populations treated. There was a tremendous amount of positive feedback given to this symposium. There was an evaluation that actually gave a bonus point for the excellent discussion by Dr. Feldman. I want to thank you all for your wonderful contribution to the ONTABA Conference.

Our Keynote speaker, Dr. David Wacker presented Functional Analysis and Functional Communication Training in Home Settings. His presentation was informative and highly entertaining. He discussed strategies and treatments used in individual homes in Iowa. This presentation received a great deal of positive feedback. Many attendees felt that he was quite personable and humorous. Again, I want to thank Dr. Wacker for presenting his two talks on Functional Analysis and contributing a great deal to the ONTABA Conference. Dr. Wacker was presented with an honorarium and an ONTABA T-shirt to wear proudly. I also want to thank Rosemary Condillac and Dr. Maurice Feldman for their introductions and discussions in regards to Dr. Wacker.

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From the President's Desk

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Another successful ONTABA conference and record breaking membership year!

For those who attended the 10th annual conference we are pleased that your feedback was very positive (see Shelly's review and data in this issue). For those unable to attend due to conflicting conferences at this time or limited educational funding to have attended ABA International this past May, we hope to bring together another exciting conference and see you next fall.

A number of ONTABA members participated in the conference presentations and also volunteered their time in organizing this successful event. To each of you an additional note of appreciation from myself, and the Board of Directors. As we often state, the quality of the conference and development of this association is in the efforts made and dedication of its' members. We will be contacting the presenters to solicit copies of their presentations to include in future issues of The Analyst to share the information with our members.

At the AGM portion of the conference, there was a great deal of interaction with those members remaining to participate and the Board and Committee Chairs discussing annual reports. Those reports are included as an insert with this newsletter to share with all members. It was great to see such a large number of individuals willing to give up their time (a very precious commodity) to participate in discussions about the operations of the association. All of the excellent ideas presented were recorded for the new Board to retain and review.

Elections were completed to replace those Board members whose tenure was up this year and was reported at the AGM. We wish to again thank Amy Barker, Jessica Brian, and Sarah Lambert for their time and work on the Board of Directors for ONTABA. As a result of the elections, we welcome Scott Bark back as Treasurer for another term, and look forward to the addition of Adrienne Perry and Liane Tackaberry as new Members-at-large, and Dorothy Werner as a new Student Representative. The remaining Board of Directors include; myself, Rosemary Condillac as President-Elect, Nancy Freeman as Secretary, Gary Bernfeld, Kevin Cauley and Shelly Hockley as Members-at-large, and Jennifer Nichol as a Student Representative. This new Board will meet in mid-December to continue the current work and to develop the 2003 activities to complete.

Membership and Recruitment reported that 2002 was a record breaking year for ONTABA! We have 325 members from across the province and beyond including British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Nevada, and Michigan. We had almost 200 ONTABA members who renewed their memberships and over 100 new members joined the association!

It has been an exciting year working on the Board and committees while getting to work again with new and old acquaintances. Much work has been done as is evident in the attached reports. We all know there is much more to do in the years to come to further the development of this growing association and the advancement of applied behaviour analysis in Ontario.

Wishing everyone a joyous and safe holiday season (and perhaps even a reduction in the data to collect and analyze)!

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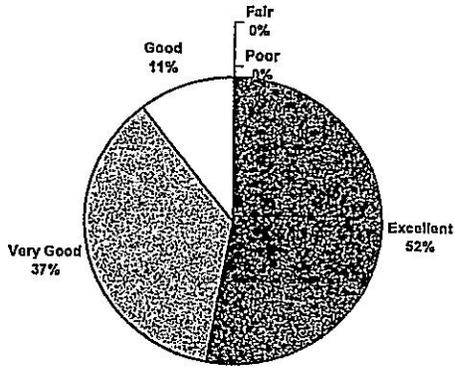
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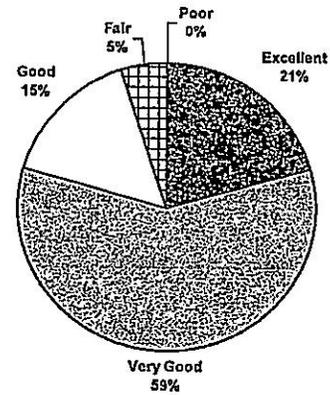
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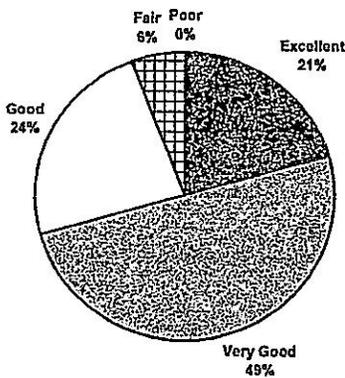
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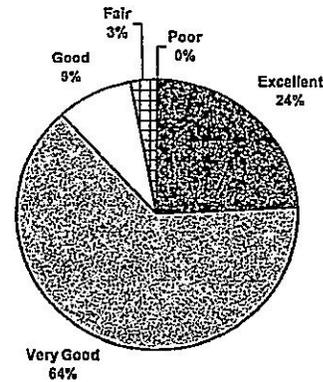
Conference Format (2002)



Conference Catering (2002)



Conference Overall (2002)



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I would also like to thank all the presenters for contributions to the conference. The presentations received high reviews and provided information and strategies to ONTABA members and non-members. The ONTABA Conference Committee depends on the involvement and support of its members for a successful conference, thank you. I want to mention that 49% of the attendee's at the conference were ONTABA members compared to 50% from last year.

The feedback for the conference was quite positive. Most of the attendees enjoyed the conference and had given a great deal of positive feedback on the conference location and it's catering, and yes a lot of people commented on the comfortable chairs. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their feedback and if you have any suggestions regarding next year's conference, feel free to email me at shelly.hockley@surreyplace.on.ca.

I especially want to thank Tara Smith, Jennifer Nicol and all the student volunteers, Susie Correria, Patricia Behnka, Kimberly Harris, Ambre Dooks, Rosalina De Sa and April Sullivan. The conference would not have run so smoothly without all of your help at the registration desk. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! I also want to thank Rob Duff from Surrey Place Centre for all his assistance with the audio/visual needs.

I have tallied the evaluation forms and have presented to you the Registration, Format, Catering and Overall Ratings for the 2002 Conference. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering in any aspects of the conference at shelly.hockley@surreyplace.on.ca. Thank you again and we look forward to seeing everyone and even more next year.

Special thanks to Shelly Hockley (Conference Chair) and ONTABA Volunteers - The Board

Employment Opportunity


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West Park Healthcare Centre is dedicated to meeting the rehabilitation, complex continuing & long-term care needs of adults in its diverse community, by consistently building its expertise in providing the best health care possible. In line with our philosophy that *life is in the challenge*, we continually strive to improve on everything we do, to better help our patients & residents achieve the highest quality of life, and provide an exciting and rewarding environment for our employees.

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Member News
Did you call for the DOCTOR???

- Congratulations to Rosemary Condillac and James Porter! They have both completed their doctorates .

Heiress to the throne?

- Gerry and Chafika Bernicky are proud parents of their new healthy baby girl, Yasmeen Leia. She was born October 24th, 2002 weighing in at 6 lbs 14 ozs.

Movin' and Shakin'

- Andrew McNamara is now busy working with the new BST Program at George Brown College. He moved from the ABI Program at Westpark Healthcare Centre in the fall of 2002. All the best with the new program!
- To Amy Barker and Angela Burgess(Membership and Recruitment) who have gone over the top with getting new members and renewals for Ontaba. Membership for ONTABA is at an all time high! Congratulations and Thanks!

New ONTABA Board Directors (elected at the 2002 AGM)

Adrienne Perry (Member-at-large)

Dr. Adrienne Perry has worked in the TRE-ADD program (Treatment Research, and Education for Autism and Developmental Disorders) since 1984, since 1991 as Psychologist and Coordinator of Research. Her involvement at TRE-ADD has included research and evaluation, psychological assessment, supervision of behavioural intervention for young children in school-based IBI program, internal and external staff training, and student supervision, in both research and clinical work. Dr. Perry is perhaps best known in behavioural circles for her major involvement in the design of the preschool Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) initiative for young children with autism. Dr. Perry has recently joined the faculty in the Clinical-Developmental Psychology Program at York University, where she teaches Behaviour Therapy and Behaviour Modification, Psychological Assessment, and Supervision of Behavioural Intervention.

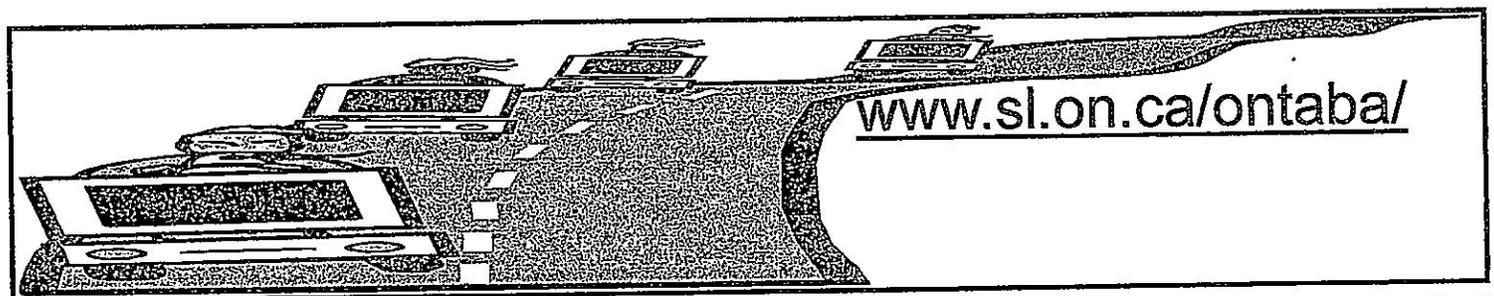
Liane Tackaberry (Member-at-large)

Liane completed her B.A. in Psychology at Trent University in 1992. She went on to graduate with Distinction from St. Lawrence College's B.S.T. program in 1994. Her interests include working with individuals diagnosed with a major mental illness, particularly schizophrenia. She is also a strong advocate for the role of Behaviour Therapists and behavioural therapies in the treatment and rehabilitation of clients with mental illness. Liane was employed for several years as Psychometrist/Behaviour Therapist on a secured behavioural unit at the former Kingston Psychiatric Hospital before being divested to Providence Continuing Care Centre in 2001. She has since moved to working with outpatients as part of an Assertive Community Treatment Team with P.C.C.C-Mental Health Services. She is also a member of the B.S.T. Advisory Committee and teaches part-time in the B.S.T. program. She is a strong advocate for college-trained front line staff, skilled in applied behavioural approaches, and is enthusiastic about advancing the role of their profession in the human services field.

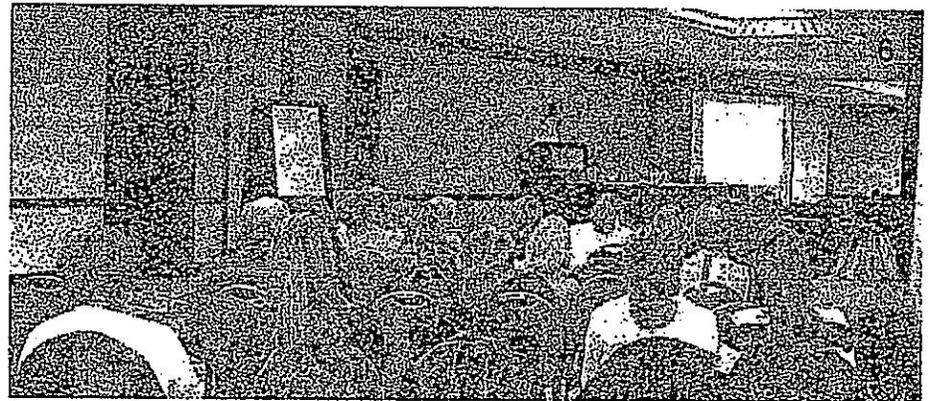
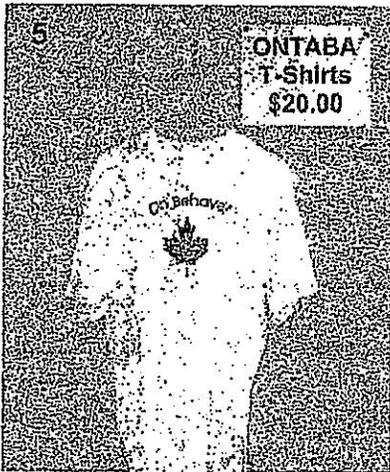
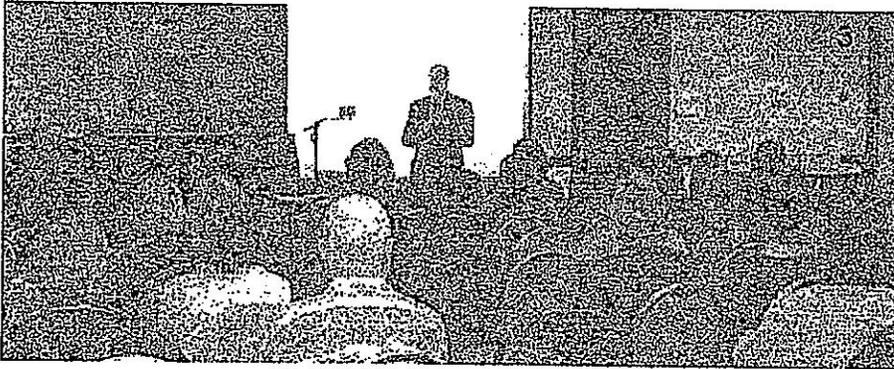
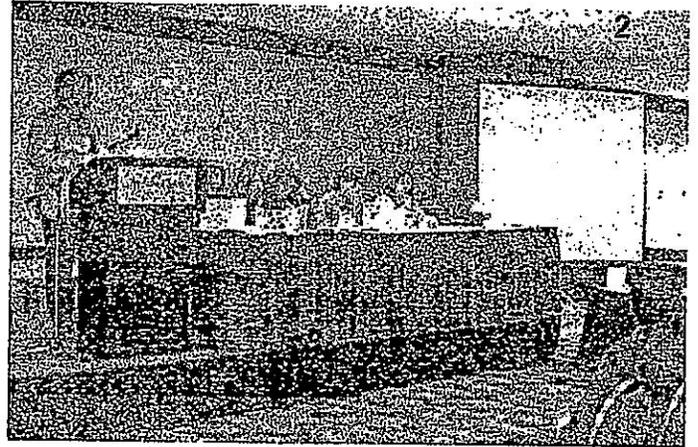
Dorothy Wemer (Student Representative)

Dorothy is currently in her third year of study in the B.S.T. program at St. Lawrence College, expecting to graduate with Distinction in 2003. A mature student, Dorothy's past field related experience has been in working with children in various school settings. She completed two, six-week college placements, one of which was at J.R. Henderson Public School in a kindergarten classroom in Kingston, Ontario, and the other at Fairfield Elementary School in Amherstview Ontario. Dorothy has a keen interest in working with individuals in a variety of populations including adult offenders within CSC, individuals with addictions, and people who are developmentally delayed. As a potential B.S.T. graduate, Dorothy would like to encourage and promote positive, self-determined behavioural change in the client population, facilitated by accredited applied behaviour analysts and professionally managed behavioural programs. She is a strong advocate for college-trained front line staff, skilled in applied behavioural analysis. She believes that these front-line workers can make a positive contribution to the human services field.

Bios on the other ONTABA Board Members were printed in issue 8.2 of The Analyst.



Conference 2002 Pics



1. Gerald Bernicky (President) and David Wacker (Keynote Speaker).
2. The Board of Directors at the ONTABA AGM , Conference 2002.
3. David Wacker engages attendees at one of his talks.
4. Amy Barker and Gerald Bernicky at the registration desk.
5. ONTABAWEAR
6. Another crowd at one of the many presentations at the conference.
7. Posters along with wine and cheese was enjoyed by the attendees.

Getting connected

ONTABA Analyst Submissions

PHOTOGRAPHS

We could be using your pictures instead!
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ABA Fax Number: (269) 492-9316
ABA Address: 1219 South Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Upcoming Conferences, Workshops and Training Events

- ABA International, May 23 to 27, San Francisco
- OADD RSIG Day, Research Day on April 2, 2003, Sheraton, Richmond Hill
- OADD, April 3 and 4, 2003, Sheraton, Richmond Hill
- BST Conference, April 24 and 25, 2003, Kingston (see insert)

Note: Search their web sites for details about the organization and their conference.



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