

Overview:

Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA)
&
International Society on Biomedical
Research on Alcoholism (ISBRA)

Journal:

*Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental
Research (ACER)*



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Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA)

- **Incorporated in 1976** with 197 members
- Purpose: to promote research that can lead the way toward prevention and treatment of alcohol use disorders (AUD)
- Provides a forum for communication among researchers who share common interests in AUD
- One of the largest scientific societies that remains focused mainly on alcohol-related issues
- Society initiated from NCA (now: NCADD), joint ventures w/AMSA, then independent in late 1980s

RSA, continued

- Currently **1,896 members**, from 32 countries; note majority (91%) from USA
- President: Tamara Phillips, PhD
- Membership consists of regular scientific members, postdoctoral fellows, associate members, and student members, Applications reviewed 4x/year
- Ratio of 3 PhD: 1 MD
- Holds an annual scientific meeting, usually in USA
- Co-publishes journal with ISBRA:
Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research

International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism (ISBRA)

- **Incorporated in 1981** with 131 members
- Mission: Promote excellence internationally in biomedical research on alcoholism; training, international exchange of scientists; advises national and international agencies on AUD research and related biomedical phenomena
- **769 members** (398 also RSA), from 41 countries
- President: Susumu Higuchi, MD, PhD (Japan)
- Holds scientific meeting every two years, rotating in Asia, Australia, Europe, and North America in conjunction with the country/regional meeting
- Partners with RSA to sponsor publication of *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*

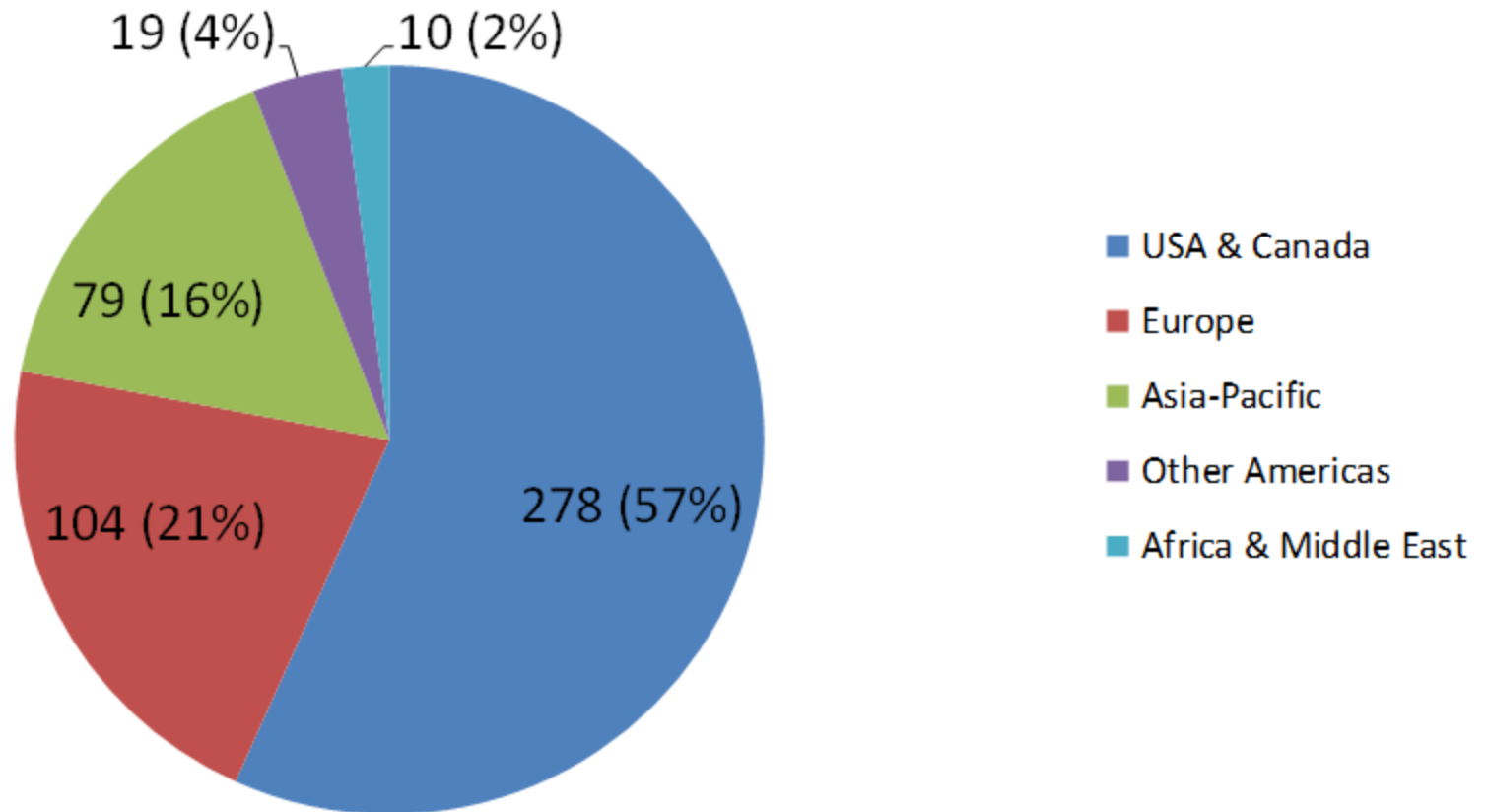
Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research (ACER)

- One of the premier scientific publications in the alcoholism and addiction field; online only (Jan 2014)
- Editor: Henry Kranzler, MD
- Past Editors: Frank Seixas, Charles Lieber, Marcus Rothschild, T.K. Li, and Ivan Diamond

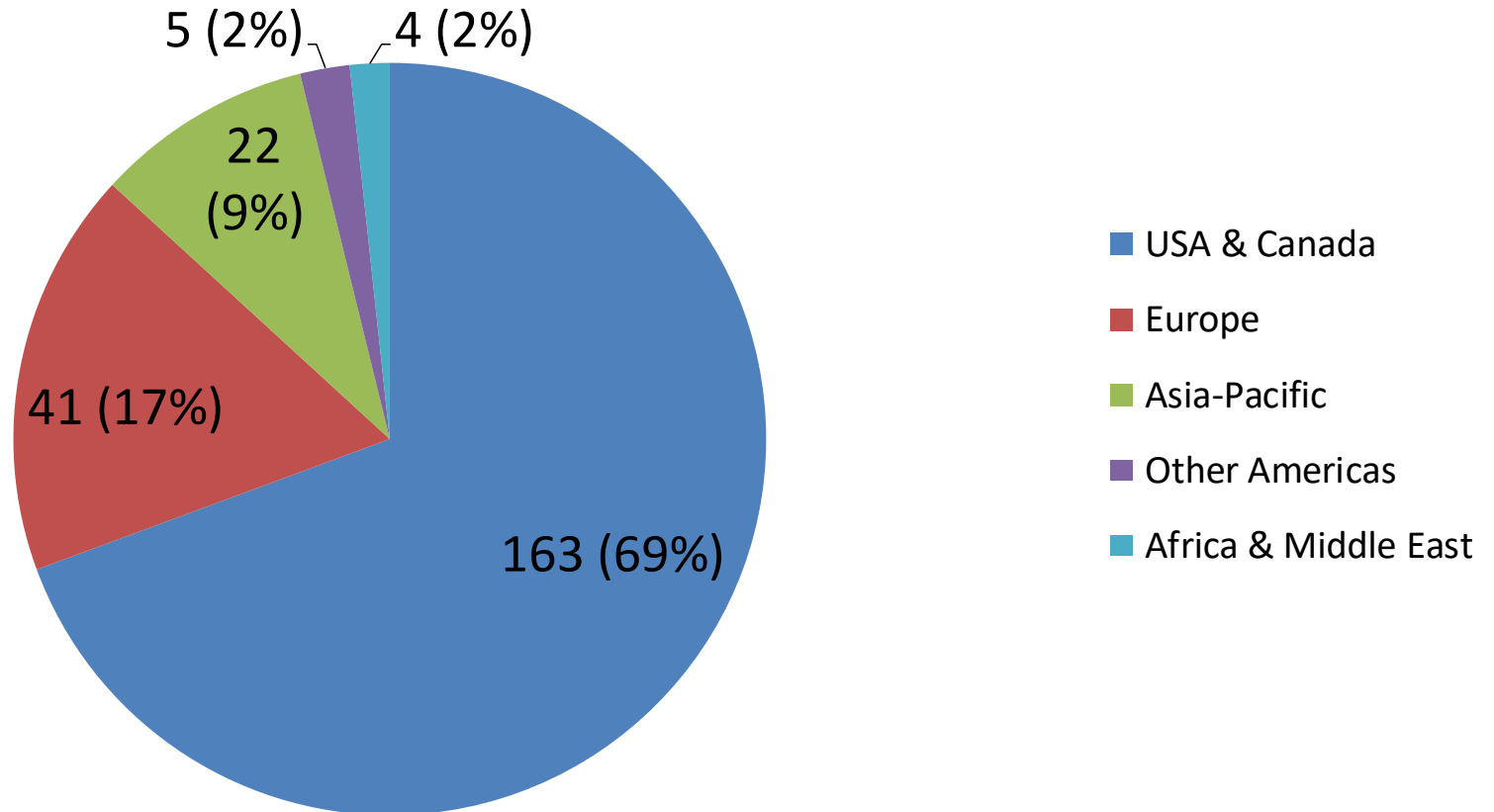
In 2013:

- 48% acceptance rate (235/490); in prior four years, acceptance rate was higher, 58-65%
- First review: 5.4% accepted, 9.5% rejected
- Impact factor (2013): 3.31, ranked 3rd of 16, after *Addiction Biology* and *Addiction*

ACER: Original Submissions (2013)



ACER: Accepted Manuscripts (2013)



Oversight of ACER by RSA, ISBRA

- **Editor:** Selected by Executive Committee based on recommendations from appointed Search Committee; Editor appoints Deputy Editor & 2 Associate Editors
- **Oversight provided by society:** RSA publications committee
- **Guidelines for hiring, firing, etc.:** 5-yr contract with Editor; Renewal at discretion of Board of Directors of RSA/ISBRA
- **Financial support :** Royalties from publisher Wiley & Sons, including page charges, subscriptions, and advertisement. Any royalties over ACER budget go to RSA.
- **Legal (ownership):** ACER owned by RSA (same tax ID)
- **Logistical support for management:** Managing and Associate Managing Editor (Mary Newcomb, Lisa Daitch).

Oversight of ACER, continued

- **Methods to utilize Editorial Board:** Field Editors (n=72) invite reviews, make editorial decisions with access to senior editors, as needed.
- **Level of time commitment:** 10 hr/week for the Editor, 3 hr/week each for the Deputy and Associate Editors. Field Editor, median 6 papers/year. Forty hr/week for each of the two Managing Editors
- **Relationships (ideal, actual) with sponsoring society:** Mutually supportive; senior editors function with considerable autonomy

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