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Inaugural EABA Summer School held in Rethymno, Crete

The 1st Summer School of the European Association for Behaviour Analysis took place on the beautiful island of Crete in the Hellenic Republic from July 6th to 17th. The local organization was a collaboration of the Departments of Psychology of the University of Crete and Panteion University of Athens, together with the Hellenic Community for Behavior Analysis.

The inaugural Summer School was composed of four 15-hour courses. The first week's courses were taught by **Ricardo Pellón** of the Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia in Madrid and by **Katerina Dounavi** of Queens University Belfast. Pellón provided the enthusiastic "summerschoolers" with a systematic demonstration of the relevance of work in the experimental analysis of behaviour for clinical analysis and intervention by describing how his

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Dr. Ricardo Pellón (far left) and happy "summerschoolers" from his excellent course show off their certificates of participation.

1st EABA Summer School, continued...

understanding of the nature and determinants of adjunctive behavior has changed over the course of nearly three decades of research, and how this understanding has lead to innovative intervention in phenomena such as exercise-induced anorexia and related forms of compulsive behavior. In the first week's evening sessions, Katerina Dounavi amply demonstrated the power and elegance of a scientific analysis of verbal behavior and its effective application in enriching the family, school and social lives of individuals characterized by developmental delays.



Inaugural EABA Summer School instructors Pellón, Dounavi, Nikopoulos and Mellon, hard at work.

Week two saw a continuation of Pellón's efforts to demonstrate the clinical relevance of basic experimental analysis, with **Robert Mellon's** (aka *Mellón*) presentation of the implications of aversive control processes for understanding problematic "cognitive" phenomena such as thought-action fusion and catastrophic thinking. In the evening course, **Christos Nikopoulos** of Autism Consultancy Services, London and the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, treated his participants to a delightfully practical, hands-on course on developing curricula for persons with autism spectrum disorder utilizing functional analysis and video modelling.

The EABA Summer School's courses were conducted in an atmosphere that was both intellectually rigorous and fun. The fun continued between classes, with a lively social program improvised by the summerschoolers themselves in collaboration with our Local Coordinator, impresario **George Kandylis**, who also arranged two delightful evenings of Cretan music and cuisine in the charming village of Koufi, as well as excursions to Episkopi Beach and to the spectacular Triopetra Beach on the Libyan Sea (*right*).

The EABA board wishes to express its gratitude to the 1st Summer School's instructors who, in the interest of disseminating behavioral philosophy and its experimental and applied sciences, provided their excellent courses for our participants without monetary remuneration.

The next EABA Summer School will occur in 2017. Members interested in hosting this event are invited to contact the EABA board.



EABA Board Election Results

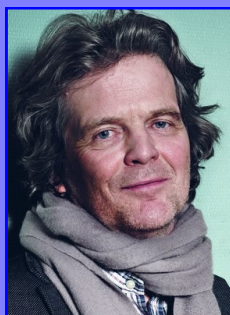
The ballots have been counted and **Gabriela Sigurðardóttir** has been elected **President** of the EABA Board of Directors. A member of the faculty of the Department of Psychology at the University of Iceland, where she began her studies, Dr. Sigurðardóttir has trained in the Behavior Analysis and Therapy program at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and received her Ph.D. in experimental psychology at Northeastern University. She has a longstanding research interest in stimulus equivalence and its relevance to language acquisition.



Christoph Bördlein has been elected **Secretary** of the EABA Board. A co-founder of the Association for Behavior Analysis-Deutschland who studied in Bamberg and in Würzburg, Dr. Bördlein began his professional career in youth welfare and rehabilitation, and for a number of years has worked in industry and government in the area of behavioral based safety (BBS). Author of influential texts and a blog on BBS and behavior analysis in general, this fall Dr. Bördlein begins an appointment as professor in general and clinical psychology at the University of Applied Sciences in Würzburg.

Congratulations and best wishes to Gabriela Sigurðardóttir and Christoph Bördlein in their new roles! The Board also wishes to thank the following colleagues for their service on the ad hoc election committee: Maeve Bracken (Ireland), Bára Gylfadóttir (Iceland), Bibi Huskens (the Netherlands) and Tero Timonen (Finland).

In appreciation



At the conclusion of their terms of office, we wish to acknowledge the efforts and achievements of two long-standing members of the EABA Board of Directors.

Erik Artzen, Ph.D. (*left*) has served on the Board since 2008, with two elected terms as EABA President and a now-completed automatic term as Past President.



Børge Strømgren, Ph.D. (*right*) has served on the Board since 2011, with two elected terms as EABA Secretary.

The leadership of both of these EABA colleagues has greatly facilitated the development and dissemination of behavioural philosophy and its basic and applied sciences in Europe, and is much appreciated by all who share this goal with them.

New EABA National Member Organizations

The EABA has been honored by the affiliation of the following National Member Organizations:

Norwegian Association for Behavior Analysis (*Norsk Atferdsanalytisk Forening*)

Association for Behaviour Analysis Finland (*Suomen Käyttäytymisanalyysin Seura ry, Sällskapet för beteendeanalys i Finland rf.*)

Association for Behaviour Analysis-Deutschland (*Deutsche Gesellschaft für Verhaltensanalyse*)

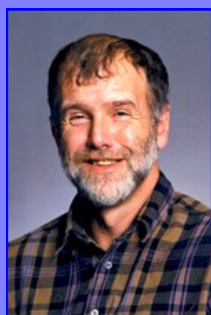
Association for the Advancement of Radical Behavior Analysis (*la società scientifica mondiale dell'analisi del comportamento o Behavior Analysis*)

Invited speakers for EABA 2016 in Sicily

As previously announced, the **8th biannual Conference of the EABA** will be held at in the beautiful city of **Enna, Sicily**, from the **7th to the 10th of September, 2016**. Local organization will be a collaboration between Kore University and the Institute for the Study of Human Behavior (IESCUM).

Enna is located in the heart of Sicily and will offer a warm and intimate atmosphere highly conducive to the joys of scientific and collegial exchange. Delegates fortunate enough to have some time before or after the conference proceedings will wisely invest it in visiting the many sites of impressive historical significance and extreme beauty located close at hand.

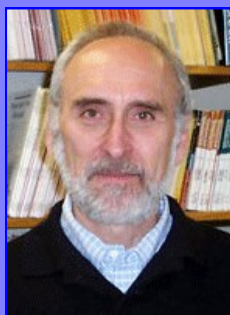
We are pleased to announce the following confirmed keynote speakers for EABA 2016:



Alan D. Poling
Western Michigan University



Angelika Anderson
Monash University,
Melbourne



Lanny Fields
Queens College, City
University of New York



Ricardo Pellón
Universidad Nacional de
Educación a Distancia, Madrid



R. Wayne Fuqua
Western Michigan University

Other events of interest

- The **9th European Congress of Behavior-Based Safety** will occur in Bologna, 13-14 October, 2015. Information is available from the secretary of the Association for the Advancement of Radical Behavior Analysis (segreteria@aarba.it; www.aba-italy.it). Participation in the conference is free of charge, and a 50% discount on pre-conference workshops (October 12) is offered to EABA members. A preliminary program is available at http://www.aarba.eu/public/File_PDF/Flyer_European_BBS_Conference_2015.pdf
- The **4th Centre for Behaviour Analysis/ QUART Conference** entitled "*Multidisciplinary work in Autism: How can Behaviour Analysis Help*" will be held on Friday the 6th of November 2015. Participation is free of charge but pre-registration is required. The impressive international lineup of keynote speakers as well as information on presenting, registration and BACB CEUs may be found at <http://www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/CentreforBehaviourAnalysis/EventsEducation/>. Paper proposal deadline is Sept. 30!
- The **2nd Conference of the Hellenic Community for Behavior Analysis** (*Ελληνική Κοινότητα Ανάλυσης Συμπεριφοράς*) will take place at the Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences in Athens from 28-29 November, 2015. A keynote address will be given by Dr. Neil Martin of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc. Details on paper submission and cost-free registration at www.behaviorism.panteion.gr.
- The **Norwegian Applied Behavior Analysis Seminar** organized by the Norwegian Association for Behavior Analysis (*Norsk Atferdsanalytisk Forening*) will take place on April 20–24, 2016, in Gol, Norway. For information, visit www.atferd.no.