

ONTABA REGIONAL CONFERENCE



'Implementing Functional Analyses in Naturalistic Settings'

On April 24, 2003, ONTABA partnered with the St. Lawrence College Behavioural Science Technology program to present this full day workshop at the Donald Gordon Centre of Queen's University. It featured Dr. Stephanie Petersen, of Ohio State University and two of her graduate students, Renee Van Norman and Laura Lacy Rismiller. There were over 55 participants and Dorothy Wemer, BST 3rd year student and ONTABA Board Member, was the Conference Assistant. The workshop identified strategies for extending from informal functional behaviour assessments to formal hypothesis testing for identifying the function of problem behaviour in children with developmental disabilities.



Dr. Stephanie Peterson

In addition to formal presentations, which included video clips of different clinical and experimental situations, the workshop also featured 'games' like 'Name That Hypothesis' and 'Name That Condition'—that only behaviourists could love! [see photo]. The audience was later broken up into smaller groups to complete behavioural rehearsals involving functional analysis. Finally, a CD-ROM was available for purchase for a modest fee, that contained files on key reference materials, as well as her entire PowerPoint presentation and all of the related

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INSERTS:

1. Membership Survey of the Strategic Plan for Certification
2. Nomination Form and Instructions for Elections 2003
3. Call for Papers for ONTABA Conference 2003



Gerald Bernicky
Supervisor, Toronto Preschool Autism Service,
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Let the membership survey begin!

After a great deal of work by the Certification Committee in reviewing the various options of certification of behaviour analysts, the committee developed a draft Strategic Plan which was submitted to the ONTABA Board for consideration. The Board of Directors dedicated time to carefully reviewing this document and after making some modifications to it, have approved the current draft and have agreed it is ready and time for feedback from the ONTABA membership. You will find the insert, Membership Survey of the Strategic Plan for Certification, in this edition of The Analyst. You may have already received an electronic version of the same survey. We are using every means possible to get your feedback on this, the most important project ONTABA has undertaken.

ONTABA has engaged an external consultant to receive the survey responses from each of you and to analyze the data to prepare a report to the ONTABA Board. Along with his report, the survey responses and database developed will be returned to ONTABA.

The Board has approved the following timeline of activities to complete the membership survey:

- July 7, send out the surveys by email and as an insert with The Analyst.
- August 1, send out a reminder email or fax to remind members of the upcoming deadline for completing the survey.
- August 15, the cutoff day for receiving member surveys.
- August 31, receive the report from the consultant.

We look forward to receiving your feedback and comments on this document to help guide the future direction of certification in our province.

Board Member Steps Down

Due to a growing list of professional and personal commitments, Kevin Cauley, Member-at-large, has stepped down for the remainder of his term as an ONTABA Board member.

The Board wishes to thank Kevin for his past work on the Board and all the best in his future endeavours.

Gerald Bernicky
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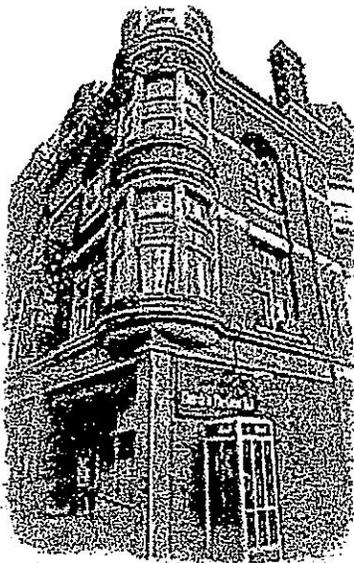
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Participants were quite delighted with the workshop and look forward future similar events in Eastern Ontario. As an example, when asked for an overall evaluation, the data showed an average satisfaction score of 6.7 on a 7-point rating scale. Two sample comments included: "I think the workshop was great! I found the practical experience to be a refreshing and welcome change"; and "The workshop was fantastic, finally a workshop that is applicable!!"

Gary Bernfeld,
Workshop Chair and Professor,
Behavioural Science Technology Program
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The Great Hall-
Site of the 2003 ONTABA
Conference

THE 11th ANNUAL ONTABA CONFERENCE: UPDATE

We are pleased and excited to announce the addition of a second keynote speaker to the roster for the ONTABA 2003 Annual Conference. **Dr. Gary Pace** will give two talks (Thursday evening and Friday morning) on issues related to Acquired Brain Injury and Applied Behaviour Analysis. More specifically, his current research interests include the application of behavioral interventions and learning strategies for individuals with brain injury. Dr. Pace is the Senior Vice President for Neurorehabilitation Services at the May Institute in Massachusetts. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Johns Hopkins University. He is also a former faculty member at the Johns Hopkins Medical School. Dr. Pace has completed seminal work on the assessment of stimulus preference in individuals with severe developmental disabilities and several of his research articles are considered essential reading for students. Dr. Pace has held numerous editorial appointments to professional journals including the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*.

With Michael Fabrizio and Dr. Gary Pace as our keynote speakers, this year 's conference is shaping up to be a "not to be missed" event with something for everyone. Our goal is to have representation (invited speakers, symposia, panel discussion, posters) from each of the disciplines within behaviour analysis at ONTABA 2003. Please see the call for papers in this issue of *The Analyst*.

ONTABA Committee Updates

ONTABA COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Membership and Recruitment Committee:

Chairperson: Angela Burgess

As of June 17, 2003, we have received and processed the information for a total of 251 members. This total is broken into 166 Renewing Members from 2003, 24 Returning Members who missed 2002 but have returned, and 61 New Members to ONTABA.

From these 251 members: 24 are Sustaining and Voting members (thank you for that extra support), 181 are Full Voting members, 18 are Affiliate Non-voting members, 27 are Student members who can vote for student reps for the Board, and 1 is an Emeritus member (Dr. Larry Williams).

Since the previous committee update in issue 9.1 of The Analyst, this committee has met it's goal for maintaining 75% of last year's total memberships, and met it's goal for at least 50 new members to the association. Amy and Angela attended the BST conference in April in Kingston and from this gathered 13 new members and sold 3 of the ONTABA T-shirts (there are still some left, and if you want to ensure you have one of the original ONTABA t-shirts you should place your soon). The committee will be completing its last renewal mailing in June. Please note that if your contact information changes, please contact us to let us know so that we can forward your ONTABA materials to you.

The Membership Committee a draw in June for the prize of a copy of B.F. Skinner's – The Behavior of Organisms. The lucky winner was Kimberly Harris, a graduate student at U of T and also a co-chair of this year's conference. Congratulations Kimberly.

A reminder to all: if you are asked by a colleague about membership forms, these are now available on the ONTABA website to download (www.sl.on.ca/ONTABA).

ONTABA has a packaged presentation for introduction to the Association. If you or your staff, colleagues are interested in this, please contact Angela at Aburgess@westpark.org.

Conference Committee:

Chairperson: Shelly Hockley; Conference Co-Chairs: Kimberley Harris & Rosalina De Sa
See Page 3 for Conference Update

Education Committee:

Chairperson: Adrienne Perry

The ONTABA Education Committee is finally getting underway! The purpose of this short-term task force over the next few months is to collect data regarding post-secondary educational programs and courses in ABA and related fields. Knowing what exists already and where the gaps are will provide us with good background for future advocacy efforts on behalf of various kinds of behavioural training in Colleges and Universities in Ontario. We could use a few more volunteers to assist with electronic and telephone information gathering. There are no actual meetings, so this is a great way to help ONTABA even if you are busy or far away (as long as you have email and a telephone). If you are interested, please contact Dr. Adrienne Perry at perry@yorku.ca.

Certification Committee:

Chairperson: Jim Reaume

See 'From the President's Desk' for an update on certification.

Elections Committee:

Chairperson: Shelly Hockley.

See nomination insert.

Newsletter Committee:

Chairperson: Carol Drummond

We would like to thank Gary Bernfeld for his ongoing support of the ONTABA Analyst by providing articles for publication on a regular basis. We look forward to all of your submissions and related contributions to the 2003 ONTABA ANALYST.

Don't forget to let us know if you or your employer are posting positions and would like to advertise in this profession-specific publication.

Please send in your surveys, nominate members for elections and send in your abstracts for the ONTABA Conference in November!

Communications Committee:

Chairperson: Rosemary Condillac



NOMINATION BALLOT: 2003

*New Deadline: August 15th, 2003

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Fax Number

Email Address:

Nominated By:

Position(s):

- President-Elect
- Member at Large (2 years) *Three positions available
- Student (2 years)
- Secretary

Please provide a brief biography for the election ballot:

I agree to stand for election for the ONTABA Board of Directors Position(s) checked above.

Nominee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this nominee information form to Nancy Freeman, Toronto Preschool Autism Services, 2nd Floor, 250 Manning Ave, Toronto, ON, M6J 2K7, or fax Nancy Freeman at (416) 925-5301. **Must be submitted by August 15th, 2003.**

NOMINATION PROCEDURE FOR 2003

Due to the shortage of nominations that have been received thus far, the Elections Committee with Board approval is extending the deadline to August 15th, 2003. The current positions that are available are:

President Elect (1 position),
Secretary (1 position),
Members at Large (3 positions),
Student Representative (1 position).*

These positions are for a 2-year term (*note the President-Elect following their term then assumes the President position for an additional 2 year term).

All nominees for the positions on the Board of Directors must be ONTABA members. Moreover, all Board of Directors must be members of ABA International at the time of assuming office or become a member within 2 months of assuming office and maintain membership throughout their term of office.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Any Voting member in good standing is eligible for nomination and election to any elective office. Student members may only be elected to the Student Representative positions.
- Each Voting member may propose four names, but may not nominate the same person for more than one office. Each Student member may propose four names for the office of Student Representative. Please feel free to copy the nomination ballot for more nominations.
- Once your nominee agrees to stand for election, have them complete (or you may complete) the nomination ballot and mail to: Nancy Freeman at Toronto Preschool Autism Services, 2nd Floor, 250 Manning Ave., Toronto, M6J 2K7, or fax to Nancy Freeman at (416) 925-5301 by August 15th, 2003. Please note that the nominee must sign the nomination ballot. If you wish to email your nomination, please include all information requested on the nomination ballot. In addition, we must receive an email directly from your nominee as proof of their agreement to stand for election. Please email Nancy Freeman at: nfreeman@TPAS.ca
- No Voting member may allow her/his name to stand for more than one office.
- Once all nominations are received, election ballots will be sent out in the mail. Voting will be permitted up to the AGM, and Board members will be determined by a plurality vote of the membership and declared elected at the AGM.

30TH ANNIVERSARY BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE



On April 24th and 25th, the Donald Gordon Centre at Queen's University, was the locale for the second Behavioural Science Technology conference, entitled: **Mediator Training and Implementation Strategies for Behaviourists in the 'Real World': Getting It Done**. The conference celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the BST program and the theme was: '*Clinical strategies and 'practice wisdom' used to train mediators and successfully implement behavioural interventions*'. Dorothy Wemer, BST 3rd year student and ONTABA Board Member, was the Conference Assistant.

Nearly all of the 20 speakers were graduates of this unique program! The Behavioural Science Technology program at St. Lawrence College, Kingston, is the only post-secondary program of its kind in Canada. Since 1973, this program has been training the next generation of front-line staff in human service settings to work in areas ranging from Acquired Brain Injury, Addictions, Autism, Developmental Disabilities, Forensic, Job Training, Mental Health, and Schools.

Sponsored by St. Lawrence College, the conference attracted 85 BST graduates and students and behaviourists from across Ontario. During the evening of April 24th, there was a *Wine, Cheese & Dessert Poster Session* featuring 'Agency Program Descriptions & Job Fair'. This gave participants an opportunity to check out the programs at a number of agencies across Ontario who hire our graduates and use applied behaviour analysis and/or cognitive behavioural counseling approaches. After the poster session, the Alumni Department sponsored a reception that allowed alumni and students to network.

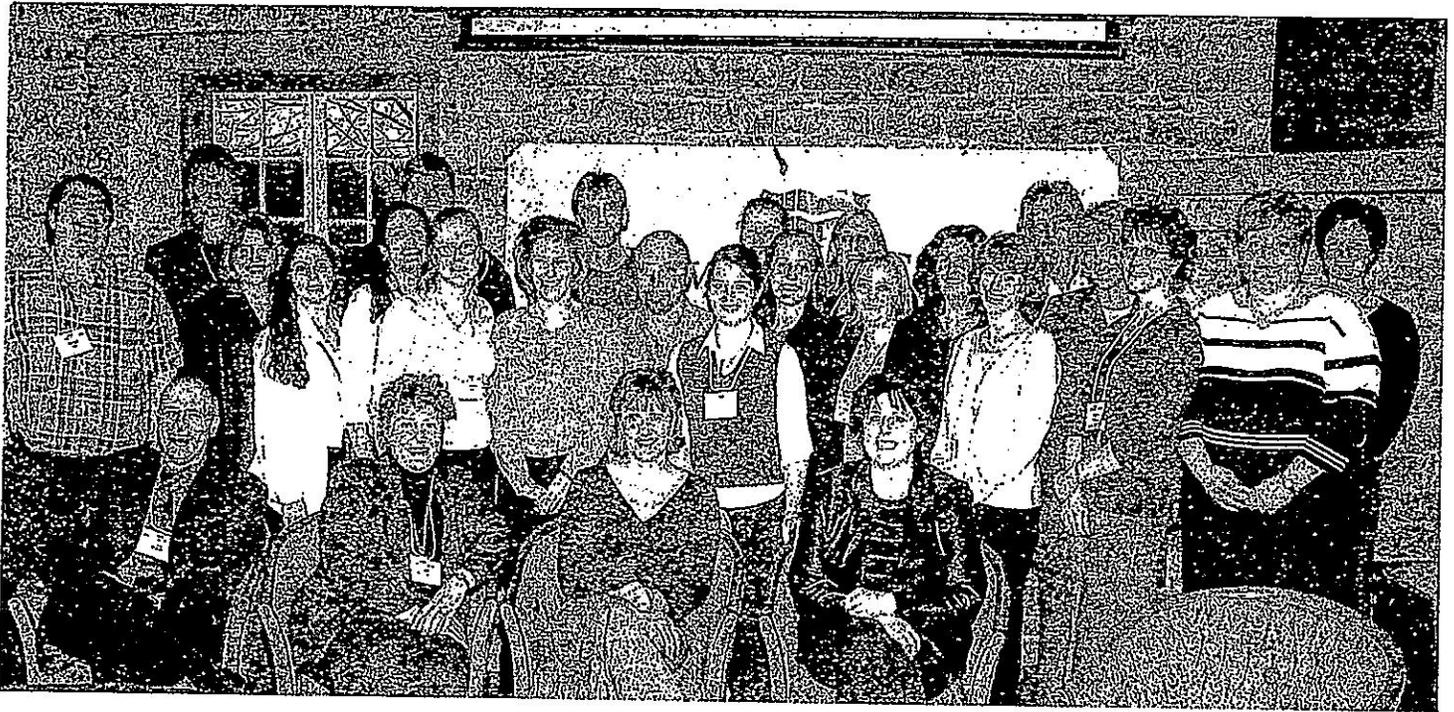
The day-long session on April 25th began with an *Invited Address* by Ken Hamilton, a BST graduate. Ken is a Clinical Manager and Senior Behaviour Therapist with the Infants, Children and Youth Services Division at Surrey Place Centre. The talk entitled 'Techniques and Strategies for Dealing With Resistance' gave some practical advice on how to identify and deal with resistance. His presentation relied on the literature in cognitive science to help practitioners to work with parents and teachers so that they can make informed choices. Ken also used a resistance checklist and a ten step process for effective consultation

The rest of the day featured a series of five *Panel Discussions*. In most of these, different speakers shared the challenges they encountered and the success strategies they developed in training mediators and delivering behavioural interventions in a variety of settings. In the morning, registrants attended a panel in one of the following areas: Acquired Brain Injury, Developmental Handicap, or Adult Corrections. The last panel was a special panel on 'Employers Panel' that described various Correctional Service Canada programs, highlighting the role of BSTs, and discussed job opportunities in CSC. After a lunch, participants chose one of the following panels: Adult Mental Health or Autism.

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Participants were quite pleased with the conference and look forward to the next event. When asked for an overall evaluation, the data showed an average satisfaction score of 6.0 on a 7-point rating scale. Two sample comments included: "The conference was excellent, I've never been to such a practical conference before"; and "I'm leaving here with lots of tools, I feel extremely motivated & refreshed, looking forward to the next conference!!"

The **65** page **Proceedings** of the Second Behavioural Science Technology Conference contains all the practical handouts from the 5 Panel Discussions. It goes on sale as of *September 1, 2003*. To order, call the St. Lawrence College Bookstore at 613-544-5400, ext. 1265 and use Visa or Master Card, or send a cheque, payable to 'St. Lawrence College', to: The Bookstore, St. Lawrence College, King & Portsmouth, Kingston ON K7L 5A6. Cost is only \$10.00 plus tax and shipping.



For more information and other photos from this professional gathering, see <http://www.sl.on.ca/fulltime/bst/activities.html>

Gary Bernfeld,
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Getting connected

ONTABA Analyst Submissions

PHOTOGRAPHS

We could be using your pictures instead!
E-mail them to Gerry Bernicky or send them c/o ONTABA to the ONTABA ANALYST

Your newsletter is only as good as your contributions.

The *ONTABA Analyst* is a forum for us to stay connected in many ways. All members are encouraged to submit articles on topics related to behaviour analysis; theoretical, practical or topical issues, perspectives from different regions of the province, jobs or schools, research accounts, news, announcements, your biography, reviews, student practicums, etc.

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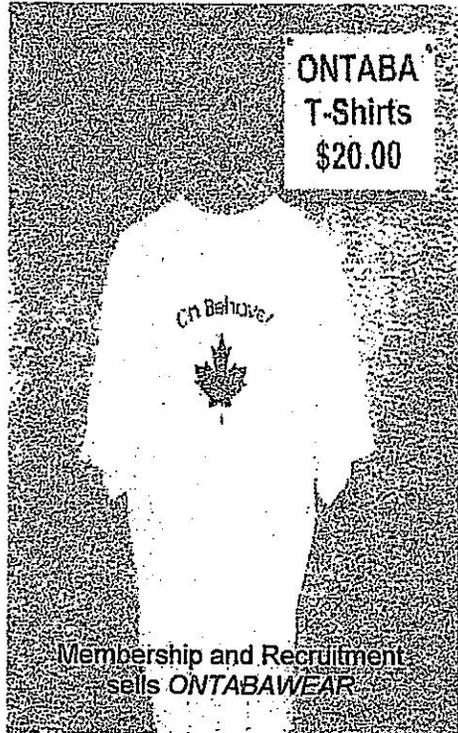
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Submissions for the next ONTABA ANALYST, Summer Issue must arrive to Gerald Bernicky at gbernicky@sympatico.ca by Sept 15th, 2003 for the Oct 1st issue.



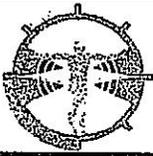
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ONTABA currently has members from professions such as
education, nursing, health care, and psychology.
The objectives of ONTABA are to promote behaviour analysis in the province of Ontario,
to facilitate interactions between professionals engaged in behavioural activities,
to monitor and participate in legal and professional issues related to behaviour analysis,
and to initiate standardized practices and certification of Behaviour Analysts.

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