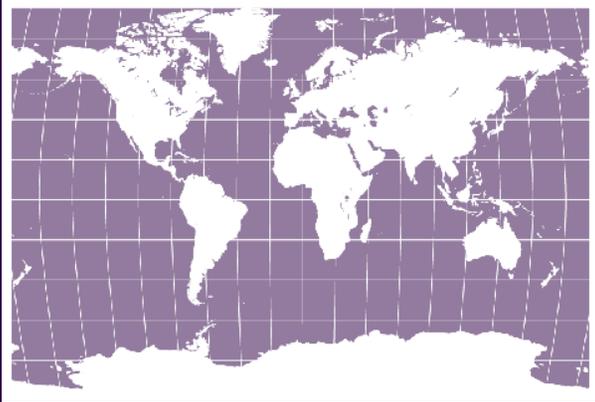


## MAKE A DIFFERENCE



The RSA membership contains a wide range of expertise committed to an important & substantial effort — One that you can help achieve by:

- Using our materials & networks to inform & educate
- Joining RSA as a community member
- Promoting dialogue in your communities
- Contributing financially at [www.RSoA.org/donations.htm](http://www.RSoA.org/donations.htm)

We can provide materials, identify potential speakers & ensure that you are aware of highly relevant concerns through our RSA email lists.

We look forward to working with you.



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## WHO WE ARE

In 1976, the RSA was created as a multidisciplinary group of dedicated researchers concerned with public health & quality of life issues related to the use of alcohol.

Today, the organization includes over 1,700 clinicians, researchers, policy makers, educators & trainees.

Although originally focused on alcoholism, the RSA is responsive to developing science & therefore promotes research examining the broad spectrum of alcohol-use-related implications: from healthy use to misuse and addiction.

Alcohol's complex role in health & society demands that RSA be committed to community engagement & educational efforts grounded in empirical findings.

Thus RSA recognizes the importance of a wide range of scientific approaches. The following is a selected sample of those research areas.



## REALMS OF RESEARCH

### Basic Science

What biological and environmental factors influence the positive and/or negative effects of alcohol consumption?

### Risks & Resiliency

What psychological, social & biological factors contribute to the risk of developing alcohol use disorders?

### Education & Prevention

What can individuals, families, schools, & community programs do to improve education & enhance prevention outcomes?

### Treatment

What are the characteristics of successful treatment? How does treatment for other psychiatric & medical problems complement successful treatment of alcohol use disorders?

### Outcome & Recovery

How can we better understand the recovery of function over time? How do treatment & recovery improve outcome, not only for patients, but also for families & communities?

### Moderate Alcohol Effects

What positive effects are associated with moderate alcohol consumption? What individual factors influence the reported health benefits of moderate alcohol use? How does age, gender affect outcomes?

### Policy & Economics

What are the public health impacts of alcohol-related policies related to DUI/DWI, legal drinking age, pricing, advertising, etc.?

## RESOURCES: ACTION & OUTREACH

### Scientific Community

Committed to conduct & dissemination of the highest quality research, the RSA, with the International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism (ISBRA), sponsors the monthly scientific journal *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research*:

[www.Alcoholism-CER.com](http://www.Alcoholism-CER.com)

### Community Outreach

Articles of exceptional scientific or clinical impact are highlighted regularly with summaries & comment provided though *EurekAlert!* — [EurekAlert.org](http://EurekAlert.org)

### Educational Materials

RSA sponsors a biannual lecture series presented at the annual meeting. Lectures cover basic & applied science & are open to the public on the RSA website: [www.RSoA.org](http://www.RSoA.org)

Accompanying materials are available at no charge.

Topics include basic & applied science as well as clinical & policy concerns.

## Questions?

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