The big two: Getting deeper into motivational structure and attentional bias
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We will present the results of our recent study that investigated the relationships among motivational structure (adaptation vs. maladaptation), attentional bias for alcohol-related stimuli, and alcohol consumption. The results of our study (a) supported previous evidence on the importance of both maladaptive motivation and alcohol-attentional bias in predicting drinking behavior and (b) suggested the independence of motivational structure and alcohol-attentional bias in predicting the amount of alcohol consumption. The importance and application of the results for both assessment and intervention will be discussed.

Individual and combined effects of information enhancement and goal-setting on improving motivational structure
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Motivational structure affects people’s success or failure at goal pursuits and their mood regulation (e.g., by using chemicals). We will present results showing that manipulations (enhancement-information, goal-setting) that increase sense of control and intrinsic motivation also improve individual motivational structure. There were four experimental conditions: No-Intervention, Goal-Setting, Information Enhancement; both Goal-Setting and Information Enhancement. Task specific versions of the Personal Concerns Inventory (PCI), Shapoori Control Inventory, and Intrinsic Motivation Inventory were administered. On posttest FCI adaptive motivation, the groups were ordered as follows: Combination ➔ Information-Enhancement ➔ Goal-Setting ➔ No-Intervention. The improvement was maintained at a 45-day follow-up.

IS-065: Diverse methodological challenges in cross-cultural research

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Psychological research that focuses on cross-cultural comparisons has increased considerably during the last decade. Of particular import is its popularity within mainstream psychology. Thus, cross-cultural research can no longer be considered the sole domain of experts trained in this area. Paralleling this growth has been an equally notable expansion of advances in quantitative psychology...