HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SALIS 6th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Encouragement and accomplishment marked the 6th Annual Conference of Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists. This year’s meeting opened with a key note from Tom Kirkpatrick, President of NASADAD, and also welcomed two speakers from the NIAAA and one from NCALI. NIAAA’s Terry Freeman, Special Assistant to Robert Denniston, Director of the Prevention and Research Dissemination Division, presented the recommendations of the external ad hoc group on NCALI database issues regarding the scope, content, and accessibility of the NCALI alcohol database (see Alcohol Database in this issue).

Sean O’Rourke, NIAAA Project Officer of NCALI, detailed the plans of NCALI and future projects with many references to SALIS as part of the information process. Dick Bast of NCALI presented an overview of the database including history and current issues.

Other presenters included:
Viesta Morris and Shellie Coleman, AHTDS Prevention Resource Center
"Findings of a Review of Prevention Literature and Audiovisuals for Black and Hispanic Populations"
Vicki Dunn, Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center
"Drug Abuse Trends: 1960 -- Present"
Karen Roe, DePaul Rehabilitation Hospital
"Alcoholism and the Elderly"
Virginia Roeleit, Dartmouth Medical School
"Adventures of an Information Specialist in Copenhagen: The World Health Organization and Other Scandinavian Sources"
Ling Hsu, Prevention Research Center
"The Need for Controlled Vocabulary in NCALI's Alcohol Literature Database"
Andrea Mitchell, Alcohol Research Group
"Searching for Alcohol Topics on Discipline Databases: Where Are All the References?"

Notes from the business meeting:

-- There will be an increase in the subscription to SALIS News beginning January, 1984: $10.00/year for the U.S., Canada and Mexico, $12.00/year for all others.
-- There will be an increase in the Associate membership dues to $10.00.
-- Due to the number of requests for the SALIS mailing list, it was decided to look into ways of selling it, possibly through a broker. ATTENTION: If you do not want your name on such a list, please notify the SALIS News editor.

An ad for the SALIS Directory is in the October issue of Bulletin of the Medical Library Association. Minutes of the business meeting are available from the new secretary, Nancy Sutherland, Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Institute, University of Washington, 3937 19th Avenue N.E., Seattle, WA 98105.

NEW OFFICERS FOR SALIS

The names of the new officers for SALIS were announced at the recent SALIS business meeting in Chicago. Penny Page, of Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies, is the new chairperson replacing Viesta Morris who now takes the position of Vice-Chair. Nancy Sutherland, Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Institute, University of Washington is the new Secretary. David Levinson will remain Treasurer. Addresses and telephones:

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LETTER TO ADAMHA

Penny Page, SALIS Chair, has written the Director of ADAMHA, Ian MacDonald, to express the SALIS association's concern about the merger of the NIDA Resource Center Collection with that of another library housed in the Parklawn Building. The following points were outlined in the letter:

1) Reference service would be weakened if provided by librarians or other staff members not solely concerned with drug abuse and therefore not as familiar with the subject materials.

2) Interlibrary loan service, which provides access to many of the items in the collection, would be threatened. Presently no incoming requests are being handled.

3) The acquisitions list would be threatened. It is currently not being published due to staff shortages.

4) The change of drug abuse material from a discrete collection to part of a larger library would have a negative impact on selection of materials. It is unlikely, for example, that a larger library (without a significant increase in staff) would be able to concern itself with the identification and acquisition of fugitive materials, even though a significant number of drug abuse publications are of this nature. The acquisition and retention of some journals which are critical in the drug abuse field yet are not frequently used would also be adversely affected. Selection of materials in general would suffer if the acquisition librarian were not a specialist in the drug abuse field.

5) Less frequently used books and books of an archival nature would be moved to the Addiction Research Center in Baltimore and/or eliminated from the collection, weakening the effectiveness of the collection and destroying its uniqueness.

If you would like a copy of this letter for your files, contact Penny Page, Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies Library, Smithers Hall, Busch Campus, Piscataway, NJ 08854.

ALCOHOL DATABASE

NIAAA's Division of Prevention and Research Dissemination has been recently concerned with issues related to the alcohol database of the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol Information. In September 27-28, an external ad hoc group of ten persons (including four SALIS members) and representatives from NICALI and NIAAA met in Rockville, Maryland to discuss these issues with a central focus on database scope, content and accessibility. A summary of the meeting and recommendations made by the group to NIAAA regarding the NICALI database are in draft form at this writing but are available on request from Terry Freeman. The final recommendations will be printed in the next issue of SALIS News. This will be of great importance to SALIS and all information persons who deal with alcohol questions/information. Contact:

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5600 Fishers Lane, Rm 16C-10
Rockville, MD 20857

NICALI USER BOARD

A board of members who regularly use the services of the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol Information will meet in Rockville, Maryland, December 4-5, to discuss needs of constituency, resources available, and ways to improve information exchange. If you have any comments, suggestions, or needs regarding NICALI or alcohol information in general, please write or call until November 30:

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WHAT'S NEW IN REFERENCE SOURCES

Andrea Mitchell, Information Specialist
Alcohol Research Group


Perhaps if there weren't other bibliographies on this topic, it would be easier to give merit to this work. However, with the National Library of Medicine's published free bibliography, "Maternal Alcohol Consumption and Fetal and Newborn Effects, Including the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome," 1983, Nancy Sutherland's Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Institute, University of Washington, "Alcohol and Pregnancy: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Drinking During Pregnancy and Effects on Offspring: A Bibliography, 1981," and Ernst Abel's two bibliographies, Alcohol and Reproduction, 1982 and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, 1981, it is difficult to make any sense out of paying $35.00 for a paperback listing 300 unannotated references. Basically that's what you get in this document.

Actually the work is divided into two sections. The second section is made up of approximately 300 references drawn from sources unmentioned. They include a few books, many journal articles and some dissertations and theses ranging from years 1899 - 1984. Actually there are less than five references dated 83 - 84. Many -- perhaps fifty percent -- concern animal research. The first section is an alphabetical listing of key words from the titles of the references given. This "retrieval index" or listing of terms then refers one back to the references. This is a method which does save search time and gets to specific topic areas readily; however, both of Abel's works have subject classifications and in depth index terms and include many more references.


Approximately 3,000 drug terms or expressions are defined with a brief phrase or one to three sentence descriptions. Most terms relating to alcohol and tobacco have been omitted because according to the author, there are "thousands (of these terms) and inclusion of some and not others would be completely arbitrary." Fortunately, alcohol terms have been the subject of an excellent dictionary by Mark Keller, entitled, A Dictionary of Words about Alcohol, 1982.

Abel's book does not give dates for most of the words, probably since most are street language terms and difficult to ascertain when they were first used. There is a glossary in the back which rearranges or cross references some of the terms already defined in the core of the book. Here one can look up the drug name (i.e., LSD) and get all of the slang terms which refer to that drug. Under LSD in the core section, one gets a definition including the properties, effects, discovery date, reactions and how it is classified according to the Controlled Substances Act. A three page bibliography is also included.
A useful reference tool for librarians, and professionals whose work is concerned with drug use and abuse.

Extremely valuable collection of statistics on almost everything you get asked about concerning alcohol related problems. Drawn from numerous sources, it includes "facts" or "stats" on prevalence, effects, consequences, mortality, morbidity, accidents, consumption, treatment, prevention, funding, tax revenues from alcoholic beverages, licensure and accreditation, and more. A very handy reference document of 100 pages including an index. Updates will be forthcoming.
Available from:
David Sanchez
NIAAA
Division of Biometry and Epidemiology
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 14C-26
Rockville, MD 20857

Injury Control Network: An informal listing of professionals working in the broad areas of injury epidemiology and injury control.
This list of approximately sixty persons includes name and address, information on the individual's expertise (or career interests and current research activity) and collaborators sought for research areas briefly described. Available from:
Garen J. Wintermute
U.C. Davis Medical Center
2221 Stockton Blvd., Room 211
Sacramento, CA 95817

FORTHCOMING REFERENCE MATERIALS

Available December, 1984 from:
AHTDS Prevention Resource Center
901 South Second Street
Springfield, IL 62704

PERIODICAL NEWS
Work-based alcoholism programs and the employee assistance movement will be the major focus of this forthcoming periodical -- first issue scheduled for Fall 85. Research and studies on incidence and prevalence of problems and prevention. The journal will also include both books and film reviews concerning this topic. For information concerning prospective papers for submission write to:
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Tri-County Employee Assistance Program
492 Grant Street
Akron, OH 44311
For Subscription write to:
Haworth Press
28 East 22nd Street
New York, NY 10010
Individuals: $24.00
Institutions: $32.00
Libraries: $42.00

Pacific/Asian Alcohol Task Force Newsletter
Published every other month, this 4-5 page newsletter reports on programs, research and ephemera relating to the Asian Community and Drinking. Although most of the information concerns the Los Angeles area, the editor is aiming to create a state-wide network, beginning in California and reaching beyond as persons and material become known to him. If you know of any new research in this area, or programs related to the Asian community. Please contact:
Roy Morales
529 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 974-7303

Alcohol Research Group Periodicals List
A new periodical holdings list is available from the ARG Library. This list is cross referenced by geographical location and by organization, government agency or foundation which produces the publication. Single copies are $3.00. Order from:
Alcohol Research Group Library
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BOOK REVIEW
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Levinson's Guide is a valuable resource both for the researcher and clinician. Its format differs from the narrative style of most literature reviews posing some difficulty at first. However, once the reader is acquainted with the Guide's contents and format, any of the 154 studies reviewed therein may be readily scanned for specific information.

The Guide is divided into four parts. Part I contains an overview, a description of the contents including the 45 items used to outline the profiles and an explanation on how to use the Guide. The author also shares the sources used in obtaining the bibliography for his review and the extent of his rigor in generating the coding scheme for profiling the studies. He further offers support for the reliability of the information drawn from the research reports.

Part II is a narrative summary of the findings reported in the profiles. The author concludes his reviews with comments on the nature and value of the findings and suggests areas where further research is needed. In Part III there are four indexes: (1) Main Subject, (2) Variable, (3) Measurement Instrument and (4) Author. These indexes allow the reader to look up specific studies by author or topic. Part IV contains a key to the profile items and the 223 profiles. Each profile presents an account of a finding from the research reports.

Levinson's Guide offers a systematic review plan where the properties common to most research studies are used as the format for each review. The quality of some aspects of the reports are easily assessed since the same standard is used for obtaining information. This is most apparent in the area of methodology. A number of items are included which address, in specific detail, design and methods. At times though, the reader may want more information included under an item. For instance, one of the
problems he or she might be constructing in the way of recovery. Although a wide range of problems are depicted, no attempt is made to delve into the cause or treatment strategies for each problem, except through self-realization and recognition by fellow patients of the strategies being used to avoid that self-realization. There should be value to the patient in knowing that whatever form of delusion that exists in his mind that same delusion or avoidance of truth has been tried many times or, in other words, "everyone else has already been there." The value of the film to the counselor would be in assisting patients to self-recognition and in promoting discussion of problems as they might relate to the patient.

A pamphlet by the same title is available for the patient from the distributor (30c). It is designed in the "scriptographic" format to be used with the film as an introduction to treatment and as an aid to the recognition of roadblocks that people often construct to sabotage their own recovery.

The film is recommended for treatment settings for those suffering from alcoholism and would be especially useful in the introductory stages of treatment. The party setting is a realistic depiction of the camaraderie and genuine joy felt by recovering alcoholics. A patient recently entered into treatment should derive hope for his recovery and a sense that there will be a life to look forward to from watching "How to Sabotage Your Treatment."

PUBLICATIONS FROM NCALI

Copies of the following are available from the NCALI Clearinghouse. Some of these will go out of print and will not be reprinted. Please include item number and title when placing your order. A materials description supplement is available if you would like more information on these items.

Item No. | Title
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BK110 | Planning Alcoholism Counseling Education (PACE)
BK51.1 | Alcohol & Health - Second Special Report to Congress
BK51.2 | Alcohol & Health - Third Special Report to Congress
BK51.25 | Alcohol & Health - Third Special Report to Congress, Technical Support Document
BK51.3 | Alcohol & Health - Fourth Special Report to Congress
BK87 | Normative Approaches to the Prevention of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA Research Monograph No. 3, 1980)
BK93 | Spectrum: Alcohol Problems Prevention for Women, by Women
BK97 | Evaluation of the Alcoholics Implications for Research, Theory, and Treatment (NIAAA Research Monograph No. 5, 1981)
NCAE006 | Volunteer Program Development Guide
NCAE017 | An Ounce of Prevention: Decisions & Drinking Series (For Blacks)
NCAE027 | Counseling Alcoholic Clients: Participants Manual
NCAE029 | Planning Alcoholism Services: Trainer Manual
NCAE030 | Planning Alcoholism Services: Participants Manual
NCAE031 Planning Alcoholism Services: Session Outline Cards
NCAE032 Community Health Nurse & Alcohol Related Problems: Curriculum Planning Guide
NCAE033 Community Health Nurse & Alcohol Related Problems: Book of Readings
NCAE035 NCAE Trainer Catalog
NCAE037 Services for Alcoholic Women Resource Book
NCAE040 Initial Visit: Considerations for Program Directors
NCAE041 Initial Visit: Facilitators Manual
NCAE042 Initial Visit: Participant Manual
NCAE043 Initial Visit: Session Outline Cards
PH168 Occupational Programs Bibliography
PH195 Target: Alcohol Abuse in the Hard-to-Reach Work Force

INFORMATION BY PHONE

1-800-ALCOHOL
Nationwide referral to treatment services in caller's area.
Hours of operation: 24 hours.

1-800-594-KIDS
This is the new hotline number operated by the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth to provide referral for parents and youth to treatment and support groups.
Hours of operation: 9 - 5 EST, Monday through Friday.

Liquor-Line (202) 682-8840
For reporters and researchers seeking background and information on the distilled spirits industry and related education and prevention issues.
Hours of operation: 24 hours (from DISCUS Newsletter, September 1984).

1-800-COCAINE
Support and referral to persons regarding cocaine use/abuse.
Hours of operation: 24 hours.

GIFTS AND EXCHANGE

Alcohol Research Group Library
Attn: SALIS Giveaways
1816 Scenic Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94709
(415) 642-5208

The ARG Library has the following duplicates to give away:

Bulletin on Narcotics
Vol. 31, No. 2, 3/4 1979
Vol. 32, No. 2, 3/4 1980
Vol. 33, No. 1, 2, 3/4 1981
Vol. 34, No. 1, 2, 3/4 1982
Vol. 35, No. 1, 2, 3/4 1983
Vol. 36, No. 1 1984

Bottom Line
Vol. 1, No. 2, 3, 4 1977

Drogalcodol Drogalkohol
No. 2, 3 1978 No. 1, 3 1978
No. 4 1981 No. 3, 4 1981


NIDA Research Monographs
No. 16 The Epidemiology of Heroin and other Narcotics. Joan Durne Rittenhouse, ed.
No. 23 Cigarette Smoking as a Dependence Process. Norman A. Krasnegor, ed.

The ARG Library needs the following:

Journal of Studies on Alcohol, March 1982
Journal of Studies on Alcohol November 1983

Prevention Research Center Library
3532 Durant
Berkeley, CA 94704
(415) 486-1111

The Prevention Research Center Library needs the following:

Journal of Studies on Alcohol May, 1982

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London WC1B 3JS
United Kingdom
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ADD

National Safety Council
444 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611
Phone: (312) 527-4800

ADD

Research Society on Alcoholism
New York State Division on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse
1021 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14203
Phone: (716) 887-2505

NEW ENTRY FOR SALIS DIRECTORY, 1984

CALIFORNIA

SAN DIEGO COUNTY ALCOHOL PROGRAM
3831 Rosecrans Street
San Diego, CA 92110
(619) 236-2004

Type: research/academic; public policy
Parent organization: San Diego County -- Department of Health Services
Date established: 1974
Contact person: Jeffrey Wynne

Size of Collection: 1,500 materials

Films: Yes
Video materials: No
Microforms: Yes
Newspaper clippings: Yes
Photocopy service: Yes
In-house searches: No
Vendors: 
Databases searched: 


Special collection(s): 
Services provided: 
Membership: 