SALIS Conference 1995

Planning for the 1995 SALIS Conference is underway with the Boston local committee. The theme of the November 12-15 meeting is Toward 2000: Diverse Resources for Healthy Communities. If you have ideas, time to commit, comments, please contact conference chair Lynn Shipley at the Massachusetts Prevention Center at (617) 451-0049, FAX (617) 451-0062, E-mail: lshipley@prevline.health.org.

ICAA Congress - San Diego Call for Papers

This is to remind you that the Information / Dissemination Section of the ICAA, International Council on Alcohol and the Addictions will be convening sessions at the ICAA Congress in San Diego August 20-25. New deadline date for abstracts is April 6. Please contact Andrea Mitchell for program material and abstract forms. This is an opportunity to meet and discuss information dissemination / retrieval with international colleagues. The ICAA information section is generally made up of librarians, researchers, and administrators, who have a keen interest in information issues in general, and in the AOD information field specifically. Internet issues seem to be high on peoples agendas. Note: SALIS members receive a discount for registration.

Note from the Editor

This is the last issue of SALIS News for 1994 memberships and subscriptions. Make sure you renew now to ensure not being dropped from our list. We are hoping to premier two new columns in News in the next issue. One is “Highlights of Organizations” and the other is “FAQ’s in the ATOD Field.”

SALIS Membership 1995

By now, all of you reading this issue should have received your SALIS renewal letter and hopefully have sent us your membership application for 1995. A reminder that all 1995 names will be listed in the next issue of SALIS News so hurry and be sure to get your payment in by the due date, March 1.

All current SALIS members should have received an insert with the membership renewal mailing, giving you a bit more information on the Conference, and a handy reference with names, addresses, phone, and E-mail of SALIS Board Members. If you did not receive this mailing, please contact the SALIS Home Office at P.O. Box 9513, Berkeley, CA 94709. Phone (510) 642-5208 or E-mail: amitchell@prevline.health.org.

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SALIS Conference: Another Perspective
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Leigh Hallingby’s article in the Fall issue of SALIS News on her impressions as a first time attendee at the October 17-19 SALIS Conference in Chicago, seemed to say it all. I wondered what more I, also a first time attendee, could say other than to second Leigh’s comments. But, perhaps the perspective of one not in the substance abuse field might be of interest to some. Also, having been the recipient of SALIS’ scholarship to attend the 16th annual conference I did want to give a public thank you to the officers and membership for making it possible. I especially want to thank Tom Colthurst, Treasurer, and Mary O’Brien, Conference Chair, for the numerous communications required to make arrangements to attend.

One might ask why I, a medical librarian of twenty years at a large suburban community hospital in the Metropolitan Detroit area, was fraternizing with experts in the literature of the substance abuse and addictions field. I know I did. As I reviewed the list of registrants, I was impressed, even awed, at the international make-up of the fifty attendees and the scope of organizations represented. I had expected to find attendees from Canada, but not from American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, India, Australia, and the Netherlands! However, Mr. R.I. Mutope A-Alkebu-Lan from the Addiction Research Institute in Detroit, is in my own back yard.

Even though I continued to feel like a “fish out of water” for two and a half days, SALIS members welcomed me into the fold in many small ways -- from exchanges on the elevator and in the halls of the hotel, to inclusion in evening walks, to informal sharing of information during the many sessions. A special note of appreciation goes to June Picciano from the NIAAA Alcohol Research Library, who was especially cordial and informative, both during and after the conference. June’s helpfulness, poise, and professionalism does much to mitigate the stereotype one may have of a Federal agency.

If the success of a conference can be measured by the volume of literature carried away, the SALIS Conference was, by far, the most successful of the three I attended this fall. Seriously, though, I know that when I have sorted through and digested what I carried away, added to that absorbed from the informative conference sessions, I will feel that I’ve made some inroads into comprehending the

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Review of the Marin Institute Thesaurus
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Community Prevention Planning Demonstration Project

The Marin Institute for the Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drug Problems Resource Center has developed The Marin Institute Thesaurus, a comprehensive, specialized tool for organizing AOD prevention collections. The Resource Center has two major collections: first, the Industry Database, a unique collection of nearly 8,000 abstracts by and about the alcoholic beverage industry, and second, the Resource Center Online Catalog which contains about 3,000 items on prevention of alcohol, tobacco and other drug problems. In addition, the Resource Center’s vertical files of pamphlets, advertisements and ephemera are organized using a modified 10-page version of the Thesaurus. This modified version will be made available as a supplement to the Thesaurus.

The Thesaurus consists of simple words and phrases which can be combined using Boolean logic to search for answers to complex information queries. At present the Thesaurus contains over 1,000 terms. Headings are related to similar terms and distinguished from broader and narrower terms. In the likelihood that there might be confusion about the meaning of any term as it is used for this type of collection, a scope note is provided. Revisions to the Thesaurus will be made continuously and disseminated periodically on a cost-recovery basis either in the form of a printed list and/or on floppy diskette.

The Marin Institute Thesaurus is the only thesaurus developed for environmental prevention advocates. Noted thesaurus construction expert Jessica Milstetd assisted in the creation of this thesaurus and helped to ensure that it meets ANSI/NISO standard Z39.19-1993. The Thesaurus is interdisciplinary, drawing upon all areas of the social sciences; however, it is not biomedical in its orientation. Subjects are listed in the Thesaurus, proper names are not. For proper names, the Institute uses separate identifiers. These identifiers are less regulated and therefore, are not included in the Thesaurus. For the standard form of proper names, the Institute uses and recommends Anglo American Cataloging Rules II.

As a special librarian who has set up a library of alcohol-problem prevention materials, I find The Marin Institute Thesaurus a particularly valuable tool in organizing my collection. It provides a unique source for terms that

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News from Canada
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Addiction Research Foundation Library

This issue, I promised a feature about the Canada’s National Clearinghouse on Tobacco and Health. George Duimovich from the Clearinghouse kindly agreed to write this. The Clearinghouse has recently gone through an expansion, reflecting the priority of smoking and health on the health promotion agenda, and the recognition of the importance of information services in dealing with public health issues. Although remaining in the same building, it occupies a new, larger suite, has increased staff and now has a client service unit, a research unit and a projects unit. Note the address and phone number change below.

National Clearinghouse on Tobacco and Health
by George Duimovich
Technical Projects Manager

Canada has long been recognized as a leader in efforts to prevent smoking and reduce tobacco use, and Canadian researchers are well regarded for their work on the health consequences and prevalence of smoking. A wide variety of organizations are involved in activities supporting prevention, cessation or policy initiatives, however, only a few specialize in providing information and networking services. One such organization is the National Clearinghouse on Tobacco and Health (NCTH).

The NCTH is a documentation centre administered by the Canadian Council on Smoking and Health and is supported on a financial and collaborative basis by Health Canada, a number of provincial departments of health, as well as some non-governmental organizations. The centre began a major expansion last fall as part of Health Canada’s new Tobacco Demand Reduction Strategy (TDRS), a three-year initiative combining targeted activities related to research and public education, legislation and enforcement. Interestingly, the TDRS is actually funded by a health promotion surtax on tobacco manufacturing profits, similar to the state of California’s Proposition 99, a tobacco control initiative also funded from tobacco taxes.

In providing information and networking services relevant to tobacco use prevention and reduction programs, projects, resources, and advocacy initiatives, the Clearinghouse’s services are targeted to program planners, policy makers, resource developers, advocates, health educators and other health professionals working in the tobacco use prevention field. Their services include: information on all aspects of

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If you're an Internet "newbie" or a more experienced user wanting to brush up your Net knowledge, this ROADMAP may be for you. "ROADMAP for the Information Superhighway" is a free, on-line training course for the Internet developed by Patrick Douglas Crispin at the Univ. of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. Participants in the workshop join the ROADMAP Distribution Listserv [see Net News item in SALIS News 13(2) Summer 1993 for a description of listservs]. Daily lessons will be delivered to subscribers via their e-mail, covering Internet functions from Archie to World Wide Web, and all stops in-between.

Roadmap is a FREE Internet training workshop open to anyone who wishes to subscribe. The entire Roadmap workshop will take place on the ROADMAP list (ROADMAP is a distribution list, not a discussion list).

The Roadmap workshop sessions will cover: E-mail; Listservs, Majordomo, Listproc and other distribution systems; Usenet; FTP; Archie; Gopher; Veronica; Address Searches; WWW; and many other topics. As a number of ROADMAP subscribers only have e-mail access, the Roadmap workshop will also teach how to access many Internet tools (FTP, Archie, Gopher, etc.) using E-mail.

The fourth Roadmap for the Information Superhighway workshop will begin on February 9, 1995 and will end on March 17, 1995. Workshop participants will be e-mailed one lesson each week-day during this period.

To subscribe to Roadmap, send an e-mail letter addressed to LISTSERV@UA1VM.UA.EDU which says:

SUBSCRIBE ROADMAP Yourfirstname Yourlastname

Don't put *anything* else in the text of the message or the subject line, or your request won't be processed correctly.

For example, if you are software magnate Bill Gates, put

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in the body of your letter to LISTSERV@UA1VM.UA.EDU

In the previous three offerings of ROADMAP, more than 62,000 people from 77 countries participated. I haven't gone through the course before, but I plan to sign up for this session.

PREVLINE USERS: If your only access to e-mail and the Internet is via the PREVLINE host, you will not be able to take the ROADMAP course. PREVLINE does not permit its users to sign up for listservs.

Periodical News

Andrea Mitchell
Alcohol Research Group

The Moderation Reader has changed its name to Healthy Drinking beginning with the Jan/Feb 1995 issue, and has a much glossier cover. Focus is aimed at a more general audience to give information on "what's good and healthy about drinking". Premier issue has sections entitled, "Food and Beverages", "Health", "Political Comments", "Social Comments", "Bottled Water", "Coffee". 6 issues per year/$12.00. Editor Gene Ford, 4714 N.E. 50th St., Seattle, WA 98105-2908. Phone 206 525-0449

An English supplement to Nordisk Alkohol Tidskrift (Nordic Alcohol Studies) has just been issued. Although AlkoholTidskrift offers short English summaries for some of its articles, most of the Nordic literature has not been widely disseminated. Approximately half of the articles in this first supplement were previously published in the Scandinavian languages, the other half appear for the first time. According to the editorial, the priority will be on the social sciences with articles selected "to point out the unique cultural characteristics which offer the reader 'Nordic scents' of the phenomena studied." The English issue offers research reports, commentaries, book reviews and alcohol statistics. Editorial Office: Oy Alko Ab, P.O. Box 350, FIN-00100 Helsinki, Finland. Phone: +358 0 1332 578. E-Mail: nalcohol@nordnet.se.

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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 cauth, or on the Internet at kmullen@prevline.health.org or cauth@prevline.health.org.

1.Q. Our indexers have trouble deciding between the terms in JL treatment and patient care and the terms in HJ treatment method. Please explain the difference.

1.A. Section HJ treatment method contains the specific treatment methods whereas section JL treatment and patient care deals with the overall process of providing treatment for an individual. For example, if a document discusses several treatment methods for heroin dependence, then a term from HJ, such as HK2 AODD treatment method, would be used to index this document. Or if a document discusses a particular treatment method such as liver transplantation, drug therapy, or psychotherapy, then the appropriate term would be selected from HJ treatment method. On the other hand, a document dealing with key psychological factors in matching patients to treatments would be indexed with a term from JL such as JP8 patient-treatment matching. Also, a document dealing with the role of the nurse in patient care would be indexed with a term from JL. There will be cases when both the process and the specific method are discussed, and then terms from both sections will need to be assigned.

2.Q. How do you index or search for effective prevention programs?

2.A. An effective prevention program can be indexed as JD10 model prevention strategy or program. The term model prevention strategy or program can be used when discussing a prevention program that is used as a prototype for setting up other prevention programs. The particular program used as a model can be seen as a successful or effective prevention program.

CSAP and NIAAA are in the process of revising the AOD Thesaurus. "Effective prevention program" will be added as a term to the Thesaurus under JD10 model prevention strategy or program in the hierarchy. Until the revision is complete, continue to use JD10 model prevention strategy or program when indexing or searching for effective prevention programs.

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Scope of information that you in the field are identifying, organizing, and making available. The scholarship and the proximity of Chicago made it possible to attend the conference, which provided an opportunity to learn more about the field and SALIS.

My membership in SALIS began about five years ago when I, as Manager of our hospital’s Medical Library, was given the task of overseeing a sizeable donation to establish a collection of resources for the professional staff of our offsite outpatient addiction treatment center. Knowing very little about the literature in the substance field, I was most happy to discover SALIS and, realizing the benefit, promptly utilized some of the funds for membership. Now, that I can put a face to some names, it will be easier to call on someone for help when necessary.

What can I give back to the field and to SALIS? To the field of substance abuse, I see my contribution as a resource person for our clinical staff as they expand our organization’s treatment and prevention efforts into the community we serve. Perhaps there will even be a role as a community information resource as St. Joseph’s mercy Hospitals rolls out its program to “Create a Healthy Macomb County.” Regarding SALIS, I think more hospital librarians, most of whom probably have some sort of substance abuse program in their institution, would be interested in SALIS membership if they were aware of the group’s existence, and I will plan to distribute SALIS promotional materials at local, State, and regional meetings of medical library colleagues.

Important Date!

News From Australia

Eva Congreve
National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre

The National Task Force on Cannabis (Australia) commissioned a number of experts to review the cannabis literature. The five publications listed below are the results of this project. They are peer reviewed by national and international experts in this field, among them members of the WHO Working Party on Cannabis and Health. All are available free of charge (as long as stock lasts) from Brett O’Malley, Drugs of Dependence Branch, Commonwealth Department of Human Services & Health, GPO Box 9848, Canberra, 2601. Australia. Phone No.: 61-06- 2898180. Fax #: 61-6-2898456


Bishop of Books Alcoholism Library for Sale

Charles Bishop, Bishop of Books, has decided to sell his entire collection of books, and other materials concerned with alcoholism, prohibition, Alcoholics Anonymous, etc. The full prospectus of eleven pages gives detail of holdings, including books, magazines, journals, videos, newspapers, catalogs, prohibition pamphlets, music, illustrations, postcards, and ephemera.

A former antiquarian book dealer, Charles Bishop first began collecting material on alcoholism in 1976-77. If you have a serious interest and would like a copy of his prospectus, contact him at 46 Eureka Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003. (304) 242-2937. Please mention that you found out about the SALE from SALIS News.

New Monograph Series from ABMRF

The Alcoholic Beverage Medical Research Foundation has recently announced publication of the first in a series of new monographs on alcohol related topics. The first volume is titled Psychometric Modeling in Epidemiology with Emphasis on Longitudinal Analysis of Alcohol Use. Contact ABMRF, 2013 East Monument St., Baltimore, MD 21205. (410) 327-0361 FAX (410) 327-0597.

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relate to environmental prevention, which is the major focus of my library, as well as terms for general prevention, the social sciences, health, and business fields. Patrons in my library often search the catalog unassisted. The Thesaurus is organized in a straightforward manner that is easy for my patrons to understand. The scope notes, cross references, and detailed hierarchy make the Thesaurus easy to use for both trained information professionals and novice searchers.

For ordering information contact: Jacki Schaffer, The Marin Institute for the Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drug Problems, 24 Belvedere Street, San Rafael, CA 94901, (415) 456-5692.

Errata

In the last issue of SALIS News vol. 14, no. 3 page 3, 2nd citation in the Australian Publications, the piece should have read, "A Treatment Outline," not online. Also, the P.O. Box should have been 9848 for the first two citations.

Member News

Leigh Hallingby has left CASA to become the librarian at the Lindesmith Center Library, Open Society Institute, 888 7th Ave., 19th Fl., New York, NY 10016. (212) 887-0695 FAX (212) 489-8455. E-mail: lhallingby@sorosny.org. See next issue of News for highlights on this center.
Government Documents / Fugitive Literature


The following are titles from the series, Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP), by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). Copies can be obtained from the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) upon request at 1-800-SAY-NO-TO.


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New Books


Howard, George S. and Peter E. Nathan (eds.). *Alcohol Use and Misuse by Young Adults.* Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, c1994.


What's New in Reference Sources

Pamela Miles
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute


The DSM-IV Sourcebook documents the rationale and the research support for the criteria used in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV)*, especially any revision made from DSM-III-R. Volume I presents literature reviews of substance-related disorders and schizophrenia, sleep disorders, and delirium and dementia. The thirteen chapters in Section I (179 p.) cover various aspects of psychoactive substance dependence and withdrawal. Each chapter states the issues, presents the methods used in the literature review, discusses the results and makes recommendations for changes in the diagnostic criteria. Marc Schuckit gives an introduction to this section that summaries the important points in each review. References follow each chapter and there is an index.
teenage girl’s family and friends learn of her fate. Recommended for purchase: Yes. Comments:

* Stereotyped portrayal of police officers
* Geared towards a white, middle-to-upper class audience
* Not culturally diverse
* Poorly acted
* Good discussion film; thought-provoking
* Instead of fear tactics, need more DUI films that have youth advocating to other youth not to drive while impaired
* Negative views by the police and medical staff towards young people

LOOKING FORWARD TO TOMORROW: MEDICAL ASPECTS OF SENIORS AND SUBSTANCES, 28 min., FMS, 1-800-421-4609.

Dr. Max Schneider interrupts a group of interns who are commenting on the lack of incentives for working with older adults. As he flashes one of the young interns back to the past, Dr. Schneider shows him particular situations where awareness about seniors and substances could have made a difference in their lives. Scenarios include the issues of aging and metabolism of alcohol and drugs, and depression and elderly substance abuse. Recommended for purchase: Yes. Comments:

* Good awareness film for elders and their families
* Good to see Dr. Schneider acting, not lecturing
* Culturally diverse
* Too long
* Addresses a variety of topics in a practical and clear manner

RELAPSE, 30 min., Gary Whiteaker Corporation, 1-800-851-5406

RELAPSE features Dr. David Ohlms who defines relapse as “the return of a disease after its apparent cessation.” Ohlms explains how relapse begins when an addict loses conscious contact with the memory of the pain of their addiction. The warning signs of relapse include overconfidence, resentments, and cross drug-dependency. Recommended for purchase: Yes. Comments:

* Bias that AA or NA are the only ways to attain sobriety
* Culturally diverse
* Overemphasis on doctors having "all the answers"
* Good clinical information for a lay audience
* Slow paced; dry "talking heads" style
* One sided to Dr. Ohlms view of relapse; does not present differing views

* Not recommended for young people
* Need more stimulating visuals
* Present more current research
* Effective informal format

(News from Canada Continues...)

Although their work is directed to a national audience, the NCTH does network and provide information services to some international clients as well. For example, when U.S. Federal Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner David Kessler testified in front of a congressional subcommittee last March stating that cigarettes can be viewed as "high-technology nicotine delivery systems," his office's ongoing investigation of the tobacco industry has included NCTH information services, in particular access to the NCTH's "special collection" of court transcripts and exhibits from the tobacco industry's legal challenge to Canada's tobacco products advertising ban.

The NCTH also interacts internationally through GLOBALink, an international computer network of the International Union Against Cancer (UICC), which is designed to facilitate coordination between tobacco use prevention advocates and those active in cancer control and public health. The NCTH uses GLOBALink to help keep up to date with new documents, interesting news bulletins and for general reference. GLOBALink network members can use e-mail, conference, and bulletin board features to communicate with organizational representatives from around the world. [For more information on GLOBALink, please contact: Mr. Ruben Israel, Network Manager, International Union Against Cancer (UICC), GLOBALink/Union Internationale Contre le Cancer, 3, rue du Consil-G nral, 1205, Geneva, Switzerland, Tel: 41(22) 320-1811 & Fax: 41(22) 320-1810, Email: israel@atge.automail.com].

To reach the Client Services unit of the NCTH, contact: Client Services, National Clearinghouse on Tobacco and Health, 1000- 170 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario, K1S 4Y6 Tel: (613) 567-3050 or Fax: (613) 567-5695.
Deadline for next issue of SALIS News

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Happy New Year!

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