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SALIS Conference 1994

Mark your calendars now for the 1994 16th Annual SALIS Conference, October 15-19 at the Best Western - Inn of Chicago, 162 east Ontario, Chicago, IL 60611. The theme for the meeting is The Information Age: Meeting the Challenge. Call for papers will be sent to all SALIS members in the coming months. If you would like to be on the Conference mailing list and are not a SALIS member, contact the Conference organizers, Mary O’Brien or Donna Wagner, at 822 South College Street, Springfield, IL 62704 (217) 525-3456, FAX (217) 789-4388.

SALIS Dues 1994

A membership renewal letter is in the mail to you along with the new SALIS Brochure and Insert. Please renew your membership as soon as possible, and no later than April 1, 1994, if you want to have your name listed in the annual membership roster coming out in the next issue of News.

We have not changed the rates for membership this year, but we have added an option. Note that the application letter now asks whether you wish to have your name distributed to NCADI and other publishers for publications and announcements. For your convenience, we have also created a SALIS products form on the reverse side of the membership application. The SALIS Brochure should provide you with most of the information you need concerning SALIS, but if you have other questions, call SALIS Home or one of the persons listed on the Insert.

New Chair-Elect

Congratulations! to Sharon Crockett of the Tennessee AOD Clearinghouse for becoming the new SALIS Chair-Elect. Sharon has been an active participant in SALIS (see Chair-Elect Bio last issue of News) and her experience, expertise, and energy are greatly welcomed.

"Drug" Database Dropped

Drug Info's on-line database known as "DRUG" to BRS users, will be dropped from the vendor as of May 30th. Information given to Drug Info creator, Gail Weinberg, is that the new buyer does not wish to distribute "private" databases. If any of you wish to protest this loss, please call Gail at (612) 624-6492.

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Video Views
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It's a new year (for those who abide by the Roman calendar) and although I've always been non-committal about the idea of resolutions, I do believe in deadlines. So I finally decided to defer gratification (I'd rather be a film critic than statistician) and work the results of the Video Questionnaire (VQ) into a column. The idea to do a VQ (the survey was sent out in the Spring 1993 SALIS News, Vol. 13, No. 1) came from the 1992 SALIS conference in Nashville. In true film style, I voyeuristically panned our membership in informal settings (breaks, "after-hours", etc.) and noted the number of conversations about videos (true, some of these chats crossed over into good ole' Hollywood gossip...but hey, why talk film if you can't get camp?). Then, a more formal request was posed at the general business meeting for increased networking about and attention to alcohol/drug videos, and management of video collections. My sentiments exactly.

Personally, use of our videos reflects the pattern of video borrowing generally in libraries. They are the most popular and widely-used item in the collection. Yet, despite their high visibility, attention to concerns about educational video collections is non-existent or, at best, given token lip service. Much of the problem involves economics - the high cost of educational videos, the prohibitive price of automated management and circulation systems (also, the lack of any response from the computer software business to provide affordable independent AV management modules indicates a bias against the smaller video collector), and the philosophical and budgetary partiality towards print material over non-print.

So as I watch my staff of one, as she daily struggles with the tedious and cumbersome task of manually booking, reserving, and mailing videotapes, it seems important to not exist in a vacuum. The VQ I prepared was to be a first step in organizing a collective base of information from SALIS members in regards to video services. I must admit though, evaluating the results of the survey proved to be an unfamiliar and therefore awkward task for this first-time "Kinsey." Here goes nothing...

* Thirty-seven members responded ("thank you")

* Respondents reflect the international makeup of SALIS - including responses from India, Thailand, Spain, and a large percent from Canadian members

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

The National Convention and Workshop (MLAI-93) of the Medical Library Association of India was held at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi from October 13-16, 1993. Dr. R.P. Kumar, chief Librarian of AIIMS and Board Member of SALIS was the Organizing Secretary. The convention and workshop was inaugurated by Honorable Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Shri Arjun Singh. One hundred and fifty participants participated in the convention. Thirty-five papers have been published in a volume entitled "Modern Technology and Health Science Libraries". Besides three others, Dr. R.P. Kumar is also one of the editors of the volume.

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Government Documents / Fugitive Literature

Alcohol and Other Drugs: Their Role in Transportation. Circular No. 413. Washington, DC: Transportation Research Board, [1993].


Q&A on the AOD Thesaurus
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This new column will appear in future issues of the SALIS News. It will address any questions that searchers, indexers, or catalogers may have regarding the terminology in the AOD Thesaurus. All questions are welcome. We can be reached on PREVline at Kmullen or Shelfert.

1. A number of ETOH descriptors in the AOD Thesaurus contain punctuation marks. How do I enter these terms when I search ETOH on line on BRS?

Drop the punctuation marks when typing in your query. Enter these multiword descriptors with the connector adj or a hyphen (-) between each of the words. For example, the ETOH descriptor RM12. reliability (research methods) is typed in as: reliability-research-methods or as: reliability adj research adj methods. The difference between using adj or the hyphen (-) is that by hyphenating the descriptor, the system will search only the MJ (major descriptor) and MN (minor descriptor) fields; when searching with adj, the searcher has to specify which fields to search, or if none are specified, then all fields are searched by default. Other examples of term entry: FK2.2. short-term memory, enter as: short-term-memory or as: short adj term adj memory; ZF2.2.2.2.2.3-butenediol, enter as: 2-3-butenediol or as: '2' adj '3' adj butenediol. (Please note that the apostrophes are necessary when searching with the connector adj or else the BRS search system will interpret the numbers as set numbers, and search results will be incorrect.)

2. When do I use the descriptors in section HB AODU screening, identification, and diagnostic method versus the descriptors in section JJ identification and screening?

Use the descriptors in section HB such as HB2 screening and diagnostic method for AOD use when the actual screening or diagnostic method is being discussed. For example, if an article is assessing the various methods for screening or diagnosing substance abuse disorders, use the descriptor HB4 screening and diagnostic method for AODD. On the other hand, use the terms in section JJ when the process of identification and screening is discussed. For example, if an article is about the implementation of a workplace screening program, then

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New NIAAA Monographs

It was not until October 1993 at the SALIS Conference that I discovered there were new NIAAA Monographs which had not been sent to the Alcohol Research Group Library. I looked in the NCADI catalog and there was no listing after title #20. I contacted NIAAA directly and found out that they would be willing to send the monographs to all SALIS members provided SALIS would send them labels. They will also send the new 8th Report to Congress on Alcohol and Health. New monograph titles (No. 24 & 25) are listed in Government Documents/Fugitive Literature in this issue. Watch your mail for these new titles.

(Q&A... Continues)

use the term JJ2.4 identification and screening for AOD use. For articles that discuss both the process and the method, use both terms.

3. What is the difference between section B AOD substance or product and sections Y/Z chemical substances by function/structure?

The primary difference is that section B contains the most commonly discussed substances of abuse in their various forms. For example, BD caffeine in any form brings together the chemical forms of theophylline and caffeine as well as caffeine’s manufactured beverage forms, coffee and tea, and the plant forms, Coffee and Cola. On the other hand, Y/Z contains chemical substances, whether they are substances of abuse or not, organized by their function (Y) and by their structure (Z).

Not all chemical forms of abused substances are in section B. If the substance needed is not found in section B, then refer to sections Y/Z and vice versa.

(Video Views Continues)

* Most respondents identify as Clearinghouse/Resource Ctr.

* Fifty-eight percent of respondents maintain collections of up to 200 tapes with collection sizes ranging from a low of 20 to a high of 1500 (!)

* Most organizations loan tapes to borrowers outside their agency and through the mail

* Most organizations do not loan out-of-state, charge fees for use of videos, or fine for overdue tapes

* Fifty-four percent of organizations have a circulation of up to 100 videos/per/month and an average staff size of 1.5

* Seventeen percent of organizations have a circulation of over 150 (with a high of 500) tapes/pert/month and an average staff size of 1.5

* Seventy-five percent maintain a manual circulation/booking system and accept reservations

* Fifty percent of organizations have budgets under $2000 and 50% have budgets between $2000-6000

What does all this amount to? For starters, it appears that most organizations still circulate and manage their AV collections manually. Those using automated systems have essentially developed their own program within a larger database management system such as Inmagic or Paradox.* A profile of the “average” SALIS video service consists of a collection of 250 tapes that circulate free and to borrowers within the state, has a dedicated staff of 1.5, an average circulation of 86 tapes/per/month, and has a budget of $2500.

What does this say about where we’re heading? Foremost, it seems clear that SALIS membership needs to address the issues of alcohol/drug video services in a more inclusive manner - we must have a more tangible network. Possibly AV services could join with the Information & Technology Special Interest Group. I would also propose that copies of SALIS News, or at least the Video ReView column, be sent to video producers/distributors so that we keep them aware of our needs. The strength of any membership organization is its "numbers", and we should constructively and consistently use this power to make an impact on the educational alcohol/drug video and AV management markets.

* For more information about the names of automated systems included in the VQ responses call me at 908-932-5528. Tressa Youngbear is also a good source for information about manual and automated AV systems. She welcomes calls and can be reached at the Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center, 500 1st Street, SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52401, 319-398-5133. You may also want to check out Doug Kranch’s review (“Media Management Systems Improve and Grow”, T.H. E. Journal, Vol. 18, No. 4, November 1990, pp. 4-10) and update review (“Media Management Software: Integrated Modules is a Key Trend”, T.H. E. Journal, Vol. 19, No. 4, November 1991, pp. 4-10) of media management systems. Although dated, they are nonetheless interesting articles. Recently it was pointed out that the Highsmith Company has a very affordable (under $200) AV management program called Auto Librarian. Call them at 1-800-558-2110, ext. 333 for a test version.
What’s New in Reference Sources?


This statistical source provides consumption and production, changes and trends for 49 countries. Formerly, Hoeveel Alcoholhoudende Dranken Worden er in de Wereld Gedrunken. Price: 25 pounds or approx. $40.00. Order from: NTC Publications Ltd, PO Box 69, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 1GB, UK.


Nearly 600 citations comprise this new bibliography on Jewish alcoholism and drug addiction. Brief descriptive annotations are provided for each reference covering both scholarly and popular press sources. Time frame is mainly 60’s - 80’s with some exceptions. Major topics under which citations are organized include (1) general studies of addiction within the Jewish community, (2) empirical studies, (3) theoretical essays, (4) comparisons to other religious groups, (5) comparisons to other cultural groups, (6) first person stories and case studies, (7) Jewish involvement in AA, (8) JACS, (9) rabbi’s role in recovery, (10) alcoholism in Israel, (11) minorities within the Jewish community, and (12) literary portrayals. Title & subject indexes are provided for cross reference.

See next issue for annotation on: 

Spanish Language Titles

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SALIS Directory Updates

Please note the following additions and/or changes to the Associations, Foundations, Societies, Councils, Self-Help Groups, Networks and Other Organizations Concerned About Substance Abuse section of the SALIS Directory 1991, pages 103 - 126 and/or to main entries.

Information listed in bold is new.

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