Post-concussion Syndrome, Traumatic Brain Injury, and PTSD: Psychophysiological methods for assessment and treatment

Heart rate variability biofeedback for Post-concussion Syndrome
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Treating repetitive brain trauma: From the NFL to youth sports
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July 23 – 24, 2016
The Florida Hotel and Conference Center
Orlando, Florida

A 12 credit APA approved CE program for psychologists, biofeedback and neurofeedback practitioners, other mental health professionals, and clinicians and researchers in the health related professions with an interest in post-concussion syndrome, traumatic brain injury, and associated PTSD.

Workshop Descriptions

Heart rate variability biofeedback for Post-concussion Syndrome: This one-day workshop is for health professionals and researchers who want to learn a theoretical rationale and clinical protocol for implementing Heart Rate Variability (HRV) Biofeedback (BFB) as a treatment for Post-Concussion Syndrome (PCS). The hands on, guided tutorial, will teach clinically useful skills for restoring autonomic imbalance, reducing PCS symptoms, and engaging the body’s natural healing processes for recovery from concussion. Case examples, based on over a decade of Dr.
Lagos’ clinical and research experiences, will be presented. Specialized issues such as treating patients who present with co-morbid symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder and PCS will be addressed.

**Treating repetitive brain trauma; From the NFL to youth sports:** This is an intermediate level course that will enable participants to explain and apply the current science surrounding TBI and CTE for biofeedback practice assessment and treatment planning. Dr. Rozelle will discuss the components of a comprehensive approach for treating traumatic brain injury and its use in clinical and research settings. Attendees will also learn to identify the neuromechanisms of PTSD with particular emphasis on understanding its impact on combat veterans. The program will address techniques for rapid resolution of PTSD and enable participants to describe and utilize them in their clinical practices.

**About the Presenters**

**Leah Lagos, PsyD**, is a clinical and sport psychologist and BCIA Board Certified biofeedback provider in Manhattan, New York. She earned a doctorate in clinical psychology from Rutgers University and served as a faculty member of the Center of Alcohol Studies at Rutgers University. Highlights of her work with athletes include conducting interviews for NFL teams as part of Professional Sports Consultants for more than 9 years. Dr. Lagos has served as a consultant to PGA tour players to provide on-site support at tournaments such as the Masters’ Tournament in Augusta, GA. Dr. Lagos has also served as a consultant to US Olympians providing consultation and on-site support at venues such as the London Olympics. As a consulting psychological expert for the media, Dr. Lagos has appeared on the Today Show, NBC Nightly, MSNBC, CNN, CBS, Fox, Sports Illustrated News and ESPN.

**George Rozelle, Ph.D., BCN, QEEGD**, is the Executive Director of MindSpa Integrative Wellness Center in Sarasota, Florida. He has been an active member of the Association for Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback (AAPB), the Biofeedback Society of Florida (BSF), and the International Society for Neurofeedback and Research (ISNR) since entering the field in 1990. He has presented at numerous professional meetings on varied topics including, combined peripheral and EEG interventions, neurofeedback treatment for stroke, traumatic brain injury, QEEG, and peak performance training. He has also been an invited speaker at AAPB on altered states of conscious-ness and concussion treatment. His research interests include the investigation of neurofeedback treatment for symptoms of traumatic brain injury in NFL players and in RESET Therapy treatment of veterans with PTSD.

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**Conference Location and Lodging**

The workshop will be held at **The Florida Hotel & Conference Center at the Florida Mall**, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32809 (GPS address: 8001 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL 32809). The hotel is offering BSF conference attendees discounted room rates of $99/night plus tax and other fees for reservations made by July 8, 2016 (refer to Group: Biofeedback Society of Florida). For reservations, call toll-free **800-588-4656** or 407-859-1500. More information about the hotel can be found at [www.thefloridahotelorlando.com](http://www.thefloridahotelorlando.com). The hotel is located midway between Orlando International Airport and Walt Disney World, and is connected to The Florida Mall, Central Florida’s largest indoor shopping experience. **FROM THE FLORIDA TURNPIKE, NORTH OR SOUTH, take exit #254, Orange Blossom Trail (US 441-17-92). Follow signs for “North-East 441.” Continue straight on Orange Blossom Trail to the third light (Sun Life Path) and turn right into the Florida Mall. Continue straight, then follow signs to the hotel.**

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**How to Register for the Workshop**

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You may also print the [mail-in registration form](#) and return it with your payment (check or credit card payment authorization) to **BSF, 1230 So. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach, FL  33435.**
Program Schedule
Saturday, July 23, 2016
Heart rate variability biofeedback for Post-concussion Syndrome

8:00 - 8:30  Sign-in - continental breakfast

8:30 - 8:45  Welcome, introductions, and announcements
Bill Coslett, PhD - BSF President

8:45 - 10:30  Leah Lagos, PsyD
Overview of Heart Rate Variability (HRV) Biofeedback (BFB):
HRV BFB Enhances Sport Performance
The link between HRV and Post Concussion Syndrome (PCS)
HRV BFB for PCS: rationale

10:30 - 10:45  Break

10:45 - 12:00  Leah Lagos, PsyD
Implementing HRV BFB as a Treatment for PCS
Ten Session Overview
Equipment for Training
Typical Session
Session-by-Session Protocol

12:00 - 1:15  Lunch - on your own at hotel restaurants or one of the many alternatives in the Florida Mall adjacent to the hotel

1:15 - 3:00  Leah Lagos, PsyD
Mild Traumatic Brain Injury and Posttraumatic Stress
Symptom Overlap
How to Identify Physiological Symptoms of Trauma
Allowing for the Physiological Discharge of Trauma
Implementing a Specialized Protocol for HRV BFB

3:00 - 3:15  Break/refreshments

3:15 - 5:15  Leah Lagos, PsyD
Case example 1: HRV BFB
Case example 2: Modified HRV BFB Protocol
Case example 3: HRV BFB/NFB
5:15 - 5:30  Q&A - Adjourn - Organization of dinner groups
5:30 - 7:00  BSF Board of Directors Meeting

Program Schedule
Sunday, July 24, 2016
Treating Repetitive Brain Trauma: From the NFL to youth sports

8:00 - 8:30  Sign-in - continental breakfast
8:30 - 8:45  Welcome and announcements
             Bill Coslett, PhD - BSF President
             Biofeedback Society of Florida update
8:45 - 10:15  George Rozelle, PhD
              The NFL: League of Denial
              Scope of the problem
              Mechanical forces in concussion
              Pathophysiology of concussion
              Signs and symptoms
10:15 - 10:30  Break
10:30 - 12:00  George Rozelle, PhD
               NFL clinical trials
               Methodology
               Results, QEEG comparisons
               Current study
               Comprehensive approach to treatment
12:00 - 1:15  Lunch - on your own at hotel restaurants or one
              of the many alternatives in the Florida Mall
              adjacent to the hotel
1:15 - 3:15  George Rozelle, PhD
            Treating Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
            with RESET Therapy
            PTSD: Brain on fire: A case study of an
            Afghanistan combat veteran
            Scope of the problem
            Simple and complex PTSD
            RESET therapy for veterans and first responders
with acoustic neuromodulation (BAUD)
Current study

Short break

3:20 - 4:00

**George Rozelle, PhD**
Demonstration of RESET Technique
Wrap-up and Q&A

Completion of CE exams and evaluations
Distribution of certificates - Adjourn

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**Commercial and financial interest declaration:** The presenters have declared no commercial or financial interests related to the content of this program.