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SALIS HOME NEWS:
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From the New Chair
Samantha Helfert, Research Librarian
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It was wonderful to see so many of you in Anchorage, Alaska. I feel very fortunate to have visited the great state of Alaska. The stunning mountains surrounding Anchorage were a fitting backdrop to the stimulating program coordinated by Anjana Roy. (See conference reports in this issue for more information on the meeting). In addition to the regular mix of local speakers and SALIS speakers on the program, Anjana added a new feature to the program. The meeting began with introductions by all the participants as means to put names with faces. Members shared their involvement with SALIS and how SALIS has benefitted their professional lives. I was touched by the positive nature of the

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Against a spectacular winter landscape of snow-covered mountains, bathed by “daylight” that did not disappear until 11 p.m., SALIS held its 23rd annual conference in Anchorage, Alaska, from Friday, May 4th – Monday, May 7th. The theme, in keeping with the setting, was “New Frontiers in Alcohol and Drug Information.” Fifty people were in attendance. The meeting was splendidly hosted by Anjana Roy of Akeela, Inc., who originally went to Alaska on a two-year assignment, and loved it so much that she has stayed there for 20 years. Anjana is a superb ambassador for her adopted state and helped us all to develop a deep appreciation of the wonders of the largest state in America. She surprised us all with a performance by a group of Native Alaskan dancers at the opening reception.

Among the conference presentations were several specifically related to Alaska. Bernard Segal, director of the Center of Alcohol and Addiction Studies at the University of Alaska, spoke about drug abuse among the Native population, who have been particularly vulnerable to alcohol problems. The reasons for this are complex and debatable, but one factor seems to be that their culture has been deeply disrupted for over 100 years by the arrival of waves of outsiders seeking furs, gold, and oil. Dr. Segal encouraged the audience to think not just of the treatment for substance abuse problems, but of the healing of each affected individual. Closely related was a talk by Harold Napoleon, a Yup’ik Eskimo and activist, who gave an Alaskan Native view on recovery, including personal, spiritual, and cultural aspects of this process. He feels that much of the healing and taking control must occur at the village level, including elders’ meetings. Diane Ogilvie of Akeela gave a presentation on the Local Option Law whereby individual communities in Alaska have the ability to ban alcoholic beverages.

Issues of treatment were also dealt with in two other presentations. Sheila Lacroix of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto discussed finding and selecting science-based treatment resources in addictions. She gave a brief history of evidence-based medicine and discussed sources of best practice resources. “Collaborative Treatment for Co-Occurring Disorders” was the title of the paper given by Pat Stilen of the Mid-America Addiction Technology Transfer Center in Kan.

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Websights
By Samantha Helfert, MLS
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Once again the Annual SALIS Conference program featured sessions on web resources and technology. Four presentations at the Anchorage conference highlighted web sites:

1. Egetgoing.com Treatment Program, by Judi Kosterman
2. Sticky Eyeballs: How Appealing is Your Net Presence, by Suzanne Jones
3. Virtual Clearinghouse on Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs, by Elizabeth Lozano
4. JTO Update: Online screening, referral and consumer empowerment to drug up demand for treatment, by Eric Helmuth

1. eGetgoing.com

Judi Kosterman, a representative of eGetgoing.com, a San-Jose, California-based Internet company, provided background on this new online alternative to traditional treatment settings. The program is based on traditional 12-step approach and was designed by a treatment provider, CRC Health Corporation.

Clients in the program participate in “real time” group sessions moderated by a video-streamed counselor. The clients interact anonymously with other group members by audio through a headset. Each participant receives a package containing the necessary CD-ROMs and headset to interact in the program. The sessions are augmented with pre-recorded video vignettes of a treatment group to present the central issues of each group session. The one-hour groups meet two times a week scheduled at clients’ convenience. Counselors remain online for 30 minutes after each group session for continued discussion.

The program was launched in March of this year. Currently the 12-week online treatment program costs $1,200. eGetgoing.com is hoping to partner with companies and/or governmental entities who are interested in providing this type of treatment option to their clients.

2. Urge/Whakamanawa

Suzanne Jones of the Alcohol Advisory Council of New Zealand (ALAC) discussed the development of Urge/Whakamanawa (www.urg.org.nz), a web site that pro-

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SUMMER NOTES
FROM THE EDITOR

Generally the conference issue of News is a big one, and this year is no exception. I'm sure you will find yourself reliving some of the moments at the Anchorage meeting, when you read Hallingby, Helfert, Jones and Winstanley. Then too, don't forget to read the Highlights of the Board and Business Meetings, so that you can know what the association is doing, and who has taken on new roles. We have a very active membership at this time, and lots of new people are getting involved.

A newsletter group met in Anchorage to discuss further the proposal by Haworth Press President, Bill Cohen, regarding SALIS News being incorporated inside BSSL Behavioral and Social Sciences Librarian. Making the newsletter electronically available, in addition to the print copy, was also discussed. There was a very positive consensus about re-facing the newsletter, in any case, and incorporating the logos now used on the SALIS Website as a beginning re-design feature.

Another idea which seemed to find much support, was that News feature ADDLIS, and ELISAD, two sister organizations to SALIS from Australia/New Zealand and Europe respectively, and RADAR and CANADA. Plans for an ELISAD issue are now underway, so if any of you have ideas or an article, column or shorter piece which you would like to submit concerning ELISAD, please be in touch. -A.M.

NIAAAA ADVISORY MEETING 2001
Andrea L. Mitchell, SALIS Executive Director

Representing SALIS at the Washington DC NIAAA Alcohol Advisory Council Meeting, I had the opportunity to address the council members, other NIAAA staff and other persons representing various liaison groups in the alcohol field. Obviously I wanted to promote SALIS and also let NIAAA know where we stand on current issues regarding information services in the field. Most of my comments were based on committee discussions of the past few years, and also phone conversations with SALIS Chair, Samantha Helfert and List serv Administrator, Nancy Sutherland before attending the meeting.

As an introduction, I began by thanking NIAAA and particularly Dr. Gordin, Director, for the support and follow through on the recommendations first made by SALIS in

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NEWS FROM CANADA
Sheila Lacroix, Reference Librarian
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto, ON, Canada

Are you aware that at least a dozen Canadian organizations are represented in the SALIS membership? Although not many of us have been fortunate enough to attend the annual conferences over the past few years, we do make our presence known on SALIS List from time to time. We are an eclectic group, representing a broad spectrum of organizations, reflecting the changes over the years from the days when there was more structure and dedicated funding for ATOD issues. Unfortunately, Eastern Canada is the region least represented, which is undoubtedly a reflection of decreased funding in tight times.

Two pieces of exciting news! The Virtual Clearinghouse on Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs, (VCATOD) is once again off the ground and growing, thanks to an influx of funding from Canada's Dept. of Foreign Affairs. Elizabeth Lozano, the new Co-ordinator, had much to report in Anchorage: you can read about elsewhere in this issue. Also, I recommend that you bookmark the site - www.atod.org - and visit it regularly.

The SALIS conference will be in Canada once again - Toronto, 2003! My organization, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, will be the host. Arthur McCudden and I have already started planning, and we are about to make the hotel selection. So, make a mental note to keep April 2003 free for a visit to Toronto and SALIS. Also, if anyone is interested in helping out with planning, please let me know. Next year, SALIS is in Washington D.C., a convenient, quick trip for those of us in Ontario.

MEMBER NEWS

Suzanne Jones ALAC New Zealand was the project manager on a website whakamanawa.co.nz recently lauded by the UNDCP United Nations Drug Control Programme.

Please note the change of address for SALIS members Nancy Sutherland and Pamela Miles of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute at the University of Washington:

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Send your "Member News" to SALIS Home salis@arg.org

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Note: Board Meeting Highlights and General Meeting Highlights should both be read, as much of the information was given at both, but reported under only one column here.

Treasurer's Report: The New York Conference made $2,500 above cost. Six applications for scholarships were approved for Anchorage. Fiscal situation is good right now, but we have been spending more than our income, since income is mainly membership dues, must be conservative.

SALIS Home Report: Bill Cohen, President of Haworth Press, has proposed to incorporate SALIS News in Behavioral and Social Sciences Librarian (BSSL). He has also offered to publish the current conference presentations and has asked Andrea Mitchell for a book proposal on addiction librarianship. Andrea asked that SALIS members interested in working on this book contact her.

SALIS exhibited at five conferences in this past year. Promotional materials for exhibition at conferences were discussed. Currently a brochure, a flyer specific to the conference and sample copies of the newsletter are sent. The Education and Outreach Committee was asked to look into other ways of promoting SALIS.

Listserv Report: Listserv has 111 members. Total 5,138 messages posted from the beginning. Also have lists for Board, Education & Outreach Committee, and Technology Committee. Guidelines were written up for SALIS-L.

Committees: Education and Outreach: Tom Mikolyzok reported that the list is important to their work. They requested web addresses from members who had a web site so links could be established to create a free ‘chain’ of links to SALIS members. Members should consider linking SALIS to their websites.

Information Technology Committee: Guidelines for SALIS-L updated. Completed update to the Resources section of the SALIS web page, but needs more. People worked with Barbara Weiner to change databases. New

SALIS Home Report: Currently considering re-facing SALIS News, and making online as well as print copy. Full Home Report available from SALIS Home. Request at salis@arg.org

Membership Report: Total of 128 members - 121 full (8 ELISAD, 1 complimentary Russian librarian); 5 Associate members; 1 Institutional Member; 1 Sponsor.

Listserv Report: Re: Etiquette or guidelines for using the SALIS List. *Tell the list when you will fill the request so others do not waste time looking for the item(s).

*There was a question about having all answers come to the list vs. replying only to the person requesting the information. Depends on specificity of request and breadth of info needed. General questions: prefer answers go to the list. If real comprehensive, a summary is helpful. Messages are quick to delete, and people can benefit from content. Answering to all also keeps others from responding to something that has already been handled.

*Interlibrary loan requests. Members should investigate their own sources first and List as last resort.

*Limit the ‘thank you’ and ‘me to’ messages to individuals, not to list.

*Filling one request out of a list of items is fine, but let the list know which you are providing so others do not look for those.

*When posting a question, give full information on where you have already searched.

Education and Outreach Committee: The committee is trying to promote SALIS among other librarians and non-librarians. SALIS Home and the Education and Outreach Committee are active at promoting SALIS, but more to do. Also working on developing other marketing materials. Board asked the committee to investigate what could be effective, such as pens with URL.

Information Technology: Will try to make the SALIS
The Information Technology Committee completed several projects this year regarding the SALIS web page and listserv. The results have enhanced the use of those resources for SALIS members.

In June 2000, the committee prepared a set of SALIS-L Guidelines and FAQs; the guidelines address many of the practical questions that members have about the appropriate use of this valuable tool. With the approval of the SALIS Board, the Guidelines were adopted and posted to the SALIS web page. (see http://salis.org/guidelines.htm) The SALIS-L listserv currently has 120 members; additional listservs are used by the SALIS Board, Education/Outreach Committee, and Technology Committee.

Within the Resources section of the SALIS web site, the Master List of ATOD Databases received a thorough update. The Database List, maintained by member Barb Weiner of Hazelden, is a compilation of bibliographic, statistical, and other searchable substance abuse databases from more than a dozen countries, and may be the most comprehensive list of ATOD databases available anywhere on the web. Each resource is briefly described as to scope, currency, search tips, and contact information. Hotlinks to web-searchable databases are provided.

The Links section was also updated, with each link checked for accuracy and several new sites added. The links are not intended to be comprehensive, but were selected for excellence and relevance to the field.

Finally, the long-awaited updated version of How To Organize and Operate an ATOD Information Center: A Guide nears fruition, and will be posted on the SALIS web site. Written in the mid-1990s, the manual is a collaborative effort of the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse, The U.S. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists, coordinated by SALIS member Jean Kinney at the Project Cork Institute. The goal of the manual is to provide a basic introduction to the many facets of an information center and what is required to run a center efficiently and economically. The Guide is directed to several audiences, but in particular to small government-sponsored information centers in North America, as well as those sponsored by agencies, organizations and treat-

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Notes from the Edge of the World...
Suzanne Jones,
Information Services Manager,
Alcohol Advisory Council of New Zealand

Dear Colleagues

A SALIS conference...I wasn’t sure what to expect, and in Alaska of all places – a far cry from my home in Wellington, New Zealand.

It was snowing when I arrived; it was not until it cleared that I could see what a stunning setting we had for the 23rd conference. Not quite the usual conference location, but then I was to meet extraordinary people!

I was fortunate enough to be the recipient of a SALIS scholarship, which made it easier for me to attend my first SALIS conference and share my Kiwi perspective. I was in Vancouver prior to the conference, having flown there for meetings on the Virtual Clearinghouse on Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs – so was lucky enough to know a grand sum of two SALIS people, Andrea Mitchell and Elizabeth Lozano, who were also to go on to Anchorage. I was soon to meet many more!

The conference was a cozy 45 people. We were fortunate at the welcome reception to be entertained by local Native Americans.

The theme of ‘new frontiers in alcohol and drug information: technology in ATOD libraries’ brought home to me issues of globalization. Globalization highlights some interesting issues, and opportunities, for us as information professionals.

The presentation on interactive treatment of those with addictions by Judi Kosterman generated a considerable amount of interest from SALIS members (www egetgoing.com). Partly I was in awe that one of the ideas we had tossed about in New Zealand but thought unsustainability for us had been funded to the tune of US$5 million. Interesting given the opportunities the web gives us around privacy and anonymity, a perfect medium for this kind of initiative. Naturally enough concerns were also raised around safety of the client in this setting. However I do feel that this is something worth exploring as a possibility for collaboration across countries and between organizations.

I found the presentations by Harold Napoleon and Bernard Segal interesting, both dealing with the impact of alcohol and drugs on native Americans; Harold Napoleon speaking from an indigenous person’s perspective and Bernard Segal as a researcher in this area. Again, I wondered how to facilitate informed debate as an information professional on responses to these issues by the indigenous people of America and other indigenous peoples, notably for me the Maori of New Zealand.

Elizabeth Lozano gave a presentation on the Virtual Clearinghouse on Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (www.atod.org). The VC-ATOD site was developed as an international partnership to provide access to grey or fugitive literature, information specialists, researchers and policy makers as its primary audience. Not surprisingly information on indigenous people frequently falls into these categories, as often its primary purpose has not been to publish academic findings but to inform policy development. Fortunately SALIS has been at the forefront of this initiative, along with ELISAD, recognizing its potential and supporting its ongoing development.

I had a chance to present on Urge/Whakamanawa – a website developed to support New Zealand youth across a range of areas and, importantly, celebrate their achievements. (www.urge.co.nz or www.whakamanawa.co.nz) I managed the development of the site which was launched at the end of 2000 and which has recently, and surprisingly, been endorsed by the UNDCP. I say surprisingly as the site has a harm minimization message. It is a site that was developed with strong youth participation in a climate of knowledge sharing and transparency of motive between them and me. The name, style and content of the site was vetted by a group of young people with mixed gender and ethnic backgrounds. One of the most inspiring things for me in my involvement in this project was to hear the young people say how rewarding it had been for them and how rare it was for their opinions to have been listened to and acknowledged.

Of course there were many fine speakers and lively discussions, too many to mention.

But what possibly struck me more than anything on that opening day of the conference was the collective knowledge and wisdom of the people in the room. If we were members of the royal family they certainly would not let us all on the plane in one go!

From Anchorage I flew on to the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse based in Ottawa where I was to spend a month working on the Virtual Clearinghouse project.

Had a great time – let’s catch up next time!

2001 ELECTION RESULTS

Chair-Elect: Virginia Sanchez
Treasurer: Barbara S. Weiner
Members-At-Large: Eric Helmuth, Suzanne Jones, and Anjana Roy.
*Samantha Helfert becomes Chair
*Jo McCaslin enters second term as Secretary
“NEW FRONTIERS”
from a NEW MEMBER

By Nancy Winstanley, Librarian
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The first frontier I encountered at the SALIS conference was the state of Alaska itself. Certainly I had read and heard about this region, but nothing prepared me for the experience of seeing the place myself. Everywhere I looked I saw towering, snow-covered mountains and clear, shining water. Fortunately, I was able to spend the day after the conference exploring and cruising the bay. I saw Beluga whales, Orca whales, seals, eagles, mountain goats, sheep, and moose. The reflection of the mountains in the bright, sunlit water was simply breathtaking. It was a sight I’ll never forget.

Attending my first SALIS conference represented another frontier for me. Although I have been a member of the Special Library Association for more than 20 years, and have been a part of the Steel Libraries and Information Centers and the Food, Agricultural and Nutrition Information Committee, this is the first year I have been a member of the Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists. The meeting was extremely well run, thanks to the oversight of Anjana Roy and Lee Hallingby. The exhibits were set up in the meeting rooms and the speakers all had something interesting to share with the group. The participants appeared to know and respect one another. In short, the entire proceedings were conducted in the spirit of goodwill and cooperation. Clearly, this group of professionals is extremely knowledgeable in their various specialties and eager to share their knowledge with one another to advance the cause of disseminating information about substance abuse.

This led me to my “last and final frontier”—to quote the words of Gene Rodenberry—which was the extensive information on the substance abuse field that I was able to glean from this conference. There certainly was a lot to learn from the four days of meetings and presentations. I was exposed to information about the various aspects of the substance abuse field, such as screening, evaluation and treatment; I was given information concerning many library tools, such as new happenings on the Internet, science and medical publishing, inventory control and grant writing; and, perhaps most importantly, I was put in con-

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introductions and I felt honored to be a part of SALIS. These introductions along with the opportunity to re-acquaint with old friends and meet new friends have energized me at the start of my year as Chair of the SALIS Board.

This year, like in past years, I leave the annual meeting ready to proclaim the virtues of SALIS and outreach to new members to share the benefits of the organization. The Education and Outreach Committee has challenged its committee members to recruit one new member to SALIS. Tom Mikolyzk reports on this committee in the committee report on p. of this issue. I challenge other members to spread the word as well. Reach out to colleagues working in the substance abuse field and who may benefit from SALIS. Personal pleas are always best. SALIS Home has a standard outreach letter that you can customize and send to colleagues. Further SALIS Home will send a complementary issue to non-members to entice them with membership. Contact Tom Mikolyzk at mikolyzk@prevention.org for more information. SALIS members bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the organization. SALIS’s strength is derived from its members’ willingness to share that collective knowledge and expertise with others. Let’s keep the organization alive by expanding its membership and sharing its benefits with others.

vides health information to youth. Urge/Whakamanawa is funded by a partnership of governmental and non-governmental organizations. This interagency partnership decided the Internet would be a useful means of reaching youth because youth can access information on the web anonymously, there is no stigma attached to using the web, and web technology is dynamic. ALAC had a lead role in coordinating the site’s development with a group of New Zealand youth. The youth-led development team involved 13 students who drove the process and the content of the site. The youth felt strongly that web site provide a safety message as well as information on drugs and sex. The youth felt it was important not to preach to other kids and tell them what to do. As a result, the web site incorporates harm reduction messages, as opposed to using abstinence and "no-use drug" messages. The site is primarily in English, but it does incorporate the use of Maori language. There is hope to translate more of the text in the future.

The site includes sections on drugs, sex, and stress. Each section provides background on the topic and safety tips. A section on "other stuff" provides legal information and...
place where youth can share creative writing and art. The site includes a glossary of technical and slang terms on sex and drugs (probably designed to make adults blush). Currently Urge links to Fuel, ALAC’s youth alcohol web site, but there is talk of integrating the Fuel content into Urge.

3. Virtual Clearinghouse

Elizabeth Lozano provided members with an update on the status of The Virtual Clearinghouse on Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs project (www.atod.org). The Virtual Clearinghouse has long had support from SALIS as a means of providing an international gateway to substance abuse information. [See past issue, Vol 20. No. 2, Summer 2000] The goal of the project is to create a global partnership that facilitates access to selected full-text information, avoids duplication of effort, and encourages networking. Last year, the Virtual Clearinghouse received a jumpstart from the Canadian government by funding the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) to host the site and provide support on its development. While it is currently housed at the CCSA, it is not “owned” by CCSA. The project is sustained and directed by its partners, a variety of governmental and non-governmental organizations that produce substance abuse information.

The Virtual Clearinghouse is a trilingual web site, providing content in English, French, and Spanish. Further the site provides a translator program to translate information into other languages. The site includes a searchable document database of gray literature including policy information, research, programmatic information, and statistics. In addition to the document database, the site provides a Calendar of Events, an Email Directory, and Conferencing feature that provides hosted, threaded, online discussions. This free service is available to any organization interested in creating an online discussion on substance abuse.

Currently the project includes partners from around the world, but it does not include many partners from North America. Elizabeth encouraged SALIS members whose organizations fit the partner criteria to apply for partnership. Check the partners section of the web site for partner criteria and application form. SALIS has played an active role in the creation of the Virtual Clearinghouse.

Currently Andrea Mitchell represents SALIS on the project’s Partner Committee and Steering Committee to provide direction to the Clearinghouse. Discussions are underway to see if SALIS is eligible to become a partner in the project as well.

4. Alcoholscreening.org

Eric Helmut of Join Together discussed a new online tool, the AlcoholScreening.org, funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This online alcohol screening tool is a service of Join Together as part of its Demand Treatment Initiative. The tool is an online application of the traditional, clinic-based brief intervention strategy. Visitors can take a confidential self-test to assess their drinking patterns and receive personalized feedback. Visitors then find out whether their alcohol consumption is likely to be within safe limits, risky, or harmful to their health. Visitors are linked to additional information about alcohol and treatment resources, including the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) database of 12,000 treatment centers.

The feature was launched in April of this year and during its first month had over 10,000 visitors. Traffic was driven to the site by both traditional and online methods. Join Together disseminated traditional media releases and email announcements on the service. Numerous web sites that focus on alcohol and drug abuse also linked to the site. But the largest proportion of traffic came as a result of banner advertisement by two sources: DoubleClick and Boston.com. The banner ads were created by the designers of the site and placed at no charge by these two web services.

Join Together plans to make the online screening test and the SAMHSA treatment program database available in syndicated form later this year. It would work in a similar fashion to its other plugins, allowing other organizations to provide the screening tool as a feature through their own web sites. The goal is that these other organizations will market the screening and referral tools to local audiences with traditional and online advertising and campaigns. In doing so, visitors will access these other sites to take the test and then access the local information and resources. Join Together hopes to maximize the number of people who take the screening and either get referred or modify their risky behavior.

The feature is an innovative online application of a proven treatment strategy (i.e. brief interventions). Because each visitor’s steps are tracked, it will be interesting to see what types of visitors use the screening tool, what types of advertising motivates them to access the tool and take the test, and what visitors do based on their test results. We look forward to hearing more about the future of this application.
Finally there were a couple of presentations on the U.S. federal government’s effort to promote prevention. George Marcelle, representing the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention’s Media Relations and Marketing Group initiative on the West Coast, showed new underage drinking prevention resources available through CSAP. His talk provoked a discussion on how to teach young adults to drink responsibly once they do come of age. Robert Denniston of the White House Office on National Drug Control Policy discussed the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign and explained some of the “mid-course corrections” that the campaign is undergoing based on feedback from the initial series of public service announcements.

The three days also included side trips to the Anchorage Museum to see a fascinating display on the history of Alaska, and to visit Portage glacier en route for a final group dinner. On the last day of the conference, the heavens opened up to reveal Denali in the distance (a Native word meaning Great One). Also known as Mount McKinley, it is the highest peak in North America. This was a most fitting grand finale for the 2001 SALIS conference, which everyone seemed to agree was a perfect blend of stimulating presentations, productive business meetings, excellent camaraderie, and magnificent scenery.

version of By-Laws posted. “How to Organize & Operate an ATOD Info Center” will be posted to SALIS website as a pdf document. No current plans to update Appendices, yet the need was discussed.

Sheila LaCroix is developing two guides for students doing research for school papers and projects, one for High School Students and one for College/University Students (sample provided). These will be available on the CAMH library web site and linked from the SALIS site. They may be used as a model to develop such guides for the SALIS web site.

SIGS- Southeast Asian SIG: Anjana Roy has volunteered to chair this committee.

Conference Issues - 2001 Anchorage conference: Anjana Roy, conference host, did local fundraising for the conference. Many supplies were provided by Anjana’s agency.

2002 Washington DC: April 16 – 20 is the date for the
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2002 conference. The Radisson Barcelo in Dupont Circle has been reserved. Liz Foster, NCADI is conference host. Planning committee currently consists of George Marcelle, Liz Foster, & Samantha Helfert.


Directory: Nancy Sutherland suggested posting a member list to website since the Directory is still on hold. Board decision to have member access only. Technology Committee will discuss putting SALIS members in Link section upon request – to promote their organizations ELISAD directory was passed around during discussion of a new SALIS directory. ELISAD and SALIS need to have a discussion about duplication of effort.

"How to Start & Run an AOD Information Center": SALIS consultant currently putting this document in pdf to post on the web. Appendices will not be posted until updated. Nancy Sutherland was asked to come back to the Board with suggestions about how to consider others’ input.

Virtual Clearinghouse: The Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) was able to get a three year funding to push ATOD Virtual Clearinghouse project forward. The site will maintain a data base of fugitive or gray literature on policy, statistics, and evaluated programs, material which is often not indexed by the main commercial bibliographic information sources. Plans to increase partners in the project. The idea is to link to partner sites for materials. Andrea Mitchell attended the first partner committee meeting and is on the steering committee.


By-Laws: Discussion about changing the by-laws to create an international Member At Large (MAL) position, and increase MAL positions from three to four. Board decision to leave the by-laws as is. Discussed a need to be clear about expectations of the MAL. MAL’s should be encouraged to attend annual meetings.

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING (Continued from page 4)

Homepage more newsy, dynamic and current. Considering placing the conference proceedings on web site.


2004 Conference San Francisco was voted as winning bid. Chicago bid for 2005.

Election Results 2001 Board: Chair Elect: Virginia Sanchez, Treasurer: Barbara Weiner, Three Members at Large: Suzanne Jones, Eric Helmuth and Anjana Roy. Samantha Helfert moves to Chair position. Jo McCaslin remains for second year of term as Secretary.

International Member at Large (MAL): Sheila Lacroix recommended in 2000 that the MAL positions be increased to two year terms and one international (non North American) member position be created. Two of the four positions would be elected every other year. In 2000 e-mail election, not enough members voted to pass.

SALIS News: A meeting for persons interested in newsletter issues announced.

International Society of Addiction Journal Editors meeting: The society has formed and made bylaws. Will meet again in 2002 in Quebec, Canada. Leigh Hallingby official SALIS representative last summer 2000 in Poland.

ELISAD: Andrea Mitchell represented SALIS at ELISAD 2000 in Prague. There was a reminder that SALIS members can join ELISAD at a low rate. ELISAD has made a request for articles for their quarterly electronic newsletter. Contact Anne Singer if you are interested in helping ELISAD with an article. Leigh Hallingby will remind Anne of the option to use items from SALIS News.

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tact with new colleagues, the people who know where the information is and how to get it.

The people who belong to SALIS are certainly its most valuable resource. And, as I learned at the conference, those people are constantly working to improve their resourcefulness. Now, I’m looking forward to using the knowledge I gained at the conference to enhance my work for the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). What I learned at SALIS will be immediately applicable to both NIAAA’s library and ETOH, their alcohol-research database. I look forward to joining the other SALIS professionals in their endeavor to make the dissemination of substance abuse information the highest priority and I am fortunate to be working with the team who will be bringing the 2002 SALIS Conference to Washington, DC.
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US Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. Improving substance abuse treatment: the National Treatment Plan Initiative: panel reports, public hearings, and participant acknowledgements. [Rockville, MD?] Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2000. 244 p.

Full report and summaries of regional hearings also available on the Internet: http://www.samhsa.gov/centers/csats/content/NTP.pdf.

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An overhead shot of railway tracks slipping slowly up the screen fill the sombre opening sequence of Night of the Living. As the camera tilts up to the horizontal we see young Zack walking along the tracks toward home on a chilly, grey-blue winter afternoon. Home is suitably domestic, Zack is visibly disappointed when Kate, his mom, reports that dad is working late, and we begin to sense a problem. Dad does come home late, and drunk. Zack, supposedly in bed, peers down the stairs as his mother struggles to help his stumbling father. He is sharply ordered back to bed, his consternation and confusion palpable. Next morning everything looks normal, dad is up early making breakfast, showing Zack how to flip pancakes. Even though mom is irritated at Zack’s dad, there is a sense of playful affection around the table that eases the tension. This deflection makes the events of the previous night seem not to have happened. There are several more incidents where Zack witnesses his father intoxicated and is clearly bewildered by the situation.

This film is a very interesting approach to the issues of children of alcoholics and alcohol abuse in the family. Not only is it produced in an artistic manner, using music, subtle tones of colour and black and white filming, careful framing and composition to advance the story, there is no superficial moralising or sensationalism, so common in films dealing with these issues. In this family the alcohol abuse has neither led to violence toward other family members, nor to loss of home. Night of the Living is open ended, not blocking off discussion by battering the viewer with a worst case scenario. This is not a family without problems but there is also a sense of hopefulness amid the gloom. We see a strong sense of humour, affection and caring, strengths that will contribute to a resolution. Much of the film is really about the attempt by Zack to cope with the growing isolation from his father. Certainly the problems of this family are not the most severe that can be imagined. This moderate, though problematic situation, combined with an open-ended conclusion will undoubtedly aid adults in discussing the complexities of substance abuse and the family.

Now in its third edition, the AOD Thesaurus has been accepted as part of NLM’s Unified Medical Language.

Given these two research resource tools, SALIS is concerned with both the marketing and training involved in making the resources known and utilized most effectively. Although we do what we can within our SALIS, we believe that there should be more funding available to train and promote these two tools. There should be training available at all major conferences which involve alcohol research personnel, to include best practices in using the ETOH online database as well as the AOD thesaurus, now also available online. SALIS is in a unique position, and most likely the most qualified to take on the role of training, given adequate funding. We have participated in this role for many years and have also been funded previously to develop training venues in other areas.

Several questions from the council members and others made it quite clear that persons in this audience were not that familiar with the NIAAA developed tools, and a few also gave supporting comments to my suggestions. The time is now, to make formal recommendations from SALIS to NIAAA, followed by a proposal for a training program. Hopefully the fruition of such will be available during the 2002 conference in DC.

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1984. For those of you who may not have been with SALIS that far back, these recommendations formally made included that NIAAA make the alcohol science database publicly available and develop a thesaurus to standardize terminology utilized in cataloguing, and to provide a resource tool for keyword selection in online bibliographic database searching. Note: ETOH was made publicly available in 1988, and in 1989 with NIAAA funding, the AOD thesaurus construction project began.

The publication grew out of an earlier collaborative effort of the sponsors and the World Health Organization to facilitate the creation of information centers in developing countries. The publication that resulted was entitled, How to Start and Run an Alcohol and Other Drug Information Centre: A Guide, (often referred to by SALIS members and others as “the green book.”)

Unfortunately, the manual languished for years in a not-quite-complete stage, during which time the many invaluable appendices (e.g. ATOD Reference Sources, Databases, Journals, Organizations) grew outdated, though the main document still had much to offer. Not wanting the main document to remain in permanent limbo, SALIS received permission from the producers to publish it on our web site. It has been edited and converted to .PDF format so that users can read and download this very useful handbook from the web.

Note: If you’re a full member and are not using SALIS-L, you’re missing out on a valuable benefit! To join the list, contact list manager Nancy Sutherland at adailib@u.washington.edu
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