

EABA Newsletter 2017/2018

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Welcoming Outgoing and Incoming Board members

Thanks to past-president Dr. Robert Mellon and treasurer Dr. Karola Dillenburger for your hard work for EABA.



Dr. Zuilma Gabriela Sigurðardóttir has stepped down from her position as the president and is now serving as the past-president. Thanks to Dr. Sigurðardóttir for all her hard efforts as the president of EABA



Furthermore, a warm welcome to Dr. Hanna Steinunn Steingrimsdóttir as a new board member. She will serve as treasurer for a two-year period.

Dr. Erik Arntzen is the incoming president of EABA.



EABA conference in 2018



We had several applications for the EABA conference in 2018. In hard competition, the "Würzburg-application" was picked out to be the host of the upcoming conference. The venue for the 9th EABA conference is the University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt in, Würzburg in Germany.

The conference is scheduled from September 19th to 22nd, 2018. Detailed information about the conference is at: <https://eaba2018.fhws.de/>.



Some essential deadlines are worth mentioning, call for papers on June 15th, August 8th for reduced rates at the conference hotels, and August 31st for early conference registration. Another important part of the conference are the invited speakers which are:

- Drs. Maurice Feldman (Canada)
- Andrea Kübler (Germany)
- Mark Mattaini (USA)
- Nancy Marchand-Martella (USA)
- Carol Pilgrim (USA)
- Sigurður Óli Sigurðsson (Iceland)
- James Todd (USA)



We look very much forward to this event, and we hope to see many of the EABA members and other behavior analysts in Würzburg.



B. F. Skinner Foundation Research Award

The B. F. Skinner Foundation started in 2016 to sponsor two research awards of \$ 500 each for graduate students in Europe. One of the purposes of the grants is to provide recognition for students conducting behavior analytic research.



The winners in 2017 were

- Alexandra Schönleber, Faculty of Applied Social Sciences of the University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt (applied) and
- Gabriela E. López Tolsa Gómez, Psychology of Health in the School of Psychology at UNED, Madrid, Spain (experimental).

The winners presented fascinating behavior analytic research projects. We congratulate the winners.

Please find the announcement for 2018 grant application with a deadline of March 31st at EABA website:

<http://europeanaba.org/index.php/home/news/the-2018-b-f-skinner-foundation-research-award-for-students-in-europe>

EABA summer school 2019

EABA has together with local hosts arranged two summer schools. The first was arranged in Rethymno, Crete, in 2015 and the second in Cadiz, Spain, in 2017.



Banner of the second EABA Summer Seminar

The announcement for serving as hosts for the EABA summer school in 2019 is available at the EABA website:

<http://www.europeanaba.org/home/news/call-for-applications-to-host-the-3rd-eaba-summer-school-in-2019/>.

The deadline for application is March 31st, 2018.

Grant for dissemination

The EABA board has decided to set up a grant program for dissemination of behavior analysis in Europe. Details about the funding are available at <http://www.europeanaba.org/home/news/eaba-fund-for-dissemination-of-behavior-analysis-in-europe/>



Still, it is important to emphasize that the grant support applications including

- (1) events resulting in the dissemination of knowledge of behavior analysis, especially where there has been little or none such initiative before,
- (2) development of research using behavior analytical methods, and
- (3) participation at international conferences where applicants are to present a behavior analysis project.



EABA timeline

The EABA board has published a timeline for the European Association of Behavior Analysis:

<http://www.europeanaba.org/about-us/eaba-history/>.



We would encourage members of EABA and others who have knowledge about events in the history of EABA to send comments and suggestions to the EABA board.



Behavior Analysis and Behavior Science

An interesting discussion is going on about the terms 'behavior science' and 'behavior analysis'. For example, the name of 'The Behavior Analyst' (TBA) has changed to 'Perspectives on Behavior Science'. The editor of TBA has argued for such a change in his two editorials in 2017, and the arguments will not be echoed here. However, a more proper title would have been 'Perspective on the Science of Behavior'. A google search with the term 'behavior science' or 'behavioral science' results at least for 'behavioral science' descriptions of almost everything as long as it is about behavior, for example, 'Behavioral science' include areas as psychology, psychobiology, anthropology, and cognitive science. One of the arguments is related to the 'analysis' and therefore the lack of connection with science and scientific approach. Another type of argument is related to the understanding of 'behavior' because many people think about motor movements when they talk about behavior. Hopefully, these issues are among the exciting discussion we can raise at the EABA conference in September and elsewhere.



President of EABA

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