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Season's greetings from the EABA Committee!



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Stockholm Conference delights delegates

In September, over two hundred and fifty delegates from twenty-two countries met in the charming and vibrant city of Stockholm, Sweden to participate in the 7th Conference of the European Association for Behaviour Analysis.

The Conference began in grand style on September 10th with a sumptuous opening reception hosted by the City of Stockholm in the strikingly beautiful City Hall, frequent site of the Nobel Prize ceremonies. EABA delegates were welcomed by the Honorable Vice Mayor and treated to a historical tour of the facility, followed by a lavish spread of delicious, traditional Swedish victuals.



Stockholm Conference, *continued*

The scientific programme began the following day at the lovely Stockholm University campus. In three days of fruitful exchange, behaviour analyst from across Europe and around the globe shared their recent conceptual, experimental and applied analyses and findings in the atmosphere of intimate collegiality that has always characterized the EABA meetings.

Behaviour analysts engage in a wide range of activities in varied settings, a fact that was evident in the programme in general and as well as in its featured addresses. In his presidential address, Robert Mellon argued that persons suffering with what is known as “dysfunctional cognition” are not receiving the natural-science interpretations of these phenomena that they require, and that the dissemination of behavior analysis as a whole would be facilitated in the service of this need. In a period of rapid development in the professionalization of Applied Behaviour Analysis, invited speaker Mecca Chiesa showed how the ultimate success of these developments is based upon a high level of conceptual understanding in practitioners, and made specific recommendations for training and certification procedures that would ensure the presence of these repertoires in professional behaviour analysts. In a related vein, Jay Moore addressed the delegates on the importance of a sound grounding in radical behavioural philosophy, as this philosophy underlies all experimental and applied activities of behaviour analysis and provides a comprehensive understanding of scientific behavior itself.



Thus informed about the practical benefits of conceptual analyses of behaviour, Iver Iversen treated the delegates to a number of convincing examples from his own work on how extensive contact with work in the *experimental* analysis of behaviour can improve the provision of



behaviour-analytic professional services. Niklas Törneke provided further proof of this assertion in the domain of clinical behaviour analysis, with his description of how experimental findings and concepts emerging from Relational Frame Theory have altered his own psychotherapeutic practices.

Camille Ferond showed how the growth Organizational Behavior Management indicates that in the complex and rapidly changing global business environment, managers' needs are best served by widely applicable principles of

Stockholm Conference, *continued*

behavior change that emerge from our conceptual and empirical approach. Finally, Shahla Ala'l-Rosales demonstrated the generality of these same principles to university instruction, in showing how a natural science interpretation of behavior has guided her in arranging effective environments for the development of conceptual and experimental skills in the context of the development of master's theses.

The EABA Committee wishes to thank all these and all the conference presenters, and indeed all the conference participants, for their contributions to a truly enjoyable and beneficial scientific and social event in Stockholm. Special thanks are due to our local organizers, Marie Grafström and Camilla Kallenbäck and their team of volunteers from the Department of Psychology at Stockholm University, from Psykologpartners and the Karolinska Institutet, and from the Swedish Association for Behavior Analysis.

The book of abstracts from the 7th Conference of the European Association for Behaviour Analysis is available for download at the EABA website (www.europeanaba.org) and a Special Issue of the European Journal of Behavior Analysis, featuring works of conceptual, experimental and applied behavior analysis presented in Stockholm will be published in 2015 (final deadline for submission: 1 January).



EABA members honored for their contributions

This has been a banner year for the recognition of EABA members' efforts to advance our philosophy and science across Europe and around the world. At this year's meetings of the Association for Behavior Analysis International, EABA member Carl Hughes received the Award for Distinguished Service from the Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis, in recognition of his sustained, valuable contribution to behavioral psychology in his teaching, research and practice.



MICKEY KEENAN

In this same year, EABA member Mickey Keenan won the prestigious Michael Hemingway Behavior Analysis Award from the Behavior Analysis Certification Board, in recognition of his substantial contributions to the advancement of science and its public dissemination.



CARL HUGHES

Both Mickey Keenan and Carl Hughes are the first Europeans to be honored with these prestigious awards.

Behaviour analysis loses a great champion



The European behaviour analytic community is shocked and saddened by the untimely loss of Professor C. Fergus Lowe, great friend and colleague whose demise was announced on the tenth of this month. Beyond his extraordinary record of scientific contribution in both experimental and applied behaviour analysis, Professor Lowe laid a cornerstone in the development of our approach in Britain and across Europe, in his institutional contributions as Head of the School of Psychology at Bangor University, in his leadership of the Experimental Analysis of Behaviour Group, and in his role in establishing the European Association for Behaviour Analysis. He is and will be sorely missed.

EABA Summer School of Behaviour Analysis

The first EABA Summer School of Behaviour Analysis will take place from July 6th to 17th, 2015, in Rethymno, Crete, in collaboration with the Departments of Psychology of Panteion University of Athens and the Hellenic Association for Behavior Analysis. The Summer School is designed to offer an advanced training experience and an opportunity for extended scientific and social interaction among students, professionals and accomplished instructors in behaviour analysis from throughout Europe.

A total of four intensive (3 hours per day for 5 days) courses will be offered, with each course occurring either in morning or in evening sessions, with the first two courses running from July 6th to 10th and the second two from July 13th to 17th. Thus, one might participate in from one to four of the courses on offer. Courses will cover advanced topics of the instructors' area of expertise in an intellectually rigorous but informal and collegial atmosphere that will



include both lecture and discussion periods. There will be no exams or aversive control.

The courses will be designed to be enjoyed by anyone who would have the requisite training and interest to benefit from attending presentations at the EABA's biannual conference. All courses will be in the English language. Readings for the courses will be distributed well in advance to allow preparation. During the weekend that intervenes between the two 5-day course periods (July 11th and 12th) a social outing to the beautiful southern coast and charming villages of Crete will be organized for all Summer School participants.



EABA Summer School of Behaviour Analysis, *continued*

Our instructors will not be remunerated for their participation, and their generosity and interest in disseminating behaviour analysis has resulted in a cost of 50 euros for each 15 hour course. We are endeavoring to ensure the availability of economic housing options for participants. Continuing education credits will be available. Registration and detailed course information will soon be published on the EABA website.

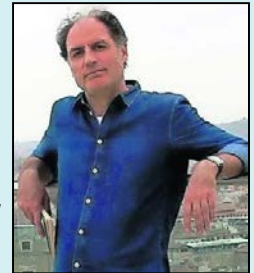
The courses will be as follows:

July 6 to 10, 2015

Morning course:

**The relation between basic science and clinical analysis and intervention:
Behavioural excess and reinforcement processes**

Ricardo Pellón, Ph.D.,
*Animal Behaviour Laboratories, Departamento de Psicología Básica I,
Facultad de Psicología, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia,
Madrid, Spain*



Evening course:

**The analysis of verbal behaviour:
The scientific basis of effective language interventions**

Katerina Dounavi, Ph.D., BCBA-D
*School of Education, Queen's University
Belfast, United Kingdom*

July 13 to 17, 2015

Morning course:

The relation between basic science and clinical analysis and intervention: "Dysfunctional cognition" and aversive control processes

Robert Mellon, Ph.D.
*Laboratory of Experimental and Applied Behavior Analysis, Department of
Psychology, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences,
Athens, Greece*



Evening course:

**Curriculum development for persons with Autism Spectrum
Disorder utilizing video technology and Functional Behavior
Assessment**

Christos Nikopoulos, BCBA-D, MBPsS, CSci, FHEA,
*International Representative, Behavior Analyst Certification Board
Autism Consultancy Services,
London, United Kingdom*

Final call for site proposals, EABA 2016

Members are reminded that the deadline for proposals for hosting the 8th Conference of the European Association for Behaviour Analysis, to be held in the year 2016, is **January 5, 2015**. We especially encourage applications from areas in which behaviour analysis is in an early stage of development.



As specified in the previous calls, the application needs to include the following information: Name of group or organization responsible for the application and persons to be responsible for the organization of the conference; Name of the University to be associated with the conference organization; Place and date for the conference (September is the preferable month for the conference; An estimate venue and facilities costs and potential for local sponsorship; Number of local organizers available and available student volunteers; Specific rationale for hosting the EABA conference; Relevant experience with arranging conferences; and Prediction of the number of national attendees at the conference. The official language of the conference will be English, the conference host must bear the costs of any translations to another language during the conference. Send application to: secretary@europeanaba.org.

The location of the 8th EABA Conference will soon be announced!

Upcoming events in Europe

The 2015 meeting of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior Group will be held at University College London on March 30th, 31st & 1st April 2015. See the EABG web site (www.eabg.bangor.ac.uk) for details.

The Monorodi Specialized Education Center for Autism in Athens announces a 270-hour BACB-approved postgraduate sequence of instruction in applied behaviour analysis, to commence on February 14, 2015. Course details are available from the Center's director, Anna Plessa (aplessa@monorodi.gr).

