

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

## 16<sup>th</sup> European Conference on ABA

24 – 27 of June 2020

Online



### B-BS Congress

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### AUTISM Congress

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## Morning pre-congressional workshops in parallel – PAID PARTICIPATION

In Italian language

9.00am - 10.00am Participants registration

10.00am - 1.00pm Parallel pre-congressional workshops (90,00\*).

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### 1. Realization, management and supervision of an ABA intervention project for people with a diagnosis of Autism or other disability: based on the necessities of the COVID-19 situation.

Michael Nicolosi - Board Certified Behavior Analyst

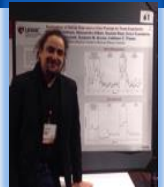
**Abstract:** constructing and directing an ABA intervention is a complex work that includes the drafting of appropriate intervention protocols, definition of measurements for the monitoring of results, the monitoring of the treatment application from the individuals involved and even the supervision for an appropriate adaptation and realization of the project. The workshop is directed at professionals in the field of ABA per autism, offering constructive guidelines on the realization of such projects, family members and teachers, offering appropriate expectations and interventions with behavior analysts responsible for the treatment. The basic guidelines for the ABA intervention will be presented by making specific reference to the COVID-19 current situation.



### 2. ABA educational objectives for teenagers and young adults with a diagnosis of autism: what are the changes and what stays the same after the COVID-19 situation.

Daniele Rizzi - BCBA, Consorzio Universitario Humanitas  
Alessandro Dibari - Board Certified Behavior Analyst  
**CANCELED**

**Abstract:** During the first part of the workshop some specific elements on what 'must' be done to create a specific educational program that will support an individual with autism or other diagnosis. Quality of life, monitoring of happiness and safety index of a person are essential in the moment of creating a specific intervention program, in specific during this period of time.



During the second part of the workshop, a brief presentation on the guidelines for remote interventions, clinical ABA applications focusing on the building of independence on people diagnosed with autism and a program based on the evaluation of telehealth interventions, during the COVID-19 emergency period, will be presented.

Topics:

- Initial considerations per the ABA intervention for teenagers and young adults
- The importance of teaching the ability to choose
- How to monitor and increase signs of happiness in individuals with a diagnosis
- Use of technologies in the teaching of safety behaviors
- Telehealth in ABA literature: a brief review
- Use of clinical applications for the control of students answers through smart working
- An assessment and programming tool for telehealth intervention
- Future perspective: how will our repertoire change after the emergency period.

11.30am - 12.00am Coffee break

1.00pm - 2.00pm Lunch break

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## Pre-congressional activities

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## Afternoon pre-congressional workshops in parallel – PAID PARTICIPATION

### In English language

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### 1. The use of video technology for the enhancement of a number of skills in children with ADS

*Christos Nikopoulus – Founder and Director of Autism Consultancy Service*

**CANCELED**

**Abstract:** Over the last few decades, there has been a shift in emphasis from language-based instruction to more visual instructional supports as a catalyst for learning in individuals with multiple disabilities and autism spectrum disorder (ASD). This is due to extensive reports that show how individuals with ASD demonstrate enhanced performance on simple visual search tasks that require detecting a target set among distracters. Given the visual superiority of people with ASD, it is perhaps not surprising that the majority of current educational programs for these individuals frequently employ visual supports. Picture prompts, photographic activity schedules, visual schedules, or videos appear to be appropriate and particularly motivating for these individuals. The range of target behaviors and different methods by which video modelling has been successfully implemented to teach individuals with ASD ages 3 to 20 years, attests to its robustness as an approach for supporting appropriate behaviors in this population. Description of all critical elements of video modelling targeting different performance areas in children with ASD (e.g., social skills, daily living skills, communication/language, play skills, joint attention, challenging behaviors) and step-by-step demonstration of different types of this procedure that could be designed and implemented in both home- and school-based settings will be the focus of this presentation.



### 2. Providing effective ABA service in a COVID-19, can we still be effective via telehealth?

*Robert K. Ross - A Senior Vice President at the Behavioral Education Assessment and Consultation Inc.*

**Abstract:** This talk will focus on several aspects of providing ABA services via telehealth and how to identify the most effective ways to support families who are providing supports. It will highlight both practical aspects of identifying appropriate goals for intervention, and use of reinforcement to support positive skill development. The importance of overly focusing on extinction based procedures and complex interventions will also be discussed.



3.30pm – 4.10pm Coffee break

#### Morning workshops in parallel - PAID PARTICIPATION

1. In English language
2. In Italian language

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#### 1. The use of Applied Behaviors Analysis techniques in reducing undesirable behaviors in children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Anna Budzinka – Clinical Director of the IWRD di Danzica Center

**CANCELED**

**Abstract:** Numerous studies have shown that unwanted behaviors occur more often in people suffering from pervasive developmental disorders, e.g. ASD and Asperger's Syndrome, and people with intellectual disability.

Over the last thirty years, most research has concentrated on establishing the meaning of such behaviors, in order to find the most successful methods of eliminating them.

During the workshop I will teach how to analyse unwanted:

1. Methods based on operant conditioning
2. Differential reinforcement of incompatible behaviors
3. Timeout
4. Reconstruction
5. Functional analysis of self – injurious behaviors



#### 2. New tools for the measurement of education: CABAS(R) from distance teaching to outdoor school.

Fabiola Casarini - Board Certified Behavior Analyst

**Abstract:** The flexibility and methodological needs in the field of education is an essential component for every professional who is needing to operate in the context of a global emergency.

During the workshop the participants will have the possibility to confront the different efficiency of different "school settings", receiving material based on the needs and the age level of the students. The aim of this training proposal is the sharing of learning assessment tools, personalized programming worksheets and service design models. That can be suitable for the needs of those who find themselves customizing outpatient proposals, consulting, tele-enabling, summer center or socio-educational service.

The proposed materials, supervised internationally by the research group CABAS(R) (Application of ABA in School Contexts), represent concrete ways of pursuing the values of measurement, safety and sustainability, in both the school and health sector. Imagines showing the re-design of the Italian school after the pandemic, will be presented. Members will find new working tools and innovative service design ideas, that follow the requirements of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) proposed by the European Commission to implement the UN's 2030 agenda.



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### Plenary session

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Chairman: Giampaolo Perna – Psychiatric Doctor at the Humanitas San Pio X

2.30pm - 3.30pm Participants registration

3.30pm - 3.45pm Opening of the work and greetings from the authorities

*Doctor David Lazzari – President of the Consiglio Nazionale degli Psicologi*

*Doctor Felice Damiano Torricelli – President of ENPAP*

*Doctor Ciro Santoriello – Magistrate at the Procura di Torino*

*Doctor Carlo Bonomi – President of Assolombarda (invited)*

*Lawyer Attilio Fontana – President of Lombardia (invited)*

*Doctor Giulio Gallera – Health Assessor of Welfare Regione Lombardia (invited)*

*Lawyer Sergio Mattarella – Presidente of the Italian Republic (invited)*

*Lawyer Giorgio Napolitano – Past President of the Italian Republic (invited)*

*Doctor Roberto Speranza – Minister of Health (invited)*

### Master Class – B-BS session

Chairman: Giampaolo Perna – Psychiatric Doctor at the Humanitas San Pio X

**3.45pm – 4.20pm**

*Fabio Tosolin – President of AARBA*

*Ciro Santoriello – Magistrate at the Procura di Torino*

**4.25pm – 5.00pm**

*Terry McSween – President and CEO of Quality Safety Edge*

**5.05pm – 5.35pm**

*Leasha Barry – Professoressa e Direttrice del Programma ABA all'Università della West Florida University*

*Dayna Beddick – Associate Director at the University of West Florida*

**5.35pm – 5.40pm** – Closing Session of Behavior-Based Safety

**17.40 – 18.00** – Coffee Break

### Master Class – Autism session

Chairman: Michael Nicolosi – Clinical Director at the coop. Voce nel Silenzio

**6.00pm – 6.05pm** – Apertura Sessione Trattamento ABA dell'Autismo

**6.05pm – 6.10pm**

*Laura Parolin – President of the Order of Psychologists in Lombardy*

**6.10pm – 6.15pm**

*Benedetta Demartis – President Angsa*

**6.15pm – 6.35pm**

*Robert K. Ross – Vice Presidente della Behavioral Education Assessment e Consultation Inc.*

**7.40pm – 7.00pm**

*Anna Budzinska – Direttore clinico del centro IWRD di Danzica*

**7.05pm – 7.25pm**

*Iwona Ruta Sominka – Vice Direttore clinico del centro IWRD di Danzica*

**7.25pm – 7.30pm – Saluti**

*Fabio Tosolin – Presidente di AARBA*

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### Morning Symposium

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10.00am - 1.00pm Symposium

#### Autism, disability and ABA during the COVID-19 period

*Chairman: Micheal Nicoloso Clinical Director at the coop. Voce nel Silenzio*

Publication in Call for Papers for psychologists of field

11.30am - 12.00am Coffee break

1.00pm - 2.00pm Lunch break

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### Afternoon Symposium In Italian Language

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2.30pm - 5.30pm Symposium

#### **2. ABA interventions for autism: behavioral problems and skill growth**

*Chairman: Antonio Attianese – Director of the Consorzio Universitario Humanitas*

*Discussant: Mauro Coppa – Professor at the Consorzio Universitario Humanitas (invited)*

Publication in Call for Papers for psychologists of the field

4.00pm - 4.30pm Coffee break

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### Consensus Conference

2.30pm - 5.30pm Consensus Conference

**Consensus Conference on Autism: the formation of a behavioral protocol for the management of the Covid-19, for individuals with a diagnosis of autism.**

*Mediator: Michael Nicolosi - Clinical Director at the coop. Voce nel Silenzio*

#### The participants:

**Leasha Barry** – *Professor and Director of the ABA Program at the University West of Florida*

**Dayna Baddick** - *Associate Director at the University of West Florida*

**Fabiola Casarini** - *Board Certified Behavior Analyst*

**Rob Holdsambeck** - *Executive Director of the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies*

**Michael Nicolosi** - *Board Certified Behavior Analyst*

**Christos Nikopoulos** - *Autism Consultancy Services*

**Daniele Rizzi** - *Board Certified Behavior Analyst*

**Robert K. Ross** - *Behavioral Education Assessment and Consultation Inc.*

6.00pm Closing up

## Registrations

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