In Memoriam

Sonja Valverius, newly elected member-at-large of the SALIS Board and Head of the Library and Documentation Center of the Swedish Council for Information on Alcohol and other Drugs (CAN) died in February at the age of sixty-two.

After emigrating with her family to Sweden from Czechoslovakia in 1968, Sonja made a change in her profession from art historian to librarian. In 1975 she accepted the librarian position at CAN and faced a major challenge to organize a large collection of material, which until then had been mostly unattended.

The Swedish government authorized CAN to develop a database for information on alcohol and drugs in 1979. Under Sonja’s leadership the Documentation Center and Library became a most professional resource and one of the world’s major AOD libraries and information centers.

Sonja became a member of (SALIS) Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists in 1983 and was one of three international members who became active in the organization. She made presentations at two SALIS Conferences, one in Washington DC in 1982 to describe alcohol and drug information services in Sweden, and the other in Edmonton Canada in 1987 to participate in a panel on linking information services among nations. One of the founders of the (ELISAD) European Association of Libraries and Information Services on Alcohol and Other Drugs in 1989, Sonja first took on the role of editor for the groups Newsletter and later became the chair of this group. One of her concerted efforts was to organize the gray or fugitive literature in the European Community, and more recently to author a proposal, “To Establish a System for the International Exchange of Substance Abuse Information”.

Dedication and professionalism marked Sonja Valverius’ work, and the field is indebted to her commitment.

SALIS Conference 1994

This is a reminder that the 16th Annual SALIS Conference will held October 15-19 at the Best Western Inn of Chicago, 162 East Ontario, Chicago, IL 60611. The theme of the meeting is The Information Age: Meeting the Challenge. You should be receiving the call for papers within the next month. 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. Phone: (217) 525-3456 Ext. 104, FAX: (217) 789-4388.

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1994 RADAR Conference

The 1994 RADAR Conference, "Global Connections: the Colors of Prevention", will convene in San Juan, Puerto Rico from May 23-28. International RADAR sessions are the first three days, followed by U.S. Specialty, State and Associate member sessions the last three days. Contact: Susan Palmer, NCADI, (800) 729-6686/SPalmer (Prevline).

ICAA Information Section

A reminder that the Information Section of the International Council on alcohol and the Addictions is meeting June 6th and June 8th in Prague, Czechoslovakia. The following are the presentations which have been scheduled for these sessions:

- Bette Reimer, Sonja Valverius, Jill Austin. Proposal to Establish a System for the International Exchange of Substance Abuse Information.


- Isidore Silas Obot. Alcohol and Other Drug Information Dissemination in Nigeria: The Role of Crisa.

- Margy Chan, John Wong, and Mel Martin. Substance Abuse Network of Ontario (SANO): Linking Communities and Researchers in Addictions.


- Sindia Hwang. The Effects of Quick Facts on Information Dissemination.

If anyone would like information regarding the ICAA meeting, contact: Andrea Mitchell, Section Chair, Alcohol Research Group, 2000 Hearst Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709. (510) 642-5208. DRINKSA2@CMSA.BERKELEY.EDU

News From Canada

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Current Development in Tobacco Control

The recent cut in tobacco taxes in Canada, initiated by the new Liberal Federal government, has evoked an outcry from both public sector health groups and a concerned public. Federal tax cuts and subsequent provincial tax cuts, spearheaded by the province of Quebec, forcing other provinces to follow suit to prevent inter provincial smuggling, have cut the cost of a pack of cigarettes to almost half of what is was earlier in the year. Health lobbyists argue that the drop in price will be followed by an increase in consumption and are particularly concerned about the effect on teen smoking, now that a package of cigarettes is probably less than the cost of a meal at McDonalds.

A dramatic increase in tobacco taxes in 1991 resulted in the development of a well organized, highly lucrative smuggling operation. Canadian cigarettes were being exported to the US, smuggled back into Canada and sold on the black market at very affordable prices. In fact, within a short walk from the Addiction Research Foundation downtown Toronto location, one could readily find shops selling smuggled cigarettes. The operation had reached uncontrollable proportions causing costly enforcement efforts by the RCMP as well as lost tax revenues. As we all know, nothing happens in a vacuum; now that the drop in taxes has eliminated much of the black market tobacco trade, the fear is that the well organized smuggling operation, involving organized crime, will turn to other goods, such as alcohol, to pick up the slack. Also, another predictable repercussion has been the entry of the distillers demanding equal treatment - a drop in liquor taxes.

Meanwhile, it is ironic that the US is finally on the verge of increasing tobacco taxes to fund health care expenses and as a strategy to decrease consumption. The US has looked at the decrease in consumption in Canada over the past decade which corresponded with an increase in tobacco taxation. It’s too bad some agreement couldn’t be made to make prices equitable throughout North America.

In the midst of the tobacco tax crisis, prevention efforts in the form of tobacco control legislation, especially geared to decrease underage smoking, is underway. Under the recently passed federal Tobacco Sales to Young Persons

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Video ReView
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Teenagers account for a significant portion of the film- and video-viewing market. Their unique situation as students provide filmmakers with a captive audience. They are also highly visually literate and extremely receptive to the moving image. Yet this sophistication with imagery is no substitute for emotional and cognitive maturity. Underneath all their visual savvy, lurks an adolescent body very much in the throes of growing up. And while it may seem to teens that they’ve seen and heard it all when it comes to alcohol and drug abuse, and that no video ever really "tells it like it is" anyway, don’t underestimate the power of films and videos to leave long-lasting impressions.

It isn’t always easy to wade through the sea of videos available for young audiences. My own best measure is to use myself as a gauge since I clearly remember my own demanding adolescence. And while I seriously think this is the most sensitive approach, I also offer the following factors that I considered in selecting this column’s programs. Credibility is a key concern for young people who respond well to directness and can smell manipulation a mile away. Originality of film style respects young viewers’ visual tastes and their value as an audience. And in this world of slick media marketing, it is refreshing to get the facts without gimmicky, hard-sell methods. Being upfront with teenagers counts for a lot.

DEGRASSI TALKS...ALCOHOL and DEGRASSI TALKS...DRUGS (30 min. each; Direct Cinema; 1-800-525-0000) feature members of the cast of DEGRASSI HIGH - the model for, and in my opinion the only successful, teen TV drama - who travel across Canada interviewing young people about alcohol and drugs. The often flippan responses and cavalier attitudes of these young people towards alcohol and drug use may be disturbing to hear but then the reality of teenage abuse is not a pretty sight. And at the other end of the abuse/addiction problem, it is moving to hear teens who are quietly and with great dignity trying to piece their lives back together from the devastating effects of alcohol and drug problems.

FINAL CHOICES: THE BRAD SHIPMAN STORY (15 min.; State Farm Insurance; 309-766-2311; or contact your local State Farm office) is based on a real-life drinking and

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Periodical News

COPE European Information on Drugs Demand Reduction is a "bulletin" published by CEPS Centro de Estudios sobre Promocion de la Salud "in the framework of the Feasibility Study of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)." Eighty-four pages in length, with a beautiful glossy cover reproducing a Joan Miro painting, this document is a wealth of information for the librarian, information specialist, or documentalist concerned with the prevention issues surrounding ATOD. Sections include: (1) Annotations of major reports, conference proceedings, and other fugitive type materials with full addresses given for ordering; (2) Resource Centres of the European Community; (3) Abstracts of current research literature under topic areas: evaluation, policy, risk factors, and prevalence; and (4) Programs implemented in the European Community. This issue is dated October 1993. Contact CEPS Centre for Health Promotion Studies, Apartado de Correos 7113, E-28080 Madrid.

The Journal of Urban Addiction Vol. III, No. 1 Spring 1994 is the new name for a newsletter created by Cocaine Outreach & Recovery. Formerly the Northwest Prevention Quarterly, the new name is to be reflective of a national focus with goals aimed at addressing the epidemic of crack cocaine, research based issues to deal with the problem, and culturally competent approaches for prevention and treatment in ethnic/minority communities. Contact: Cocaine Outreach & Recovery, 1509 E. Madison, Suite 101, Seattle, WA 98122. Phone: (206) 323-5399.

Journal of Ministry in Addiction and Recovery is a new journal from Haworth Press under the editorship of Dr. Robert H. Albers, Professor of Pastoral Theology and Ministry at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN. This first issue has five articles which include "Moving from Codependence: A Spiritual Counseling Model for the Jewish Community", "Addiction and Dualistic Spirituality: Shared Visions of God, Self, and Creation," and Book Reviews. For a complimentary copy of charter issue, contact: Haworth Press, Sample Copy Dept., Box Comp., 10 Alice St., Binghamton, NY 13904-1580 or for CANADA: 450 Tapscott Road Unit I, Scarborough, Ontario M1B 5W1, CANADA.

ADDICTUM is a new journal from the Dutch Association of Addiction Treatment Centres. I do not have a copy, so I can only tell you to contact: NEVIV, Chr. Krammalaan 8, 3571 AX Utrecht, Netherlands.

Alkoholpolitisk Magazin (New from Denmark). Contact: AI-Information, Frederiksborggade 51, 1360 Copenhagen K., Denmark.
Q&A on the AOD Thesaurus
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This column addresses any questions that searchers, indexers, or catalogers may have regarding the use of and terminology in the AOD Thesaurus. All questions are welcome. We can be reached on PREVline at KMullen or SHelfert.

1.Q. There are a number of articles in our collection dealing with the concept of "willful misconduct" centering around the U.S. Supreme Court case of Traynor v. Turnage. This term is not in the Thesaurus; how do I index this concept?

A. Willful misconduct is a legal concept regarding behavior. It is when a person intentionally does something, as opposed to doing it negligently or unintentionally. To index this concept using the Thesaurus, assign the descriptor FS26.4 planned behavior. Combining this term with one from the legal area in section MP will reflect the legal aspect of this behavior. Because this was a decision determined by the Supreme Court, assigning the descriptor MP38.26.4 court ruling will reflect the legal aspect of the planned behavior.

Be sure that the other concepts surrounding this case have been captured by the indexing terms assigned. This will assist searchers trying to get at these documents from different viewpoints. In this legal case, the Supreme Court upheld an administration decision by the Veterans' Administration (VA) that excluded certain veterans from an extension of benefits under the G.I. Bill. Specifically, if the veteran-applicant’s diagnosis was designated as primary alcoholism, which is alcoholism not secondary to an underlying psychiatric condition, the VA deemed this person as engaging in “willful misconduct” and therefore ineligible for the extension. The descriptor GE4.6 primary vs. secondary alcohol use disorder should be assigned when indexing documents from this perspective.

Many articles surrounding this case discuss the Supreme Court’s decision as not supporting a disease concept of alcoholism; thus, these articles should be assigned AJ4.2 disease theory. Several articles also discuss the implications of the decision as to whether or not a person is responsible for his/her alcoholism. In these instances, AJ8.2 personal responsibility theory should be assigned.

2.Q. What is the difference between JF18.2 prevention through information dissemination, JF18.4 prevention through education, and NF8.2 AOD education?

A. JF18.2 prevention through information dissemination describes the prevention strategy that attempts to create knowledge and awareness about AOD use and abuse and its effects. Information dissemination is concerned with getting the message out, but not necessarily in a formal setting. For example, a document that discusses a community group that is distributing prevention brochures in shopping malls and fairs would be indexed with JF18.2 prevention through information dissemination. But JF18.4 prevention through education would be used to index a document about a prevention project in which counselors educate patients about the connection between AIDS and intravenous drug use.

JF18.4 prevention through education describes the general concept of using education as a means of prevention (and not only prevention of AOD but also prevention of AIDS, crime, and so on). On the other hand, NF8.2 AOD education describes when AOD concepts are being taught but the prevention of AOD use and problems is not necessarily the end goal. The terms JF18.4.4 parent AOD education, JF18.4.6 youth AOD education, and NF8.4 AOD education of health care personnel describe when AOD concepts are being taught to specific audiences.

New SALIS Board Member

Leigh Hallingby of Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) in New York City has agreed to fill the Member-at-Large board position vacated by the death of Sonja Valverius. Leigh was the nominee with the next number of votes in the last general election. Leigh’s address is CASA, 152 W. 57th Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10019, (212) 841-5255.

Spring 1994
New Books


Children’s Library Books about Living with an Alcoholic Parent

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Millions of children living in homes with alcoholic parents feel lonely, isolated, and confused. Clinicians can recommend the following books, available at most libraries, to help these children understand family relationships, not feel alone, and realize it is possible to take charge of their own lives and seek help.

*Sometimes My Mom Drinks Too Much* by K. Kenny and H. Krull (Raintree, 1980). A girl describes feelings of confusion, embarrassment and disappointment as she tries to cope with her mother’s alcoholism. For ages 5-10.

*Don’t Hurt Me, Mama* by Muriel Stanek (Albert Whitman, 1983). When her father deserts the family, the mother of a young girl, alone and unable to find a job, starts drinking, coming home late and hitting her. The girl tells a school nurse who finds help for her and her mother. For ages 5-8.

*Living with a Parent Who Drinks Too Much* by Judith S. Seixas (Greenwillow, 1979). Children of alcoholics do not have to feel blame, helpless, or hopeless. Written in a sympathetic but straightforward, easily understood manner for younger children, it offers coping strategies. For ages 9-12.

*Something’s Wrong in My House* by Katherine Leiner (Franklin Watts, 1988). Children ages 6 to 10 discuss the pain of growing up in an alcoholic family. Bibliography and places to go for help. For ages 9-12.

*Not My Family: Sharing the Truth about Alcoholism* by Maxine B. Rosenberg (Bradbury, 1988). Children and adults describe the impact of their parent’s alcoholism on their lives and how they dealt with feelings of isolation, fear, and shame. Includes a bibliography for both children and adults and sources of help. For ages 12 and up.


What’s New in Reference Sources
Jill Austin - National Clearinghouse on Substance Abuse
Andrea Mitchell - Alcohol Research Group
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BIBLIOGRAPHIES


Nearly 250 annotated citations document the expansion of research and information on this subject for the decade of the 80’s. Organized by topic areas including cultural issues, epidemiology, social and medical indicators, prevention and treatment, and further sub-divided by "Adults" and "Youth", with author and title indexes, this bibliography must be the largest, most up to date reference source of its kind. (I counted the number of Hispanic citations in the recent bibliography, Substance Abuse Among Ethnic Minorities in America to be 34). Available from Chicano Studies Library Publications Unit, 3404 Dwinelle Hall, University of California, Berkeley 94720. $25.00 and $2.00 shipping and handling. Phone: (510) 642-3859 or FAX: (510) 642-6456. (AM)

DICTIONARIES / VOCABULARY


The Dictionary of Street Alcohol and Drug Terms is designed to assist health and human service practitioners who need to communicate with clients and patients, and law enforcement officers and members of judicial agencies who need to understand the language of addicts, dealers, and others.

There are more than 750 terms in Spanish, derived from a variety of interviews with addicts in North and South America.

Section I: ALPHABETIC LISTING OF STREET TERMS.
This section provides over 5,000 terms arranged in alphabetical order, including multiple spellings and pronunciations. Not all terms are included in other sections.

Section II: TERMS ASSOCIATED WITH CATEGORIES OF DRUGS. This section lists categories of drugs and a wide variety of street terms used for each drug [Opiates, CNS Stimulants, CNS Depressants, Hallucinogens & Psychotomimetics, Inhalants, Combination Products, and Look-alike drugs]. Marijuana, for instance has more than 700 street terms associated. Due to their current association with street drug dealers and some characteristics which appear like addiction, Anabolic Steroids are included in this section as well.

Section III: TERMS ASSOCIATED WITH USES OF VARIOUS DRUGS. This section lists terms associated with different uses including quantity, frequency, pharmacology, side effects, toxicity, and natural collections of terms such as Skid Row terminolgy, law enforcement terminology, and 12-Step program terminology.

The book helps professionals assess the nature and scope of alcohol and other drug use (severity), and to know the degree of overlap of terms for various drugs. A portion of the after-expenses monies are donated to the Russell Fund for medical student education in alcohol and drug issues. The fund is named for a recovering colleague who prior to his death in 1985, assisted the editor in his work and to whom he is still indebted. Order from: Peter Johnson, 814 Kingsbridge Road, Columbia, SC 29210. $15.00. (NS)

DIRECTORIES

National Directory of Alcohol and Other Drugs Prevention and Treatment Programs Accessible to the Deaf

From the advertising flyer: "Provides current information related to the identification and location of culturally and linguistically accessible AOD programming for deaf consumers. The information contained in this directory consists of individual agency responses to a questionnaire disseminated during May 1993." Contact: BK Gaur, Substance and Alcohol Intervention Services for the Deaf, 115 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623-5608. (716) 475-4978 (voice or TDD). (AM)

STATISTICAL SOURCES

Canadian Profile: Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs. Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) and Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario. 1994.

Designed for use by researchers, programmers, law enforcement officers, policy makers and the media. Each chapter includes a set of statistical tables, highlights and overview. Bilingual (English/French). Price: $34.95 CDN. Order from: CCSA, 112 Kent St., Suite 480, Ottawa, ON Canada K1P 5P2. (JA)

See next issue for annotation on:
Government Documents / Fugitive Literature


Eighth Special Report to the U.S. Congress on Alcohol and Health from the Secretary of Health and Human Services. [Rockville, MD]: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, [1993].


Wechsler, Robin. Community Organizing for the Prevention of Problems Related to Alcohol and Other Drugs. [Sacramento, CA]: The Dept., [1993].

The following contributions are from Joe Partansky.


Passionately written "Call to Arms" written in cooperation with whistleblowers is Defrauding America: A Pattern of Related Scandals... by Rodney Stich (1994, 2nd edition, 654pp, $25, plus $2 postage). Order from Diablo Western Press, PO Box 5, Alamo, CA 94507 / (800) 247-7389.

Gain insights into the Clinton Administration’s "War on Drugs" policies:

a) National Drug Control Strategy: Reclaiming Our Communities from Drugs and Violence (Feb., 1994, 136pp, FREE);

b) 1993 Interim National Drug Control Strategy ([Sept., 1993], FREE);


General Accounting Office: FREE, (202) 512-6000:


driving fatality that netted college student Brad Shipman a 5-year sentence for manslaughter. News footage and interviews with friends and family provide a powerful commentary about the life consequences resulting from a moment’s decision to drive while under the influence. But the video’s real strength comes from images that flash on the screen so quickly that they appear almost subliminally. Scenes of prison are cut into the picture of Brad being taken away after sentencing that last only seconds but will stay in the audience’s eye long after viewing. The video’s cost will also appeal to buyers - it’s free!

NOT ME: INNOCENCE IN THE TIME OF AIDS (38 min.; Pyramid Film and Video; 1-800-421-2304) is a powerful program about HIV prevention. Six HIV+ young people use their own experiences to stimulate and provoke discussion among high school students about HIV and sex. The peer-to-peer format is purposely uninhibiting and successfully allows for a very candid and open dialogue about touchy topics - sex, disease, and dying. The filmmaker uses a variety of filmmaking techniques to give the piece a polished look and help offset the intensity of the subject. Yet the viewer is always kept mindful that anyone is at risk and it is a poignant moment when one young man discloses that he became infected from his first sexual experience.

SHOWDOWN ON TOBACCO ROAD (57 min.; ETR Associates; 1-800-321-44070) remains as one of the best pieces ever made about smoking. And despite the legislative changes that have occurred and date this work (although they can be used to provide an interesting historical context), the video’s core issue of one’s rights remains every bit the controversial issue today. The video works up steam by juxtaposing opposing views about smoking from smokers, nonsmokers, the tobacco industry, and the media, and provides a history of smoking in America using Hollywood film footage. It’s entertaining! It’s provocative! It exposes the idiosyncrasies of adults! What more could a teenager want?!

WORKING IT OUT AT MADISON HIGH (30 min. each; Bureau for At-Risk Youth; 1-800-999-6884) is an award-winning series that tackles contemporary concerns facing young people. Two videos in the series, BEST FRIENDS and THE BOY WONDER, deal with issues of addiction. BEST FRIENDS shows how one teen’s substance abuse problem threatens a close friendship and THE BOY WONDER deals with parental addiction. Neither tape offers a quick-fix solution and in fact resolution is not the goal. Instead, they look to support the ability of young people to make healthy choices despite someone else’s addiction.

Act, it is now illegal to sell tobacco products to anyone under the age of 18 and fines are prohibitive, especially to a small business. Also, cigarette vending machines are prohibited in public places. The federal government is also considering generic packaging of tobacco products, which, if passed, will be a first. Provinces are also stepping on the bandwagon. Both Nova Scotia and Ontario have legislation in the works even more stringent than the federal, banning tobacco sales to persons under the age of 19. Ontario Bill 119 also prohibits the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies and health care facilities.

It will be interesting to keep up with prevention efforts throughout North America over the next year to see what unfolds as all levels of government and health groups continue to take on the powerful tobacco industry.

Other News

Like most of you, we are in the midst of merging onto the Internet Information Highway - surfing sounds a little too exotic, wild and free for those of us in the North. One stop shopping it’s not; current expectations are so high, yet, I find, overrated with the exception of searching off site catalogues and email. I find the number of sources to be consulted for information requests ever expanding. On my wish list is a few hours each week of Internet play time. We were fortunately able to attract a library student for a project to surf the Internet for substance abuse information. After being involved in this project, I have really learned to appreciate PREVLINE - its ease of use, its focused nature and its preselected documents. The Internet access has been a time saver and the Internet user group most helpful.

The CCSA in Ottawa is in the midst of making available online a computerized information system which will consist of a bulletin board providing Canadian substance abuse information with a national perspective, email and access to the clearinghouse databases. To subscribe, contact the CCSA at 613-235-4048.

ARF is currently setting up a bulletin board system called SANO (Substance Abuse Network of Ontario) to link up the addiction community in Ontario; decisions are currently underway on the information and resources that will be made available electronically.

It is certainly a challenge to keep up with everything, but at least we are kept busy and on our toes!
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SALIS Dues Are Overdue

Those of you who have still not paid your SALIS dues for 1994 are in arrears. Since your name did not make the current listing of the SALIS members located above, we will do an addendum next issue. We know that times are tough for everyone, but SALIS needs your support more than ever! Membership dues are SALIS’s only form of revenue for 1994, and given our hopes of doing a new SALIS Directory, not to mention News and other SALIS projects and activities, your help is vital to our existence. Thank you for your support.

NET NEWS

Internet for Medical Librarians: A Syllabus

This 83 page publication prepared by information specialist Dudgee Chiang, covers medical resources on the Internet including electronic mail, telnet, gopher, FTP, listservs and news groups, and related online search tools. $12.00. Orders, accompanied by a check payable to the University of Southern California, should be sent to: Internet Syllabus, Reference Section, USC Norris Medical Library, 2003 Zonal Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90033. (213) 342-1483

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Deadline for next issue of SALIS News

NOTE: As of March 1994, SALIS no longer has copies of the 1991 SALIS Directory. We apologize to all new FULL Members who have not yet received a directory. A 1994/1995 Directory is currently in the planning stages and we will send you the revised edition when it is completed. If you have any questions, contact: Andrea Mitchell / Tim Nguyen at (510) 642-5208.