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INTRODUCTION

This Report on Program and Activities of the Centre for Social Research on Alcohol and Drugs, Stockholm University covers the second year of the Centre's work. The Centre became active on 1 March, 1999, when Professor Robin Room took up his position as Director. The present staff, including Professor Eckart Kühlhorn, came together in a common space at Sveaplan in August, 1999. Anders Romelsjö has been appointed as a professor in treatment research, and takes up his post on 1 February, 2001. The recruitment for a fourth chair is under way, and should be decided in 2001. The Centre's staff has grown considerably during 2000, and now includes, besides the professors, one assistant professor, four other researchers with doctorates, and 15 assistant researchers, of whom eight are doctoral students at Stockholm University.

In addition to its core grant from the Swedish Social Research Council, the Centre's work in 2000 and in the coming year is supported by grants from a variety of Swedish and international sources, including the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Social Research Council, the National Institute of Public Health, the European Union, and the World Health Organization. Collaborations have been established with researchers in several departments of Stockholm University (Social Work; SOFI; Sociology; Criminology), with Swedish agencies (National Institute of Public Health; CAN; Systembolaget; Beroendecentrum Nord and Syd of Stockholm County), and with international research groups and agencies (National Institute of Alcohol and Drug Research, Oslo; Social Research Unit for Alcohol Studies, Helsinki; Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research, Aarhus University; Universität GH Essen; Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto; Alcohol Research Group, Berkeley; Nordic Council on Alcohol and Drug Research (NAD); European Monitoring Centre on Drugs and Drug Abuse (EMCDDA); and the World Health Organization).

The Centre collaborates closely with the World Health Organization (Geneva and Copenhagen offices), and is a full member of the International Council on Alcohol and Addictions and of the Consortium of European Alcohol Research Centres.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CENTRE

Establishment of the Centre. The Centre for Social Research on Alcohol and Drugs at Stockholm University was established as an interdisciplinary centre with a status similar to a university department in the Faculty of Social Science by a decision of the Stockholm University Board on 15 August 1997 (doss 311, dnr 1061/97). Robin Room was appointed to a chair in research on alcohol and drugs in the Centre on 21 December 1998, and as Director of the Centre on 4 February 1999. The Centre came into existence when he took up his position at the Centre on 1 March 1999. The core budget of the Centre, including the director's position, is provided by the Swedish Social Research Council (SFR). The Centre operates under a six-year agreement between SFR and the University, also involving support from the National Board of Institutional Care (SIS), signed 1 July 1999 (doss 113, dnr 0139/99). Professor Eckart Kühlhorn's chair in Sociological Alcohol Research was transferred into the Centre on 1 September 1999 (doss. 611, dnr 0593/99).

Governance. The Centre is governed by a Board appointed by the President of the University (doss 311, dnr 0268/99) to reflect the interests both of the University community and of the wider society in the Centre's work. Members of the Board as of December 2000 include the following:

Birgitta Berglund (chair), Department of Psychology, Stockholm University
Peter Allebeck, Social Medicine Department, University of Gothenburg
Anders Bergmark, School of Social Work, Stockholm University
Jakob Lindberg, National Institute of Public Health, Stockholm
Thor Norström, Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University
Robin Room, SoRAD, Stockholm University
Vera Segraeus, National Board of Institutional Care (SiS), Stockholm
Monica Skrinjar, representing SoRAD staff on the board
Sune Sunesson, School of Social Work, University of Lund

The term for current Board members expires on 3 February 2002.

The Board met four times during 2000, and also attended a retreat with SoRAD staff at Långholmen on May 15-16.

The Centre's staffing. The offices on the 5th floor at Sveaplan have become insufficient for the growing staff and the Centre will move down to the 3rd floor (33 rooms) in the beginning of 2001. In December 2000, the Centre's staff includes:

Eckart Kühnhorn, professor, Sociological Alcohol Research
Robin Room, professor, Social Research on Alcohol and Drugs
Börje Olsson, assistant professor, PhD
Maria Abrahamsson, researcher, PhD
Leif Lenke, researcher, PhD
Kerstin Stenius, researcher, PhD
Lars Brännström, research assistant
Görel Envall, research assistant
Charlotta Fondén, research assistant, PhD-student (criminology)
Malin Leiknes, research assistant
Jessica Palm, research assistant
Hanako Sato, research assistant
Klara H. Selin, research assistant, PhD-student (sociology)
Monica Skrinjar, research assistant, SFR pre-doctoral fellow (criminology)
Jessica Storbjörk, research assistant
Björn Trolldal, research assistant, PhD-student (sociology)
Kalle Tryggvesson, research assistant, PhD-student (criminology)
Lars Westfelt, research assistant, PhD-student (criminology)
Christel Hopkins Andersson, office manager

In addition, several staff are located at the Centre by agreement with other agencies. These include:

by agreement with the National Institute of Public Health:
Håkan Leifman, researcher, PhD (sociology)
Mats Ramstedt, researcher (pre-doctoral fellow, sociology)
by agreement with CAN:
Nina Axnäs, research assistant, PhD student (criminology)
Mimmi Eriksson, research assistant

Forthcoming academic appointments. Anders Romelsjö has been appointed to a research professorship in “alcohol and drug research, especially treatment of addicts” (position decided on 5 November, 1998, doss 114, dnr 2319/98), and will take up his position on 1 February 2001. This position is jointly supported by SFR and SIS. A further research professorship in the area of policy research has been provided with funding through SFR, and the University has accepted this position (decision of 9 December 1999). Experts have been appointed to judge the 9 applicants.

The Centre’s lines of research. The Board of the Centre at its meeting of 4 May 1999 accepted the following preliminary description of the Centre’s research program. At its meeting of 1 February 2000, the Board accepted the addition of studies relating to gambling problems to the research program.

AIMS

- to stimulate and conduct social science research on alcohol and drugs, including improving methods, increasing theoretical understanding, and enhancing links to policy;
- to provide a nexus for interdisciplinary research training, research networks and collaborative studies in Sweden;
- to serve as an interdisciplinary focal point in Sweden for collaboration on comparative and international projects.

ENVISIONED LINES OF RESEARCH

1. *Trends and patterns in alcohol and drug use and problems:*
 - survey research on attitudes and expectancies, on patterns of use, on problems related to use, on attitudes to treatment and prevention policies;
 - qualitative research on alcohol and drug norms and use patterns, and on the places of drinking and drug use in Swedish life;
 - analysis of social and health statistics on alcohol and drug use and patterns;
 - improving means of measurement of alcohol and drug use and problems.
2. *The social response to alcohol and drug problems:*
 - treatment services and systems research;
 - impact of and responses to problematic drinking/drug use in the family and in social life;
 - policy impact research on alcohol and drug controls and other policy measures, and on control systems.
3. *Alcohol and drug problems in a comparative and international perspective:*
 - cultural factors in conceptualizations of alcohol and drug problems;
 - cultural factors in intoxicated comportment;
 - alcohol and drug policies in international perspective;
 - supranational systems and alcohol and drug policies.

Educational and professional development activities. These have included a series of seminars by visiting scientists in 2000. A graduate course in sociological alcohol research (5 points) was taught by Professors Thor Norström (SOFI) and Robin Room. A scholarly journal, *Contemporary Drug Problems*, is edited at the Centre. Presentations of aspects of the Centre’s research were made to several visiting groups, including CAN staff on June 15, and a parliamentary delegation from Victoria, Australia in July. On April 3-7, the Centre hosted an *International Conference on Measuring Drinking Patterns, Alcohol Problems, and Their*

Connection at Skarpö. The main papers from this will appear in a thematic issue of the *Journal of Substance Abuse*. International project meetings held at the Centre during 2000 included meetings of the Nordic Reanalysis project on March 30-31 and October 20-21, and of the Canadian-Nordic project May 17-19. An international consultation meeting on methods of time-series analysis in alcohol studies was held at the Centre on October 21-22.

Seminars in alcohol and drug research. In the course of longer or shorter visits, a number of international scientists presented at a SoRAD seminar at Sveaplan:

Professor Constance Weisner, University of California, San Francisco, Feb. 4

Dr. John Fitzgerald, University of Melbourne, April 18

Professor Benedikt Fischer, University of Toronto, May 12

Professor Sandy Gifford, University of Melbourne, August 8

Professor Peter Reuter, University of Maryland, September 13

Dr. Scott Macdonald, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, London, Ontario,
October 9

Dr. Harold Holder, Prevention Research Center, Berkeley, November 14

Dr. Klaus Mäkelä, Finnish Foundation for Alcohol Studies (emeritus), December 14

Guest researchers. Several international scholars paid longer visits to the Centre, ranging from several days to a month, often in connection with collaborative projects with Centre staff.

These included:

Dr. Barbara Leigh (University of Washington) in March

Dr. Norman Giesbrecht and Bronwyn MacKenzie (Centre for Addiction & Mental
Health, Toronto) in May

Professor Benedikt Fischer (University of Toronto) in May

Dr. John Cunningham (University of Melbourne) in June

Professor Sandy Gifford (University of Melbourne) in August

Professor Peter Reuter (University of Maryland) in September

Dr. Klaus Mäkelä (Helsinki, Finland) in December

Two researchers from Canada, Catherine Carstairs and Sandra Bullock, will be spending the year 2001 as postdoctoral fellows at SoRAD, working on Centre projects.

Environment, equality, quality program plans. The environment and equality program plans for the Centre adopted by the Board at its meeting of December 11, 2000. They are included as Appendix D of this report. Pending the adoption of a specific quality assurance program, the Centre is adhering to the program of the Social Science Faculty.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

1. **Development of the ongoing research at the Centre:** support for the research program from the National Institute of Public Health (FHI). Costs of holding an *International Conference on Measuring Drinking Patterns, Alcohol Problems, and Their Connection*, held in April 2000, were primarily paid from 1999 FHI support. An *International Research Conference on Youth Cultures and Subcultures: Function and Patterns of Drinking and Drug Use* will be held in April 2001, with funding from FHI's 2000 support. The FHI support for 2000 is also being used to support planning and undertaking research on alcohol and violence, including appointment of a visiting research fellow to work with centre staff on studies in the field.

2. Alcohol and drug policy studies: This is a series of three projects, funded by SFR.

a. *Whose drinking and what harms are affected by alcohol policy changes:* This “Nordic reanalysis project” is a collaborative effort to review existing studies and reanalyze data from Iceland, Norway and Finland as well as Sweden on what was the differential effect of policy interventions in the last 30 years on different drinking patterns, and on rates of various alcohol-related problems. Collaborating institutions are the Social Research Unit for Alcohol Studies of STAKES, Helsinki; the National Institute for Alcohol and Drug Research (SIFO), Oslo, and the National University Hospital, Reykjavik. Swedish participants are Kalle Tryggvesson, Börje Olsson, Anders Romelsjö, Håkan Leifman, Mats Ramstedt, and Robin Room. Work is proceeding on a collaborative critical review article on findings from existing studies, and on a series of new analyses of data from the participating countries. A final project meeting will be held in March 2001. The project’s products will be published as a monograph of the Nordic Council on Alcohol and Drug Research (NAD).

b. *Cultural contexts of expectations and experiences of intoxication among young adults:* In this project’s first year, a series of focus groups were held with 18-year-old youth from different parts of Stockholm on the expectations and experiences of Swedish youth concerning behaviour while intoxicated, with particular attention to expectancies and attributions concerning intoxication, and its excuse value, for aggression and violence. The data was collected by Dr. Felipe Estrada (now on temporary appointment with a governmental commission) and is being analyzed by Kalle Tryggvesson. In the second year, drawing on the results of these studies, a quantitative survey of Swedish youth on the same topics will be carried out and analyzed by Kalle Tryggvesson and guest researcher Sandra Bullock.

c. *The development and functioning of the international drug control system:* This project studies the development of the international drug control system, now headquartered in Vienna, in the period since the classic 1975 study by the late Kjetil Bruun (a professor at Stockholm University) and colleagues. Besides the existing drug control system, the study will include attention to two additional incipient international control systems covering psychoactive substances: the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco, and the World Anti-Doping Agency for sports. In 2000, work on this project has been confined primarily to collecting material and some consultations with Peter Reuter during his stay as a guest researcher. More intensive work on the study will begin in January 2001, with Catherine Carstairs spending a year as a guest researcher working on the project with Robin Room.

3. E.U. research project: TREAT-2000, Treatment System Research on European Addiction Treatment. This project, initiated by Professor Markus Gastpar of Universität GH Essen, Germany, has been funded by the Fourth Framework of the E.U. It studies the treatment of opioid addiction in the health system in a large city in each of six European countries (Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Sweden and Switzerland). The three-year project includes work describing the treatment system, updated after 18 months, and interviews with 100 of the system’s clients, with a follow-up after one year. SoRAD is the Swedish centre for this collaborative project. The Swedish fieldwork on this project is being coordinated with the *Women and men in alcohol and drug treatment* project (see 4a below). Interviewing of the client sample will get under way in early 2001, directed by Jessica Palm and Jessica Storbjörk. Other research participants in the project include Anders Bergmark, Anders Romelsjö, Robin Room, and Tom Palmstierna from the BeroendeCentrum Nord.

4. Alcohol and Drug Research in Four Areas: this substantial grant covers four projects.

a. *Women and men in alcohol and drug treatment:* This project is run in conjunction with TREAT-2000 (see 3 above). The project’s design includes interviews with clients

entering alcohol and drug treatment in both the health and social welfare systems in Stockholm County. These clients will be followed up after one year. The views and experiences of staff of the health and social welfare systems who deal with alcohol and drug problems will be collected through a staff questionnaire. A sample of the general adult population of Stockholm County will also be interviewed concerning their alcohol and drug use and problems, with comparable questions to the questions asked of those entering treatment. Among the aims of the study are to chart the characteristics and circumstances associated with treatment entry, compared with those in the general population with problematic alcohol or drug use in the general population who do not come to treatment. Different components of the treatment system will be compared in terms of organizational and therapeutic model. The experiences of women and men in treatment will be compared. Outcomes of treatment will be analyzed in terms of the interaction of organizational and therapeutic models with client characteristics and history.

In 2000, initial interviewing of clients in the health system (Beroende Centrum Nord and Syd) got under way, and is expected to be completed by summer 2001. Jessica Palm is fieldwork director for the study, assisted by Jessica Storbjörk. The coordinating team for the project includes also Anders Bergmark, Anders Romelsjö, Robin Room, Kerstin Stenius, and Tom Palmstierna, Sam Larsson, and Leif Öjesjö of BCN and Caroline Adamsson-Wahlin of BCS.

b. *Youth cultures*: A program of work has been initiated on the place of alcohol and drugs in youth cultures and subcultures in Sweden. During 2000, under the direction of Börje Olsson, Görel Envall and Hanako Sato undertook to review the existing international literature, to plan an international conference on the topic (see 1 above), and to plan fieldwork to begin in 2001.

c. *Drinking problems in Sweden*: A substantial-sized telephone survey of the general adult population of Sweden will be undertaken in 2001, with an emphasis on drinking patterns, alcohol-related problems, and the relation between them. The study is directed by Håkan Leifman. It will be coordinated with a series of studies by the International Research Group on Gender and Alcohol, with Karin Helmersson Bergmark (Sociology, SU) coordinating the Swedish participation. In preparation for this survey, a methodological study on measuring alcohol-related problems was undertaken in 2000, involving test-retest interviews of 500 subjects. One-half of the subjects were relatively heavy drinkers, recruited for reinterviews from the monitoring surveys (see 12 below). Analysis of the methodological study will be undertaken in 2001, and its results used in constructing the instrument for the main survey in autumn, 2001. Under the direction of Håkan Leifman, Klara Hradilova Selin was the main researcher on this study.

d. *Swedish-Canadian collaboration analyzing Canadian alcohol experience*. In current discussion of alcohol policy in Sweden and more generally north of the Baltic, the Canadian experience is often drawn on for illustration. But good time-series analyses of the kind being done in the ECAS project (see 20 below) have mostly not been done on the Canadian experience. This project, with Thor Norström (SOFI) and Norman Giesbrecht of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), Toronto, as co-investigators, will do this, as well as analyzing the effects on consumption and problems of changes in alcohol availability in Canadian provinces. Mats Ramstedt (SoRAD) will take a leading role in the time-series analyses, and Bronwyn MacKenzie from (CAMH) is collecting the relevant data and preparing it for analysis. Robin Room is also involved on the project team. Two project meetings have already been held, in May in Stockholm and in November in Toronto, and the assembling of data series on consumption, specific-cause mortality, and prices is already well under way. Work on the time series analyses will start in April 2001. It is expected that the

Swedish-Canadian project will eventually form a major component of a Nordic-Canadian collaboration, to which there will also be Norwegian and Finnish contributions, coordinated by Sturla Nordlund and Esa Österberg respectively.

5. Project on perceptions of drinking and intoxication and the prevention of alcohol problems among young adults. This project, funded by the Ministry of Social Affairs, is led by Maria Abrahamsson, with Lars Brännström as a researcher. Preparatory work was undertaken in 2000 for a series of focus groups among young adults to be conducted in 2001. Excerpts from feature and educational films were selected and prepared for use in the focus groups.

6. Total alcohol purchase and consumption monitoring project. This project, funded by the Ministry of Social Affairs, collects continuous survey data from the Swedish adult general population on their purchases and consumption of unrecorded alcohol (home-distilled and -brewed, personal imports, etc.), as well as recorded alcohol. A new sample of 1500 cases is interviewed each month, with a special sample of 2000 cases every 6 months. Håkan Leifman directs this project, with Björn Trolldahl serving as the principal researcher on the study. The study started collecting data in July 2000.

7. Gambling problems studies, funded by the National Institute of Public Health (FHI). In this year, work was initiated on a series of three studies which will extend over a four-year period. Resources for the third project, studies of subcultures of heavy gambling, were received only at the end of the year, and actual fieldwork on these studies will be initiated in 2001.

a. *The community impact of casinos.* International-standard casinos will open in 2001 in Sundsvall and Malmö, and in 2002 in Göteborg and Stockholm. The study looks at the impacts, positive and negative, of a casino on the community in Sundsvall and in Malmö. A survey of the adults population of the community will be carried out early in 2001 in Sundsvall and Karlstad, as a control site, and later in 2001 in Malmö, asking about expectations from the casino, and about patterns of gambling behaviours and the experiences of gambling problems. These surveys will be repeated (with the expectations reworded as experiences) one year after the casino opens. Use will also be made of qualitative interviews with key informants and of social and economic statistics, in analyzing impacts on the communities. In 2000, a questionnaire was prepared and preliminarily tested for the community surveys, and a fieldwork contractor chosen in a competitive process. Lars Westfelt is the main researcher on the study, under the direction of Robin Room.

b. *Critical review of treatment methods for gambling problems.* A paper reviewing the international literature on treatment methods for gambling problems, with special attention to the effectiveness of low-intensity methods, is currently being prepared by Tony Toneatto and Robert Ladouceur, two Canadian experts in gambling treatment research, and is expected to be completed early in 2001.

8. The development of public discourse on illicit alcohol in the 1990s. This small project, directed by Dr. Börje Olsson and Professor Robin Room, was funded by the Systembolaget Research Fund. Kalle Tryggvesson was the main researcher on the project. The principal product of the study is a research paper now under revision for publication on shifts in the presentation and significance of illicit spirits in Swedish alcohol policy debates between the beginning and the end of the 1990s.

9. Social services and young misusers (Socialtjänsten och unga missbrukare). Funded by

the Narcotics Commission, this study is led by Eckart Kühllhorn, and will report early in 2001.

10. An evaluation of a new substitute sentence for juveniles (Utvärdering av slutet ungdomsvård). The project, financed by SIS, is directed by Eckart Kühllhorn, with Jessica Palm as the primary researcher. Work on data collection has continued during 2000, and a first report will be forthcoming in 2001.

11. The drug addict and the authorities. This project, funded by SFR, is led by Börje Olsson, with Monica Skrinjar, Malin Leiknes and Lotta Fondén as research assistants. This fieldwork study of police and social service interventions in the everyday life of addicts, is carried out in comparison with a parallel study in Denmark, with the comparative aspects supported by the Nordic Council of Criminological Research (NsfK). In 2001 it will become part of a broader Nordic comparative study.

12. Studies for the World Health Organization. SoRAD's work on (a) and (b) is primarily supported from core funds.

a. *The Alcohol Policy in Developing Societies project* The main product of the first of these projects, coordinated by Robin Room, will be a collaboratively-authored book, *Alcohol in a Changing World: Drinking Patterns and Problems in Developing Societies*, now in final draft form and to be published by Cambridge University Press. The project, connected with the Geneva office of the World Health Organization, focuses on the available information on drinking levels, patterns and problems in developing societies, and on case studies in the process and outcome of strategies to prevent alcohol problems in such societies. A book of country case studies (Riley and Marshall, eds., *Alcohol and Public Health in 8 Developing Countries*) has already been published, and a third book of analyses of epidemiological surveys is now scheduled for publication by WHO.

b. *The Alcohol and Public Policy Project (APPG2)*. This project is associated with the WHO-Euro in Copenhagen, and will result in a new book in the tradition of a 1994 volume, *Alcohol Policy and the Public Good*. Commissioned papers were presented at a conference in Copenhagen in February 2000, and a selection of these papers is published in *Contemporary Drug Problems* late in 2000. In the course of drafting on the main book from the project, editorial meetings were held in London in July and in Berkeley in November, and a further meeting will be hosted by SoRAD in February 2001. The Centre's effort on this, coordinated by Robin Room, dovetails to a considerable extent with preparations by WHO-Euro and the Swedish Ministry of Social Affairs for the conference launching the second phase of the WHO European Alcohol Action Plan, in Stockholm in February 2001.

c. *Impact of tourists' drinking in the developing world*. With funding from WHO-Geneva, a review paper is being prepared on the effects of tourists' drinking on developing society populations. The main researcher on this will be Vicky Lee. The paper is part of preparatory studies for a proposed WHO global alcohol initiative.

13. Alcohol and drug prevention in a changing society. This SFR-funded program project, led by Anders Bergmark (Social Work) and Börje Olsson, focuses on prevention initiatives in workplaces and in social services. The project is associated with the Centre but not funded through it.

14. EU research project: European Comparative Alcohol Study (ECAS). This joint Swedish/Finnish EU project is funded through the National Institute of Public Health (FHI). The Swedish portion has focused on establishing good time series on alcohol consumption and various

potentially related causes of mortality -- including cirrhosis, suicide, homicide, total mortality -- for all the EU countries (minus Luxembourg, plus Norway), and conducting a series of ARIMA time series analyses. Thor Norström (SOFI) leads the Swedish portion of the study. During 2000, a series of time-series analyses were completed and are scheduled for publication as a supplement to *Addiction*. Adult general-population surveys on drinking practices, attitudes, and problems were also carried out in 6 countries (Finland, Sweden, Britain, Germany, France, Italy), and the results are being analyzed and used in preparing the project's final set of reports. Work began in 2000 and will continue in 2001 on a project component on ways of improving cross-national comparability within the EU in the alcohol coding in death certification. Håkan Leifman and Mats Ramstedt, located at the Centre, work on the project, which is associated with but not funded through the Centre.

21. **KALK project** (completed project). This project, led by Eckart Kühnhorn and financed by a consortium including FHI and private alcohol producers, investigated the total Swedish alcohol consumption, recorded and unrecorded, for 1989-1997. The book by Kühnhorn and colleagues from the project, *Alkoholkonsumtionen i Sverige under 1990-talet*, was published in 2000.

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APPENDICES (see following pages)

A. Publications by Centre staff, 2000

B. Professional activities and paper presentations by Centre staff

C. Finances, 2000

D. Equality and Environmental program

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Intoxication as an attribution and as an excuse for violence. Presented at the autumn symposium, "Drugs: Dilemmas, Debates and Direction", Australia and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law, 27-28 April, 2000, Melbourne, Australia.

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Commentary on *Broken Spirits* at a NAD seminar, "Alkoholfrågans omvandling – från offentlig angelägenhet till individuellt ansvar?", 18-19 October, 2000, Hässelby Slott, Stockholm

(with Jürgen Rehm) Cultural and social influences in thinking about and measuring addiction. Presented at a colloquium, "Looking Back, Looking Ahead -- Psychiatry in the 21st Century: Mental Illness and Addiction", 29-30 November, 2000, Toronto, Canada.

Sociology and concepts of addiction, presented at a seminar, Sociology Department, Université de Montréal, 1 December, 2000, Montreal, Canada.

(With Thor Norström) Taught graduate course on "Sociological alcohol research", Sociology, Stockholm University.

Served as opponent or on examining committee for PhD dissertations:

Maggie Brady, Anthropology, Australian National University, Canberra, Feb. 2000.

Per Carlsson, Sociology, Stockholm University, 5 May 2000

Peter Ferentzy, Social and Political Thought, York University, Toronto, 28 Nov 2000

Begonia San José, Public Health, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, 6 Dec 2000

Organized a conference: Measuring drinking patterns, alcohol problems, and their connection: an international research conference, 3-7 April 2000, Stockholm.

Served on selection committee for Lindesmith Fellows in Drug Research, Lindesmith Center,

New York

Member, Coordinating Committee, Kettil Bruun Society for Social and Epidemiological Research on Alcohol

Member, Expert Advisory Panel on Alcohol and Drugs, World Health Organization.

Board member and member of selection committee, Jellinek Memorial Award for Alcohol Studies

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Presentation at the NAD Conference about control and treatment of drug-abusers, Copenhagen, 14-15 december, 2000.

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Sales of Alcoholic Beverages and the Inhabitants' Consumption in 15 European Countries: A correction based on consumption during journeys abroad and tax-free purchases.

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