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Descriptive Summary

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Title	Howard Lotsof correspondence and other materials
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Abstract	This collection contains correspondence between Howard Lotsof and David Soloman. It documents Lotsof's work with ibogaine as well as other psychotropic drugs. The collection also contains an article on ibogaine that was suggested to Lotsof by Ralph Metzner along with an ibogaine bibliography from CIBA Pharmaceutical Company and a clipping concerning Lotsof's research.
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Administrative Information

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Subjects and Genres

Persons

Lotsoff, Howard
Solomon, David

Topics

Ibogaine
LSD
Mescaline
Dimethyltryptamine
Scotch broom

Form and Genre Types

Article
Clipping
Correspondence
Photocopies
Subject bibliography

Biography of Harold Lotsof

Howard Stephen Lotsof was born in the Bronx on March 1, 1943 to Abner and Lillian Weiner Lotsof. He majored in film at New York University and received his bachelor's degree in 1976. At 19 years of age, Lotsof was addicted to heroin until one of his friends, who was a chemist, offered ibogaine to him. When he took the ibogaine, the trip lasted for a very long time and Lotsof was exhausted by the time the substance wore off. He noticed that during his long trip on ibogaine, he did not suffer any withdrawal symptoms from not taking heroin. Lotsof quit taking heroin stating, "The next thing I knew, I was straight." This along with the fact that he was able to view the world without fearing it made Lotsof consider the benefits of ibogaine to drug addicts. Lotsof asserts that of the six of his friends who were addicted to heroin, five of them immediately quit the drug after taking ibogaine. He became a life-long advocate for ibogaine and its healing powers for drug addicts. In 1983, Lotsof founded the Dora Weiner Foundation (named after his grandmother) to develop ibogaine as a medication and to disseminate information about chemical dependence; he also used the foundation to refer people to treatment. In 1986, he received a patent for the use of ibogaine as a remedy for heroin and cocaine addiction. While Lotsof had a difficult time gaining funds and support, Leo Zeff was a strong supporter of his work and donated \$25,000, which was used to fund the first international ibogaine symposium in Paris. Lotsof continued his advocacy for the use of ibogaine as a treatment for addiction until his death from liver cancer on January 31, 2010.

Sources:

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http://www.erowid.org/culture/characters/lotsof_howard/lotsof_howard.shtml

Collection Description

Scope

The Howard Lotsof correspondence and other materials (1957-2010; 1 folder) contains an article and bibliography on ibogaine, clippings, correspondence with David Soloman, and other correspondence.

Descriptive Rules

Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2nd Edition / Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

All materials have been placed in archival housing.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Folder 1

Item

1. Schneider, J. A. and E. B. Sigg. "Neuropharmacological Studies on Ibogaine, An Indole Alkaloid with Central-Stimulant Properties," March 14, 1957. [Photocopy]
2. Bibliography on Ibogain from CIBA Pharmaceutical Company in Summit, N. J., 1964. [Photocopy]
3. Muehsam, Patricia A. "The nature of medical research Howard Lotsof's life story, "March 2010. [Photocopy]
4. Letter from Lotsof to Dave and Pat Solomon, 1964
5. Letter from Lotsof to Dave and Pat Solomon, 1964
6. Letter from Lotsof to Dave and Pat Solomon, 1964
7. Letter from Lotsof to Dave and Pat Solomon, undated
8. Letter from Lotsof to Dave Solomon, 1964
9. Letter from Lotsof to Dave and Pat Solomon, 1964
10. Letter from Maurice to David, undated
11. Letter from Ralph Metzner to David Solomon, 1964