

The **AIDS AND ANTHROPOLOGY**
AARG RESEARCH GROUP

NEWSLETTER

NEW NEWSLETTER!

This is the first issue of the AARG Newsletter. It is a direct outgrowth of the previous five informational letters which have been sent to all AARG members beginning in January, 1987. The newsletter will be issued quarterly to all AARG members and to other selected individuals and organizations. All members will also receive a copy of the revised membership list as well. AARG members are encouraged to contribute material for publication in the newsletter. Submitted communications should be brief. The purpose of the newsletter will be to promote AIDS-related research and activities by anthropologists. Members are encouraged to make any suggestions to the editor for improving the newsletter.

103 MEMBERS STRONG

The AIDS and Anthropology Research Group (AARG) now has 103 dues paying members. The membership list includes only those persons who have paid their dues for 1988. Please check your listing to confirm that it is correct. If you wish to make additions, deletions, or other changes to your your name, degree, title, address, phone number, or key words, please contact us at our address listed at the bottom of this page. To become a member for 1988, send a \$10 check or money order payable to "AARG" to us. If received before October 1, 1988, it will appear in the next membership list revision to appear in October. Everyone interested in AIDS-related research and activities by anthropologists is encouraged to join. The next newsletter will include the notice for payment of 1989 membership dues.

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TASK FORCE ON AIDS FORMED

The AIDS and Anthropology Task Force of the American Anthropological Association was organized at the national roundtable meeting of the AIDS and Anthropology Research Group (AARG) at the Society for Applied Anthropology in Tampa, Florida on April 21, 1988. The purpose of the Task Force will be to promote specific group and individual research projects and activities by anthropologists in the area of AIDS. The Task Force was formed by unanimous vote of all AARG members present at the meeting. The Chairperson and the nine member Steering Committee of AARG was unanimously elected to function as the Chairperson and Steering Committee of the Task Force through 1988. The Chairperson (Douglas A. Feldman) has recently appointed Michael D. Quam to co-chair the Task Force through 1988.

Roy A. Rappaport, President of the American Anthropological Association, suggested the creation of the Task Force at our AARG organizational meeting in Chicago in November, 1987. The Co-Chairs will be organizing a membership of the Task Force.

With the AAA behind the Task Force, it is hoped that more anthropologists will have the opportunity to participate in funded AIDS-related research and programs, and that the Task Force will facilitate such activities. The African Famine Task Force and the AIDS and Anthropology Task Force are the two existing task forces of the AAA.

The next scheduled meeting of the Task Force will be held at the AAA
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REGIONAL ROUNDTABLES

The second AARG regional roundtable meeting was held in New York City at Hunter College, City University of New York on June 8th. Francis Conant and Douglas A. Feldman co-chaired the session. It was also attended by Doug Goldsmith, Charlotte Isler, Karen Kennedy, Lee Kochems, Terri Leonard, Betty Potash, Dana Raphael, Mariam Slater, and Stan Yoder.

The topic was "Risk Reduction and AIDS Health Education." There were very productive discussions on AIDS prevention among gay men in the United States, IVEDUs, and among heterosexuals in central and east Africa. We will be meeting again at Hunter College in September. Please contact Francis Conant at (212) 772-5420 for the date, time and room if you would like to attend.

The first AARG regional roundtable in Chicago was held on July 9th. It was co-chaired by Gilbert Herdt and Michael D. Quam. William L. Rowe and Melanie L. Sovine also attended. They discussed the future course of the AIDS and Anthropology Task Force, and made recommendations to the Co-Chairs of the Task Force (which are currently being evaluated). If you would like to attend the next meeting in Chicago, please call Gilbert Herdt at (312) 753-3341.

Ralph Bolton may organize an AARG regional roundtable in Los Angeles. Norris Lang may do it for Houston. Moses Pounds may do it for Baltimore. Paul Farmer may do it for Boston. Please contact these persons if you would like to attend. Their phone numbers are in the membership list. The purpose of these roundtables are to promote direct communication between AARG members.

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annual meeting in Phoenix on Wednesday, November 16, 1988 from 6:30-8 P.M. Please make every effort to attend.

PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!

AARG will hold a no-host cash bar reception at the AAA annual meeting in Phoenix on Wednesday, November 16, 1988 from 8 P.M. on. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend, and enjoy the fun!

AARG BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULED

The annual business meeting of AARG will be held at the AAA annual meeting in Phoenix on Thursday, November 17, 1988 at about 12 noon. All AARG members are strongly encouraged to attend.

Other AIDS-related events will include a symposium on "AIDS and the Anthropology of Risk" (Michael D. Quam, Chair) and a symposium on "AIDS and Ethics" (Keith Kernan, Chair).

XII ICAES MEETING

The 12th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences will be held in Zagreb, Yugoslavia on July 24-31, 1988. There will be a symposium on "Anthropology and International AIDS Research" on Saturday, July 30th from 8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. (Douglas A. Feldman, Chair). Speakers will include Douglas A. Feldman, Ralph Bolton, M. Ajdukovic, D. Ajdukovic, Brooke G. Schoepf, Lidia C. Scharer, M. Vodopija, V. Burek, T. Maretic, and J. Zrinjscak.

GRANTS AWARDED

The Pettus-Crowe Foundation in Washington, D.C. awarded the AIDS and Anthropology Task Force a grant of \$500 toward a future planning conference for the Task Force. Special thanks go to Dr. Irene Crowe. We are now seeking additional funds for this purpose. If you have any ideas (or, better yet, funds available!), please contact Douglas A. Feldman at (718) 846-8816. The American Anthropological Association will administer all funds received.

Partners In Health, Inc. in Cambridge, MA awarded AARG a grant also for \$500 for AIDS research. Special thanks go to Paul Farmer for his assistance. If you would like to make a donation for our AIDS research fund, please make your check payable to "AARG." Tax-deductible donations of \$100 or more may be made for our AIDS research fund with checks payable to "Institute for Intercultural Studies" and sent to AARG at our address at the bottom of page one of this newsletter. Your generosity is earnestly appreciated.

HIV AND SOUTH AFRICAN MINES

Dana Raphael informs us that the Chamber of Mines in the Republic of South Africa is returning 1,000 mine workers who have tested HIV seropositive back to Zimbabwe, Malawi, and other countries. She points out that many of these miners are likely to have become infected while in South Africa, and returning them home may hasten the spread of AIDS into neighboring African countries.

Dana Raphael would also like to be contacted by anyone who is interested in exploring the channels of HIV transmission in Japan. Her phone number at the Human Lactation Center Ltd. in Westport, CT is (203) 259-5995.

AIDS, ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Ron Stall will be the keynote speaker at the Alcohol and Drug Study Group meeting at the AAA in Phoenix in November. He will talk on "Alcohol and Drug Use Patterns and the AIDS epidemic." It will focus upon the relationship between alcohol and drug use patterns and risky behavior for HIV transmission, and will emphasize the anthropological relevance of studying AIDS and drug and alcohol use patterns. The presentation will be published in the Alcohol and Drug Study Group Newsletter. Everyone is invited to attend.

AAA DATABASE ON AIDS CREATED

The AAA has created a database on anthropology and AIDS. It will be used as a resource for the media and others working in the area of AIDS and anthropology. All AARG members are encouraged to complete the attached form "Anthropology and AIDS Data Base" and return it with a copy of your c.v. to: David Givens, AAA, 1703 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009. For additional information, please call David Givens at (202) 232-8800.

FUTURE AIDS CONFERENCES

August 4-6, 1988: "Managing AIDS Services and Resources: a National Conference, Omni Hotel, Charleston, SC; abstracts were due May 12th; for information contact: Dr. Donna Richter, Code PHS/2, School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208.

September 19-20, 1988: "The Second Annual National Symposium on AIDS Prevention: Strategies for Curbing the Epidemic through AIDS Education," Stouffer Harborplace Hotel, Baltimore, MD; agenda already set, conference
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AIDS BIBLIOGRAPHY

Paul Farmer is compiling an annotated bibliography on AIDS and anthropology for AARG. If you would like to have your references included, please send him the citations with abstracts, or copies of your papers themselves. Mail to: Paul Farmer, Director, Partners in Health, 1105 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 3E, Cambridge, MA 02138.

APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY

The Society for Applied Anthropology in Tampa last April had a session on IVDU and AIDS (chaired by Kevin O'Reilly and Doug Goldsmith), a panel session on applied anthropology and AIDS (chaired by Michael D. Quam and Douglas A. Feldman), and our AARG national roundtable meeting. There was a general consensus that anthropologists are increasingly becoming involved in AIDS-related applied activities such as AIDS social services and AIDS health education programs, and that anthropology has a vital role to play in carrying out AIDS-related intervention programs.

INTERNATIONAL AIDS RESEARCH

The World Health Organization's Special Programme on AIDS has begun AIDS sexual and social research in Africa and has employed some anthropologists, according to Dr. Manuel Carballo. In May, a special workshop was held on international AIDS research in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the National Council for International Health. Key staff members from AIDSTECH, AIDSCOM, and the U.S. AID led the very informative workshop.

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fees increase from \$210 to \$240 after August 29th; for information contact: The Health and Educational Council, Inc., 7201 Rossville Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21237, (301) 686-3610.

October 3-4, 1988: "Midwest Conference on the Social Implications of AIDS," Illinois State University, Normal, IL; abstracts were due July 1st; for information contact: Ann H. Elder, Acting Director, Community Research Services, Illinois State University, 302 Normal Avenue, Room 201, Normal, IL 61761-6901, (309) 438-7771.

October 27-30, 1988: Symposium on "AIDS in Africa" (Norman Miller, Chair) at the African Studies Association, Chicago, IL.

November 13-17, 1988: 116th annual meeting, American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.

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