

NIAAA CANCELS ETOH FUNDING!

SAVE ETOH

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Since the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism created the **Alcohol and Alcohol Problems Science Database (ETOH)** more than thirty years ago, ETOH has become the major alcohol bibliographic resource for alcohol researchers, clinicians, and policy makers around the world.

NIAAA abruptly cancelled its funding for ETOH as of December 31, 2003, without any announcement or consultation with the community of alcohol researchers, clinicians, and librarians who use ETOH. All updates and development of ETOH stopped on that date. As committed users of and advocates for ETOH, SALIS is deeply concerned about the impact the loss of this resource will have on the work of science and the welfare of the public. We are calling for action among the community of alcohol researchers, librarians, and others who share our concern. Representing hundreds of researchers, the [Kettil Bruun Society for Social and Epidemiological Research on Alcohol](#) and the [International Society of Addiction Journal Editors](#) have endorsed the Save ETOH campaign, along with a growing list of individual alcohol researchers and librarians.

WHY SAVE ETOH?

- ETOH is the **premier alcohol database in the world**, with over 130,000 records
- ETOH is a **comprehensive multidisciplinary resource**, with information from all disciplines relevant to the study of alcohol
- ETOH indexes a **wide variety of materials** -- journals, books, government and think-tank reports, etc.
- ETOH indexes with the **Alcohol and Other Drug Thesaurus**, providing far **greater specificity in searching** for alcohol-related topics than in any other database.
- ETOH is **FREE** on the world wide web; it is **cost-effective**; if discontinued, costs borne by researchers will inevitably be 'charged back' to NIAAA resulting in:
 - *Increased cost for NIAAA in grants -- or --*
 - *Less research funded.*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- **Kettil Bruun Society Statement of Concern regarding ETOH**, passed unanimously at the KBS Annual Meeting in Helsinki, June 2004.

- **NIAAA Ignores Constituents' Concerns: Shuts Down the ETOH Database.** SALIS Press Release - June 25, 2004
- **What Will It Cost If We Lose ETOH? ETOH's Value and the Economic Implications of its Discontinuation:** A financial analysis by Sheila Lacroix, MLS, Library Co-ordinator Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto and Jürgen Rehm, PhD, Professor of Public Health Sciences, University of Toronto, and Director, Addiction Research Institute, Zurich, May 2004 (presented to the NIAAA Advisory Council Meeting, May 27, 2004)
- **SALIS Resolutions to Save ETOH,** (presented to NIAAA Advisory Council Meeting, May 27, 2004)
- **ETOH/PubMed Search Comparisons,** (presented to NIAAA Advisory Council Meeting, May 27, 2004)
- **The Value of the ETOH Database: A Position Paper** (presented to NIAAA Advisory Council Meeting, February 5, 2004)
- **"To Praise ETOH, Not to Bury It".** *SALIS News*, vol. 24, No. 1, Spring 2004, pgs. 1, 10, 11
- **"NIAAA to Shelve Alcohol-Research Database."** Feature Story by Bob Curley. *JTO On-Line* (Jan. 13, 2004) article