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AARG EVENTS PLANNED AT AAA IN NEW ORLEANS

The AIDS and Anthropology Research Group is planning to host several events at the American Anthropological Association later this year in New Orleans. AARG will, as usual, host its National Roundtable on AIDS, its no-host cash bar evening, its business meeting, and its steering committee meeting. This year, in addition, AARG will be sponsoring or co-sponsoring through the Society for Medical Anthropology, four AIDS-related sessions.

Dr. Norris G. Lang will chair "Sex Research and AIDS Prevention: Cross-Cultural Perspectives." Dr. Betty Wolder Levin will chair a session on the "Anthropology of Women and Children With AIDS," which will be co-sponsored by the Council on Anthropology and Reproduction and the Committee on Anthropology and Bioethics. Dr. Janet McGrath will chair "The Impact of AIDS on Women and Children in Africa," to be co-sponsored with the Infectious Disease Study Group. Dr. Douglas A. Feldman will chair "Global AIDS Policy." The AAA will meet from November 28 - December 2, 1990.

NO AARG SPRING MEETING THIS YEAR

The AARG Co-Chairs and Steering Committee have decided not to hold AARG-related events at the Society for Applied Anthropology annual meeting this Spring, since most of the AARG officers will not be attending the meeting which is being held in York, England this year. However, we plan to resume our activities in conjunction with SFAA next year. There are a number of AIDS-related papers that are being given at SFAA in York, and we hope to report on these in our next issue of the Newsletter. Our next series of major events will be in New Orleans in November at the American Anthropological Association annual meetings (see related article above).

POSSIBLE SHIFT ON AIDS AT WHO

Dr. Jonathan Mann, Director of the World Health Organization's Global Programme on AIDS, resigned from his position in mid-March, 1990 in a policy dispute with WHO Director-General Hiroshi Nakajima, according to press reports. It is unclear what effect, if any, this change may have upon future participation by anthropologists with the WHO Global Programme on AIDS.

Dr. Manuel Carballo (Director of the WHO Social and Behavioural Research unit) called for involvement with WHO on AIDS research by anthropologists at the American Anthropological Association's Plenary Session in Chicago back in 1987. In spite of the many anthropologists who have written to the World Health Organization expressing interest in participating with WHO, anthropological input has continued to remain minimal. It is uncertain whether this situation will continue under their new leadership.

BOYCOTT AT SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE

The Sixth International Conference on AIDS will be held in San Francisco, California, USA, from June 20-24, 1990. This year's conference -- "AIDS in the Nineties: from Science to Policy" -- will include a scientific program with four major tracks: basic science, clinical science and trials, epidemiology and prevention, and social science and policy. While anthropology was not listed as a category for scientific abstract submission, the conference will highlight the work of social scientists in sessions focusing on prevention, behavioral change, human sexuality, perinatal and family issues. Dr. Ron Stall and Dr. Linda Valleroy, both anthropologists, were among the behaviorally-oriented professionals working on the scientific program committees.

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Are you looking for hard-to-find information on an AIDS-related topic? If yes, our Cooperation Column may provide you with the answer. To participate in our next Cooperation Column, please send your material to the new AARG Editorial Office by June 1, 1990.

TASK FORCE ON AIDS TO MEET IN CHICAGO

The 23 appointed members of the American Anthropological Association Task Force on AIDS will meet for a two-day closed conference in Chicago in April, 1990. Topics will include AIDS-related policy, international issues, publications, and funding. Dr. Melanie Sovine is the Chair of the Task Force. While many anthropologists serve on both AARG and the Task Force, the two organizations are not affiliated.

AARG TO HOST ROUNDTABLE MEETING
IN SOUTH FLORIDA

AARG will sponsor its First Annual South Florida AIDS and the Social Sciences Roundtable Meeting on June 11, 1990 from 12-2 P.M. The topic for informal discussion will be "Future Directions in Social Science Research on AIDS." All social scientists are invited to attend. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Douglas A. Feldman, and Dr. Robert Halberstein. It will take place at the University of Miami School of Medicine, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, Daughtry Building, 1029 N.W. 15th street, Room 1006, Miami, Florida, USA. Please call (305) 547-6559 (ext. 50) if you plan to attend.

AARG REGIONAL MEETINGS HELD
IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The fourth AARG regional roundtable meeting for Northern California was held on March 3, 1990. They are planning a symposium on AIDS and anthropology in late Spring, 1990, possibly in conjunction with the Kroeber Society meetings. For additional information, contact Dr. Susanna Hoffman at (415) 547-1066.

Although overall plans are going well for this year's conference, the problem looms of an international boycott in reaction to United States immigration policies for HIV-infected short-term visitors. Countries and organizations threatening or planning to boycott include the official delegations from France and Switzerland, a British non-governmental organization consortium, and the League of Red Cross. United States organizations (such as the Shanti Project in San Francisco and the National Association of Persons with AIDS) have also announced a conference boycott unless U.S. immigration policies change.

On March 9, 1990, in Frankfurt, Germany, the International AIDS Society (IAS) met to discuss the U.S. policies and to vote on a potential boycott. At the meeting's end, the IAS resolutions included: a strong condemnation of the U.S. immigration policies; continued support of the Sixth International Conference only as long as positive changes in immigration policy continue to be made; and a decision not to sponsor future conferences in countries which restrict the entry of HIV-infected travelers.

JOURNAL SEEKS SUBMISSIONS

The Journal of Sex Research is the nation's oldest scholarly journal devoted to sexual science. They are seeking quality papers from anthropologists on AIDS and HIV infection. Submissions, or requests for information, should be sent to Paul R. Abramson, Ph.D., Editor, The Journal of Sex Research, Department of Psychology, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1563 USA.

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

If you have an announcement or brief communication that you would like to have included in the next issue of the AARG Newsletter, please send it to us at our new Editorial Office by June 1, 1990.

REVISED AARG MEMBERSHIP LIST

The revised AARG membership list for March, 1990 is enclosed with your AARG Newsletter. There have been numerous changes made to this revision. Only new members for 1990 and members who have renewed by the March 9, 1990 deadline are included. Please check to see that your listing is correct and complete. Changes should be sent to our Membership and Subscriptions Office by June 1, 1990.

NEW EDITORIAL OFFICE

Our AARG Newsletter Editorial Office has moved. All material should now be sent to AARG, c/o Norris G. Lang, Ph.D., Department of Anthropology, University of Houston, 4800 Calhoun Road, Houston, TX 77004-5882 USA, (713) 749-3921. Our Membership and Subscriptions Office remains the same.

CONSULTING ROSTER AVAILABLE

The AARG Consulting Roster now has information on 27 consulting anthropologists. If you are looking for an anthropologist for short- or long-term consulting positions on AIDS-related research, please contact us, specifying the geographical area, and we will forward to you relevant copies of our files at no charge. Requests should be made to Douglas A. Feldman, Ph.D., University of Miami, P-669, P.O.B. 016069, Miami, FL 33101 USA, (305) 547-6559, until June 1, 1990. After June 1, 1990, requests should be made to Ralph Bolton, Ph.D., Department of Anthropology, Pomona College, Claremont, CA 91711 USA, (714) 621-8000.

If you are an anthropologist prepared to consult on AIDS-related positions and have not yet completed our Consulting Roster form, blank forms may be obtained from the above addresses.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

POSTDOCTORAL BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP: Fellows may be involved in design, development and implementation of AIDS behavioral research: KAP surveys, intervention programs, evaluation strategies and related activities. Duration: 18 - 24 months. Eligibility: PhD, MD, DrPE; US citizen or permanent resident. Placement will be in a third world country with a host-country institution involved in AIDS prevention. Experience in AIDS or related fields such as STD, adolescent pregnancy prevention, substance abuse required. Research will be conducted under the guidance of a U.S. preceptor. Send inquiries, CV, 3 page research proposal, two letters of recommendation to: Director, AIDSPECH Project, Family Health International, P.O. Box 13950, Research Triangle Park Branch, Durham, North Carolina 27709. Telefax: (919) 544-7261. BOE. Mention that you saw this announcement in the AARG Newsletter.

If you are an employer looking for an anthropologist for an AIDS-related position, please send your announcement to us at our new Editorial Office by June 1, 1990 for the next issue. There is no charge for this service.

FUTURE CONFERENCES

May 9-11, 1990 - "Sexually Transmitted Diseases in the World of AIDS," London, United Kingdom. Contact: Fiona Morris, Royal Society of Medicine, Medical Services, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE United Kingdom.

May 13-16, 1990 - "National Conference on HIV/AIDS and Youth - First," Toronto, Canada. Contact: Joana Posteraro, Pyerson Continuing Education, HIV/AIDS and Youth Conference Secretariat, 350 Victoria Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5B 2K3 Canada.

May 16-18, 1990 - "Empowered to Make a Difference: Second National Rural AIDS Institute," New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. Contact: Jeremy Landau, Rural AIDS Network, 2267 15th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114 USA, (414) 861-4611.

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July 9-13, 1990 - "Attacking AIDS: Research
on National and International Responses-
International Sociological Association Meeting,"
Madrid, Spain. Contact: Robert S. Broadhead, 1779
Baight Street, San Francisco, CA 94117 USA.

May 31-June 3, 1990 - "Binational AIDS
Conference - AIDS in Our Communities: A Mexico/U.S.
Perspective," Santa Monica, California, USA.
Contact: Lourdes Baerconde-Carbanati, University of
California, Los Angeles, Chicano Studies Research
Center, 180 Haines Hall, 450 Hilgard Avenue, Los
Angeles, CA 90024-1544 USA, (213) 825-4484.

June 7-9, 1990 - "AIDS in the 1990's: Fight
Fear With Facts," Durham, North Carolina, USA.
Contact: Janet Johnson, North Carolina Department
of Environmental Health and Natural Resources,
Division of Epidemiology, AIDS Control Branch, P.O.
Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611 USA, (919) 733-7301.

June 15-17, 1990 - "Celebration 1990:
Onward and Upward," New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.
Contact: New Orleans Task Force, Celebration '90,
P.O. Box 51877, New Orleans, LA 70151 USA, (504)
522-1179.

June 16-19, 1990 - "AIDS '90: The Social
Work Response - The Second International Conference
on Social Work and AIDS," San José, California,
USA. Contact: Manuel Fimbres, San José State
University, School of Social Work, 1 Washington
Square, San José, CA 95192-0124 USA, (408) 924-
5800.

June 17-19, 1990 - "International AIDS-
Related Non-Governmental and Community
Organizations Meeting - Second Annual," San
Francisco, California, USA. Contact: Chris Castle,
National Minority AIDS Council, 300 I Street N.E.,
Washington, D.C. 20002 USA, (202) 544-1076, Fax:
(202) 544-0378.

June 18-20, 1990 - "National Conference on
HIV and Incarcerated Youth," San Diego, California,
USA. Contact: Ann Palosky, National Commission on
Correctional Health Care, 2105 North Southport,
Chicago, IL 60614 USA, (312) 528-0818.

June 19-23, 1990 - "International
Conference on AIDS - Sixth," San Francisco,
California, USA. Contact: Conference Secretariat,
655 15th Street N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C.
20005 USA, (202) 639-5179 (see article in this
issue).