Message from the Chair
Gail Weinberg
University of Minnesota Drug Information Services

It was nice to see so many of you attending the 1993 annual conference in San Francisco, and especially gratifying to see many new faces. I would like once again to thank Tina Miller and the rest of the conference planning committee for their excellent work that made the conference a success. The conference program, choice of hotel, and, of course, the wonderful opportunities for sightseeing contributed to a great four days!

I would also like to thank Jill Austin for her work and commitment to SALIS as Chair last year. Jill now serves as Past Chair until next year’s conference. Valerie Mead of the New Jersey Alcohol/Drug Resource Center and Clearinghouse was elected Secretary for a two year term. Tom Colthurst from the Alcohol and Other Drug Studies Program at UC-San Diego remains as Treasurer for the second year of a two year term. As you are aware, we did not have any nominees for Chair-Elect prior to this year’s conference. A special election will be held after October 31st to fill this position. Three members at large were elected: Tressa Youngbear of the Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center; Kathy Laws of the Western Center for Drug Free Schools and Communities; and

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Chair Elect Nominee

Sharon Crockett of the Tennessee AOD Clearinghouse is the nominee for the SALIS Chair Elect, and will assume this position just as soon as SALIS voting members return their ballots. The ballot is enclosed with this issue of News

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SALIS 15th Annual Business Meetings - Highlights
Catherine Weglarz
Rutgers University Center of Alcohol Studies

Chair Jill Austin of the Canadian National Clearinghouse on Substance Abuse welcomed all participants to San Francisco. She thanked the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention for sponsoring scholarships for 11 RADAR Network members to attend the SALIS 15th Annual Conference. Jill also thanked Tina Miller of the Prevention Research Center Library and the members of the Conference Planning Committee for their efforts. The minutes from the 14th Annual Business Meeting in Nashville, TN were distributed and approved.

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Conference Report - Canadian SIG
Sheila LaCroix
Addiction Research Foundation Library

I just got back my photographs from San Francisco - ocean, rolling city scapes and colorful street scenes reflecting the unique architectural style of the homes - and I am basking in fond memories. being a tourist was a highlight, but so was the conference! It was great to renew acquaintances from Nashville last year, meet new members and take in the fascinating programs and speakers provided by the conference committee.

We were a small group of five, all from Ontario. However, two of us represented national organizations, and one of us a treatment center, so we represented somewhat of a cross section. It is unfortunate that money for travel is either tight or nonexistent in some of provinces at this time.

I agreed to continue as Chair of the Canadian SIG for another year and will continue to co-ordinate the News from Canada column in SALIS News. In addition, we decided on the following actions to fulfill our mandate to keep SALIS alive and well represented in Canada:

Contact those who missed the conference to acknowledge that they were missed and to provide some highlights of the conference.

Increase awareness of the Scholarship Fund among our members.

Promote the Chicago 1994 conference.

Use publications such as the CCSA’s Action News and Clearinghouse Notes to promote SALIS.

Include a SALIS brochure and a letter highlighting the organization to new members of INET in Canada.

We also will start planning for a return to the SALIS Conference to Canada - Vancouver 1996 or 1997?

Finally, on behalf of all of the Canadian SIG members, I thank Tina Miller and all of her helpers for a well organized, informative conference and we appreciate all of the time and effort involved for Tina and Andrea Mitchell and the SALIS Home staff to have the proceedings published.

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Professional Organizations for Librarians in Mental Health Settings
Mary E. Johnson
Mental Health Librarians Section/MLA

Mental health librarians work in a variety of settings - psychiatric hospitals, community mental health centers and agencies, rehabilitation centers, medical schools and academic research centers, schools of professional psychology and psychoanalytic institutes.

Since there is much overlap between mental disorders and addiction disorders, and many of our collections probably contain materials relevant to both areas, I thought it would be appropriate to let SALIS members know about the professional organizations mental health librarians belong to, with the idea that an awareness of some of the diverse areas that come under the umbrella of health sciences librarianship would be beneficial to us all.

There are two organization s for the 200 plus women and in this specialized field. One is the Mental Health Librarians Section (MHLS) of the Mental Library Association (MLA), and the other is the Association of Mental Health Librarians (AMHL), an affiliate of the Institute of Hospital & Community Psychiatry of the American Psychiatry Association. Many mental health librarians are members of both MHLS and AMHL.

Both organizations provide opportunities for their members to share resources and skills, and to learn both from each other. MHLS provides its members with the opportunity for recognition and development within the profession of librarianship, and AMHL provides its members an opportunity for increased understanding, participation in, and knowledge of the mental health profession. AMHL has a three day meeting every October in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Institute on H&CP. MHLS meets every May in connection with the annual meeting of MLA.

The Communicator, a quarterly newsletter published by MHLS, serves to keep members of both organizations informed and connected. Included with each newsletter is a duplicate journal exchange list. Each organization has a membership directory available to assist in resource sharing.

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AOD Thesaurus Published!
Kathleen Mullen
CSR, Incorporated

The SALIS recommendation to develop and construct a comprehensive alcohol and other drug (AOD) thesaurus has achieved fruition. The first edition of the Alcohol and Other Drug Thesaurus: A Guide to Concepts and Terminology in Substance Abuse and Addiction, also referred to as the AOD Thesaurus, is now published. The AOD Thesaurus is a joint project of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP).

The Thesaurus' principal goal is to standardize terminology for the alcohol and other drug field. It provides an overview of the interdisciplinary nature of the field by attempting to capture and systematize its terminology and concepts and properly relate numerous disciplines to the problems of alcohol and other drugs, enabling those working in the field to understand AOD-related problems from various perspectives. Over time, the increased and widespread usage of the Thesaurus will result in consistent indexing of AOD literature and other databases and in major improvements for searching and retrieval across many databases.

In response to SALIS' recommendation, in 1989, NIAAA initiated the development of an alcohol-specific thesaurus for the alcohol field and its online database, the Alcohol and Alcohol Problems Science Database, known as ETOH. The Thesaurus was expanded to encompass other drugs after NIAAA entered into a joint agreement with CSAP in 1991.

NIAAA established a Thesaurus advisory committee of information and subject specialists to help guide the development of the thesaurus. The advisory committee was expanded in 1991 to include members invited by CSAP. The AOD Thesaurus Advisory Committee includes SALIS members Andrea Mitchell; Nancy Sutherland; Gail Weinberg; Penny Page; and Ginny Rollet; and the chairperson, Dagobert Soergel.

Once the Thesaurus was drafted, NIAAA and CSAP enlisted subject specialists who were not on the Thesaurus Advisory Committee to review specific sections of the Thesaurus.

* AOD Thesaurus Structure

The AOD Thesaurus consists of two parts: the Hierarchical List and the Alphabetical Index (see examples of each at the end of this article).

The heart of the AOD Thesaurus is its Hierarchical List, which provides access by concepts and is arranged by subject in a tree structure format, similar to the medical subject heading tree structures for the Medline database. More than 40 thesauri were used as sources in the development of the subject hierarchies; several served as major sources, including MeSH, the ERIC and PsycINFO thesauri, and the joint World Health Organization (WHO)/NIAAA lexicon on alcohol and other drugs. The subject hierarchies cover a vast array of subject matter, including biomedical topics; education, anthropology and other psychosocial subjects; prevention; and treatment (see the sidebar, "Broad Outline of the Thesaurus"). The Hierarchical List shows hierarchical (narrower terms and broader terms) and associative relationships (related terms) among descriptors and provides an abundance of lead-in terminology and scope notes.

The Alphabetical Index provides access by terms in a standard key word out of context (KWOC) format; it shows each multiword term (descriptor or lead-in term) under each of its constituent words, and it links to the Hierarchical List through term numbers.

**SIDEBAR - Broad Outline of the Alcohol and Other Drug Thesaurus**

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Jill reported that a SALIS procedural manual is in progress. She will be contacting individuals for additional assistance with the manual. She announced that SALIS has received 501(C)(3) tax status which means that the organization may begin to seek grants and initiate other fundraising attempts. Financial contributions to the SALIS are also now tax deductible. Secretary Cathy Weglarz, Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies, gave the Membership report. Currently SALIS has 111 Full Members, 25 Associate Members and 8 Institutional Members.

Treasurer Tom Cothurst of the University of California, San Diego, Extension presented the Treasurer’s report.

Jill Austin then gave the Report for the Executive Board. The Board is looking at a possible dues increase for 1995. After discussion from the floor, it was decided that the Board will formulate an organizational business plan to present to the membership before a final decision is made on this action. The Board has also decided to make additional funds available for future SALIS Conference scholarships. A raise in pay has been approved for Tim Nguyen, the part-time employee at the SALIS Institutional Home at the Alcohol Research Group Library.

Andrea Mitchell, Alcohol Research Group Library, reported for the SALIS Institutional Home. The Institutional Home and the SALIS Education/Outreach Committee are finishing up a new edition of the SALIS promotional brochure. It should be available by the end of 1993. As Editor of SALIS News, Andrea announced that the newsletter is being sent out to members of the Inter-American Drug Information Service (IADIS). SALIS members were urged to forward additional names of organizations or individuals to whom complimentary issues of SALIS News should be distributed. The Institutional Home is investigating the possibility of a contract to revise and update the next issue of the SALIS Directory.

Mary O’Brien of the Illinois Prevention Resource Center introduced the members of the 1994 Conference Planning Committee. The 1994 Conference will be held in Chicago, probably during the third week of October. Mary invited the membership to participate in the conference planning process. She can be reached at 217-525-3456.

Sheila LaCroix, Addiction Research Foundation, reported for the Canadian Special Interest Group (SIG). Goals for the year are to increase membership and to increase representation at the SALIS conference.

Sharon Crockett of the Tennessee Alcohol and Drug Association Statewide Clearinghouse reported for the Multi-Cultural SIG. The SIG plans to evaluate and critique posters for SALIS News. They hope to have a full day devoted to multi-cultural issues at the 1994 Conference. Possible programs include a panel presentation on different cultural groups and special populations. They would also like to recognize a video production company for outstanding contributions to the field and to invite a representative from that company to the conference.

Tressa Youngbear, Iowa Substance Information Center, spoke for the Education/Outreach Committee. Their goals continue to be to promote membership in SALIS; in particular they plan to target members of CSAP’s RADAR Network. One question for the membership is - "To whom do we want to promote SALIS?" They also plan to begin work on pathfinders on alcohol and drug information for different types of libraries.

Ira Bray of the California Department of Alcohol & Drug Programs Resource Center Library reported for the Information and Technology SIG. The SIG plans to continue its column in SALIS News and to develop a survey for distribution to the membership.

Andrea Mitchell presented a proposal that recommendations formulated from the Roundtable: Technology and the Future of Libraries be forwarded to the Center of Substance Abuse Prevention. In brief, these recommendations concerned the recognition that with the proliferation of the electronic AOD databases there is a need for a guide to these resources, more training, and further exploration on ways to develop a more user-friendly unified system of access to these databases. It was agreed to accept the initiative in principle and to begin policy discussions on how such an effort could be organized.

Tape recorded proceedings from the 15th Conference on "Information in Action: Promoting Health" will be available.

Newly elected Chair Gail Weinberg of the Drug Information Services at the University of Minnesota adjourned the meeting. See you in Chicago!
Video ReView
Valerie Mead
Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies

While organizing a video presentation for the most recent SALIS conference in San Francisco, I opted to show videos on HIV/AIDS for two reasons. First, it was clear from pre-conference discussions that SALIS members wanted the topics of HIV and AIDS to have a dominant presence at this year’s annual program. Second, after looking at the more recent selections of videos on substance use/abuse topics, those on HIV/AIDS were simply the best. But good intentions don’t make for a successful video program when your audience is sitting in San Francisco and your videos are sitting in a UPS office in Cincinnati! A bit too far for good reception, eh!? The tapes didn’t arrive until after the conference was over.* Murphy’s Law.

I decided to take advantage of this column and present the list here. The titles were chosen both for their content and also their creative style. While I rarely list prices for many reasons, it should be noted that, except for ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE and TALKIN’ ABOUT AIDS which sell for $295 each, the highest price for any one title is $150. As many seasoned educational film buyers know, this is a bargain! Also, I want to thank Cathy Weglarz whose arm I twisted into co-presenting this program-that-never-happened.

ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE. 87 min. Select Media, 477 Broome St., New York, NY 10013; 212-431-8923.

A young father, a burly retired logger, a soprano in a Baptist choir and a nurse - what do these people have in common? They are all HIV+. A moving account of how HIV can affect anyone of us.

AIDS: THE WOMEN SPEAK. 28 min. NIN, CN777, Trenton, NJ 08625-0777; 609-530-5792.

One of the first videos to give attention to the effects of HIV/AIDS on women. An inspiring, honest, and courageous portrayal of HIV+ women, family members of people with AIDS, and volunteers.

AUNT HALLIE. 10 min. Fanlight Productions, 47 Halifax Street, Boston, MA 02130; 617-524-0980.

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News From South East Asia
R.P. Kumar
All India Institute of Medical Sciences

Dr. R.P. Kumar, Librarian, All India Institute of medical Sciences and SALIS South East Asian SIG Chair attended IX Congress of South East Asian Librarians (CONASIL IX) held in Bangkok, Thailand from May 2-7, 1993 and presented his paper entitled “An Overview of Modern Technologies Applications in Indian Libraries”. He organized an evening meeting with the librarians/information specialists dealing with drug abuse from different South East Asian countries. He explained to them in detail about the aims and objectives of SALIS and also encouraged them to become members.

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and you will find a biography of Sharon in the following paragraph. Please note ballots must be returned by January 15th and should have the voting members name on the return envelope.

Sharon Crockett is Director of the Statewide Clearinghouse for the Tennessee Alcohol and Drug Association in Nashville, Tennessee. She has been in that capacity for nearly five years. She is a graduate of the Clark School of Business in Topeka, Kansas. While in Kansas Sharon attended Washburn University and was the University’s Criminal Justice Film Librarian. She is an alternate to Region 4 on CSAP’s RADAR Network Steering Committee and serves on the SALIS Executive Board as Chair of the Multi-Cultural Special Interest Group and as an At-Large Member. She recently chaired the 1992 SALIS Conference. In addition, Sharon worked with the Pan Methodist Coalition as a staff writer for the “Revival of Hope Church Guide for Community Action on Drug Concerns” publications. Prior to coming to the Tennessee Alcohol and Drug Association she spent 14 years in radio and TV as a Producer, News Anchor, Talk Show Host, Public Affairs Director and Disc Jockey. She has received numerous awards for her broadcasting contributions. Crockett has been active in community affairs for nearly 20 years.

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L/O Concepts in psychosocial and sociocultural areas and technology
LMV Social sciences, economics, and law
MW/Z Religion, the humanities, and the arts
N Communication, information, and education
OA/T Technology, Safety and accidents.
OZ Sports

P/T Concepts applicable across disciplines
PA/L Demography and epidemiology
PM/Z History, geography, and the environment
R Research methods and research organization
S Field, discipline, or occupation
T Personal and group characteristics

V/Z Lists of Named Entities
VA/Q Place
VR/Y Language
VZ Religious denomination
W Living organisms
X Body part
Y/Z Chemical substances (Y by function, Z by chemical structure)

Testing of the AOD Thesaurus

The Thesaurus was tested for searching and indexing/cataloging between September 1992 and March 1993 to obtain a structured, objective, and thorough review of its structure and content. The resulting data assisted the Thesaurus development team in identifying both problematic sections and terms (e.g., redundancy, too much detail, missing concepts or cross-references) and strengths (e.g., the extensive network of cross-references, the logic of the hierarchical organization, the abundance of lead-in terms).

The testing consisted of three components: (1) indexing a common set of 25 documents to provide a comparison of the indexing terms assigned to the same document by various institutions and to allow for a more controlled analysis; (2) indexing of an institution's own materials; and (3) constructing free-text search strategies for various online databases. The Thesaurus development team created forms for consistent recording of test information.

The following institutions participated in the testing: The NIAAA Alcohol Research Collection, Analysis and Dissemination Project; CSAP's National Clearinghouse on Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI); Addiction Research Foundation; Alcohol Research Group; ALKO, Ltd.; British Columbia Prevention Resource Centre; Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S. (DISCUS); Drug Information Services; Marin Institute; Research Institute on Addictions; Rutgers University Center of Alcohol Studies; and the V.A. Medical Center in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Uses for the AOD Thesaurus

NIAAA now uses the AOD Thesaurus to index the ETOH database. Because the scope of the ETOH database does not require the full Thesaurus, the NIAAA abstracting and indexing staff selected more than 3,200 terms from the more than 10,000 terms in the Thesaurus for use in indexing materials for ETOH. These ETOH descriptors are specially marked in the Thesaurus with a fine print, lowercase "e" following the term number (e.g., GQ10.2.6e alcoholic liver cirrhosis). These descriptors appear in ETOH's controlled vocabulary fields, MJ (major descriptor) and MN (minor descriptor). NCADI uses the entire AOD Thesaurus to index its own database, known as IDA—Information on Drugs and Alcohol. Although not available online, IDA is available to the public via telephone search requests and will be released on CD-ROM some time next year.

NIAAA is presently converting the entire database to reflect the new Thesaurus terminology. Pre-1987 records, about two-thirds of the database, have been converted from older, broader indexing language to the Thesaurus terminology; the remaining records currently are being reindexed, beginning with the more recent records and working back to the older ones. By December 1994, the entire database will be searchable via the AOD Thesaurus.

The AOD Thesaurus provides a wealth of lead-in terminology and an extensive network of relationships among descriptors. This makes it a useful tool for finding terms for free-text searching of other databases such as Medline, PsycINFO, Sociological Abstracts, and ERIC.

The Thesaurus also has been useful for indexing of bibliographic, vertical, and project files; subject cataloging; revising a current classification system; and creating various AOD-related forms, such as referral forms.

NIAAA and CSAP are committed to the ongoing process of maintaining the Thesaurus and ensuring its vitality and viability. The maintenance of the Thesaurus will be driven principally by user feedback. A new edition or change notices will be made available on a 1- or 2-year review cycle, depending on the number of changes.

NIAAA and CSAP invite and encourage SALIS members to use the AOD Thesaurus. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Miller, Chief, Scientific Communications Branch, Office of Scientific Affairs, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Parklawn Building, Room 16C-14, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-3860 or Nelia Nadal.
NCADI Project Officer, Division of Public Education and Dissemination, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockwall Building II, Room 9C-03, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-0377. To encourage users to provide feedback on the Thesaurus, a comment form is included in its front matter.

A question-and-answer column on the AOD Thesaurus is planned for future issues of the SALIS Newsletter. These questions can be broad or specific. Please send your questions to Diane Miller, at the above address. NIAAA

SIDEBAR: Example of the AOD Thesaurus

Hierarchical List

3^ME4e . sociocultural norms
  SN Shared rules or guidelines that prescribe the behavior appropriate in a given situation.
  ST community norms
  RT FR20 sex role

4^ME4.2e . societal attitude toward AOD
  SN Attitudes of society as a whole, including those of family.
  NT LG2 family attitude toward AOD
  NT MO20.6.2 public opinion on AOD
  NT +MO24.2 public policy on AOD
  NT MX16.2 organized religion attitude toward AOD
  BT +FR14.2 attitude toward AOD

4^ME4.4e . sociocultural AOD use
  ST cultural AOD use
  ST social AOD use

5^ME4.4.4 . sociocultural alcohol use
  BT +BB alcohol in any form

6^ME4.4.4.2e . social drinking
  RT +AA2.2 nonproblematic AOD use
  RT AD8.8.2 moderate alcohol use
  RT +AD10 AOD use frequency

5^ME4.6 . recreational drug use
  SN Use of a drug, usually illicit, in sociable or relaxing circumstances, by implication without dependence or other problems. The term is disfavored by those seeking to define all illicit drug use as a problem (WHO lexicon).

Example of the Alphabetic Index

drinker
  underage drinker TY8e

drinking USE +EA24.6e
  binge drinking AD4.2.2
  controlled drinking AD16.2.2
  drinking and driving +MN8.2.2.2e
  drinking and driving education JG4.2
  drinking and driving laws +MP22.2
  drinking venue +LR4.2e

heavy drinking USE +AD8.10.2
  minimum drinking age TD4.4e
  moderate drinking USE AD8.8.2
  social drinking ME4.4.4.2e
  underage drinking MN8.4

drive USE +FN6e
  drink drive USE +MN8.2.2e
  drive theory FN18.4
  sex drive FN18.4

To order the AOD Thesaurus, write to NCADI at Box 2345, Rockville, MD 20847-2345, or call (800) 729-6686 and ask for Inventory Item CR33. The price is $25.

[Examples of the Hierarchical List and Alphabetic Index are below]
Information Technology
Ira Bray
California Dept. of Alcohol and Drug Programs

Well, I finally got it, a laptop computer I can carry from place to place, work to home, home to work. I have waited so long for this thing (over seven months) that I had begun to forget the rationale for its purchase.

Now, it is reminding me of the anticipated benefits, and some unanticipated. There are some drawbacks, but let’s talk about the good stuff first.

The most obvious benefit is the ability to bring your work to different locations. Much of my work is done on the computer; now I can write, search/edit/add/delete items in the library catalog, dial up Prevline, do customer database reports, etc., wherever I am. For example, while I was at the SALIS conference in San Francisco I kept in touch with Prevline and our local statewide Community Works bulletin board system. I used the E-mail functions to send and receive some important messages to my boss.

Sharing your work with others now becomes much easier as well. While at the conference I displayed some of my library catalog records to colleagues who helped me with some cataloging questions. Having the items in question right in front of you certainly helped the process.

There is, of course, a dark side to all of this. For starters, portable computers are tempting targets for thieves. This requires you to maintain a certain amount of paranoia. I carry mine in a $29 vinyl imitation leather briefcase to throw them off the track.

Working at home, in the park, or in the car blurs the distinction between work and play. As much as I am dedicated to my career, my family comes first. It’s just a little harder now to keep work at work.

Lastly, there is the problem of being techno-cute, i.e., reckless in your embrace of technology, mistaking efficiency for service. This point, by the way, is nicely made in Librarianship: The Erosion of A Woman’s Profession by Roma M. Harris.

It is critical to remember the core values of the profession. Providing free and equal access to information cannot be overshadowed by providing glitzy, yet unequal access to information. Trading these values in for an expert’s role as information technocrat is both a personal and professional loss. Having a portable computer by itself will not make you lose your values, but it may make it easier to misplace them.

So, time to shut down, close the case and walk over to the swimming pool to pick up my daughter from water polo. I did get a few stares as I plunked away on the keyboard in my car, but it was fun. Hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

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Sonja Valverius of the Swedish Council for Information on Alcohol and Other Drugs Library. Sheila LaCroix of the Addiction Research Foundation is Chair of the Canadian SIG; Sharon Crockett of the Tennessee Alcohol and Association Statewide Clearinghouse is Chair of the Multi-Cultural SIG; and Dr. Kumar of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences is Chair of the Southeast Asian SIG. Ira Bray of the California Department of Alcohol and Drugs Programs is Chair of the Information Technology Committee; and Lisa Swanberg of NCADI is Chair of the Educational/Outreach Committee.

The receipt of 501(c)3 tax exempt status as a not for profit group opens new windows for SALIS. Eligibility to receive grants, tax deductible donations, and a bulk mail permit are just some of the opportunities we hope to explore in the coming year. Jill Austin has done a wonderful job in compiling the first draft of the SALIS procedures manual. I hope to be able to complete that task. This manual should serve as a frame of reference to assist the Executive Board in doing their jobs, as well as aid in transitional periods, and provide a synopsis of SALIS as an organization to all interested persons.

The 1994 annual conference will be held in Chicago, hosted by Mary O’Brien of the Illinois Prevention Resource Center. Chicago is a great city to visit - excellent restaurants, superb museums, and wonderful shopping. With its central location and two airports, Chicago is very assessable. Plan now to attend the SALIS conference in 1994!

As Chair of SALIS, I feel that I serve to be a representative of the members of the organization. Most importantly, I welcome your comments and suggestions - please contact me or any other member of the Executive Board. I encourage you to become involved in SALIS in any way you can. I realize we are all faced with extended commitments and not enough hours in the day, but even a small contribution to SALIS will be appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you. Have a great year!

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An elderly Southern woman, a discarded condom, a phantom illness and...and... A charmingly creative work about fears and illness told in an off-beat, biting style. COMMON THREADS: STORIES FROM THE QUILT. 80 min. Direct Cinema, Ltd., P.O. Box 69799-9976; 213-396-4774.

COMMON THREADS weaves the history of the AIDS quilt with the stories of five people who died after contracting AIDS. A touching tribute that avoids being mawkish or heavy-handed.

RED, HOT + BLUE. 90 min. 6 West Home Video, Arista records, 6 West 57th St., New York, NY 10019; 212-489-7400.

Cool and bluesy MTV-style video featuring famous artists’ renditions of Cole Porter numbers. Celebs also appear between sets to "give the facts" about HIV/AIDS.

RED, HOT + DANCE. 100 min. Sony Music Video, P.O. Box 4450, New York, NY 10101; 212-833-8000.

A funky, get-down video that began as a "global groove on World AIDS Day." Geared more toward younger and avant-garde audiences, this video mixes the facts with the music.

SERIOUSLY FRESH. 22 min. Select Media, 477 Broome St., Suite 42, New York, NY 10013; 212-431-8923.

Four young men playing basketball let down their guards and get serious about "AIDS talk." Although geared towards young African American males, SERIOUSLY FRESH will play well for any teen audience.

SPRING BREAK: SEX AND ALCOHOL. 7 min. Rutgers University, Health Education, 301 Van Nest hall, New Brunswick, NJ 08903, 908-932-7710.

"Not my kid!" Maybe. Maybe not. But if you want to see what REALLY goes on in Florida during spring break, check out what happens when someone turns a camera on the action.

TALKIN’ ABOUT AIDS. 30 min. Altshul Group, 1560 Sherman Ave., Suite 100, Evanston, IL 60201; 312-328-6700.

Rap, comedy, cartoon, and reflective monologue - there's something here for everyone. The "AIDS Nerd" piece is sure to become a classic. Comes with or without the infamous condom skit. Curious...?


A star-studded video that has fun with its celebrities but keeps to the point of the piece - HIV prevention. Arsenio and "Magic" co-host this breezy and informative program.

Additional HIV/AIDS recommended resources include AIDS FILMS, Video Data Bank, and Media Network. AIDS FILMS is a New York-based non-profit company with a multi-award winning series of films. SERIOUSLY FRESH is one of their programs and it is an excellent example of their work. Select Media (address above) distributes the series and each title sells for only $65. Video Data Bank, 37 Wabash Ave., Chicago IL 60603, 312-263-0141 is a distribution group that has ties with the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. They offer works by independent artists on AIDS, multicultural issues, the environment, and sexuality. Media Network, 121 Fulton St., New York, NY 10038, 212-929-2663 is a national membership organization that acts as a fiscal agent for independent producers. Their interest is in alternative, socially relevant videos. They produce an AIDS media guide titled Seeing Through AIDS.

(Professional Organizations... continues)

Hopefully, more and more of us will have internet access, with the future goal of a mental health listserv.

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ICAA Information Section

A reminder that the Information section of the International Council on Alcohol and the Addictions is planning to meet June 1-5, in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Anyone wishing a copy of the call for papers, please contact Andrea Mitchell, c/o 2000 Hearst Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709-2176.
New Books


Periodical News

Psychotherapy for the Addictions was a special issue of Psychotherapy Vol. 30, No. 2, Summer 1993.

Genetics and Alcoholism was a special issue of Behavior Genetics Vol. 23 No. 2, March 1993.

DRUGS: Education, Prevention, and Policy is a new journal from Carfax - same publishers who give us Addiction. According to publisher’s flyer, this journal will be “a forum for communication between those concerned with education and prevention policy”. Three issues/year. Institutional US $198.00, Personal $54.00. Carfax, PO Box 2025, Dunnellon, FL 34430-2025 USA or Carfax, PO Box 25, Abindon, Oxfordshire, OX14 3UE U.K.
Government Documents/Fugitive Literature


What's New in Reference Sources

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The compilers of this work have given the reader much more than the average bibliography. Actually, it is somewhat reminiscent of the old NIDA Research Issues Series.

All 168 citations covering the decade of the 1980’s concern the major topical areas of substance abuse epidemiology, consequences of use, etiology, diagnosis, prevention and treatment in the ethnic population of America. Each citation is followed by sections which provide 1) the purpose, 2) a summary, 3) the type ie. longitudinal study, critical reviews, 4) the method, 5) results of the study (if appropriate), and 6) an evaluation (the compilers give their critique on the study or review).

According to the compilers, their search procedures included database searches of Medline, Social Abstracts, Psych Info, Social Science Research and Social Science Abstracts. Instead of a subject index, the reader is given a table which lists all the citations from 1-168 and cross tabs them with a code for ethnic group, age group, topic and substance. Although this is a very useful means of seeing the literature, as a librarian I still would appreciate narrower subjects.


A concise guide to the major program and research funding resources with a synopsis on how to use the Federal Register and Code of Federal domestic assistance. Each entry (19 for program and 11 for research) gives a summary of the grant purpose and scope, followed by name of administering agency, dollar amounts on range of award, CFDA code number, and contact person and agency address.
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