

Gender, Alcohol and Culture: An International Study



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GENACIS SONG

Some members may not know that we now have an official GENACIS song. This moving tribute to the GENACIS project was composed by Elin Bye, Sharon Bernards, Andrée Demers, Gerhard Gmel, and Sylvia Kairouz and was first performed following the GENACIS dinner at the November 2004 workshop in Berlin. It is sung to the tune of *A Yesterday* by the Beatles. Gerhard has provided the lyrics so that members can practice the song in preparation for our meeting in Riverside. Additional verses can be submitted to Gerhard et al. for consideration.



GENACIS

Elin, Sharon, Andrée, Gerhard & Sylvia

Yesterday,
GENACIS seemed so far away
Now it looks as though it's here to stay
OOOH I believe in GENACIS

Why
It had to grow, I don't know,
but Robin said
He said something's wrong
Now I long for Baltic States

GENACIS,
You are twice the size you used to be
Now, there's data hanging over me
OH GENACIS, you're killing me

Gerhard's team
Combined data from country surveys.
Now they all just want to hide away.
Oh GENACIS.
You're killing me.

SYLVIA AND LOUISE PRESENT GENACIS TO CANADA

On April 27, Sylvia Kairouz and Louise Nadeau presented a videoconference titled *Gender and Alcohol: Facts, Services and International Research Perspectives* as part of the Research in Addictions and Mental Health Policy and Services (RAMHPS) videoconference seminar series. RAMHPS is a Strategic Training Program funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Quebec Mental Health and Neuroscience Network. Sylvia and Louise provided an overview of the GENACIS project and reported research by Sylvia and her colleagues that developed a psychometrically sound measure of alcohol problems for use in GENACIS analyses. Attendees participated in the videoconference at six sites throughout Canada. Sylvia and Louise reported that audience reaction to the videoconference and the GENACIS project was very positive and enthusiastic. Interested GENACIS members can obtain a copy of the presentation's PowerPoint slides from Sylvia (sylvia.kairouz@umontreal.ca).

PAHO COMES TO RIVERSIDE

There will be some new faces at the GENACIS workshop in Riverside. With funding from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), study partners of the PAHO Multicentric Study of Gender, Alcohol and Harm will be participating in the May 27-28 GENACIS workshop and the KBS Symposium. The Multicentric Study is conducting new GENACIS-related surveys in Belize, Brazil, Nicaragua, and Peru. Data from these new surveys will be analyzed together with existing GENACIS surveys in Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Uruguay and will be compared with data from surveys in Canada and the U.S. Multicentric Study partners attending the GENACIS workshop are Laura Krech (PAHO, Washington, DC), Jürgen Rehm (Toronto, Multicentric Study co-coordinator), Claudina Elington Cayetano (Belize), Marcos Zaleski (Brazil), and Ines Bustamante (Peru). Current GENACIS members and Multicentric Study partners Myriam Munné (Argentina), Florence Kerr-Correia (Brazil), and Raquel Magri (Uruguay) will also attend the workshop. Other GENACIS members collaborating in the Multicentric Study are Julio Bejarano (Costa Rica), Martha Romero (Mexico), Kate Graham (Canada), Tom Greenfield (USA), and Sharon Wilsnack (USA).

**IRGGA/GENACIS Meetings
Riverside, California**

Friday, May 27, 2005

09:00 – 10:30	GENACIS Plenary (Santa Barbara Room)		
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome and introductions Discussion of agenda		
09:30 – 10:00	Updates: EU, WHO, UND		
10:00 – 10:30	PAHO project update		
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break		
11:00 – 12:30	Paper Groups: Drinking Patterns (Santa Barbara, San Gabriel, San Diego East, and San Diego West)		
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break		
14:00 – 15:30	Violence (San Gabriel)	Health & Lifestyle (San Diego East)	Societal-Level Predictors (San Diego West)
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break		
16:00 – 17:30	Paper Groups: Drinking Problems (Santa Barbara, San Gabriel, San Diego East, and San Diego West)		
17:30 – 19:30	Steering Committee Meeting		

Saturday, May 28, 2005

09:00 – 10:30	Intimacy & Sexuality (Santa Barbara)		Social Inequalities (San Gabriel)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break		
11:00 – 12:30	Drinking Patterns (Santa Barbara)	Violence (San Gabriel)	Social Inequalities (San Diego West)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break		
14:00 – 15:30	Drinking Problems (Santa Barbara)	Intimacy & Sexuality (San Gabriel)	Health & Lifestyle (San Diego West)
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break		
16:00 – 17:30	GENACIS Plenary (wrap-up) (Santa Barbara Room)		
18:30	Unofficial GENACIS group dinner ("on your own")		

Sunday, May 29, 2005

	No GENACIS sessions, members encouraged to attend ISAJE publishing workshop
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Tuesday, May 31, 2005

16:00 – 17:30	IRGGA Plenary (Santa Barbara Room)
17:30 – 19:00	Steering Committee Meeting (tentative)

GENACIS members will present a number of papers at KBS 2005. The following list gives the titles and presentation times for papers authored or co-authored by GENACIS members. For papers with multiple authors, only the GENACIS member's name is given.

Monday, May 30, 2005:

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Isidore Obot: WHO's resolution on public health and alcohol.

Robin Room: Alcohol and the World Health Organization.

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Gerhard Gmel et al: Alcohol attributable risks of injury in a Swiss emergency room: The link between volume of drinking, drinking patterns and drinking in the event.

Elin Bye: Assaults and homicide rates in Norway 1880-2003: Alcohol, economy and the role of social integration.

J. Joosten & Ronald Knibbe: Cultural variations in suggesting to drink less.

Giora Rahav: The gender ratio in drinking: A preliminary cross-national analysis.

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Thomas Greenfield et al: Drinking patterns of Mexican Americans: A re-visit of immigration status and acculturation.

Thomas Greenfield et al: Explaining the ethnic differences in risk of alcohol-related problems and dependence symptoms among US drinkers.

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Akanidomo Ibanga: Amount of alcohol considered appropriate to take in different settings.

Louise Nadeau: A qualitative analysis of the roles of substance use in female-perpetrated partner violence in female substance abusers' couples.

Madhabika Nayak & Satish Kumar: Alcohol and spousal violence-related injury: Does the association vary by type of violence?

Tuesday, May 31, 2005:

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Pia Makela et al: Alcohol and preventive paradox: Wide-ranging harms and drinking pattern.

Zofia Mielecka-Kubien: Application of the distribution of alcohol consumption to estimation of the range of alcohol abuse (on the basis of GENACIS data).

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Martin Plant & Moira Plant: Bar wars: Media frenzy and licensing policy under Tony Blair.

Pia Makela et al: Protection from and risk of increased mortality associated with patterns of alcohol use in the multiple risk factor intervention trial (MRFIT) cohort.

Ronald Knibbe et al: Problem drinking in The Netherlands: A longitudinal general population study.

Kim Bloomfield et al: Socio-demographic determinants of alcohol consumption in the Danish general population.

Laura Krech et al: The development of international PSAs and break-through messaging about under-aged drinking: An innovative partnership between academia, a college of design and a global health organization.

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Ann Hope: Alcohol policy in Ireland: The price of drink.

Thomas Greenfield et al: Health effects from drinking: Type, severity and associated drinking patterns.

Allaman Allamani et al: The Florence 1 early identification and brief intervention project.

Christina Andersson, Lena Spak, & Fredrik Spak: Prevalence of drug use in three cohorts of young Swedish women.

Kathryn Graham, Andree Demers, et al: Adapting the AUDIT for use in a non-clinical telephone survey: Results from the GENACIS Canada survey.

Thomas Greenfield et al: Evaluating the effects of beverage-specific drink ethanol content estimates on alcohol consumption measures, coverage of sales statistics and prediction of outcomes.

Wednesday, June 1, 2005:

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Herve Kuendig & Emmanuel Kuntsche: Family bonding, drinking families, and adolescent alcohol use.

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

A.M. Tucci, F. Kerr-Correia et al: Childhood neglect and abuse in alcohol and drug dependent patients and in patients with depression: Evaluation by the Childhood Trauma Questionnaire CTQ.

Louise Nadeau et al: DUI repeated offenders: Cloninger's Type II alcoholism features and recidivism.

Karen Trocki & Laurence Michalak: One thing led to another and it just happened: Understanding sexual "decision-making" in the age of AIDS.

Ronald Knibbe et al: Pastime in a pub: Observations of young adults' activities and alcohol consumption.

Andree Demers, Sylvia Kairouz, et al: When the forest hides the trees: A setting typology of drinking contexts among Canadian undergraduates.

Thursday, June 2, 2005:

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Kathryn Graham et al: To what extent is intoxication associated with aggression in bars?: A multilevel analysis.

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Raquel Magri et al: Legal and illegal drug consumption in recent detainees.

Pia Makela et al: Alcohol-related mortality in Finland 1987 - 2003: A register-based follow-up study.

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Thomas Greenfield, Madhabika Nayak, et al: Risks of drinking for the treated or concerned are higher than others, for given patterns of drinking.

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Akanidomo Ibanga: Who is pressuring who to drink or drink a little more than intended?

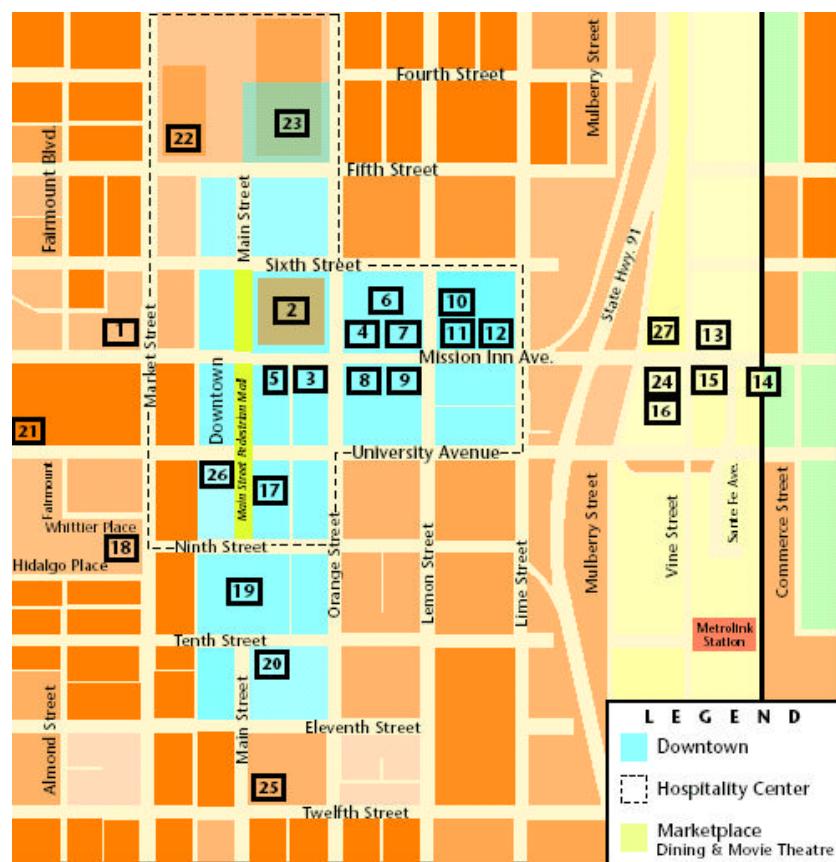
Siri Hettige: Abstinence: The influence of socio-cultural factors vs pragmatic consideration.

Downtown Riverside Walking Map

Riverside enjoys a rich heritage with Spanish and Hispanic influence reflected in the city's architecture, cuisine, culture and civic life. Riverside has evolved from a quiet agricultural colony into a dynamic, active city and a hub of higher education, technology, commerce, law, finance and culture. Located by corresponding number are the following:

1. Historic Fox Theatre
2. The Mission Inn, A National Historic Landmark Hotel

3. Old City Hall
4. Chinese Pavilion
5. Mario's Italian Restaurant
6. Public Library
7. Universalist Unitarian Church
8. Municipal Museum
9. First Congregational Church
10. First Church of Christ Scientist
11. Municipal Auditorium
12. Riverside Art Museum
13. Old Spaghetti Factory
14. Historic Union Pacific Railroad Depot
15. North Park
16. Coffee Depot
17. UCR California Museum of Photography
18. White Park
19. Riverside City Hall/Veteran's Memorial
20. Historic Riverside County Courthouse
21. Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce
22. Riverside Marriott
23. Riverside Convention Center & Plaza
24. Sevilla Restaurant
25. Riverside County Hall of Justice
26. Riverside Convention & Visitor Bureau
27. MiTortilla



RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA WEB SITES OF INTEREST

<http://www.riversideca.gov/visitors.htm>

The official city of Riverside website visitors' page with links to various services and attractions, three of which are featured below.

http://www.riversideca.gov/resources/things_to_do.htm

The city of Riverside official web site that provides links to things to do in the city, from restaurants to shopping to activities to parks and museums.

<http://www.riversideca.gov/resources/landmarks.htm>

Riverside historic landmarks.

<http://www.riversideca.gov/living/shopping.htm#DOWNTOWN%20RIVERSIDE>

Riverside shopping areas.

<http://www.smartriverside.com/>

Contains several links to various Riverside sites and services. Be sure to visit the link to the 2004 guide to The 25 Best Riverside Restaurants, and the link to "What Do You Want to Do in Riverside Today?"

<http://www.smartriverside.com/pdf/top25.pdf>

This guide gives the location, phone number, hours, prices, cuisine, and a review of each restaurant featured.

<http://www.smartriverside.com/stomping.cfm>

This site is geared more toward college students, but does point out some of the unique local attractions as opposed to the big chain restaurants and stores.

<http://www.riversidecb.com>

This is the website for the official Riverside Convention Bureau. There are several links within this site to attractions, shopping, etc.

<http://www.riversidedowntown.org>

This site is rather "busy," but if you click on the link for Visitor's Information, you can get links to downtown shopping, downtown restaurants, etc.

<http://www.missioninn.com>

This is the official site for the Mission Inn. There is a link here that allows you to take a virtual tour of this historic site. In addition you can get information on accommodations, restaurants, gift shops, etc.

THANK YOU, SIPA!

We would like to thank Gerhard Gmel, Sandra Kuntsche, and Hervé Kuendig for their superb work preparing the updated GENACIS work decks, overview tables, codebook, and other valuable resources for using the GENACIS database. The initial GENACIS workdecks distributed last year contained data from 28 surveys in 22 countries. The updated workdecks now contain data from **101,469 respondents** representing 35 surveys in 28 countries.

CDs with the updated workdecks (GENACIS Version 2) were sent to each work area leader in April for distribution to paper group leaders in their areas. Whereas the initial workdeck excluded data from three surveys due to proprietary rights, France has now given permission for their data to be included on the updated CD. Special permission is still needed for access to the Finnish national data (contact Pia Mäkelä at Pia.Makela@stakes.fi), and Gerhard's team will continue to prepare summary tables for the Swiss data upon request. Also on the Version 2 CD for the first time are the sexuality/intimacy and health/lifestyle workdecks. Thank you, SIPA staff, for your hard work and important contributions to the GENACIS project!

FINAL REPORT OF EU-GENACIS PROJECT PUBLISHED

In January 2005 the EU GENACIS partners, led by Kim Bloomfield, published **Gender, Culture and Alcohol Problems: A Multi-national Study**, the Project Final Report of the EU Concerted Action component of the GENACIS project. The 341-page report contains eight chapters describing major findings across the 13 EU countries in the areas of drinking patterns, drinking contexts, alcohol-related problems, alcohol-related violence, social inequalities, social roles, and societal-level factors. The report also includes country profiles describing gender and alcohol issues in seven of the EU countries, and 11 appendices containing useful information about technical aspects of the surveys, including all questions in the common GENACIS questionnaire, other questions used in specific country surveys, and construction of drinking variables and other composite variables used in the comparative multi-national analyses. We congratulate the EU partners on the publication of this impressive report. Members interested in obtaining a copy of the report should contact Kim Bloomfield (Kbl@health.sdu.dk).

WEBSITES

IRGGA/GENACIS project:
<http://www.med.und.nodak.edu/depts/irgga/>.

GENACIS site at SIPA:
<http://www.genacis.org>

KBS website:
<http://www.arg.org/kbs>

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