

Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies

Addictive Behaviors Special Interest Group

(AB SIG) Newsletter

Summer 2012

Leader's Letter

Greetings SIG members! I hope this newsletter finds all of you doing well, enjoying your work, and hopefully taking some time to relax and refresh.

The Addictive Behavior SIG continues to thrive. In my mind, the primary goal of our SIG is to help ABCT members with an interest in addictive behaviors find one another and form meaningful professional connections. The SIG also has a wonderful tradition of recognizing and rewarding the achievements of our members. As you will see, we have a number of recent developments that are very consistent with these goals. I appreciate the support that you have given to the SIG and hope you are excited as I am about the work we are all doing.

Chris Correia
Addictive Behavior SIG Leader
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Out With the Old, In With the New

At our last meeting we elected Jen Read as our incoming SIG Leader. Jen is an Associate Professor at the University at Buffalo, which is part of the SUNY system. Jen has been serving as the Leader Elect, and she will be officially be "sworn in" at the November meeting. On behalf of the entire SIG, congratulations to Jen, and thank you for your willingness to serve the SIG!

A New Award

A few months ago, Linda and Mark Sobell approached me about establishing a new award in the memory and honor of Dr. Alan Marlatt. The award will recognize the achievements of a mid-career member whose research best exhibits the values of Dr. Marlatt. And thanks to the generous support of the Sobells, the recipient of this annual award will receive \$100. See below for more specific information about the criteria and nomination process.

We Need Some More Friends

Around this time last year Jessica Skidmore, Ashley Dennhardt and I launched the Addictive Behaviors Facebook page. We have been posting articles to the page, and a handful of members have started making their own contributions. If you are on Facebook, check us out and please "like" the page. If you are not into Facebook, don't worry. All official SIG announcements will still be sent via e-mail and the Yahoo sight.

We are now looking for some new blood to take over administrative duties for the page. The position does not require a lot of time, but the ideal candidate(s) will be willing to throw some creative energy toward maintaining and potentially expanding our Facebook presence. Contact me if you are interested.

Yahoo

Keep in mind that the Yahoo page (<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/AB-SIG/>) remains as the primary way for members to reach one another. Information that gets posted includes job postings, updates on conferences, requests for resources, and official announcements about the SIG. Please consider joining if you have not done so already. If you have information to post, send it to me or post directly to the site.

SIG Poster Expo -- August 15 deadline

Don't forget the SIG poster session/ cocktail party. Our SIG has been strongly represented at the last few conferences and we want to be this year in Maryland as well. If ABCT's deadline for regular poster submissions passed you by, this is your second chance. The senior author of the poster must be a SIG member (and by definition, a member of ABCT now). Submit the poster abstracts to correcj@auburn.edu

NOTE: The senior author of the poster **MUST** pay their annual SIG dues in order to have their submission considered.

Abstracts are limited to 240 words. Please include contact information with the abstract so that we can let you know whether your poster is accepted by our review committee.

Nominations for SIG Awards – August 15 deadline

We will be presenting three awards at this years fall convention in National Harbor

1) The Outstanding Student Poster Submission Award

Eligibility. All students who submit posters (as first authors) for either the SIG poster session or the ABCT poster session are eligible. The overall quality of the research described in the poster abstract (importance of question, study design, findings) will be used to select a winner. The student winner will receive a check for \$100.

Application. Send copy of the abstract (if poster will be presented at ABCT poster session) or note on submission of poster if submitting it for the SIG cocktail party poster session. Send materials via email to correcj@auburn.edu prior to August 15.

2) The Early Career Achievement Award

Eligibility. Members of the AB-SIG who are 1) no more than 5 years beyond receipt of their doctoral degree and 2) have made outstanding contributions over the course of his or her emerging career to the field of addictive behaviors which are consistent with the goal of advancing cognitive and behavior therapies.

Nomination. Please send nominations and letters of support to correcj@auburn.edu prior to August 15.

3) The G. Alan Marlatt Memorial Research Award

Eligibility. This award celebrates the tradition established by Dr. G. Alan Marlatt in his distinguished career as a pioneer and innovator in cognitive behavioral research in the addictions. It is open to members of the AB-SIG who are within 4 to 12 years of receiving a doctoral degree. The nominee's research must demonstrate scientific rigor and constitute a program of research (i.e., a series of studies addressing an overall theme); the research can focus on understanding

mechanisms of addiction, or on advancing evidence-based clinical practice in the addictions. Research that addresses harm reduction or treatment innovations would be particularly consistent with Dr. Marlatt's research emphasis, but such a focus is not a requirement for the award. The winner will receive a check for \$100

Nomination. Please send nominations and letters of support to correcj@auburn.edu prior to August 15.

Recipients of all awards will be announced in the fall newsletter and awards will be given at the SIG meeting in National Harbor, MD.

SIG Dues & Membership Status

Thanks to everyone who paid their 2012 dues at the last meeting. This time and expense on your part will permit us to present a promising addiction researcher a Student SIG Poster Award and plan future events for our member.

If you have not paid your dues for 2012, please consider doing so. *Students do not pay dues, but we are asking that post-docs pay \$5 and members pay \$10.*

Dues for the 2013 year will be collected at the meeting in November.

Questioning about whether you have paid your dues already? Just send an e-mail to correcj@auburn.edu and I will be able to check our records for you.

To pay your dues, simply write out a check to Chris Correia and send it to:

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November Meeting Agenda...Coffee Anyone?

The exact date and time for our November SIG meeting has not yet been set. However, we do have an agenda for the 90 minutes meeting:

First 30 minutes of the meeting will be an informal coffee social for members. Official business for the remainder of the meeting includes a review of SIG business, swearing in of new SIG Leader, and presentation of three awards: Outstanding Student Poster, Early Career Achievement, and the newly designated G. Alan Marlatt Memorial Research Award.

Keep Us Posted

If you have recently moved, send me your new contact information – professional affiliation, phone number, email, etc. We will promptly put this information in our database. If you would like to discontinue your membership, please let me know, and I will promptly take you off the membership list.