SALIS Conference 1995

The annual SALIS Conference will be held on November 12-15, 1995 at the Holiday Inn/Government Center in Boston. The conference planning group is hard at work on many tasks at hand. Though we haven’t made a firm choice yet, we expect to decide on our key note speaker by the end of May. Look for a call for Papers by June first. The theme, TOWARD 2000: DIVERSE RESOURCES FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES, is broad and we hope to see lots of great ideas! We encourage the memberships to call or fax us with any ideas or suggestions you may have to help us make this a successful event. Contact Lynn Shipley, Conference Chair, at (617) 451-0049 or FAX: (617) 451-0062. See you in Boston!

Scholarships for SALIS Conference: November 12-15, 1995 should be marked on your calendar by now, but for those of you who need assistance to get there, remember there are Scholarships available. RADAR network members are eligible for scholarships (ten available) from CSAP. Contact Susan Palmer for more information at Spalmer@prevline.health.org. SALIS also offers up to 5 scholarships to SALIS Members. For a copy of the SALIS Scholarship information contact Tim Nguyen, SALIS, P.O. Box 9513 Berkeley, CA 94709, FAX (510) 642-5208 or tnguyen@prevline.health.org. If you have any questions about the SALIS Scholarships after reading the information sheet, contact Tom Colthurst, SALIS Treasurer at Tcolthurst@prevline.health.org or (619) 458-4361.

AOD Thesaurus Survey

Please note the one page NIAAA/CSAP Thesaurus Survey in this issue of News. It is Very important that you take the 5-10 minutes break from your daily routine to give your input. Even if you do not use the AOD Thesaurus, we want to hear from you to know why. The questionnaire is pages 11-12. After you have filled it in, you can go back to reading all the rest and the best of News!

SALIS Seeks Chair-Elect

Effective May 1, Jim Markiewicz, SALIS Chair-elect for 1995, has resigned. Past-chair, Gail Weinberg, in accordance with SALIS By-Laws is organizing a nominations committee and requesting that nominations be sent to her for the new open position. Remember that persons running for office must be Full Members in good standing (i.e. dues have been paid for 1995). Nominations will be closed as of July 1, 1995. Following this, an election will take place some time via mail ballot. Contact Gail Weinberg at University of Minnesota, Drug Information Services, Box 611 Mayo, 420 Delaware St., S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455. (612) 624-6492 or FAX: (612) 625-4954. E-mail: weinb003@maroon.tc.umn.edu

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Frequently Asked Questions

Eris Weaver, MLIS
Marin Institute for the Prevention of Alcohol & Other Drug Problems (US)

My goal in this column is to address those questions -- you know the ones -- that come round and round again. Not the unique questions, the impossible questions, the questions that make my heart leap as I rise to the challenge of ferreting out an answer SOMEwhere, the questions that keep me awake at night pondering new strategies. Those are the questions that keep me in love with my profession. No, the questions I mean to discuss are the constant, repetitive, meat-and-potatoes questions; the questions for which I am often dissatisfied with the available answers.

While I WILL offer possible sources for given topics, I in no way intend to present myself as the expert; I hope to stimulate thought and discussion. If you have a question to suggest, or beg to differ with my answers, write me! I hope that my philosophizing, my tendency to focus on the PROCESS of finding and evaluating the answers, will prove more useful in the long run than a mere list of book titles. (I also hope it will prove more ENTERTAINING -- if I don’t make you laugh at least once each issue I will have failed).

The questions I have been pondering the most lately have had to do with statistics. I shudder every time someone walks up to my desk and says, "Can you answer a quick question for me? I just need a simple statistic..."

Statistics are never simple.

In an attempt to better cope with these types of questions, I attended a Medical Library Association CE course on health statistics sources. While I came away with a nice long list of reference books and suggested searching strategies, my basic impression regarding statistical data remained unchanged; Sir Josiah Stamp said it best:

"The Government are very keen on amassing statistics. They collect them, add them, raise them to the nth power, take the cube root and prepare wonderful diagrams. But you must never forget that every one of those figures comes in the first instance from the village watchman, who just puts down what he damn pleases."

This is especially so for many statistics regarding ATOD use; most are based on some type of self-reporting, often regarding behavior that is socially unacceptable or illegal -- how accurate can we expect these to be? How honest are

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News from Canada

Sheila LaCroix
Addiction Research Foundation Library

Drunk Defence - a Hot Issue

A ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada last Fall (Devault vs. the Queen) awarding a new trial to a 72 year old man who raped a partially paralyzed woman confined to a wheelchair, caused public outcry, particularly from women’s groups. The new trial will give Devault an opportunity to prove he was too drunk to know what he was doing while committing the crime. Prior to this decision, under case law, intoxication as defence was only permitted for charges of specific intent, such as murder, not general intent, such as assault and sexual assault. Although the Supreme Court decision stated use of this defence should be rare and that the state of intoxication must be so extreme as to cause a state of insanity or automatism, a state in which one acts in an automatic or reflexive way, a door was opened. The extreme intoxication defence has since been invoked successfully in at least three cases since the Supreme Court ruling.

As early as November 1994, Justice Minister Allan Rock began to seek expert opinion and look at ways to lessen the impact of the decision. One possibility was amending the Criminal Code to include a new offence of criminal intoxication. This was not recommended by the Addiction Research Foundation; at present this does not seem to be a favorable solution. Rock recently introduced new legislation which, if passed, will limit the use of drunk defence, not allowing it in cases of assault or sexual assault. The constitutionality of such legislation is being questioned by some.

The House of Commons Justice Committee is in the process of collecting and reviewing expert input on this issue. Dr. Harold Kalant, a well known alcohol researcher from the University of Toronto and a frequent visitor to the ARF library, will be presenting his views to the committee this June. According to Dr. Kalant, there is no such thing as alcoholic automatism. Even though, as a result of black-out, one may not be able to remember events, in the black-out state, unlike the state of automatism, one knows what one is doing and the consequences, although self control and judgement may be reduced. The Addiction Research Foundation has contributed opinion; in a submission to the Minister of Justice concerning automatism and voluntary intoxication it was stated there is no scientific evidence that intoxication causes automatism and that one should be held personally responsible for offenses committed while intoxicated.

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Video Views
Valerie Mead
Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies

Campaigning for guest writers to contribute to the video column seems to have become my personal quest. I even suspect that there are those SALIS members who won't utter the "v" word in my presence for fear I might lobby them to write a video review. But my unshakable belief in videos as an invaluable learning medium motivates me to persist. And if I'm labeled the broken record, I take gleeful refuge in the trust that repetition has its subliminal - or not so subliminal - payoffs!

Jennifer Swartz, from the Massachusetts Prevention Center of Greater Western Massachusetts, graciously agreed to be this issue's guest reviewer. I am familiar with Jane Gillooly's work and find it to be exquisitely impressionistic. Long after viewing "So Sad, So Sorry, So What", I am left with its haunting imagery. Thanks to Jennifer for her contribution to SALIS News and for her support of such a fine filmmaker.

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Someone once said that education starts in the wake of someone else's tragedy. I have always found that the best educational videos are not those that lecture on the topic or those where actors portray someone with a problem, but those videos that step inside someone's life and reveal the truth behind what it is like to live with illness, drug addiction, recovery, AIDS or the many other ills in our society. That is why when I first saw "So Sad, So Sorry, So What" by Jane Gillooly, I was deeply moved and went on a campaign to get this video shown among our library patrons. To my great surprise a good friend of mine happened to be good friends with Jane, and by chance I got to meet her at an informal gathering about a year ago. Thus, when Valerie asked me to be a guest writer for this column, I knew exactly who and what would be featured. I am happy to have the pleasure to share with you this informal interview with the woman who produced and directed the film, offer a review of the video, and discuss her latest project which just became available to the public.

Jane Gillooly was born in St. Louis and attended 3 years of college at Southern Illinois University prior to moving east to Boston where she finished her degree at Massachusetts School of Art. After college, she found herself doing a lot of work in the darkroom which entailed photo manipulation. This eventually led to what she calls "performance monologues," where images were projected behind her on stage while she told some true story that brought the images to life for the audience. "So Sad, So

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RADAR Steering Committee Meets

The RADAR Steering committee met May 4-6, 1995 in Little Rock Arkansas. Although SALIS did not have an official SALIS representative at the meeting due to the unfortunate resignation of Jim Markiewicz, SALIS was represented. Sharon Crockett, SALIS Chair, and members, Andrew Milwid and Percy Brown, were in attendance and did give voice to SALIS concerns. From Sharon Crockett, here are just a few highlights of the meeting:

- Center for Substance Abuse Prevention will offer RADAR Network members ten scholarships to attend the SALIS Conference in Boston, November 12-15, 1995.

- Andy Milwid of the Elks is offering to assist RADAR centers in their activities with materials and volunteers. Elks will be doing the printing of the SALIS Directory.

- Future of RADAR Network depends on members input. Steering Committee was subdivided during part of the meeting to come up with ideas and plans working towards the year 2000. A report of this effort will be available in November.

- Louisa Polland, CSAP, needs letters supporting the idea of a 1996 RADAR national conference.

- RADAR members have expressed difficulties in finding time for RADAR tasks. Given heavy work loads by employer organization, it is often hard to find time to attend RADAR responsibilities.

There were many other issues raised for discussion during the RADAR Steering Committee Meeting, and should you desire a more in-depth account, contact Sharon Crockett for a copy of her Memorandum to the Region IV RADAR Network Members. (See SALIS Membership List for her address, phone, and FAX).

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included in this issue of News. Please check that your name, address, phone/fax, e-mail are correct. If you are not listed and you know you've paid, please contact SALIS Home to let us know. Contact Tim Nguyen at (510) 642-5208 or Tnguyen@prevline.health.org. If you haven't yet paid - Now is the time. If we receive your dues before the next issue of News, your name will be included on the Membership List Addendum. If we don't receive your dues, this is your last issue.
Book Review
Geoffrey P. Hunt
Institute for Scientific Analysis


*Gender, Drink and Drugs* is a collection of anthropological articles, the purpose of which is twofold. First, the intention of each article is to examine the cultural context which provides meaning to gender differences in alcohol and drug usage. Second, by adopting such a cultural context perspective, the articles are intended to provide the reader with an understanding of how and why alcohol and drugs come to be perceived as problems.

In pursuing these two themes, Maryon McDonald has brought together a wide-ranging collection of essays which cover both a number of different issues as well as many different geographical regions. For example, the reader can find ethnographic material on the following topics: drinking and regional identity in northern France; women and overdosing in England; women and wine in ancient Rome; drunkeness in Peru; women, drugs and crime; gender and ethnicity in the Soviet Union; tchad-chewing in Ethiopia; kava and alcohol consumption in Fiji; whisky and women in Scotland; problem drinking in the Sudan; and gender differences and drinking in Japan.

All of the articles provide the reader with important insights on gender differences in alcohol and drug consumption, and consequently succeed in satisfying the first aim of the book. Unfortunately, they are less universally successful in achieving the second. This is especially disappointing because, as Mary Douglas noted in her book "Constructive Drunk", anthropologists have been unwilling to apply a cultural perspective to substance abuse issues. Instead, anthropologists have tended to concentrate on investigating the symbolic and cohesive elements of everyday substance use. Although this focus has been important in producing a necessary balance to the dominant pre-occupation with alcohol and drug problems, it is now important for anthropologists to apply their distinctively cultural perspective to the realm of substance abuse problems. If anthropology fails to shift its focus, the discipline will remain in its relatively peripheral position within the field of alcohol and drug research.

Nevertheless, although not all of the articles in this collection succeeded in elucidating the cultural construction of alcohol and drug problems, three of them did produce insightful accounts. First, Betsy Thom’s article comparing the concerns of the late 19th century about women’s

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Database News - Australia

Peter McCormack
Alcohol and Other Drugs Council (Australia)

The Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) library has taken its database on CD-Rom into four non-government agencies in Asia. With funding from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs, the chief librarian from ADCA along with a senior project officer were able to take a CD-Rom reader, and in two instances a complete PC, into a major alcohol and drug agency and provide a three day training session on the use of the CD specifically and the role of information generally.

The four agencies chosen were:
- International Federation of Non-Government Organisations (IFNGO) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;
- Alcohol and Drug Information Centre, Colombo, Sri Lanka;
- Hong Kong Council of Social Service, Hong Kong; and
- Philippine Council Against Drug and Substance Abuse, Manila, the Philippines.

The ADCA database is known as DRUG and consists of 21,000 citations on the social and psychological aspects of drug and alcohol use and covers the period from 1987. It has been available as an on-line database from the National Library of Australia for over three years. However, its recent availability on CD-Rom has presented exciting possibilities for its use in remote locations or where on-line services are not viable.

The CD is called HealthRom and is both a full text file and database file. The complete text of the NCADA (National Campaign Against Drug Abuse) monographs is on the disk, along with 300 other full text titles of Australian government health information. There is also the full text of 12 journal titles.

As well as the Drug Database, other citations indexes include the Australian Medical Index from the National Library of Australia; the Australian Sports Medicine and Science database from the Australian Institute of Sport; the Health and Society database from the Australian Institute of Family Studies; the New South Wales AIDS Library network database; and the Health Education and Promotion Service Database from the Federal Health Department.

HealthRom is a joint venture of ADCA, the peak non-government drug and alcohol body in Australia; the Federal Health Department; the National Library of Australia; the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare; and the National Health and Medical Research Council.

The CD costs only $Aus250 for single use or $Aus350 for corporate use for an annual subscription of four cumulations. Using Folio Bound Views software, the CD is available in windows for PCs and MACs and is also available for MS-Dos. Further information is available from Peter McCormack, the ADCA Chief Librarian at e-mail = acad@slim.sl.nsw.gov.au or phone +61 06 2811002 or fax +61 06 28110995.

Database News - U.S.

Virus Warning - (U.S.) National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information's (NCADI) "Prevention Materials Database" has a new release dated 2/2/95. Unfortunately, a previous distribution of the database may have been infected with a computer virus. According to a letter sent to persons who had been shipped the 3.5 version of the 1994 update (the possible infected version), "If you have not installed the 1994 disks or you have used only the 5.25 version, you need not be concerned. The virus detected is known as the Form-virus... and infects the boot sector of hard and floppy disks. The virus does not destroy data... The virus may be deleted and removed with the following anti-virus applications: CleanUp, Mdisk/iron McAffee Associate, and Norton Antivirus. We strongly recommend that you obtain one of these programs and check your computer to see if it has been infected."

If you suspect that you may have loaded one of these disks in your machine and need further assistance contact NCADI. In addition, please send the suspected disks to Colleen Auth, Manager Database Services @ NCADI, PO Box 2345, Rockville, MD 20847-2345. Attn: Virus Control Project.

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SALIS Directory Update

The SALIS Directory has been on hold due to unforeseen problems. We are anticipating that the questionnaire should reach you in June/July with planned publication date now changed to November 1995, in time for the SALIS Conference.

(News from Canada... Continues)

We all await anxiously to see how the issue of the drunk defence unfolds, hoping a lid will be put on the growing trend to use this defence in cases of sexual assault. At a time when the public is very concerned with violence and personal safety, the insensitivity to the rights of the victim apparent in the Supreme Court decision, has left the public feeling vulnerable.
Highlights of the AOD Thesaurus Advisory Committee Meeting

Kathleen Mullen  
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

The AOD Thesaurus Advisory Committee met February 27 in Washington, D.C. to discuss proposed changes to the First Edition of the AOD Thesaurus and to set a date for publication of the second edition.

Highlights of the meeting are listed below:

- The psychosocial and prevention sections have been greatly expanded.

- Numerous scope notes have been added throughout the Thesaurus.

- New terms and changed terms in the second edition will have some kind of notation to alert users to the addition/change (this is common thesaurus maintenance practice). This notation will take the form of either a printed date or text in a scope note. All terms from the first edition that remain unchanged will have no date. Lists of new and deleted terms will appear in the front matter of the second edition.

- The Committee, NIAAA, and CSAP set a target date of mid-August for the final printed version of the second edition in time for distribution and promotion at the International Congress on Alcohol and Drug Dependence (ICAA) meeting in San Diego, August 20.

- The Committee members discussed their preference for a two-volume (the alphabetical index in one binder and the hierarchical listing in another) over the current single-volume thesaurus. The members felt that separate volumes will facilitate moving between the hierarchy and the alphabetical index. The final decision for the final format for the second edition will be based on cost.

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drinking with similar contemporary concerns, highlights the importance of examining cultural notions regarding the social status of women. Second, Malcolm Young provides valuable insider insights into the male dominated world of the police and the way in which female drug users become structurally and symbolically invisible. Finally, Christina Toren produces a fascinating discussion of the linkages between gender differences, status and equality, in comparing notions of acceptable Kava use and unacceptable alcohol use in Fiji.

My overall assessment of the book, in spite of my concerns with the relative unevenness of the articles, is that this collection is a valuable addition to our understanding of gender differences in drug and alcohol consumption and will hopefully provide a fruitful resource to these researchers who wish to examine the cultural construction of alcohol and drug problems.
Net News
Andrea Mitchell
Alcohol Research Group

SALIS will be offering Net trainings at the upcoming ICAC International Congress on Alcohol and the Addictions, San Diego, CA, August 20-23, hosted by the UCSD Alcohol Program team. Two 1.5 hour sessions will be offered to include a Beginning Session covering the basic functions, how to get started, and a glimpse at some of the application possibilities; and an Intermediate Session for those already familiar with the basics and wanting more in depth coverage of AOD resources on the Net. Contact Andrea Mitchell or Tim Nguyen at (510) 642-5208, Fax (510) 642-7175; E-mail: Drinks2@cmssa.berkeley.edu or Nancy Sutherland at (206) 543-0937, Fax (206) 543-5473, E-mail: adalibui@u.washington.edu. Note: Andrea Mitchell will be on vacation June 1-22.

CCSA - on the Web! - Sheila LaCroix (ARF)

Those of you with Internet access will be interested to know that the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse is now a World Wide Web site: http://www.ccsa.ca. Not only does this site provide a lot of useful information about CCSA activities, products and services as well as news and general interest information, it also offers an impressive gateway to other substance abuse related sources on the internet.

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Stan Edwards
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Complete reference database for thousands of AOD/MH books, audio and video tapes, computer software, brochures/pamphlets, and more. Information includes title, producer, date produced, intended audience, subjects covered, supporting material, awards, etc. Everything you would find in a distributors catalog. Also, includes complete descriptions and review ratings on each products overall effectiveness. In addition, each distributor that carries the same resource product is listed to allow for price comparisons. Search for resource products by price, title, year produced, intended audience, virtually anything. Locate resources you can't find or find resource products quicker and easier. Perfect for libraries, treatment centers, drug free schools, and any group or program that uses, refers, or purchases resources to support their AOD/MH, treatment, and prevention program.

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Sorry, So What" grew out of this type of performance art. This video, which is a series of stills with an attached soundtrack, was originally a slide show designed for the theater. When I asked Jane how she decides on her topics she stated, "My work has always been based on true stories. So way back they were always true stories, either something that happened to me or something that someone told me about." Thus, each of the projects Jane takes on have a strong human element to them because she is capturing someone's life in her work. The faces, circumstances and surroundings are people, places and things that Jane knows outside of her role as producer and director. It is this element which brings "So Sad, So Sorry, So What" alive for the viewer.

The imagery and soundtrack come together to provide the viewer with a touching and realistic view of life in prison for a young mother who is a recovering addict recently infected with HIV. We candidly are taken inside this woman's thoughts, hopes, dreams and regrets in a way that makes the video a lasting memory for those who watch it. The one drawback of this film is that to use it as an educational tool, the target population should be incarcerated females, the film might be considered ineffective as an educational tool for other populations. However, I still highly recommend this video for personal viewing even if you cannot incorporate it into your educational materials. The video is available from Fanlight Productions for $99.00 and is 27 minutes long. You can reach Fanlight Productions at 800-937-4113.

Apology

To all of you who had to re-send your membership dues, please accept our sincere apology. It was one of those "Comedy of Errors". SALIS's P.O. Box payment was due April 1, just as were SALIS dues. SALIS did its part and paid its P.O. Box dues to the Postmaster, sent via "snail mail" or (PC term today) "hard mail" in plenty of time to meet deadline. Somewhere around mid-April, SALIS home began to receive distress calls and e-mails re: SALIS dues payments being returned to their owners due to P.O. Box being "closed". It wasn't until late April that Tom Colthurst, Treasurer, received his returned envelop addressed to SALIS Home with the words "Lost in Mail" stamped on the outside. We still haven't figured it out. But again, apologies from all of us. And if you have not done so, please send in your dues. The P.O. Box is open and waiting.

New Books


What's New in Reference Sources

Jill Austin - Canada; Andrea Mitchell - United States

Canadian Profile: Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs 1995, Canadian Centre on Substance & Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario. Order from CCSA, 75 Albert St., Ste. 300, Ottawa, ON K1P 5E7. $34.95 CDN + S&H.

Updated annually; contains information on the nature, extent and consequences of substance abuse in Canada. Easy-to-read statistical tables are accompanied by interpretive analysis. This is a collaborative project of the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse and the Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario.

Highlights: (1) Alcohol consumption is declining, but drunk driving remains a leading cause of death among young Canadians. (2) The value of total sales of alcohol in Canada was $10 billion in 1990-91, generating $3 billion in tax revenue. (3) Tobacco sales dropped 37% from 1981-91, but smoking still kills over 35,000 Canadians annually. (4) Over 1 million Canadians (5% of the population) smoke marijuana or hashish. (5) Over 56,000 illicit drug offences were committed in 1991.


An excellent reference source to key US ATOD data sets. Organized by the various surveys and data collection efforts, each entry comprises a page in length, and includes sponsor, purpose, indicators, questions, survey sample design, years collected, and geographic estimates possible. For ATOD research libraries, this is a must have. Good general reference for all others. Note: All SALIS Members should have received this document approximately one month ago, as SALIS Home was contacted by RWJ to send SALIS mailing labels. If you need a copy contact: RWJ Communications Office, PO Box 2316, Princeton, NJ, 08543-2316. Internet: publications@rwj.org


NDATUS is the largest treatment data set in the U.S., covering both public and private treatment agencies. This current report gives us the 1992 snapshot (this is a point prevalence survey) of what was happening in treatment centers all over the country on one day in September 1992. Includes data on staffing, clients, funding source, etc. (AM)

Treatment: Canadian Directory of Substance Abuse Services, 1994. Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse, 75 Albert St., Suite 300, Ottawa, ON K1P 5E7. (Non-profit) $89.95, (For-profit) $129.95 CDN + S&H.

Over 700 pages, with entries on more than 1,000 agencies and their services. Entries include:

Program descriptions (residential, outpatient, detox, walk-in and crisis) and their duration. Treatment models used. Number of beds, and number of clients served. Languages spoken (from French and English to Cree, Norwegian and Urdu.) Indexed by program name, geographically (by community), by language, treatment type and special populations (i.e., aboriginal groups, children, seniors, women).

Periodical News

Alcohol Industry Database Report. Vol. 1 No. 1, Spring 1995 is a new current awareness/abstracting source produced by the Marin Institute for the Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drug Problems. This first issue contains approximately seventy 100-300 word abstracts of articles culled from alcohol beverage industry marketing and advocacy publications, as well as the business sections of newspapers. The topics/issues included here: Advertising expenditures, Alcohol beverage industry disagreements with certain government, cultural, trade, and religious groups, Marketing alcohol in developing countries, Marketing alcohol on the Internet, Major brewers’ attempts to replicate microbrewery-style beer, and Alcohol beverage trade association campaigns on alcohol policies. Subscriptions are $32.00 for 4 issues/yr. Send check payable to “The Marin Institute, RC Reports”, to Jackie Schafer, The Marin Institute, 24 Belvedere, San Rafael, CA 94901.

Charlie Bishop of AA Bibliography fame, is now editing a new newsletter entitled, The No Name News & Networker. Vol. 1 No. 1 arrived in March with twenty pages covering topics & material related to AA and other recovery/treatment matters and their history. Contents include news on new and forthcoming books, works in-progress, recommendations on sources, “Doing History” by Ernie Kurtz, and much more. According to the editor, “this non profit newsletter is a forum for networking alcoholism professionals & organizations, AA archivists, authors, historians and others”. The humor is “through-out”. Send for a sample issue from: Charles Bishop, Editor, 46 Eureka Ave., Wheeling WV 26003. (304)242-2937.
most respondents? Last week, my dinner interrupted by a caller conducting a marketing survey, I made up outrageous answers just to amuse myself. How many respondents to the National Household Survey might do just the same?

Consumption rates, drinking patterns, and the cost of alcohol abuse to society are the statistical questions I am asked most often. Usually, the requestor wants just a quick number to plug into an article, speech, or grant proposal that they are writing. They don’t necessarily want to hear my waxing eloquent about the validity of the numbers, nor do they want me to hand them several to choose from. In these situations, I tend to rely on the weighty government reports:

Eighth Special Report to the U.S. Congress on Alcohol and Health from the Secretary of the Health and Human Services (National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 1993);

National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (National Institute on Drug Abuse, Division of Epidemiology and Prevention Research; annual);

Drug Abuse and Drug Abuse Research: the Third Triennial Report to Congress from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (National Institute on Drug Abuse, 1991);

Data from the Drug Abuse Warning Network (National Institute on Drug Abuse, annual); and


(Apologies to non-U.S. readers for my chauvinism here.) Certainly one can debate the trustworthiness of government in general, but for statistical questions folks generally accept their reports as authoritative.

For questions regarding the cost of ATOD use to society, Dorothy P. Rice’s works are highly regarded:


The Economic Costs of Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Mental Illness: 1985 (Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration, 1990)

Patrons often request statistics to support their already entrenched opinions, or their already decided-upon prevention strategies. ("We’re looking at switching from a license state to a control state; I need data that proves that this will cut down on drunk driving.") This raises an ethical dilemma; as a librarian, I am trained to look at ALL information, on ALL sides of a question. What should I do if, as in this case, I find one study that supports their hypothesis, but three that refute it? Do I give them only the one that meets their stated need, or give them ALL the studies? Do I offer suggestions on how to evaluate the information? These issues come up the most for me when the question regards the effectiveness of an intervention. Outcomes in this field are difficult to quantify, and causality almost impossible to prove.

Like it or not, folks look upon librarians as authorities; they assume that the books in our collections are right and true, or we wouldn’t have put them there. I personally take this responsibility seriously, and try to use my position to educate. This is especially true in regards to statistics. Our mass media tend to throw them around blithely, and the general public does not know how to evaluate them. I highly recommend that all of us maintain in our collections -- and READ -- at least one work on understanding and evaluating statistical studies. Two that I particularly like are Interpreting the Medical Literature by Stephen H. Gehlbach (McGraw-Hill, 1992) and Studying a Study and Testing a Test by Richard K. Riegelman (Little, Brown & Co., 1989). While they focus on medical literature, the underlying principles are relevant to social science research as well. This type of work is more helpful, I think, than books strictly on statistics — those tend to focus so much on the math that they make your eyes cross. Studying a Study is my particular favorite, because it gives you little examples to try and score yourself on.

I hope this lengthy soliloquy has proved useful, thought-provoking, and/or entertaining. Next issue, I plan to tackle information sources and issues regarding the great legalization/decriminalization debate.

Free NIDA Monographs

NIDA has agreed to send one copy of each NIDA publication to all FULL SALIS Members on a regular automatic basis.

The NIDA Monographs you receive should begin with number 147. For earlier publications which you have not received, NCADI is sending a list of all available publications (including some reprints) for your perusal and orders.
SALIS Survey of AOD Thesaurus Use

SALIS has long supported the development of the Alcohol and Other Drug Thesaurus. Now that it has been published and widely distributed to substance abuse libraries and information centers, we are asking members to comment on their use (or non-use) of the Thesaurus as a way of guiding its further development. With your comments, we hope that the Thesaurus can be improved to better your needs. Use extra pages if needed.

1. Please describe how often you have used the AOD Thesaurus in any way in the last year.
   [ ] Not at all  [ ] A few times (1-5 times)  [ ] More than a few times (6-10 times)  [ ] Frequently (more than 10 times)

2. Describe ways in which you have used the AOD Thesaurus in your work. Examples might be: To find terms for searching ETOH or another database; indexing/cataloguing a collection of AOD literature; choosing keywords for a manuscript. Please list all uses you can think of.

3. If you are not using the AOD Thesaurus, why not? What difficulties have you found in adapting it for your use? Please cite examples.

4. What support features would make you more likely to use the Thesaurus?
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   [ ] Alphabetical list of terms  [ ] Training; how many hours?
   [ ] Telephone consultation  [ ] Other: please describe.

5. Do you have comments about the AOD Thesaurus? Please be candid.

Thank you for your time in completing this survey. You can tear & fold this page and return this survey by June 23, 1995. Send to: Attn: Thesaurus Survey, SALIS, P.O. Box 9513, Berkeley, CA 94709-0513.

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