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New Communications Committee
The International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism (ISBRA) has created a new Communications Committee in 2019. This Communications Committee will provide the latest news and updates on ongoing research, insights from recent publications, funding and job opportunities. The new Communications Committee will also establish a presence in various media platforms to facilitate engagement in information dissemination, dialogue and interaction for the scientific community in alcohol research. The Communications Committee will also publish this Bulletin periodically to address the same issues comprehensively. The Communications Committee welcomes the ideas and engagement of ISBRA members in this new initiative. Lastly, the Communications Committee thanks the ISBRA Board of Directors and all members for their kind support. We hope to enhance ISBRA’s presence through social media and outreach.

Publications You May Have Missed
By Robert Leeman, Ph.D.

Society newsletters often include references for relevant articles. We would like our publication listing in the ISBRA Bulletin to be unique. Thus, we have decided to focus our attention on quality publications that may be overlooked or may have been overlooked for various reasons such as having been published in a lesser known journal. Each issue, we will report on a selection of such articles with a brief description of
why we believe they are worthy of members’ attention. If you know of any such publications that may have been missed, please contact us at isbraisbra@gmail.com

This paper presents an approach to synthesis of individual participant data across multiple studies where domain-specific, lower-order traits relate to multiple higher-order traits.

2. Special issue of the journal Addictive Behaviors, entitled “Improving the Implementation of Quantitative Methods in Addiction Research”, edited by Kevin King and Kristina Jackson This issue contains articles pertaining to several types of analyses and data analytic issues common to addiction research including multiple types of mediation models, time-to-event analyses, structural equation modeling and measurement invariance.

Based on a systematic review including 42 articles, they concluded provider involvement and use of implementation strategies related to efficacy

Article presents pro and con of different sampling strategies that can be implemented on MTurk.

New Directions
By Ricardo Pautassi, Ph.D.
- There is an urgent need for effective interventions for alcohol-associated liver disease (AALD), a complex disease with multiple contributing factors. One of these factors is the change in the levels and types of bacteria in the gut (known as gut microbiota) that occurs as a result of chronic alcohol misuse. In a new NIAAA-funded study, a research team from the University of California, San Diego has identified an underlying mechanism for how alcohol-induced changes in gut microbiota may contribute to AALD. Building on this finding, the team demonstrated that engineered gut microbes could potentially provide a new treatment for AALD. More reading: https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/research/niaaa-research-highlights/new-treatment-strategy-alcohol-associated-liver-disease

- New clinical research supported by the National Institutes of Health shows that increasing the intensity of treatment for alcohol use disorder (AUD) over time improves alcohol-related outcomes among people with HIV. This stepped approach to AUD treatment also improves HIV-related disease measures in this patient population. A report of the new study, led by researchers at Yale University, is now online in The Lancet HIV. More reading: https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/news-releases/integrated-stepped-alcohol-treatment-people-hiv-care-improves-both-hiv-and

- A new study found that multiple state-level policies targeting alcohol/drug use during pregnancy may actually lead to greater numbers of low birthweight (LBW) and preterm births (PTB). This would lead to hundreds of millions of dollars of additional public health spending per year. More reading: https://www.instagram.com/p/BxPlMorgEA5/

- More reading on new and emerging research: https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/news-events

Funding Opportunities
By Vatsalya Vatsalya, M.D.
The economic environment over the past few years has made the application and review process for funding opportunities much more competitive than it has been in the past. Understanding the grant process, planning, and strategic proposal development at the
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2) NIAAA jobs: [https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/about-niaaa/jobs-training](https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/about-niaaa/jobs-training)
3) National Drug and Alcohol Research Center at the University of New South Wales, Australia: [NDARC](https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/node/300000163)
4) Clinical Research Fellow (Hepatology) - Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust Company, Portsmouth, Great Britain: [https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/1347667437/?eBP=NotAvailableFromVoyagerAPI&recommendedFlavor=HIDDEN_GEM&refId=de2a5d3a-8b0e-424f-92c8-b217a1fcebad&trk=d_flagship3_search_srp_jobs](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/1347667437/?eBP=NotAvailableFromVoyagerAPI&recommendedFlavor=HIDDEN_GEM&refId=de2a5d3a-8b0e-424f-92c8-b217a1fcebad&trk=d_flagship3_search_srp_jobs)
5) Associate Researcher, Neurosciences – Ichan School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Company, New York City, New York: [https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/1343291864/?eBP=NotAvailableFromVoyagerAPI&recommendedFlavor=HIDDEN_GEM&refId=de2a5d3a-8b0e-424f-92c8-b217a1fcebad&trk=d_flagship3_search_srp_jobs](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/1343291864/?eBP=NotAvailableFromVoyagerAPI&recommendedFlavor=HIDDEN_GEM&refId=de2a5d3a-8b0e-424f-92c8-b217a1fcebad&trk=d_flagship3_search_srp_jobs)
6) Research Assistant – Victorian Government Company, Melbourne, AU: [https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/1337619546/?eBP=NotAvailableFromVoyagerAPI&recommendedFlavor=HIDDEN_GEM&refId=16f9fe8-b09b-b953d091ec0a0&trk=d_flagship3_search_srp_jobs](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/1337619546/?eBP=NotAvailableFromVoyagerAPI&recommendedFlavor=HIDDEN_GEM&refId=16f9fe8-b09b-b953d091ec0a0&trk=d_flagship3_search_srp_jobs)

**Global Jobs**

By Nioud (Neo) Gebru, M.P.S.

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3) National Drug and Alcohol Research Center at the University of New South Wales, Australia: [https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/node/300000163](https://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au/node/300000163)

**Fellowships/Post-doctoral positions**

7) NIDA international fellowships: [https://www.drugabuse.gov/international/fellowships-landing](https://www.drugabuse.gov/international/fellowships-landing)
8) University of Florida NIAAA T32 in Translational Science Training to Reduce the Impact of Alcohol on HIV Infection: [https://epidemiology.phhp.ufl.edu/training/niaaa-t32-training-program](https://epidemiology.phhp.ufl.edu/training/niaaa-t32-training-program)
9) University of Florida NIDA T32 in epidemiology and prevention of substance use: [https://epidemiology.phhp.ufl.edu/training/nida-t32-training-program](https://epidemiology.phhp.ufl.edu/training/nida-t32-training-program)
10) Alcohol Research Group at University of California, Berkeley: [http://arg.org/training/postdoctoral-fellowship](http://arg.org/training/postdoctoral-fellowship)
11) Postdoctoral Research Associate and Training Fellow in Alcohol use Disorder Across the Lifespan – Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ: [https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/1326756828/?eBP=NotAvailableFromVoyagerAPI&recommendedFlavor=COMPANY_RECRUIT&refId=34194b7c-ce92-40eb-ac83-243f141de60f&trk=d_flagship3_search_srp_jobs](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/1326756828/?eBP=NotAvailableFromVoyagerAPI&recommendedFlavor=COMPANY_RECRUIT&refId=34194b7c-ce92-40eb-ac83-243f141de60f&trk=d_flagship3_search_srp_jobs)
News and Events
By Fengyuan (Linda) Li, M.S.

News
The newsletter is full of valuable information, including a note from our President, Dr. Tamara Phillips; a recap of the 2018 ISBRA Congress in Kyoto, Japan; an early word about the 2020 Joint Scientific Meeting with RSA; and news about member publications. Take a look!

- Dr. Markus Heilig received the Tabakoff Award during 2018 ISBRA meeting.

Events
- September 16, 2019 - 8:30am to September 17, 2019 - 12:30pm
Alcoholic and Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis: Pathogenesis and Mechanisms of Liver Injury -- Joint NIAAA-NIDDK Research Workshop
Lister Hill Auditorium, Building 38A, NIH Main Campus, Bethesda, MD
- The Latin American Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism (LASBRA, the south American branch of ISBRA) will be having its regular 2019 meeting at Córdoba, Argentina, on November 7-9.

Meeting registration and poster submission is open at https://form.jotformz.com/71073874339665

There will be SEVERAL fellowships for students who are presenting a poster as first authors. The
fellowship will cover the registration fees and the lodging. Some students may get some of the transportation fees paid as well, but that will depend on availability of funds at the time of the meeting. To apply send an email to rpautassi@gmail.com with your CV and the poster abstract.

The best and 2nd best posters presented by graduate or undergraduate students will be given US $700 and US $300, respectively. This “Harold Kalant” award honors the long-term career of Dr. Kalant, and is possible thanks to the generous donation of a LASBRA member.

*** The 43rd Annual RSA Scientific Meeting and ISBRA Congress will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on June 20-24, 2020. ***

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Be part of an organization that is dedicated to building community amongst ISBRA’s diverse population; that is committed to bringing news about career building resources and events to ISBRA members; to being a voice regarding issues that are of importance to ISBRA members. Contact any of the committee officers to find out about being a part of the Communications Committee.

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