

CAPS News

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CAPS ON THE MOVE

Studies Funded

Joseph Catania. Family of AIDS Behavioral Studies (FABS). Funded by NIMH.

Diane Binson. Power and Sex: Young Women and Safer Sex Practices. Funded by the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

Appointed and Elected

Cynthia Gomez was recently appointed to the Committee on Psychology and AIDS by the American Psychological Association. Congratulations Cynthia!

Cynthia was also elected co-chair of the new HIV Prevention Planning Council for the City of San Francisco along with Valerie Kegebein, SFPDPH Office of AIDS and Kerrington Osborn, National Taskforce on AIDS. Other CAPS members on the council are **Ron Stall, Bob Hays, Katherine Haynes-Sanstad and Jim Kahn**. This council will set appropriation priorities for prevention monies allocated to San Francisco.

Jim Kahn is also on the California Office of AIDS Research Priority-Setting and Budget Committee.

Hitching through Africa?

Peter Lurie is off to Africa where he will continue the data analysis on his "dry sex" study: a study of whether traditional sexual practices, such as use of cloths and the intravaginal insertion of ground stones, leaves and herbs are associated with HIV infection. He will then have about 10 days to hightail it to Kinshasa (Zaire) by truck, hitch, train, bus and Zaire River barge.

Publication

M. Feldman. "Sex, AIDS and the Elderly." *Archives of Internal Medicine*, 1994; 154: 19-20.

Presentations

Peter Lurie, Jim Kahn and Joe Guydish were presenters at the Needle Exchange Conference this month in Santa Cruz, for people providing needle exchange services in the U.S.

On March 7, **Susan Folkman** presented, "The Process of Bereavement in Partners of Men with AIDS," to the National Institute of Mental Health symposium, "Multiple Losses in AIDS - Psychosocial and Cultural Issues of Long Term Survivors," in Rockville, Maryland.

David Siegel and Flora Krasnovsky spoke to the California Office of AIDS in Sacramento, on the Oakland Schools AIDS Prevention Projects, with an emphasis on peer intervention curriculum and high-risk youth.

Joseph Catania, Diane Binson and Valerie Stone presented their poster, "Sexual Networks: A Description and Validation of Disassortative Mixing Categories among Heterosexual Adults," at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) meeting last week.

AIDS INFORMATION UPDATE

NIH

NIH's Division of Research Grants (DRG) has streamlined peer review study sections in response to the president's 1993 executive order requiring that one-third of all advisory committees under the Public Health Service Act, not mandated by statute, be eliminated.

DRG study sections have been reorganized into 19 review groups that will be clustered into the following six areas of related science: 1) behavioral and neurosciences, 2) biological and physiological sciences, 3) chemistry and related sciences, 4) clinical sciences, 5) microbial and immunological sciences, 6) technology and applied sciences.

Improving NIH's peer review system has been a primary concern of NIH's new director, Harold Varmus, who explained that, in a separate action, the DRG has instituted a new triage system which should make it possible to dismiss one-third to one-half of the applications submitted within 30 days, with comments to applicants on how to rethink their projects.

Varmus also expressed the need to get new people into the study sections: "I consider service to NIH an obligation once you've been a grant recipient."

SFPDPH

Projections of the AIDS Epidemic in San Francisco 1994-1997, a document from the Seroepidemiology and Surveillance Branch, SFPDPH Office of AIDS, is available from Leslie Roos.

On-line News Services

Information about **Universitywide AIDS Research Program** activities is available on-line through the Internet and through the UC Office of the President GOPHER server. Requests for applications, lists of awards, issues of the UARP NEWS BRIEF and other information will be posted on the sci.med.aids USENET newsgroup and on UCOP's gopher.ucop.edu server. Also, UARP may be contacted via e-mail, at UARP @ ucop.edu.

The CDC AIDS Daily Summary is available in public QuickMail, thanks to Pam DeCarlo and Shawn Hall.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Japan Conference - The Abstract Deadline has been extended to March 31, 1994. On March 28th, CAPS will send another DHL package with conference registrations and abstracts to Yokohama (see Leslie Roos by 9:00 am). Notifications of acceptance or rejection will be sent out in May to those who submitted abstracts, as originally scheduled. Special prices are available for round-trip airfare from Los Angeles/San Francisco to Japan with 6 nights hotel accommodation, starting at \$1850. Tel: (215) 568-6655 or Fax: (215) 568-0696. Contact: Gil-Kenes Travel (PA, USA). Remember to travel on domestic carriers!

Brighton Conference - On March 28th, CAPS will send another Fed Ex package to London with registrations for the 2nd International AIDS' Impact Conference in Brighton, U.K.

FYI

Student Available

Lisa Reid is completing her Master's Degree at the University of San Francisco and wants to do her thesis in the area of psychoneuroimmunology. She is willing to work for free up to eight hours a week on a research project that would be related to her research interest. She comes highly recommended by Jackie Peterson. See Leslie Roos for a copy of her resume.

Funding Opportunity

The Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS, Inc. offers one-year grant assistance to established AIDS organizations (e.g. community-based organizations, non-governmental organizations). The Foundation strongly encourages applications which focus on innovative approaches to an HIV/AIDS related activity. The Foundation does not fund individuals. The maximum grant disbursement per organization is \$100,000. Grant application deadlines for this year are May 31 and October 31.

Next CAPS Town Hall Meeting

Friday, April 8, 12 - 1:00

CAPS IN THE MEDIA

CAPS is highlighted throughout UCSF Magazine "AIDS: Ten Years After" February 1994

In this issue, Tom Coates describes CAPS as "the largest consolidated research effort in the country focusing on the social and behavioral aspects of AIDS prevention and early intervention." Leon McKusick's contributions are acknowledged as are many other CAPS' scientists.

Newspaper Articles

Ron Stall, Joe Catania and Mitch Feldman were quoted in the following newspaper articles on January 10: *The New York Times*: "People Over 50 Ignoring Safeguards Against AIDS," *Contra Costa West County Times*: "People Over 50 Are Less Cautious In AIDS Prevention," *Idaho Statesman*: "Study Finds Many Older Lovers Fail To Be Careful About AIDS," *San Francisco Chronicle*: "Older People Uninformed on AIDS Safety," *Oakland Tribune*: "Elderly Not Getting Message," *Hayward Review*: "Elderly Not Getting Safe-Sex Message," and the *World-Herald* (Nebraska Edition): "Older Americans Feel Immune to AIDS, Study Says." Whew!

The next CAPS News deadline is April 15th. Please provide Leslie Roos with items by QuickMail or hard copy. All comments are appreciated.

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ABSTRACTS SUBMITTED BY CAPS TO AIDS CONFERENCES IN BRIGHTON & YOKOHAMA

AIDS' Impact, 2nd International Conference 7-10 July 1994 Brighton, UK

Avins, A; Woods, William J; Lindan, CP; Boscarino, JA. "Changes in Heterosexual Risk Behaviors One Year After Alcohol Treatment." Oral Presentation.

Ekstrand, Maria; Siegel, D; Krasnovsky, F; Battle, R; Cummings, G; Haynes-Sanstad, K; Green, N; Nido, V. "A School-Based, Peer-Led AIDS Prevention Program Delays the Onset of Sexual Behaviors Among Adolescents." Oral Presentation.

Folkman, Susan; Chesney, M; Cooke, M; Boccillari, A; Collette, L. "Predicting Depression after Partner's Death in HIV+ and HIV-Caregivers from Physical and Psychosocial Factors Assessed Prior to Loss." Oral Presentation.

Grinstead, Olga A; Zack, B; Faigeles, B. "Effectiveness of Peer HIV Education for Prisoners." Oral Presentation.

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Tenth International Conference on AIDS 7-12 August 1994 Yokohama, Japan

Avins, Andrew; Woods, W; Lindan, C; Boscarino, J; Hudes, E; Clark, W; Hulley, S. "Changes in High-Risk Behaviors among Heterosexuals Following Alcohol and Drug Treatment." Oral Presentation.

Boscarino, Joseph A; Avins, A; Woods, W; Lindan, C; Clark, W; Hulley, S; Hudes, E. "Alcohol-Related Factors Associated with HIV Infection Among Alcoholics." Oral Presentation.

Choi, Kyung-Hee; Tian, C; Zheng, X; Hall, T; Coates, T. "Are STD Patients at Risk for HIV Infection in China?" Poster Presentation.

Cooke, Molly; Chesney, M; Folkman, S. "Intentionally Hastened Death in AIDS-Role of Caregiving Partners." Oral Presentation.

Gibson, David R; Young, M; Choi, K. "Drug Injectors May Underreport Drug Risk but not Sexual Risk Behavior." Oral Presentation.

Gomez, Cynthia; Marin, B; Grinstead, O. "Sexual Coercion in the Face of AIDS: Will Latino Men and Women Challenge it?" Oral Presentation.

Grinstead, Olga; Marin, B; Gomez, C. "Impediments to HIV Testing Among U.S. Latino Adults." Oral Presentation.

Harper, Gary; Lodico, M; DiClemente, R; Coates, T. "Gender-Specific Correlates of Multiple Sexual Partners among African-American Adolescents in a High Risk Urban Environment." Oral Presentation.

Abstracts: Japan (continued)

Hays, Robert B; Kegeles, S; Coates, T. "Community-Level HIV Prevention Program for Young Gay Men." Oral Presentation.

Lurie, P; Lowe, Robert A; Hintzen, P. "The Impact of International Monetary Fund and World Bank Policies on HIV Transmission in Developing Countries." Oral Presentation.

Lurie, Peter; Sorensen, J; Lanes, S; Kahn, JG; Guydish, J; Foley, J; Chen, D; Bowser, B; Jones, TS; Reingold, AL. "The Public Health Impact of Needle Exchange Programs (NEPS)." Oral Presentation.

Marin, Barbara VanOss, Gomez, C; Grinstead, O. "The Gender Gap: What Young Unmarried Latinos Think and Do about Sex." Oral Presentation.

Mayne, Tracy; O'Leary, A. "HIV+ Gay Men and IDUS in Non-Urban Settings: Differences in Resources and Support Use." Oral Presentation.

McFarland, William; Kahn, J; Katzenstein, D; Mvere, D; Shamu, R. "Blood Donor Deferral by HIV Factors is Cost-Effective in Zimbabwe." Oral Presentation.

Moore, Lisa D; Padian, N. "Serostatus Self-Disclosure for Men in a Heterosexual Cohort Study." Poster Presentation.

Abstracts by Visiting Scholar Alumni

Patrick Addy. "Trends in antimicrobial susceptibility patterns for *N. Gonorrhoeae* in Kumasi, Ghana."

Mari Rose Aplasca (Mandel/Hearst/Siegel). "Development and evaluation of an AIDS education program for high school students in the Philippines."

Leoncio Barrios (Marin). "Sexual behavior and beliefs in men living in Caracas, Venezuela."

Cynthia Boschi-Pinto (Hearst). "Follow-up of HIV-1 seronegative female partners of seropositive men in Brazil."

Pacharin Dumronggittigule (Lindan/Taywaditep/Mandel). "Reducing HIV risk among couples: A study from Northern Thai villages."

Veronica Hughes (Stall/Hearst). "High risk behavior during Carnival in Brazil."

Moses Kanya (Marin/Hearst). "Predictors of condom use with casual partners among men in Kampala, Uganda."

Afranio Kritski. "HIV-1, HTLV-1, and tuberculosis among intravenous drug users in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil."

Su-Su Liao. "AIDS awareness among Dai minority villagers in Ruili, Yunnan."

Igor Lunin (Hall/Mandel/Hearst). "Russian youth, HIV and safer sex: A potential epidemic!"

Ladislav Machala (Hearst/Mandel). "HIV/AIDS in the Czech Republic."

Tuti Merati (Ekstrand/Mandel). "Assessing the role of traditional Balinese youth groups (STT's) in AIDS prevention programs."

Warren Naamara (Reingold/Hearst). "Pregnancy and HIV-infection in Ugandan women."

Reinaldo Ortiz-Colon (Marin). "Psychosocial stressors affecting the quality of life of HIV seropositive Puerto Rican gay men after diagnosis."

Oswaldo Reyes (Hearst). "HIV sentinel serosurveillance in STD patients -Ecuador, 1991-1993."

Luciano Sandala (Lurie/Hearst). "Traditional sexual practices among women at a sexually transmitted diseases (STD) clinic in Zambia."

Paulo Telles (Stall/Hearst). "Assessing risk behaviors and HIV seroprevalence among IDUs in two major ports of South America."

Charles Uwakwe (Lurie). "Compliance with universal precautions and client counseling among pharmacy operators in two Nigerian towns."

Other International Program Abstracts

Maria Cristina Antunes. "Variables associated with condom use among adolescent primary night school students in São Paulo, Brazil."

Lima Vasco Pedrosa Carvalho (Fernandes). "Study of urethritis management in pharmacies in São Paulo, Brazil."

Ivan Fini (Fernandes). "AIDS control and prevention in Brazil."

Regina Lacerda (Stall/Hearst). "Prevalence of HIV infection and AIDS behavioral risk among port workers in Santos, Brazil."

Conceição Lemes (Hearst). "Brazilian Playboy against HIV: A pioneering approach."

Iara Moreno Linhares (Hughes/Fernandes). "AIDS, sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases - everything you have always wanted to know and had the courage to ask: a book for commercial sex workers (CSWs)."

Gravato Neide (Tellini/Lacerda/Fernandes). "Census of commercial sex workers (CSWs) in Santos City, Brazil."

Vera Paiva. "Reproductive rights, sexual rights, and power in Brazilian night school students."

Robert Perez (Fernandes). "Analysis of condom social marketing (CSM) in Brazil."

Vladimir Stempluk (Paiva/Hearst). "Gender norms and sexual risk among teenagers in São Paulo, Brazil."

Arunrat Wannarat (Taywaditep/Lindan/Mandel). "HIV-Antibody testing at anonymous testing sites and STD clinics in Northern Thailand."

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