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Name of Traveller:	Neha Pirwani
Aim of Travel:	Conference (10th International Conference on Behavioral Addictions- ICBA 2025)
Place of activity:	Nantes, France
Date of activity:	7-8-9 th July, 2025

How did you carry out the professional plans, how did the applied activity support the applicant's professional/scientific development and how had the applied activity support/contribute to the department's/institute's/faculty's/ELTE's professional-scientific-academic activity?

With the generous support of ELTE PPK, I had the opportunity to attend and present at the 10th International Conference on Behavioral Addictions (ICBA 2025), held from 7–9 July 2025 at the La Cité Nantes Congress Centre, Nantes, France. I presented a mini-talk titled “*Digital Engagement in Early Childhood: Screen Time and Behavioral Responses in Preschoolers,*” co-authored with my esteemed supervisor Prof. Dr. Attila Szabo. The presentation took place in Session 1D: Problematic Social Media Use on Tuesday, 8 July, chaired by Dr. Beatrix Koronczi.

The conference significantly enhanced my academic and professional growth as a PhD student researching smartphone addiction. I attended keynote speeches from leading scholars such as Prof. Marc Potenza (Yale University), Prof. Susana Jiménez-Murcia (University Hospital of Bellvitge), and Prof. Andrew Kim (Toronto Metropolitan University). In addition, I engaged with sessions covering social media addiction, gambling, compulsive buying, pornography use, and other behavioral addictions, broadening my understanding of the field.

During the conference, I also initiated conversations with researchers from Japan and China who are exploring TikTok addiction in youth, and we expressed mutual interest in potential future collaborations. These discussions were promising and reflected a shared commitment to international research exchange.



A significant highlight is that my presentation abstract will be published in a special issue of the *Journal of Behavioral Addictions (Impact Factor: 6.6)*, further contributing to the visibility of my doctoral research and enhancing the academic profile of ELTE in the international behavioral science community.

This experience directly supports my academic training, provides valuable international exposure, and strengthens ELTE PPK's engagement with global research networks. The allocated scholarship funds were fully used for their intended purpose, including the conference registration fee, travel, and accommodation expenses. Attached are my **certificate of participation** and **photos** from the conference as evidence of attendance and contribution.

Thank you very much!

Best Regards,

Neha Pirwani

Date: 14th July, 2025