

## MEASURING BEHAVIOR 2008

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### Editorial

This section of articles in the present issue of *Behavior Research Methods* is based on the presentations made at the 6th International Conference on Methods and Techniques in Behavioral Research, held at Maastricht, The Netherlands on August 26–29, 2008. The scientific program chair was Andrew Spink, Noldus Information Technology.

Measuring Behavior is a periodic conference that provides an interdisciplinary forum for the presentation and discussion of recent advances in behavioral observation and measurement. At this conference, a wide variety of psychologists will mix with ethologists, biologists of different stripes, and applied users of behavioral measurement to provide a lively environment for discourse.

At Measuring Behavior 2008, there were 3 keynote addresses, 11 specially organized symposia, 15 general paper sessions, and 4 poster sessions. In addition, several special interest groups, tutorials, user meetings, and scientific tours were organized. The schedule led to four very intense days of scientific meetings.

The articles included in this special issue of *Behavior Research Methods* represent only a selection of papers presented at the conference. The entire proceedings can be ordered from the conference Web site at [www.noldus.com/mb2008/](http://www.noldus.com/mb2008/). To be included in this special issue, the papers had to go through the usual review process for articles in this journal. These are fully peer-reviewed articles.

The contributions from Measuring Behavior 2008 in this issue present a wide range of topics and techniques, from discussions of applied techniques for research with animals to presentations of general guidelines for application in the observation of humans. Other articles address technological developments and techniques; still others propound theoretical or methodological considerations. These articles provide a rich representation of the papers presented at the conference.

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