1996 SALIS Conference
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The theme of this year's conference is "The Social and Political Aspects of Information." This will encompass many issues that those of us working in the information field must contend with on a daily basis. This will include issues such as censorship, understanding and respecting cultural and gender differences, improving international information exchange, understanding media and marketing campaigns, and presenting balanced information on controversial topics. It is an opportunity to learn about the newest tools and resources in our field, and to hear ideas that may challenge our personal views.

This year's conference is being held in beautiful British Columbia, Canada. Located at the Waterfront Centre Hotel in downtown Vancouver, attendees will have ready access to shopping, museums, parks, and the spectacular new Vancouver Public Library. Vancouver is a highly diverse city that is both beautiful and fascinating. For more information about visiting British Columbia and Vancouver, try starting with the Web page for our conference hotel, located at http://www.cphotels.ca/wfcindex.htm.

More information will be sent with the registration materials that will be mailed in mid-August. If you have questions, you can contact me at jaustin@ccsa.ca or at (613) 235-4048 ext 232. I hope to see you there!

SALIS Listserv
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SALIS now has its own listserv discussion group on the Internet, called SALIS-L. The purpose of SALIS-L is to provide a medium for rapid exchange of professional information and assistance among SALIS members. Messages

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News From Australia

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I thought I would bring the following publication series to the attention of our SALIS colleagues. We only stumbled onto them by accident so I suspect that others may not have received notification of their publication. Produced by our federal National Drug Strategy, their series title is National Drug Strategy: Research Report Series and the seven titles are:

1. Out of Harms Reach: An evaluation of the effectiveness of different levels of treatment at Odyssey House. By John Winston Tournourou, Margaret Hamilton, Barry Fallon, John Scott and Wayne Skalls. 97 pages. (Details research undertaken from 1990 through to 1993 which aimed to describe the characteristics of clients seeking treatment in the Odyssey program; to describe what sort of treatment - particularly how much treatment - these clients received; and to determine whether the treatment provided contributed to reduced drug use and associated behaviors among these people.

2. Development of Anabolic Steroids (and other Anabolic Substances) Use Indicators in Australia. By Stephen Mugford. 106 pages. (This report outlines methods for studying the illicit use of anabolic steroids in relation to bodybuilding and other activities that relate to a largely masculine gymnasia culture and in high schools. It includes a developed interview schedule which may be used in face-to-face interviews designed to map the culture around gymasia, including questions that would indicate change over time. It also includes a fully developed self-completion questionnaire for use in schools surveys with students aged 15 - 17 years.

3. The Impact of Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs on Admissions to Intensive Care and Coronary Care Units. By Anna Lee, Ken Hillman, Kathy Daffurn and Ian Webster. 16 pages. (The aim of this study was to demonstrate the proportion of admissions and bed days attributed to substance abuse in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and a Coronary Care Unit (CCU). Data from 300 consecutive admissions to either unit were collected prospectively.)

4. An Evaluation of Private Methadone Clinics. By James Bell, Jeff Ward, Richard Mattick, Anna Hay, Jennifer Chan and Wayne Hall. 116 pages. (The aim of this study was to provide a comprehensive description of the patients, the nature of treatment, and their effectiveness in reducing drug use and drug dependence in three private methadone clinics. 304 patients were recruited, and were interviewed three times over twelve months. A parallel study, using the same core data collection instruments, studied 358 patients in public methadone clinics to provide comparisons between the two sectors.

5. Prisons, Drugs and Women: Voices from below. A report on the Drug Use of Women in Victorian Prisons. By Barbara Denton. 82 pages. (The aim of the project were to explore the prevalence of substance disorders among women in prison, the factors which contribute to drug use and to identify the interventions need to provide adequate health care services for drug users in prison. This project began in 1991, and the final interviews and data collection were completed in 1993.

6. Controlled Evaluation of a General Practice - Based Brief Intervention for Excessive Alcohol Consumption: The Alcohol Screen Project. By Robyn Richmond, Nick Heather, Alex Wodak, Linda Kehoe and Ian Webster. 67 pages. (In a controlled evaluation of general practitioner-based intervention for excessive drinking, 378 excessive drinkers identified opportunistically by screening in 40 group practices in metropolitan Sydney were assigned to one of four groups: (i) a group given a five-session intervention by the GP (the Alcohol-screen Program); (ii) a group given a single-session of five minutes advice by the GP and a self-help manual to take away (minimal intervention); (iii) a group given a thorough assessment of alcohol consumption and related problems but no intervention; (iv) a group identified by screening but given neither intervention nor assessment.

7. Characteristics and Treatment Needs of Women with Alcohol and Other Drug Problems: Results from an Australian National Survey. By Wendy Swift, Jan Copelnd and Wayne Hall. 296 pages. (This project arose out of earlier work conducted at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre by Jan Copeland which involved an evaluation of a specialist women's treatment service. The method involved a four stage process: a review of the literature on women's substance use and treatment needs; discussions with female treatment clients; interviews with treatment personnel; and the convening of a reference committee to oversee the development of these phases. This report presents the results of this research, and outlines recommendations for the treatment of women with alcohol and other drug problems.

SALIS members who are interested in keeping up with developments in Australian alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues may like to subscribe to the ADCA listserver. The 300 subscribers get (i) a daily notification of one significant news item; (ii) a weekly commentary from our Chief Executive Officer outlining significant developments in policy and government initiatives; (iii) a monthly summary of Australian news media; (iv) a copy of the ADCA monthly newsletter on line. Subscribers too, frequently post items of general interest. To subscribe, send an e-mail to : majordomo@sydney3.worldnet. The message should contain nothing in the subject field, and the text of the message should end "subscribe update" - (with " deleted).

For those of you keeping up with the heroin trial proposed for the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), you may be interested to know that the Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy meeting (Continued on page 9)
News from Canada

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To start my first column, I'd like to thank Sheila LaCroix for her interesting and cheerful coverage of Canadian news in the past few years, and to wish her well as incoming SALIS Chair.

Our national and provincial addiction agencies are involved in many interesting policy and program projects. A few of them are highlighted here. Ordering information for cited reports can be found in the Government Documents and Fugitive Literature column.

After much research on developing reliable cost estimation guidelines, the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) just released a major study of the health, social and economic costs associated with the use of alcohol, tobacco and illicit drugs in Canada. "The Costs of Substance Abuse in Canada" provides detailed breakdowns for direct and indirect costs totaling $18.45 billion in 1992, or 2.7% of our GDP. Highlights of this study as well as "The International Guidelines for Estimating the Economic Costs of Substance Abuse" by Eric Single are available on their web site: http://www.ccsa.ca.

Effective July 1st, large Canadian trucking firms which cross the U.S. border must comply with U.S. Dept. of Transportation regulations regarding substance use, including drug testing, with fines up to $10,000 for infractions. In July 1997, smaller trucking firms will also need to comply. For more details, check the CCSA web site maintained by Gary Roberts. (http://www.ccsa.ca, then select "Current Information on Substance Abuse Issues", and then select "WISE: Worknet Information Services and Expertise").

The British Columbia Ministry of Health recently released a three year evaluation of their School Based Prevention Project. Conducted by the Institute of Health Promotion Research at the University of B.C., the report assesses the project impact on the reduction of students' substance misuse and in promoting the active involvement of parents, teachers and administrators. In their 1995 school survey, 47% of all grade 12 students surveyed were considered to be high risk for substance misuse; 36.9% of them said they used cannabis six or more times in the last year. High risk cannabis users started using it most heavily between grades eight and nine; had parents with permissive attitudes; siblings who also used it, and had difficulty with coursework.

An AADAC survey on "Adolescent Gambling and Problem Gambling in Alberta": found that 8% of 12-17 year old Albertans had serious gambling problems, and another 15% were at risk for developing a problem. Problem gamblers used alcohol, tobacco and marijuana at the same levels as...

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Video Views

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The drug and alcohol video market seems to be in a depressed state lately. The commercial video market appears sluggish and any incentive for increased production is offset by the pronounced decreases, in some cases complete annihilation, of alcohol/drug organizations' budgets and staffs. Reduced budgets almost always hit video materials harder than print collections. One of the best buys for the money these days is the selection of videos available from the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information.

An additional blow to alcohol/drug video collections is the loss of the VIDEO RATING GUIDE FOR LIBRARIES, another casualty affected by the American downsizing trend. Randy Pitman's VIDEO LIBRARIAN (subscription information available by calling 800-692-2270) is an excellent overall video reviewing source and includes some reviews of substance abuse videos. Unfortunately pickings are slim, in some issues non-existent, and VIDEO LIBRARIAN does not include a separate category for alcohol, drug, or HIV/AIDS videos.

This column is a collaborative effort between Gary Bell, Senior Library Assistant at the Addiction Research Foundation, and myself. Gary writes about three videos on smoking and advertising. I review a new video on marijuana put out by CNS, a company that produces print and non-print materials in collaboration with the Haight-Ashbury Clinics.

The videos reviewed by the Addiction Research Foundation, all discuss the purpose and impact of advertising on smoking habits and health. SMOKE SCREEN (1993; 20 min; MIT, Simon-Schuster Group, Chicago, IL) is a lively presentation by Dave Goerlitz, a former "Winston Man" actor who argues that children are the targets of many tobacco advertisements. He asserts that the ads are deliberate deceptions in that smoking will not "...make you successful, it will make you sick." Goerlitz illustrates his talk with anecdotes from his experiences in advertising including his reasons for speaking out against tobacco promotion.

In SELLING LIES: KIDS, ADS, AND SMOKING (1994; 16 min; Intermidia Inc., Seattle, WA), Dr. Alan Blum highlights for a high school audience the ways in which advertisers manipulate young people through the use of sports sponsorship, cartoon characters, and free merchandise. Dr. Blum shows that advertising does not tell the whole story and given the nature of health consequences, it is like "selling lies." Dave Goerlitz appears again in this program arguing that...

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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. Kathleen can be reached at kmullen@his.com or (202) 842-7600.

1. Q. Clarify the difference between JH4 preventive medicine and JQ4 preventive health care.

A. JH4 preventive medicine is closely related to JQ4 preventive health care. JH4 preventive medicine, which is under JH health related prevention, is used to index documents on all aspects of preventive medicine. Preventive medicine is the branch of medicine concerned with the prevention of disease and with the promotion of physical and mental health through the study of etiology and epidemiology of disease processes. It also is concerned with methods for increasing the power of the patient and community to resist disease and prolong life. JQ4 preventive health care, which is under the JQ health care, is used to index documents on prevention as an aspect in patient management and health care organization. It includes programs such as employee health promotion programs, screening by general practitioners for AOD abuse, etc. Preventive health care is stressed by many health maintenance organizations. It can be combined with descriptors from JP treatment and/or JT health care program or facility.

JQ4 preventive health care has a RT (related term) cross-reference to JH health related prevention and vice versa. Since there is a cross-reference from JH health related prevention to JQ4 preventive health care there is no need to place a cross-reference from JH4 preventive medicine (a narrower term of JH health related prevention) to JQ4 preventive medicine. In the AOD Thesaurus, all cross-references associated with a term's broader terms are applicable to it.

2. Q. When should JQ6.4 addiction care be used?

A. JQ6.4 addiction care should be applied to a document when actual alcohol and/or other drug treatment/intervention services are being discussed. (Care for other types of addiction are included in this concept such as treatment services for addicted gamblers).

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the reason that advertising is so important to tobacco companies is that they must recruit 5000 smokers a day to replace those who quit or die from smoking-related diseases.

SLIM HOPES: ADVERTISING AND THE OBSESSION WITH THINNESS (1995; 29 min; Media Education Foundation, Northampton, MA) is based on an illustrated lecture by Jean Kilbourne that explores the link between images of women's bodies in advertising and health problems like anorexia, bulimia, extreme dieting, and smoking. One dimensional idealized images of thinness and sexuality are used to sell a wide range of products, and these images in turn help shape women's self-perceptions. Among American women 75% think they are overweight, 50% are on diets, and 10% have an eating disorder. Kilbourne suggests that by challenging unrealistic media images women can shift the focus from thinness to wellness.

MARIJUANA: THE MIRROR THAT MAGNIFIES (1996; 28 min; CNS, Ashland, OR) is a comprehensive and substantial video. The presentation, like many CNS productions, includes first-hand accounts, scientific information, and computer-generated graphics. It is the rare production that successfully balances the information offered by professionals and non-professionals. Darryl Inaba, Pharm. D. and Director of the Haight Ashbury Detox Clinic, is featured throughout the program. He presents technical information about marijuana in a comfortable and easy-to-understand manner.

The video opens with a botanical description and makes note of the increased strength of the marijuana currently available. Dr. Inaba gives a rough estimate that it would take fourteen 1960s joints to equal the potency of a one smoked today. The program includes segments on mental and physical side effects, levels of use, and recovery. Each section is well-timed so that the flow of the program keeps moving. The description of side effects is subdivided into mild, moderate, and serious physical consequences, and the levels of use goes from casual use to addiction.

Accounts by ex-users are, on the whole, generic; but a couple of the testimonies provide useful insight into the addictive nature of marijuana. The visual look of the live interviews has an endearing and quirky aspect unique to the late 1960s time period from which the Haight-Ashbury Clinics sprang. The tie-dyed, quilted, and batik-looking backdrops are fun to watch but appear obviously makeshift. It leads one to wonder why, with such low overhead, the price of the video wasn't reduced.

The video is appropriate for secondary grade through adult audiences.
Book Review
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In "The American Street Gang" Malcolm Klein has compiled much of his work on street gangs completed over the last thirty years. In this book he examines the changes in the prevalence of gangs and gang membership and the way in which both criminal justice authorities and gang researchers have responded. In so doing, Klein considers not only the major debates within the gang research field, but also the types of gang intervention, prevention and suppression policies adopted since the late 1950's.

One of the key debates within the research field is the extent to which street gangs are involved in drug use and drug sales. Klein considers the dominant view held by the police, the media, and by some gang researchers. This view sees gangs as not only synonymous with drug dealing but also the major reason for the explosion of drug dealing, especially crack sales, within the urban areas. Klein systematically undermines this view quoting from both his own work and research conducted by many others in the field. He argues that those who connect gangs with drug sales and drug distribution have failed to understand the extent to which the organizational structure of street gangs is poorly suited to that required for organized drug sales. This is not to suggest that individual gang members do not sell drugs, but it does mean that, in general, street gangs are not organized drug selling enterprises.

In spite of its comprehensive nature, the book has a number of problems. First, because the book is an amalgamation of material that Klein and other colleagues, especially Cheryl Maxson, have published already, from the perspective of originality the book is flawed.

Second, although the book is a good introduction to the debate on street gangs in the U.S., it suffers from three additional deficiencies which reduce its usefulness. 1) Having pointedly made clear in the opening pages that no literature survey will be attempted, Klein provides a very inadequate coverage of the literature. Books that aim to assess the current debates must surely provide a comprehensive literature coverage, regardless of the author's belief that adequate literature surveys already exist. His references to the available literature can be described in many cases as scanty. In one case - that of prison gangs - he fails to give any references at all other than referring to two Los Angeles policemen. This is academically unacceptable for a book written by, according to

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about news and activities of the organization, help with difficult reference questions, duplicate lists, hard-to-find ILL requests, and discussion of professional issues are all appropriate topics for SALIS-L.

SALIS-L is open to any SALIS member with an internet e-mail account which allows listserv use. [Prevline does not permit listserv access, so users whose only internet account is on Prevline will not be able to send and receive messages from SALIS-L.] The listserv was set up as a private list just for SALIS members out of concern that an open list would invite too many requests for information from the general internet public.

Because it's a closed list, subscriptions to SALIS-L are managed by the listowners Nancy Sutherland and Pam Miles and cannot be entered automatically, as with an open list. Using the membership list printed in the last issue of SALIS News, the listowners have tried to sign up all members with internet addresses (except Prevline). Some addresses are probably not correct as shown in the newsletter; in those cases, the subscription could not be completed. If you have an internet account but have not received any SALIS-L messages, it was probably because of some difficulty in confirming your internet address.

Here's what to do if you want to subscribe to SALIS-L: First, check your e-mail address and other information as shown in the Spring 1996 issue of SALIS News and contact the SALIS office (tnguyen@arg.org) to correct your membership information. Send an e-mail message to Nancy Sutherland at adailib@u.washington.edu stating that you are a SALIS member and want to subscribe to SALIS-L. Include your first and last name, the name of your organization, and your e-mail address. The listowners will process the subscription request within a few days and you'll receive confirmation that you are signed up.

A glitch has shown up in a few cases due to the fact that some e-mail systems hide some component of an e-mail address; you may not even be aware of the difference. If this happens, it may take a little extra time to sort out the problem but we will figure it out eventually! In any case, please forward all subscription requests or problems to the listowner at adailib@u.washington.edu.

So far the use of SALIS-L has been minimal, but we hope that it will increase as members get used to using the listserv and more SALIS members are signed up as subscribers. This medium has great potential to serve the needs of the wide-spread SALIS membership by using the fast and relatively inexpensive resources of the Internet as a communication and networking tool.
NIDA Monographs

No. 166  Treatment for Drug-exposed Women and Children: Advances in Research Methodology. (1996)
No. 163  Neurotoxicity and Neuropathology Associated with Cocaine / Stimulant Abuse. (1996)

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The Lindesmith Center Web Site

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Lindesmith Center

The Lindesmith Center is a policy and research center founded in 1994 to support research and broaden debate on drug policy and related issues. The Center’s web site provides access to articles, papers, and speeches by the best thinkers, writers, and speakers in the field of drug policy reform, all of which are put on the site with the permission of the publishers or authors who hold the copyrights. Some of these documents will appear as parts of focal points on the major issues in the field such as methadone, medical marijuana, drugs and pregnancy, and medical maintenance of patients on opiates and amphetamines. The site’s first focal point is on methadone and includes about 20 articles spanning 1966 - 1996, including several by Drs. Vincent Dole and Marie Nyswander, the pioneers of methadone maintenance.

Other parts of the site feature articles by Lindesmith Center staff, “greatest hits” and “classics” articles in the area of drug policy reform, a list of forthcoming conferences and seminars, and a major bibliography of books and reports on drug policy reform. In the future, it will also include a “speaking out” section comprised of statements by prominent individuals on the need for drug policy reform, and papers and articles by the speakers at the Lindesmith Center seminars. A subject index is available on site to guide visitors to topics of interest.

The web site address is:

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the book cover, "America's leading authority on gangs". ii) Klein has a tendency to be repetitive. This was particularly true in his discussion of the prevalence of gangs nationwide. Much of this repetition could have been avoided if the book had been organized in a different way. iii) His discussion of policy solutions, although extensive, is unrewarding. Personally, I am unsure what policies should be adopted in dealing with gangs and gang-related violence, but certainly this book did not assist me in adopting a more thought-out position.

In conclusion, the book provides a novice with a good discussion of some of the key issues. Unfortunately, Klein's overall discussion of the main issues, especially for researchers already involved in gang research, was dry, and unexciting, and failed to provide any really new material.

New Books


Friedman, Lawrence S. (Et Al.). *Source Book of Substance Abuse and Addiction.* Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins, 1996.


Gall, Timothy L. and Daniel M. Lucas (Eds.). *Statistics on Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Use: A Selection of Statistical Charts, Graphs, and Tables about Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Use from a Variety of Published Sources with Explanatory Comments.* Detroit, MI: Gale Research, 1996.


Government Documents/
Fugitive Literature

(The latest NIDA Monographs are listed separately on page 6)


Keeping Youth Drug-free: A Guide for Parents, Grandparents, Elders, Mentors, and Other Caregivers. [Rockville, MD]: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, [1996].


Landry, Mim J. Overview of Addiction Treatment Effectiveness. [Rockville, MD]: Office of Applied Studies, [1996].


Teamspirit, a Community-based Youth Leadership Program to Prevent the Abuse of Alcohol and Other Drugs. [Washington, DC]: U.S. Dept. Of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, [1996?]


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What’s New in Reference Sources

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African Drug and Alcohol Bibliography and Abstracts, 1995

The first section of this bibliography is a list of citations organized by country name. Compiled by the International Council on Alcohol and the Addictions, it includes 307 references to mainly journal articles and conference papers of the ICAA. Time frame is from the early 60’s to 1992. In the second part, compiled by the Narcotics Anonymous staff, many of the citations from the first section have been abstracted, and there are additional items to update. There is also a section on the drug Khat.

Available: Attn: Lee Manchester, Narcotics Anonymous World Service, PO Box 9999, Van Nys, CA 91409 LManches@M1.InterServ.com

World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe. Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco Unit. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs: Inventory of Major Research Centres in Europe.

This new directory of research centers in Europe is a welcome addition to research reference collections. Organized by country, each center entry provides name, address, phone, and FAX (only a very few have e-mail) and center director’s name. In addition, main and current research projects are given and in some cases further details of when the center was founded, from where they get their funding, and staffing are included.

Available from WHO, Regional Office for Europe, 8 Scherfigsvej, DK-2100 Copenhagen, Denmark. EUR/JCP/ALDT 94 05/PB01 05335.

New Bibliography on Drug Policy Available

Leigh Hallingby
Lindesmith Center

A major new bibliography of books and reports on drugs and drug policy is available from the Lindesmith Center. Compiled by Ethan Nadelmann, director, and Leigh Hallingby, librarian, the bibliography includes about 250 citations. They are divided under four headings: drug policy, drugs—miscellaneous, specific drugs, and international perspectives.

To receive a free copy, please contact Leigh Hallingby at the Lindesmith Center, 888 Seventh Avenue, Suite 2700, New York, NY 10106; 212-887-0181; lhallingby@sorosny.org.

The bibliography is also available on the Lindesmith Center web site at http://www.soros.org/lindesmith/tlemain.html.

The Lindesmith Center welcomes feedback on the selection of books both included in and omitted from the bibliography.

Periodical News

Alcohol Research Vol. 1, No. 1 is the new name given to a previous publication entitled Alcohol Digest. Produced by TNO Nutrition and Food Research in the Netherlands, the quarterly offers approximately 240 abstracts per year of selected journal articles. Organized by broad subject headings such as epidemiology, medicine, physiology, and psychology/sociology, each abstract includes background, methods, results, and conclusions, with the major finding highlighted at the top of each entry. Price varies between individual and institutional from approximately 177 NLG to 284 NLG, or $106 - $170. Address: Alcohol Research Office, TNO Nutrition and Food Research Institute, PO Box 360, 3700 AJ Zeist, Netherlands.

Addiction Abstracts is now in its third year, abstracting approximately 800 journal articles concerned with alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. A great value for many is the fact that Addiction Research abstracts the following foreign language journals: Anzeiger (Austria), Alcool (Italy), Alcoholpolitike (Finland), Nordisk Alkoholstidsskrift (Finland) and Sucht: Zeitschrift für Wissenschaft und Praxis (Germany). In addition, there is a detailed subject and author index in each issue. CARFAX price: $284.00 for institutional rate; $142.00 for individual. Contact CARFAX at http://www.carfax.co.uk or in the US: 875-81 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139. Australia: PO Box 352, Cammeray NSW 2062. UK: PO Box 25, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 3UE.

On-line Databases: Update

Drug Info, produced by the Minnesota Drug Information Service, is now searchable at the following web site: http://www.biomed.lib.umn.edu.

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failed to give the idea support - only three states out of eight states agreed - and it was saved from being totally canned by the Federal Minister for Health who referred it to a federal and State working group. In a spirited 2.5 hour meeting, it is understood that Woolridge argued strongly in favor of keeping the proposal on the table, turning around the States which preferred to kill off the idea. Nevertheless, the ACT Chief Minister and Minister for Health Ms. Kate Carnell, who proposed the heroin trial, said the scheme was "dead in the water."
The first speaker at the I&D Section workshop was Thomas Rouault, director of France's Toxibase ATOD computer database service and chairperson of the European Libraries and Information Services on Alcohol and Drugs organization. Founded in 1989, ELISAD brings staff members of traditional alcohol research libraries together with information specialists from the newer addiction resource centers formed in many European countries in the 1980s. ELISAD has four primary objectives:

1. sponsor conferences on ATOD information and documentation;
2. serve as a forum for discussions about the development of new European information projects;
3. produce a directory of European information services; and,
4. provide training for professionals in the field. ELISAD considers itself a small organization, with neither budget nor staff. Its annual conferences are organized by members, and proceedings are published following each meeting. Ongoing topics of discussion are shared indexing formats, quality, and network development. ELISAD’s next conference will be held 14 November in Oslo.

The second I&D workshop speaker was Marianne van der Heyden, head of the Library and Documentation Department at the Netherlands Institute on Alcohol and Drugs (NIAD) and ELISAD vice chairperson. Ms. van der Heyden described the 1993 creation of the European Monitoring Centre on Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), a Lisbon-based official institution of the European Union, and the related REITOX computer network (Réseau Européen d'Information sur les Drogues et les Toxicomanies), which provides a framework for the exchange of comparable, reliable addiction information between EU states. Both the EMC and REITOX were created in consultation with ELISAD. NIAD is the Dutch focal point for REITOX.

Following the presentations from Mr. Rouault and Ms. van der Heyden, Ms. Mitchell gave a summary of the development of the Virtual Clearinghouse on ATOD, recently made public in its prototype stage, to illustrate the potential and to offer access to others interested in developing the site. It is envisioned that the virtual clearinghouse provide a starting place on the internet for reliable addiction information and resources. A directory of persons in the ATOD field, and a calendar of events are two reference sources currently available at the site in preliminary form. Other major components include a subject directory which acts as a finding device for sites on the internet, and a database of fugitive or grey literature including full text documents, statistical compilations, and program evaluations. The clearinghouse framework and basic program have been established thanks to the efforts of CCSA staff, however the project now needs to be taken up by a larger group of VC partners who will share the work of maintaining the different clearinghouse services and monitoring the full-text databases. In the course of questions and an after-workshop luncheon meeting, it was agreed that further discussions of this project need to continue, and that the forthcoming SALIS and ELISAD meetings provide venues, to bring both organizations into sync on development of this mutually beneficial Internet tool. They went home having made a commitment to follow-up on the agreement with their respective groups.

The ICAA Information and Dissemination Section workshop was not the only I&D-related activity conducted at the Amsterdam conference. An elaborate “cybercafe” set-up, allowing ICAA'96 participants to “websurf” through various ATOD computer sites, was coordinated separately by the Amsterdam host committee, courtesy of The Netherlands' Stichting Informatievoorziening Verslavingszorg (IVV). Lunchtime presentations were given at the cybercafe on REITOX, Toxibase, IVV, and the Virtual Clearinghouse.

<<You can access the Virtual Clearinghouse on Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs at http://www.ccsa.ca/atod/atod.htm>>

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non-problem gamblers. They do not appear to combine their substance use with gambling.

The AADAC Library is looking for ways to evaluate its services. If other addiction libraries and information centres have found practical/innovative ways of measuring their effectiveness, I hope you will share your methods with us, or write a column for the next newsletter.

I encourage Canadian members to send me notices of special activities and publications in their regions so that I can include them in future columns. If you have agenda items you would like the Canadian group to discuss at the conference in November, whether you can be there or not, please let me know.

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1996 SALIS Membership List Additions

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