

ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS FACT SHEET

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About

The Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) contributes to the well-being of society by developing, enhancing, and supporting the growth and vitality of the science of behavior analysis through research, education, and practice.

Founded in 1974, ABAI has become the hub of the behavior analysis community, with more than 5,200 members worldwide and affiliated chapter membership of over 32,000.

ABAI's services to the field include events, online learning, and the publication of peer-reviewed journals that promote dissemination of the science. Services to members include job placement and support of more than thirty special interest groups and almost 90 affiliated chapters worldwide.

Events

- [2024 Theory & Philosophy Conference](#): October 28–29, 2024 in Chicago, IL
- [19th Annual Autism Conference](#): January 17–19, 2025 in New Orleans, LA
- 51st Annual Convention: May 22–26, 2025 in Washington, DC
- [12th Biannual International Conference](#): November 11–13, 2025 in Lisbon, Portugal

Leadership

- President: Kent Johnson, Ph.D.
- Past President: Chris Newland, Ph.D.
- President-Elect: Mark Galizio, Ph.D.
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- International Representative: Marcelo Benvenuti, Ph.D.
- Chief Executive Officer: Maria E. Malott, Ph.D.
- Executive Director: Jessica Van Stratton, Ph.D.

Special Interest Groups

[Applied Animal Behavior](#)

[Autism](#)

[Behavior Analysis and Selectionist Robotics](#)

[Behavior Analysis and Technology](#)

[Behavior Analysis and the Arts](#)

[Behavior Analysis for Sustainable Societies](#)

[Behavior Analysis in Health, Sport, and](#)

[Fitness](#)

[Behavior Analysis in Military and Veterans'](#)

[Issues](#)

[Behavioral Development](#)

[Behavioral Gerontology](#)

[Behavioral Medicine](#)

[Behaviorists for Social Responsibility](#)

[Challenging Behavior Special Interest Group](#)

[Clinical](#)

[Culture and Diversity](#)

[Ethics and Behavior Analysis](#)

[Experimental Analysis of Human Behavior](#)

[Forensic Behavior Analysis SIG](#)

[Gambling](#)

[History of Behavior Analysis](#)

[LGBTQ+ SIG](#)

[Naturalistic Developmental Behavioral](#)

[Intervention](#)

[Neuroscience](#)

[Occupational Therapy SIG](#)

[Organizational Behavior Management](#)

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[Practitioner Issues in Behavior Analysis](#)

[Sexual Behavior: Research and Practice](#)

[SIG Español](#)

[Speech Pathology](#)

[Standard Celeration Society](#)

[Theoretical, Philosophical, and Conceptual](#)

[Issues](#)

[Verbal Behavior](#)