Farewell from the Chair

Jill Austin, Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse

My term as SALIS Chair will end at the 1993 conference in San Francisco. This being the last issue of SALIS News to be published before the conference, I would like to take the opportunity to provide an update on activities, and to say farewell.

First, I would like to say how pleased I am that SALIS has now obtained 501(c)(3) status. This exempts the organization from Federal income tax retroactive to March 1988, and makes SALIS eligible to apply for grants. The SALIS Executive has been working on this for several years, and it has been a frustrating and difficult process. I would like, on behalf of all SALIS members, to thank Tom Colhurst for his hard work in negotiating the internal revenue minefield, as Treasurer this year. Tom has had to learn more than I’m sure he ever wanted to know about accounting and tax law, and has led us through this with his usual thoroughness and good humor.

One of the tasks I took on as Chair was to develop a procedures manual for SALIS. I have been working my way through a boxful of SALIS files to put together a binder of procedures and processes, job descriptions, and sample documents. The manual should assist members of the new steering committee in their work.

SALIS Gains 501(c)(3) Status!

After several years, two lawyers, one CPA and a few SALIS Board Members persistence and hard work, SALIS has received a 501(c)(3). Much credit goes to Tom Colhurst SALIS Treasurer for this year’s efforts, and the final receipt of new status.

What does it mean?

Basically a 501(c)(3) gives SALIS the status of a Not-For-Profit group. We are eligible to receive grants, tax deductible donations, and a bulk mail permit. More details on this at the SALIS Conference business meeting in October.

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The Inter-American Drug Information System: A priority line of action of the INTER-AMERICAN DRUG CONTROL COMMISSION (CICAD) of the ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS)
Ruth Connolly, Inter-American Documentation Center

The Inter-American Drug Information System (IADIS), sponsored by the Organization of American States (OAS) and its specialized agency, the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), has as its mission the strengthening of the capacity of governments, institutions and individuals in the Western Hemisphere to combat the illicit drug problem by:

a) promoting and nurturing throughout the Inter-American region a decentralized network of libraries and information centers,
b) developing and implementing a multinational structure for the collection, processing, dissemination and use of information about all aspects of the drug problem,
c) facilitating the use of this information, particularly for the design and implementation of anti-drug policies, and
d) providing technical support and training to its member centers.

IADIS was created as a response to the concern over the lack of the pertinent and accurate drug-related information needed by Western Hemisphere policymakers when the 35 Member States of the Organization of American States created CICAD in 1986. In organizing IADIS, the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) first sought a consensus from governmental and non-governmental organizations in the Americas on the feasibility of an Hemispheric information network on drugs. Having received the go-ahead, and following an organizational meeting in 1991, in which 15 institutions participated, the IADIS Coordination proceeded to recruit its current 28 members.

IADIS is currently building its network. The Inter-American Drug Documentation and Information Center (IADIC), located at CICAD headquarters in Washington, D.C., serves as the clearinghouse for the System's 28 member libraries and documentation and information centers located in 16 Western Hemisphere

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Net News -- AOTD LISTSERV Discussion Lists
Nancy Sutherland
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute, Univ. of Washington

An informal survey of SALIS members who use the Internet revealed that many of us are using Internet for e-mail, some are also using the telnet function to search databases on remote computers, but few have tried using LISTSERV discussion lists on the Internet and Bitnet networks. For even a novice Internetter, a LISTSERV is a pretty simple way to broaden your use of the network and start making contacts with others who share your interests. Anyone with an Internet or Bitnet e-mail address can participate.

◊ What is a LISTSERV Discussion List?

LISTSERV is a computer program used by computers in the BITNET network to manage "discussion lists" on specific topics. [Internet users access LISTSERVs via a gateway from their Internet host.] A LISTSERV Discussion List is a topic-oriented forum to which readers "subscribe," somewhat like an electronic newsletter. A few thousand discussion lists are available, including several having to do with substance abuse. A reader who "subscribes" to a particular discussion list receives messages from other subscribers automatically in her e-mail inbox, and can post messages to the discussion list so that all other subscribers will receive them. Messages are distributed to list subscribers almost immediately after they are posted, so that whenever you check your mail you will find an accumulation of messages posted to the lists to which you subscribe. A Discussion List has some features in common with electronic bulletin boards (BBS) and with USENET; in fact many LISTSERV discussion lists are also available via USENET. There are also similarities with the CSAP PREVline system.

It is important (though confusing) to understand the difference between the LISTSERV (a program which manages the list) and the Discussion List itself. The LISTSERV program performs its functions automatically, without human intervention, such as receiving subscription requests and automatically signing up the subscriber to a discussion list that is specified. The LISTSERV runs in the background, serving the list. Lists are given a "listname" when they are created, such as the ones below devoted to discussions of alcohol and other drug abuse.

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"MARC"ing Time - Part II

Ira Bray
California Dept. of Alcohol and Drug Programs

On warm summer nights here in the Sacramento Valley of California, we wait for the cool breeze from the San Francisco Bay to wind its way up the delta and give us some relief. Often weather is something with which we cope rather than enjoy.

Technology can be like that sometimes; a well designed software program might help you in your work, however, a badly designed program can create more work for you. Fortunately we have somewhat more control over the programs and machines we choose to work with than we have over the weather.

This past three weeks I have been frankly overwhelmed trying to supervise the "enhancement" of a program we use to help us manage the process of distributing materials (brochures, pamphlets, posters, etc.) on ATOD. Without going into extensive detail, it brought home the importance of understanding business processes before automating them. The processes before the rewriting of the program were to a great extent dictated by the limitations of the program. Now we have modified the program to conform to the way we think we should do business. A myriad of details and improvements need to be made, but the thrust of the changes will help us be more efficient.

Which in a way brings us back to using the Marc format for cataloging. One method to be more efficient is to copy catalog. If a record already exists for the item you have in hand, why spend your precious time and money to create a new record yourself? The advantage of MARC is that, as a standard, it allows the interchange of records between systems. For example, you can subscribe to a service that will provide all of the Government Printing Office item descriptions in MARC format on CD-ROM. This includes many (but not all) of the items distributed by NCADI. You can also search the disc by author, title, subject or keyword, a wonderful aid for identifying documents for acquisition. The records can be imported into your own system as long as it can accept MARC format.

Some work may still need to be done to assign call numbers, local subject terms, etc., if necessary, but the bulk of the work has been done for you. The costs for these subscriptions should pay for themselves in reduced cataloging costs and the improved access to your collection.

Perhaps SALIS members could cooperate to create cataloging for the other NCADI items and circulate these records via RADAR. Any volunteers? Please give me a call if you’d like more information on the cataloging products or if you have comments or suggestions, RADAR ECS # 3057.

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1993 Conference News

Tina Miller, Prevention Research Center

It’s hard to believe, but this year’s conference is almost here. Registration packets were mailed in July. If you haven’t received one, please let me know and I’ll mail one to you.

Don’t put off making your hotel reservations! We have reserved a block of 60 rooms, based on attendance at previous conferences, but it’s beginning to look like we may have a high turn-out this year. You can always cancel a reservation if you decide not to come, so make your reservation early.

If you would like to share a hotel room, I can mail or fax you a list of other people who are also looking for roommates. Please note that it is up to you to make your own arrangements, I just provide the list!

Our conference program will feature a number of invited speakers, but we still have room for more contributed papers from SALIS members, especially on topics other than smoking and HIV. If you are interested in presenting a paper, please contact me right away.

In addition to our regular program, we are also offering two workshops on Sunday, October 3rd. "Introduction to the Internet" will be offered from 10:00 to 12:30, and "Searching ETOH with the New AOD Thesaurus" is scheduled for 1:30 to 4:00. These will be hands-on sessions at a computer training facility located at the University of California, San Francisco. The facility has 24 computers, 12 PC's and 12 MacIntoshes. In order to break even on costs, we will need a minimum of 20 participants, and we can accept up to 48 in each workshop. You can register for either one or both, and acceptance will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note: if fewer than 20 persons have enrolled by September 10th the workshops will be cancelled. So register early if you want to attend!

One last note: my office has moved. My telephone and FAX numbers have not changed, but my mailing address is now: Prevention Research Center Library, 2150 Shattuck Ave., Suite 900, Berkeley, CA 94704. See you in October!

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News From Canada
Sheila LaCroix, Addiction Research Foundation

In this issue, I will briefly highlight events and happenings of current interest from different areas around and about Canada.

* Status of Provincial Substance Abuse Agencies

Economic cutbacks, a common experience for all of us working in publicly funded organizations, are resulting in restructuring and streamlining. We have been fortunate in Canada to have provincial agencies, such as the Addiction Research Foundation in Ontario, dedicated solely to the issue of drug and alcohol abuse. Already both the provinces of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia have absorbed the substance abuse function into the provincial health ministry; Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, British Columbia, North West Territories, and the Yukon also handle substance abuse issues within the provincial health ministry. Saskatchewan has followed suit, and by August 1993, SADAC, The Saskatchewan Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, will be integrated into the provincial department of health. One wonders, if down the road, large amounts of public money will be required to reestablish some of these agencies! However, in the meantime, we must attempt to keep in touch with the appropriate staff in our Canadian network.

* Graduated Driving Licenses

Graduated licenses may be coming to Ontario. Although drinking and driving is declining, there is always room for improvement, and young drivers do account for a significant number of DWI accidents. Under the proposed legislation, during Stage One, which will last from 8 to 12 months, new drivers must have a zero blood alcohol level. Other restrictions will also apply. The second stage lasts 12 months, during which most of the Stage One restrictions are dropped. This is a dramatic change from the current procedure for licensure in Ontario. Nova Scotia would have been the first province to introduce gradual licensing had the introduction and passage of the nova Scotia bill not been put on hold by the calling of an election. It will be interesting to see if other provinces follow suit.

* Moderate Drinking

Moderate Drinking is an interesting, controversial topic which keeps all of us on our toes these days as we field calls and questions from a very confused public exposed to a lot of media hype. A conference held recently in Toronto, jointly sponsored by the Addiction Research Foundation, the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse and the University of Toronto, addressed the complex issue of moderate alcohol consumption and health, in particular, protection against coronary heart disease. Evidence was presented and reviewed in the context of implications for public health policy. The conference proceedings will be published. In addition, a consensus statement by participants will be made available. The Addiction Research Foundation will publish a statement which will be available from ARF Public Affairs.

For a report on the conference and the moderate drinking issue, see the article by Sharon Airhart in The Journal, June 1993, page 5.

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New Education Package on Seniors and AOD
Debbie Monkman, Addiction Research Foundation

"Alternatives" is a new educational package that will help care givers prevent and deal with alcohol and drug problems among older people. It is designed to increase awareness of the risks and problems seniors can encounter with alcohol, sleeping pills, tranquilizers and other depressant drugs.

The "Alternatives" kit includes a video, training manuals and other materials for two educational presentations. The first presentation focuses on giving seniors information, addressing some of their common concerns and describing alternatives to relying on alcohol and other drug solutions. The second presentation is designed to help professionals who work with older people to recognize and deal with their client's alcohol and other drug-related problems. There are also two new pamphlets entitled "The Older Adult and Alcohol" and "The Older Adult and Sleeping Pills, Tranquilizers, and Pain Medications."

"Alternatives" can be purchased for $115 (Canadian) plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes, from ARF Marketing at 1-800-661-1111. Addiction pamphlets can be purchased in packages of 25 for $30. (Package also available in French).

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News From South Africa

Judith Shopley
South African National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (SANCA)

As a new entry in the SALIS Directory it would be appropriate to introduce this organization internationally via the SALIS News. Pertinent information about the library services of SANCA can be found in this "new entry," SALIS News Vol. 13 No. 1, Spring 1993.

SANCA is the only national organization in South Africa which in terms of its mission concerns itself with prevention and treatment of alcohol and other drug abuse and dependence. It might be true to say that this library is the only addictions library in Southern Africa (how about Africa?).

There are both in-patient and out-patient clinics situated throughout South Africa. Some of the bigger clinics maintain their own small libraries, for the use of staff and patients. Information generated via the Current Awareness service is kept in these "satellite" libraries.

The main library is also known as the Multimedia Resource Service. As mentioned in the Directory entry, the holdings encompass monographs, serials, printed materials, and audio visual material. When orientation with students and staff members is handled, they are amazed at the amount of information contained in the library. We benefit tremendously from information generated "overseas."

The operates as a 'one man' facility. Since I hold many portfolios, it can be rather interesting. As a registered social worker, my day is constantly interrupted with crises calls. In the absence of a clinic at this office, knowledge of referral and community resources is crucial. Information queries are most interesting and varied. These can range from telephonic response to dispatch of pamphlets as well as offering services in terms of both the Current Awareness Service (to SANCA societies) or the Fee-based service (to both academic and general public).

In my capacity as the Librarian, networking is a very important component, which not only entails attendance at meetings, but also other types of informal contact. As part of management for the National office, I am involved in management meetings, planning, budgeting, and decision making. This facet of my job lends itself to pursuing Public Relations and Marketing activities for SANCA in particular and the field of substance abuse in general.

Another component of my portfolio is that of Editor for our national newsletter, SANCA Forum. This publication reflects developments, news, and views of this field in South Africa.

Interspersed with this is the important operation of computerization. The package called Microscribe was specifically developed in South Africa by a librarian and is an integrated library package for small libraries. Unfortunately due to a busy workload this area is sadly neglected.

This librarian welcomes any contact with other interested substance abuse librarians. South Africa is no longer isolated - neither from a political stance as well as in terms of the escalation of substance abuse problems!

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a one year term as Chair 94-95; Secretary, a two year term, and three Members-At-Large, a one year term. All of these positions begin at the close of the SALIS Conference, October 1993. Self-selected Nominees are welcome! For more information, please contact Lisa Swanberg, Past-Chair SALIS and Chair of the Nominating Committee at 1-800-729-6686, ext. 219 or (301) 468-2600, ext. 219. (PREVline #2008), Nancy Sutherland at 206-543-0937 (PREVline #4027) or Tressa Youngbear at 319-398-5133 (PREVline #3018).

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New Books

Fekjaer, Hans Olav. Alcohol and Illicit Drugs: Myths and Realities. Columbo: Alcohol and Drug Information Center, 1993. ISBN: 955-605-024-8. $17.00 US & Canada, $15.00 all others. ADIC, 40/18 Park Rd., Columbo 05, Sri Lanka. "Promotes the view that there are obvious non pharmacological explanations for the apparently 'magic' influence of intoxications."


Government Document/Fugitive Literature


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Periodical News

CSAP’s NCADI has produced a very handy and useful Resource Guide entitled, Alcohol and Other Drug Related Periodicals. It provides title, publisher, cost, address, and annotation on nearly 100 predominately North American journals and newsletters whose main coverage is concerned with the alcohol and other drug area. FREE from the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) Pub. #MS449 1992.

Beginning 1993, Alcohol Digest is the translated English version of the abstract journal Alcohol Selectif, a Dutch publication produced by the Alcohol Documentation Centre of TNO Nutrition and Food Research since 1983. Each quarterly issue contains sixty articles selected for inclusion from the nearly 2500 scientific papers published each year. Abstracts, generally 300-400 words in length, are arranged by topic, clearly written and informative. Subscription to this publication is Free. This is a Reference Source which is very much needed and highly recommended! Address: TNO Nutrition and Food Research, P.O. Box 360, 3700 AJ Zeist, The Netherlands. Contact: Monique Van Ruyven. FAX: 3134 045-7224

I have received an announcement from Haworth Medical Press on a new journal entitled, Journal of Maintenance in the Addictions, edited by J. Thomas Payne, MD. Free sample issue available on request.

Journal of Public Policy and Marketing, Vol. 12(1), Spring 1993 devotes most of its contents, eight articles to be exact, to the topic "Alcohol Warnings." For single issue, contact American Marketing Association, 250 South Wacker Drive, Ste. 200, Chicago, IL 60606. Contact Kelly Shermach (312) 831-2795. $25.00.

Journal of Mental Health Administration ran two special issues devoted to 1) Substance Abuse Services and 2) Multicultural Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in the Spring and Fall, 1992. For single issue, contact: Association of Mental Health Administrators, 60 Revere Dr., Ste. 500, Northbrook, IL 60062. (708)480-9626. $15.00.

SALIS Home has sample copies of the current issue Vol. 5(1) 1993 of Alcologica. Alcologica is the official journal of the Italian Society of Alcoholology. Most articles are in English. Anyone who would like to consider this journal for subscription, please write for a copy: SALIS Home, P.O. Box 9513, Berkeley, CA 94709 or FAX (510) 642-7175.

SAM (Substance Abuse Monthly) is an indexing and abstracting service published ten times per year by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation (Australia). Its main focus is the psychological and social aspects literature in the alcohol and drug field. This includes such areas as education, epidemiology, policy, harm reduction, treatment, consumption patterns, legal issues, availability, and health promotion. Over 150 journal titles are used in this selection process. These include the major alcohol and drug journals from the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand. Address: Alcohol and Drug Foundation, P.O. Box 529, South Melbourne VIC 3205, Australia.

FASA Update: News from Funders Against Substance Abuse Vol. 1 (1) Winter 1993, is a unique offering. This first issue has an interview with FASA's chairperson, Marni Vliet which covers the history and mission of the organization, as well as, benefits of membership. Lisa Falk. Editor (617) 437-9394 or FAX (617) 437-1500.

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(Farewell From Chair continues)

the Executive to do their jobs, serve as an introduction to SALIS for new members, and provide a reference tool for the organization during transition periods. The first draft of the manual will be available at the SALIS conference.

During the past year, I have been promoting SALIS at every opportunity, as has the rest of the Executive Board. I am surprised at the number of people working in this field who have not heard of SALIS, and am certain of the need for us all to continue to promote SALIS to our colleagues, particularly to people new to this field. SALIS has the opportunity to serve as an international focal point for information exchange on substance abuse issues. I encourage you to be thinking about the direction that SALIS should take over the next years to make this happen, and to bring those ideas to San Francisco in October.

I would like to conclude by thanking the Executive Board for their hard work this past year, and to commend Tina Miller and her conference planning committee for their tireless work. Thanks to them, the San Francisco meeting is shaping up as a terrific event. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Andrea Mitchell for her support, her hard work as Editor of SALIS News, her work on the conference planning committee, and her constant commitment to SALIS. It has been an honor for me to represent SALIS this year as Chair, and I hope to see all of you in San Francisco, where we will welcome Gail Weinberg as the new Chair. See you then!

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countries: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad y Tobago, the United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Once organized and functional, the Inter-American Data Bank, a CICAD-implemented data bank whose mission is to compile statistics on the illicit drug problem in the Hemisphere, will also complement the work of IADIS.

In addition to these formal members of IADIS, there are a number of other institutions which have provided excellent technical collaboration and have contributed to the execution of its activities.

In terms of topical content, the information collected in IADIS is to cover the historical, sociopolitical, cultural, economic, ecological, legal, educational, prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, production, and trafficking aspects of the illicit drug problem in the Western Hemisphere. Also collected, although secondarily, are materials from other areas of the world which impact the problem in the Hemisphere. Information is compiled in Spanish, English, French and Portuguese, the four official languages of the Organization of American States.

IADIS is open for the use of any individual, institution or entity concerned with the problem of illicit drugs. Services and products currently offered include: informational materials delivery, searches of literature holdings, reference, referral and clearinghouse activities. These services are delivered through the IADIS Clearinghouse - the Inter-American Drug Documentation and Information Center (IADIC), - and through IADIS member centers in the different countries of the Hemisphere. Future services contemplated include cooperative cataloging and the dissemination of complete texts. At present, the users of IADIS are designated as being, in order of priority, Western Hemisphere policy makers and members of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), IADIS member centers, academic/scientific/ teaching professionals, parents, students, and the general public. In addition to the provision of library type information services, IADIS members also cooperate with each other in the development and execution of joint projects.

The IADIS Coordination in Washington establishes, with members' input, policies and procedures for IADIS' growth and evaluation, as well as norms and standards for information processing. It provides, often with member cooperation, technical assistance, training, and technological support to member centers. It oversees the development and implementation of agreed-upon joint projects, promotes the use and distribution of drug-related information, and undertakes resource management activities.

The resources that IADIS offers to its members are its links and access to the 35 Member States of the Organization of American States and its knowledge of institutions in each of these states working on the illicit drug problem. Other resources available either through the IADIS Coordination or its member centers are: operational bibliographic and electronic formats for documental and referential information processing, access to large centralized databases, and access to financial and technical resources identified by the IADIS Coordination.

To be a member of IADIS, an institution must have a library, documentation or information center with a collection on an aspect of the illicit drug problem. It must offer service to the public and to other IADIS network members, collect information on a particular drug-related topic, contribute to IADIS' centralized database, provide it with feedback and participate in its projects and meetings.

Since its organization meeting in 1991, IADIS has developed and provided to its members methodological and electronic formats and manuals for processing bibliographical and audiovisual materials, as well as referential databases on institutions and specialists working on the illicit drug problem in the Hemisphere. It has also developed and implemented on a sample basis, a common format and database with the dumped records of eleven IADIS members and collaborators, including in the United States, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI), and the United States Department of Justice's National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NJCIRS) and Drugs and Crime Data Center and Clearinghouse (DCDCC). We are in the process of converting the drug-database collections of approximately 15 institutions into this common format for the first edition of this common database. The production of a CD-ROM with documental and referential information from all over the Hemisphere is also planned for later this year.

At the first meeting of IADIS member centers, held just recently in May 1993, the members decided on operational policies and strategies, and mechanisms of cooperation, inter-center communication and information promotion that will guide the activities of IADIS over the next one to two year period.
How to Subscribe to a LISTSERV Discussion List

Commands to subscribe, unsubscribe, and other such functions are addressed and sent to the LISTSERV (remember, the phantom program running in the background), via an e-mail message. In your message, you tell the LISTSERV what you want it to do (e.g. "subscribe"), the name of the list you want to subscribe to (e.g. "ALCOHOL") and your name. The LISTSERV handles the rest for you, even discerning your e-mail address automatically. You will usually get an immediate reply from the LISTSERV confirming your subscription. The most common mistake people make is to send their commands to the Discussion List, where they are seen by all subscribers, instead of the LISTSERV.

The usual format for sending a subscription command to a LISTSERV is:

[to] listserv@node.bitnet [or the internet address]

[text] subscribe [listname] firstname lastname

[send]

Do not put anything in the "subject" line, or anything else in the text of the message except as noted in the above example. To cancel a subscription, do the same in reverse using the command "unsubscribe."

AOD DISCUSSION LIST

ADDICT-L is the listname of a list started by David Delmonico at Kent State University for the purpose of "academic and scholarly discussion of addiction related topics." To subscribe, send a message to:

listserv@kentvm.bitnet or listserv@kentvm.kent.edu

ALCOHOL is the listname for "Alcohol & Drug Studies." To subscribe, send a message to:

listserv@lmuacad.bitnet

DRUGABUS is the listname for "Drug Abuse Education, Information and Research." To subscribe, send a message to:

listserv@umac.bitnet

SMOKE-FREE is a list for people who are trying to give up smoking. To subscribe, send a message to:

listserv@ra.msstate.edu

On July 1, Barry Jones in the Department of Psychology, University of Glasgow, announced the creation of a new list called ALCOHOL-PSYCHOL; by posting messages on other lists, including the ones mentioned above, he signed up twenty-five subscribers in just two days. Aimed especially to psychologists, ALCOHOL-PSYCHOL will begin distribution in August. Note the slightly different address for subscriptions:

mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk [outside U.K.]
mailbase@uk.ac.mailbase [inside U.K.]  

There are many sources available on the use of listservs and other Internet resources. For help or more information, check with the computer resource where you received your internet user I.D. and address.

If there is enough interest within SALIS for creating a SALIS listserv, I will look into the possibility of doing that. If anyone has comments or questions, please feel free to send e-mail to me at adailib@u.washington.edu.

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Book Out of Print

Ed Rapazzini is looking for a book by Gregory Austin entitled Alcohol in Western Society From Antiquity to 1800: A Chronological History (1985). If anyone has a duplicate copy or a copy that is not being used anymore, please contact him at: CBBSM, Rm. 106 MUDD Building, Harvard Med. School, 250 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02115. Phone (617)432-1428.

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ERRATA

The South African Directory entry in the last SALIS News, Vol. 13 No. 1, page 11, had a few mistakes. These are the corrections:

Automated Systems: Microscribe integrated library system for small collections.

Special Collections: SANCA biennial reports dating back to 1966. See "News from South Africa" in this issue for more information on SANCA.

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From the Editor

**SALIS News needs more readers!** For all the time and energy which goes into producing an issue such as this one, it bothers me that we are only mailing approximately 300 copies. Do any of you know at least one person, librarian, information specialist, researcher, or administrator that might like to read SALIS News? Please send us the names and addresses of these individuals for a special mailing from SALIS Home to try to increase our readership.

Another need of SALIS News is more contributors! Remember this is an international newsletter. Although this issue reflects a bit more of the international flavor than most, I would like very much to interest persons from Australia, New Zealand, Asia, or Europe to write a column such as the one currently being done by Sheila LaCroix in "NEWS FROM CANADA". More contribution from these countries is needed also for the Government Docs / Fugitive Literature section, New Books, Periodical News, etc!

"ONLINE NEWS" is a column without a writer. Given the continuous eruption of the electronic format, there are so many topics, issues, and databases to be described and critiqued. Certainly there is someone with a lens waiting to focus.

If only I wore just one hat--- that of SALIS News Editor, I am sure this publication would be expanded! But as most of you know, it is simply not possible for one librarian or even four for that matter, to see, hear, understand, think, write and/or solicit all of the "News" in the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs field, which might be useful to some of the world’s ATOD Librarians / Information Specialists. In other words, I would like more crew on this librarian’s ship. Any volunteers? And don’t forget, we need readers too! Send those names to: SALIS NEWS, attn:Mailing list, P.O. Box 9513, Berkeley, CA 94709-0513.

For those of you fortunate enough to be attending this year’s conference, I would like to have a meeting for all who are interested in the future of SALIS NEWS. Time and place to be announced.

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