23RD ANNUAL SALIS CONFERENCE
ANCHORAGE, AK, 2001

The 23rd annual SALIS conference will be held Friday – Monday, May 4 – 7, 2001 at the Hotel Captain Cook (www.captaincook.com) in Anchorage, Alaska. The conference host is Anjana Roy of Akeela, Inc. (E-mail: aroy@alaskacouncil.org, phone: 907-222-5068, FAX: 907-258-6052). We appreciate your attendance at our 2000 conference in New York City. Watch the SALIS web site (salis.org) for more information on AK 2001.

2000 MEMBERSHIP LIST

The current membership list was sent out by email on May 18 to all 1999 and 2000 members. If you did not receive, please contact SALIS Home at salis@arg.org. An addendum will be sent out by email on July 15, 2000 for any new memberships received. If we do not receive your payment, this will be your last issue of News, and you will no longer have access to the SALIS list-serv, or any other SALIS membership benefits.

NEW ON HTTP://SALIS.ORG

"Resources," the new addition to SALIS's website includes: ATOD journals/newsletters, New Books, Databases, and Links.

NEXT ISSUE: NEW YORK CONFERENCE

Thanks to all of you for making this year's 22nd annual a huge success! The Summer issue of News will include reports, summaries, and commentary. All SIGs and committee chairs should forward reports to SALIS Home (E-mail: salis@arg.org, phone: 510-642-5208, FAX: 510-642-7175).
WEBSIGHTS

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Throughout the United States, government agencies and foundations are funding a number of prevention initiatives that target underage drinking. These initiatives address many aspects related to the issue, including the prevention of alcohol use among individuals under the age of 21 and the enforcement of existing minimum drinking age laws. This column will provide an overview of web resources supporting these initiatives.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) at the U.S. Department of Justice is currently funding the Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws program, which helps the states develop initiatives to enforce laws that prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors and to prevent the purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. Some of the program’s resources are available online at the OJJDP website (http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/enforcing/enforcing.html). The technical assistance component of this project has begun work on a web site. Unfortunately it is neither completed nor currently updated. The publication section (http://www.pire.org/udetc/Publications.htm) is available however, and it provides full-text access to documents created for this project, including a compilation of strategies to prevent underage drinking, regulatory strategies to address the sale of alcohol to minors, and guides to conducting compliance checks.

Another federal agency, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), has teamed up with The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) to launch a new campaign, Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free. This public-private initiative enlists the support of the Governors’ Spouses to raise awareness about the problem of underage drinking, specifically among 9-to-15 year olds. This campaign’s web site is not up yet, but a couple of resources developed for the initiative are available at the NIAAA web site, including a compilation of statistics on alcohol and children entitled How Does Alcohol Affect the World of a Child (http://silk.nih.gov/silk/niaaa1/publication/childcontent.htm). NIAAA has also recently produced a new booklet for parents, Make a Difference: Talk to Your Child About Alcohol (http://silk.nih.gov/silk/niaaa1/publication/children.pdf), which is online.

In addition to Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free, RWJF also funds the Reducing Underage Drinking Coalitions project. These 12 state coalitions of youth, business, civic organizations, government agencies, the religious community, and other leaders are addressing environmental factors that contribute to underage drinking in their communities. The Alcohol Epidemiology Program (AEP) at the University of Minnesota maintains a web site on the project (http://epihub.epi.umn.edu/alcohol/coalition/alc_pages/alcohol.html). Because the project seeks to address policies, links to each coalition’s state legislature are provided. In addition, one can find information about each coalition, including links to coalition web sites. Most of the coalitions have web sites, which are good starting points to learning about state and local activities. For example, the web site for Minnesota Join Together: A Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking (http://www.miph.org/mjt/) provides fact sheets on issues and access to its newsletter. This newsletter includes news on local activities and policy initiatives in Minnesota.

It is worth noting that some state agencies work with any combination of these initiatives and their web sites might reflect this collaboration. For example, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board coordinates underage drinking initiatives throughout the state and its web site is very comprehensive. The section on Alcohol Information and Education (http://www.lcb.state.pa.us/edu/start.htm) contains online educational materials, highlights of current activities, statistics, and county-level resources. Currently the web site is highlighting the local communities that have been funded through OJJDP’s program. In addition, information about the RWJF-funded Pennsylvanians Against Underage Drinking is also available at this web site.

The AEP web site (http://www.epi.umn.edu/alcohol/default.htm) reflects its involvement in a number of programs. In addition to the information on the RWJF coalitions, it provides comprehensive information on alcohol policy issues and tools for addressing the problem, including:

1. information sheets on policy measures,
2. a comprehensive manual for enforcing minimum drinking age laws,
3. a database of enacted legislation on alcohol issues at the state level, and
4. model local ordinances.

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In addition to these broad initiatives, underage drinking is often targeted through traffic safety campaigns. Enforcing DWI laws for minors can not only decrease alcohol-related crashes, but can also reduce drinking among this age group. Mothers Against Drunk Driving’s Rating the States: A Report Card on the Nation’s Attention to the Problem of Alcohol- and Other Drug-Impaired Driving is available online (http://www.madd.org/pub_pol/ rts2000/default.shtml). The focus of this report is on each state’s policies and activities addressing impaired driving, including youth legislation. In addition, PREVline also has a new resource on this topic entitled Impaired Driving among Youth: Trends and Tools for Prevention (http://www.health.org/pubs/qdocs/ CSAP3P19.HTM). For further resources, check the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s Impaired Driving Division web site (http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/alcohol/). This federal agency has teamed up with other agencies and organizations to develop guides for addressing youth impaired driving through the criminal justice system, including:

1. Sentencing and Dispositions for Youth DUI and Other Alcohol Offenses prepared with NIAAA

Most of the web resources that have been highlighted are intended for professionals. Most of the prevention web sites for teens do not focus on alcohol, but rather on other illegal drugs. Freevibe, an online “magazine” for teens does include some basic facts on alcohol (http://www. freevibe.com/headsup/alcohol.shtml), but its primary focus is illicit drugs. The Office on National Drug Control Strategy is funding a comprehensive media campaign that has a web component, but the campaign does not specifically include alcohol. Because the web is popular with youth, the creation of more web sites for youth that address underage drinking is critical. Web sites as a prevention medium are especially important because the alcohol industry uses the web as a means of advertising and promoting its product. (For more information on this topic, see related reports by the Center for Media Education, http://www.cme.org/).

For information specialists and prevention professionals, these underage drinking initiatives are providing many resources for guidance in tackling this problem. Hopefully those organizing these campaigns will also start to use web technology as a means to address teens directly as well.

**PERIODICAL NEWS**

*Journal of Cognitive Liberties Vol 1 No. 1, Winter 1999/2000*

A new journal with the expressed view of the importance of cognitive freedom, has just been launched by the Center for Cognitive Liberty and Ethics, a non-profit law and policy center established by The Alchemind Society: The International Association for Cognitive Liberty. Here are some of the article titles from this first issue: “On Cognitive Liberty” by Richard Glen Boire, Esq.; “Cultivating Dissonance: An Approach for Cognitive Dissidents” by Wrye Sententia; “Against Legalization” by Hakim Bey; “Shamanism and Drug Propaganda: An Interview with Dan Russell. Also making up the contents are short pieces for a section entitled, “Field Notes and Case Comments” including: “Federal Bill Threatens Free Speech on Entheogens”, “Religious Defense Under RFRA Still Alive in Federal Court”, and “Big Brother Puts New Twist on the Telescreen” (all by Richard Glen Boire, Esq.). In addition there is a conference calendar and a “Entheogen Law News” section with notes on Mushrooms, Khat, MDMA, Raves, etc.

Institutional subscriptions are $65.00 USA, $80.00 International. No individual subscription is given. Journal Editor in Chief is Sharon O’Toole Dubois, Center for Cognitive Liberty, PO Box 73481, Davis, CA 95617-3481. Alchemind Society www.alchemind.org Toll free #1-888-950-MIND

**HIV Impact Spring 2000**

This companion newsletter to Closing the Gap has just been issued by the Office on Minority Health. It is sixteen pages of short informative pieces relating to HIV issues including, “AIDS and Minority Women”, “NIH Funding”, “UCLA AIDS Institute” “Workplace Issues” “Testing” “On the Internet” “New Publications” and more!! FREE from Office on Minority Health. Contact: Linda Quander, Editor All correspondence e-mail: lquander@omhrc.gov

The books that have changed my thinking
the most are the ones that challenged my way of seeing the world.
NEW BOOKS

Bruman, Henry J. Alcohol in Ancient Mexico. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah Press, c2000


ISBN: 0761906886


McCormack, Kathleen. George Eliot and Intoxication:

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that your entry is not missing. Contact salis@arg.org if there are any problems. For those who do not see their name on the list, and wish to, you have a second chance. We will do our normal addendum list, on July 15th, and send it out (revised from the last version) as a single list for 2000.

The Summer issue of News will be the Conference issue, "All About New York and the 22nd Annual conference." Hopefully those who were actively involved, either as speakers or as committee chairs or officers are now beginning to work on the reviews, reports and comments for the Conference issue. Deadline date: July 15. If you are planning to submit something, please let me know.

Plans for Change:

SALIS News wants to become electronic. If we make it electronic, will it hurt our treasury? SALIS relies on members’ dues to run the organization. If we give it away for free, are there enough other reasons for persons to become members? I know that for active members it won't make any difference. The List is enough. But we need to think things through. An argument can be made for making SALIS News free to all who come to the SALIS Web site and download its pages. Certainly it would help to distribute our newsletter more broadly. And it really doesn't cost much to make it available via the SALIS site. In fact, it would cut down on our printing and postage costs if people agreed to the idea of receiving it that way; however, persons could request a print version with their membership application. And of course we could give people passwords to the publication if they were members or subscribers, but then this does become more complicated. In any case, just wanted to let you know that we are considering the pros and cons, and more than likely News will be electronic before the year is out.

In addition we are making plans to change our look again. It is now just eight years, in the Spring issue, since we changed the face, fonts and color of News. With Spring comes awakening and change. My idea would be to use our Website SALIS Logos for the front page and give News a similar, and recognizable (to the website) look. This too helps to increase awareness of our organization, and keeps us moving. Hess said, "The only thing you can be sure of is change". SALIS is sure to keep changing.


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US National Institute of Mental Health. Bridging science and service: a report by the National Advisory Mental Health Council's Clinical Treatment and Services Research Workgroup. [Bethesda, Md.?] : NIMH, [1999]. 64 p. GPO Item No.: 0507-B-05


**NEW FROM SALIS’S OWN!**

Using the Internet Resources for Prevention 4th Edition by Patricia A. Post, (SALIS member), Tom A. Moberg, Traci R. Yavas (SALIS member) and Paul M. Zobitz. Central CAPT Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies. Anoka, MN: Minnesota Institute of Public Health, 2000 54 p. They are running the links out of a Filemaker database which allows people to submit links which may have been missed in the print version. According to Ms. Post, this "keeps things fresh between [print] editions". Free version at netbook.miph.org or $5 print: 800-782-1878. Quantity discounts are available for orders of over 100.

**RESULTS OF THE 2000 ELECTION**

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