ANNOUNCING
LISA/SALIS JOINT CONFERENCE
1983

The annual conferences of LISA and SALIS will be held jointly this Fall, October 18-21, 1983 in Toronto, hosted by the Addiction Research Foundation. The theme selected is Managing the Information Function. A call for papers and invitation is attached with this issue of SALIS News. Please start organizing and making plans for attendance now. This meeting promises to be an exciting and rewarding occasion. The planning committee is trying to arrange for some selected coursework from the library and information studies department at the University of Toronto.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for conference workshops, panels or individual presentations, please fill in the forms attached and get them to me before the July 1st deadline.

LOUISIANA has joined the Directory

Amy Sundin has just become a SALIS member and has sent information on the Baton Rouge Chemical Dependency Unit Library. (Addendum attached).

NEW SALIS CONTACTS/MEMBERS

Eileen Murtagh, new manager for the Library and Acquisitions Unit at NCALL.

Penny Page, Librarian at Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies.

Margaret Henningson, Production/Marketing Coordinator for CompCare Publications.

Amy Sundin, Medical Librarian, Baton Rouge Chemical Dependency Unit.

WHAT'S NEW IN REFERENCE SOURCES

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This document is a reference source to the "major alcohol-related legislation enacted during the 91st Congress through the first session of the 97th Congress 1969-1981." Over 60 laws have been selected and abstracted providing the reader with the following information: title, law no., sponsor, effective date, session, and a concise but adequate summary of the law itself. Arrangement is chronological according to Congressional sessions.

Unfortunately the indexing is lacking. The "subject" index (the only "index") is a rather broad classification scheme of 16 items: alcoholism facilities, alcoholism staff, elderly, funding, prevention-education, research, etc. If one is looking for a specific law — for example the "Hughes" Act — and the year is not known, one may guess at the possible subject assignment and eventually find the needed item.

The table of contents is basically an index to the laws, included in chronological order, by law number.


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O'Brien, Robert and Morris Chafetz, eds. The Encyclopedia of Alcoholism. New York: Facts on File Publications, 1982. 378 p Approximately two thirds of this work is arranged in an encyclopedia format, with the remaining Appendices being a collection of statistical tables and charts, the major portion of which were drawn from the NDATUS and SAPIS documents. The statistical information in this latter area concerns age limit for purchase, alcohol education programs, alcohol funding information, alcoholism treatment units, blood alcohol content, economic costs etc. The encyclopedia consists of more than 500 entries "on the substance of alcohol itself, on the social institutions, customs, and socioeconomic interrelations that have an impact on alcoholism," and on the physical and psychological manifestations of alcoholism.

Although the preface notes "to our knowledge this volume is the first A-Z encyclopedia to appear in the field of alcoholism," to my knowledge there are several others: Ernest Hurst Cherrington's Standard Encyclopedial of the Alcohol Problem, 6 Vols., 1925-1930 and The Encyclopedia of Temperance and Prohibition, Funk & Wagnalls, 1891 to name but two.

None the less, this is a more current work and pulls together much of the information needed for day to day reference. Availability: Facts on File 460 Park Avenue South New York, NY 10016 Price: $40.00

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  Jennifer Reed
  Alaska Council on Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Clearinghouse
  7521 Old Seward Highway
  Anchorage, Alaska 99502

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— Any news, notes, or other material which you would like to contribute to SALIS News should be sent to Andrea Mitchell, editor.

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