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Conference Planning 83

At the SALIS Conference 82, there was some discussion about combining the SALIS and LISA conferences in 1983. Addiction Research Foundation in Toronto was offered as the host center for this meeting. Now is the time to start planning and preparing. What are your ideas, comments, rejoinders, etc? This would probably mean that the conference would take place in the Fall of 83 -- the time when LISA annually meets. Please let me hear from you.

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New SALIS Contacts:

Elaine Ehrenreich is the new librarian at DISCUS, replacing Elizabeth Sharer who has resigned. The DISCUS address and phone are in your SALIS Directory.

Daryl Fridenberg is the new librarian at Addiction Research Foundation replacing Anne Johnston.

NEW ALCOHOL AND HEALTH MONOGRAPHS

The following are NIAAA's recent release being distributed (one copy free) from the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol Information. These are the papers that contributed to the Alcohol and Health 4 Report to Congress which came out earlier this year. Numbers 2, 3, and 4 are available now -- number 1 should be very soon.

Alcohol and Health Monograph #1: Alcohol Consumption and Related Problems

Stock # BK 104 Alcohol and Health Monograph #2: Biomedical Processes and Consequences of Alcohol Use.

Stock # BK 102 Alcohol and Health Monograph #3: Prevention, Intervention and Treatment: Concerns and Models

Stock # BK 105 Alcohol and Health Monograph #4: Special Population Issues

WHAT'S NEW IN REFERENCE SOURCES

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Last year at this time when I was trying to suggest and encourage suggestions for new topics for presentations at the SALIS Conference, one of the subjects which came up many times was that of statistics. Where do you find statistical information about consumption of alcoholic beverages, taxation, production, treatment utilization, etc.? Which sources are the best? Recently the Addiction Research
Foundation contacted me and was asking the same question. Did I know any particular resources for statistics in the state of California? They are currently compiling a compendium of statistical sources which should be an invaluable document to all of us just as soon as it's available.

In the meanwhile the following should aid some of you. Many are probably very familiar and used quite often. Like any reference tool, the more you use it, the more you understand it's strengths and weaknesses. Get to know these documents. They store a wealth of information and will make your search an easier task.


Ninety-four tables give information on establishments and permits, production by state, materials used, removal, losses, stocks, seizures and arrests, taxes by source, label activity, and claims. Some historical data. Includes index.


Includes tables on beer production and withdrawals (sales), products used, packaging trends, history of industry's growth since 1863, per capita consumption by states, by regions (for beer, wine and distilled spirits), imports, exports, and taxes. Summary information by states on state excise tax rates, methods of tax collection, local option and state controls.


This document provides detailed information on public revenues from alcohol beverages, by state and local area; federal excise tax rates; revenues per capita; consumption per capita by beverage and state; and growth in total revenues. There are several historical comparisons from as early as 1933.


This is the most current issue of this reporting system. According to the preface "SAPIS is designed to provide a comprehensive description of activities relevant to the planning of alcohol services at the State and National level." Most of the data provided are from calendar or fiscal year 81. Tables provide information on alcohol funding; treatment units; client characteristics; patterns and characteristics of treatment staff; non-treatment and citizen self-help alcohol services; indicators of the use and effects of alcohol; includes consumption data; reported deaths due to alcohol cause, arrests for selected causes such as DUI, disorderly conduct, and BAC content for fatally injured drivers; public revenues from alcoholic beverages; and policy information and special initiatives: includes legal drinking ages, alcohol education in public schools, state employee alcoholism policies and programs, earmarking of State taxes on alcoholic beverages for alcoholism services, mandatory insurance coverage, special emphasis programs for women, youth, and the elderly, and number of Indian Alcoholism Projects funded by NIAAA and the Indian Health Service.

This is a major information document. For more on a description of SAPIS, see NASADAD Alcohol and Drug Abuse Report: February, 1982.


Again, another major statistical information document, this source according to the forward, pulls together material from Rutgers, the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol Information, the NIAAA Alcohol Epidemiologic Data System, the National Alcoholism Program Information System, (NAPIS), and State Alcoholism Program Information System files, (SAPIS), NIAAA surveys and grants and contract reports, and other reports and data.

Nearly 100 figures and tables provide information on consumption data; health and social consequences of alcohol consumption; services provision, utilization and financing; treatment effectiveness, outcomes and client status. A good subject index is included.

FINLAND


This 50th volume "provides information on production, imports and sales of alcohol containing substances, the consumption and prices of alcoholic beverages, detrimental effects of alcohol, and control measures." Most of the data concern Finland and cover time frames up to 1981.

CANADA


Information on Canada for years 1970-1978. Main topics are consumption, related problems, and treatment programs. (In French and English).
UNITED KINGDOM


Major thrust of this document is United Kingdom statistics on production and consumption of beer wine and spirits, prices and expenditures, excise and customs duties, licensing statistics, drunkenness statistics, and structure of the brewing industry. Also includes some international per capita consumption and production ratios.


Provides for all countries: population, beer production, imports and exports, per capita consumption of beer, wine, and spirits, and leading brewing companies. Time comparisons from 1960 are given for some tables.

OTHER REFERENCE SOURCES AVAILABLE NOW


Publications Division
Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies
PO Box 969
Piscataway, NJ 08854

Manual for the Assessment of Fetal Alcohol Effects

By John M. Graham, Jr., E. Louise Phillips, Cynthia S. Herman and Ruth E. Little. From the announcement: "This manual is intended to provide persons with training in child health care and development with a structural method of assessing fetal alcohol effects and syndrome (FAS). The clinical picture of FAS is described, and guidelines for its diagnosis are presented, including an assessment form and graphs of growth norms. Case examples and photographs are provided to illustrate the characteristics of FAS."

Order from:
Nancy Sutherland
Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Institute
University of Washington, NL-15
3937 15th Avenue, NE
Seattle, WA 98105
$15.00

"Children and Adolescents of Alcoholics"

Compiled by Christopher Gomberg, M.Ed. and Debbie Hutchesson. Free. Approximately 75 references. Write to:
Christopher Gomberg
UCLA Alcohol Research Center
1010 Westwood Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90024

Readings around the theme: "The Border Family — Its Strengths and the Problems of Child, Spouse, Alcohol and Drug Abuse."

Joe Partansky
704 Superba
Venice, CA 90291

International Bibliography from Rutgers

It's finally made it! The IBSA or International Bibliography of Studies on Alcohol, Volume III References and Indexes, 1951-1960, has just been completed. Write to:
Publications Division
Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

WHAT PRICE MARIHUANA? SOME RECENT WORKS

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Marijuana: As seen through a glass darkly but with some light appearing at the end of the tunnel. Reviews of three recent publications on the subject, presenting differing perspectives as to long-term effects of the drug.


This long awaited study attempts to fulfill the objectives of Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Joseph E. Califano, April 1979, in which he stated:

"... this review should be conducted by a group of distinguished biomedical and clinical scientists and should involve thorough, systematic review and analysis of the research literature... The report should identify the most urgently needed and promising lines of inquiry to build a firmer base for decision making in the years to come.
The information should be available in a clear and incisive form for the general public."

This report has received some notice in the press, notably an in-depth review in Drugs and Drug Abuse Education Newsletter (March 1982) and will be read with a great deal of interest by substance abuse librarians and professionals. The report does carry out Dr. Califano's objectives in that it was created by a committee of multi-disciplinary experts, each distinguished in his or her field, and none having been habitues of the well-trod paths of the twenty year old controversy; whether or not the long-term effects of marijuana are harmful to the human body.

The report backs off from statements that the use of marijuana does cause long-term damage to various systems and functions of the body. It uses the term "there is reason to be concerned" and "needs more conclusive study to verify." The report will be of great value to librarians and medical researchers by the very fact of the political disinterest of its authors. The findings of this report on the long-term psychological and physiological effects of marijuana belie the conservative conclusions of the authors. In many instances, the results as described in this report would have less conservative scientists stating "cause for alarm" instead of "reason to be concerned."


Dr. Russell, a professor of biology at Adelphi University, has produced a straightforward, well-organized and documented resource of information on marijuana. This edition of this popular book has been updated by findings presented at the Second International Symposium on Marijuana in Reims, France, July 1978 and by other recent scientific results. Under each subject heading, Dr. Russell sets out to prove the detrimental effects of marijuana by citing case histories and/or animal studies. The case histories primarily formed the basis for Dr. Russell's warnings against the use of marijuana. It is these same case histories that the authors of "Marijuana and Health" refer to as unscientific, requiring more control tests to be conclusive. However, the authors of both works agree that more study should be done before marijuana and its principal psychoactive ingredient THC be used therapeutically indiscriminately because of evidence of undesirable side effects. Except in this one instance, there is very little agreement between the authors of these two books.

The author, to this reviewer's mind, sticks very close to his facts throughout the book except possibly in one instance. He might have deviated into the realm of biased opinion in that he states that the press has given one-sided publicity to those that believe that marijuana is harmless and should be decriminalized. This book does what it proposes to do. It sets forth in layman's language scientific findings on the subject of marijuana and its effects on the body and mind of individuals. It would be useful to all librarians, but is a must for those in the health sciences.


If it is possible to convince someone of the probability of long-term harmful effects of smoking marijuana by the act of reading a book, this one would be the book to accomplish that feat. Written by a medical student in a breezy style and illustrated by colorful cartoons, this book makes the straight facts of the effects of marijuana use attractively palatable to a readership of junior and senior high school age people.

Serious readers need not be put off by the style of writing or the juvenile illustrations, for they are deceptive just as the irresistible aroma of the flycatcher is to the fly. The content of this book is as solid as the contents of either of the other books reviewed in this comparison study. The foreward is written by Dr. Robert L. DuPont, former Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse and presently director of the American Council on Marijuana and Other Psychoactive Drugs, Inc. Each subject is backed up by citations of documented research and study notes at the end of the book. There are several features of the book that make it interesting and useful. There is a very good glossary of marijuana terms and an annotated bibliography of recent publications on the subject. Another feature is a section on NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws), an organization that is actively seeking the decriminalization of marijuana. The author explores the motivation of this group. A lucid chapter on the effects of marijuana on the reproductive systems of girls and boys gives these future parents information that is essential for the wellbeing of the next generation.

The author's goal is to inform young people that it is a documented fact that marijuana carries a health risk. In order to accomplish that goal Marijuana: Time for a Closer Look should be required reading in every middle and high school in America.

Many of the answers to the questions of the long-term effects of marijuana lie as murky shadows beneath the surface of the present pool of knowledge on the subject. Some answers are arrived at by deduction, some as a result of animal studies, much is unknown. Janeczek uses the metaphor of the "tip of the iceberg" to illustrate the extent of scientific findings on the long-term effects of the use of marijuana.

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The Alcohol Research Group Library, 1816 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94709, (415)642-5208, has the following giveaways.

Addictions
Vol. 19 No. 2(3), 3/6 1972
Vol. 20 No. 1,2 1973
Vol. 21 No. 2,3,4 1974
Vol. 22 No. 3,4 1975

Alcohol, Health and Research World
Vol. 1 No. 1 1973
Experimental issue: winter, 73/74 through fall, 75;
also, spring and summer of 1976.
Vol. 1 No. 1,3,4 1976/77
Vol. 2 No. 4 1978

The Alcoholism Digest
Vol. 1 No. 1,2,3,4,5 1972
Vol. 2 No. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 1973
Vol. 3 No. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11-12 1974
Vol. 4 No. 1,2,3-4,5-6,7,8 1975
Vol. 5 No. 5 1976
Vol. 6 No. 1,2 1977

Bottom Line
Vol. 1 No. 2,3 1979

British Journal of Addiction
Vol. 74 No. 1,2,3,4 1979
Vol. 75 No. 1,2 1980

British Journal on Alcohol and Alcoholism
Formerly the Journal on Alcoholism
Vol. 6 No. 4 1971
Vol. 7 No. 1,2,3,4 1972
Vol. 8 No. 1,2,3 1973
Vol. 16 No. 1,2 1981

Drug Survival News  The Journal of New Ideas in the
Chemical Dependency Field
Vol. 6 No. 4,5 1978
Vol. 7 No. 1,5,6 1979
Vol. 8 No. 1,2,4 1980

ICAA News
Vol. 3 No. 3 1975
Vol. 5 No. 4 1977
Vol. 6 No. 1,2 1978

The Journal (ARF)
Vol. 8 No. 1,2,3,4 1979
Vol. 9 No. 2,3 1980

The Journal of Alcohol and Drug Education
Vol. 22 No. 1,3 1976
Vol. 23 No. 2,3 1978
Vol. 24 No. 1,2,3,4 1979
Vol. 25 No. 3,4 1980

Journal of Drug Issues
Vol. 9 No. 3,4 1975

The Magazine of the Texas Commission on Alcoholism
Vol. 3 No. 1,3 1977
Vol. 4 No. 1,2,4 1978
Vol. 5 No. 1,2 1979

Monday Morning Report
1978 June 3,5; July 17; Aug. 21; Sept. 4,18; Oct. 2,16; Nov. 6,20; Dec. 4,18
1979 Jan. 1,15; Feb. 5,19; March 5,19; April 2,16;
May 7,21; June 18,23; Aug. 6,20; Sept. 24; Oct. 22; Nov. 26; Dec. 24
1980 Feb. 11; May 12

NIAAA Information and Feature Service
We have a number of duplicates from May, 1975
trough August, 1980. Please send requests.

The US Journal of Drug and Alcohol Dependence
Vol. 2 No. 12 1979
Vol. 3 No. 1,2,4 1979
Vol. 6 No. 3 1982

The SCCADA Resource Center, 3700 Forest Drive,
Columbia, SC 29204, (803)758-3866, Sarah Clarkson,
Librarian, has the following giveaways.

AA Grapevine
Vol. 37 No. 5 1980

Alcohol, Health and Research World
Summer, Fall of 1973; Spring 1974; Spring, Summer

Alcoholism: The National Magazine
February, 1982; April, 1982; June, 1982

The Alcoholism Digest
Vol. 1 No. 1,2,3,4,5 1972
Vol. 2 No. 1 1973
Vol. 11 No. 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11/12 1973

The Bottom Line on Alcohol in Society
Vol. 1 No. 2,4 1977
Vol. 3 No. 1 1979

Drug and Alcohol Dependence
Vol. 1, No. 1 1975

Drug Program Review
February, 1979; February, 1980

Foundation News
Vol. 21 No. 6 1980

The International Journal of the Addictions
Vol. 16 No. 1 1981

Journal of Alcohol and Drug Education
Vol. 23 No. 2 1978

Schizophrenia Bulletin
Vol. 8 No. 1 1982

The following journals are needed by SCCADA

AA Grapevine
Vol. 26 No. 8 1970
Vol. 27 No. 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 1970/71
Vol. 33 No. 1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 1976/77
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