2007 SALIS Board Strategic Planning Meeting - Reno, NV May 1–2, 2007

Board Members will be drawing up a five year forward plan for SALIS at their annual Board Meeting in May. If you have ideas or issues which you would like the Board to address, please send them to Chair, Jessica Hinkson with a cc: to Barb Weiner.

We now have 98 Members!

Thank you for renewing your membership! For those that have not yet renewed - See Alert on page 4

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NIDA Library Closed for “Budgetary” Reasons

SALIS member Mary Pfeiffer, Chief of Library Services at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Library in Baltimore, Maryland, was informed late last Fall that there was a good chance that monies for the library would no longer be available. It’s now official. Let’s add one more library to the dustbin.

The NIDA library has its early roots with the Addiction Research Center (ARC) founded in 1935 in Lexington, Kentucky. ARC did both clinical and pre-clinical research on drug abuse and addiction as part of a Federal prison hospital which treated heroin addicts. In the early 1980's the ARC moved to the Bayview Medical Center at Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, Maryland to expand its research interests and to support intramural scientists at NIDA.

Included in the collection are 10,000-12,000 bound volumes of journals, some dating from the 1930's, and approximately 8,000 books. A reprint collection contains every article ever published by the research program staff from its inception in 1935. Also among the holdings are the entire set of the Committee on Problems of Drug Dependence meetings abstracts/minutes since its inception in 1929, and numerous other government documents and materials only found in such special collections.

Services performed by the library staff for the four hundred staff of the NIDA intramural center and others include:

- Provide print and online journal articles
- Perform online literature services
- Inter library loans
- Create and Maintain Online Catalog
- Editing service for intramural staff
- Program to assist people when English is a second language

Service is of utmost importance to Mary and her staff, so much so that Mary has been known to answer her home telephone with, “Library”. She also makes it a point to have staff call her at home when someone needs informa-
Moves and Changes
We will all miss SALIS member Bette Reimer in her capacity as Director of Reference and Information Services at CCSA. Bette has decided to follow her heart and move back home to west coast Canada, which she was missing. However, it is more à bientôt, as Bette will be still working in the substance abuse / addiction area in some capacity and will maintain her SALIS membership. We wish her all the best in whatever comes her way.

OTRU (Ontario Tobacco Research Unit):
http://www.otru.org

OTRU has recently redesigned its information rich website, so be sure to make a visit. For those of you who missed SALIS member Diane Van Abbe’s presentation in Boston, a very unique resource offered by OTRU through its website, is the online course, *Tobacco and Public Health: From Theory to Practice*, designed for anyone working in tobacco control. There are three modules: Protection (issues around second hand smoke and smoke free environments), Prevention and Cessation, each 2-3 hours in length. Although developed in Ontario, Canada, there is much of value for those working in any jurisdiction. It is free and flexible to use.

Supervised Injection Facilities (SIFs)
With a change in government last year at the federal level, there has been a definite shift in the balance between public health approaches and criminal justice approaches, tipping towards the criminal justice side. The canary in the coal mine is a project many are carefully watching with interest. In Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside, the first North American SIF, which required legal exemption to operate, was established in 2003 to run as a pilot study for three years, ending September 2006. Last fall, Health Canada recommended that a 3.5 year extension be granted but this has been cut short by the current government, which has frozen research funding for the project. The evaluation of the project that includes input from many others in SALIS.

The Technology Committee met in Boston to review the status of several projects, and to set priorities for the coming year. First, a brief status report:

The SALIS-L listserv has 120 members, though this includes a few people who have not yet renewed their membership for 2007. *Better do that pronto or lose your access!* The question had been raised about changing the reply default from reply-to-list (current setting) to reply-to-sender. The issue was reviewed by the SALIS Board, who recommended leaving it as is, and the Tech Committee concurred.

The SALIS Web site is now managed by Chase Pearce, SALIS Administrative Assistant, who serves as the webmaster. Chase added a number of enhancements such as a Google Search tool which allows keyword searching of the entire website, and an input form in the Members Only area so that individuals can easily update their contact information. And as you know, SALIS News is now published electronically in the Members-only section (password-protected). The website benefits from the work of regular contributors, including Barbara Weiner (Hazelden) who continues to keep the Database Masterlist updated, and Andrea Mitchell (Alcohol Research Group), who produces the New Books list – which is also published in the journal *Addiction* and is posted on the public section of the SALIS website as well as published in SALIS News.

New and Priority Projects:
Priorities identified in Boston by the Tech Committee included exploring ways to work with InMagic; setting up a blog on the SALIS website format and doing a post-conference survey. The survey was already completed, and the webmaster drafted a blog which could replace the “What’s New” section on the website. The Tech Committee still needs to work with Chase on the blog before making it live. Stay tuned for more about that!

Several members of the Committee have been active in discussing a proposal for a combined AOD database, a project that includes input from many others in SALIS.

Nancy Sutherland, Meg Brunner, Barbara Weiner, and Andrea Mitchell are collaborating on a database of AOD serials, both current and archival titles. The database is a work-in-progress and welcomes input from other members, but it can be previewed here:

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The People Have Spoken!
Results from the SALIS Conference Survey
By Nancy Sutherland and Meg Brunner
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Earlier this year, we posted a web survey to gather information about your experiences and preferences relating to SALIS conferences. Forty-two of you took the survey, providing helpful feedback that will be used in planning the next full conference (in Seattle, Spring 2008). Not surprisingly, there was a range of opinion on many of the questions, but here are some of the points that stood out:

♦ Over one third (38%) of the respondents have been SALIS members for 3 years or less. I hope this is a good sign that our organization continues to attract people new to the field.

♦ The reasons most frequently cited for not attending a SALIS conference were travel expense (39%) and prior work or personal commitment (30%).

♦ While cost and location are important in determining whether or not people attend a conference, the presentations – by both SALIS members and invited outside speakers – were rated the most important factors.

♦ A session for RADAR members, though not highly rated overall, was the most important factor for about one quarter of respondents. This suggests that a RADAR session(s) could be a key to bringing some participants to the conference.

♦ Technology issues (web & databases) and practical “how to” presentations (search techniques etc.) were the most highly-rated in level of interest, but in fact, all the topic areas listed received strong endorsements.

♦ Almost no-one wants the conference to be held only on a weekend; weekday meetings were preferred by over 46%, with others citing a combined weekday/weekend or no preference.

♦ Length and intensity of the conference are something we were curious about. The responses were pretty evenly distributed, though the majority favored 2.5 or 3.0 day conferences, with a mixture of short and long meeting days.

Many of you offered enthusiastic comments and suggestions for sessions in future conferences – thank you for those! It will be helpful in planning the Seattle meeting. You can view the survey results in detail at:

Periodical News
Compiled by Nancy Sutherland, Library Director, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute, Seattle, WA

Just when I'm counting my pennies to see if I can afford my current subscriptions, along comes a new must-have title: *Journal of Addiction Medicine (JAM)*, published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, as the new official journal of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM). First issue due April 2007, Quarterly

From the flyer: *JAM* will bridge research and practice, providing insights and solutions to enhance patient care and outcomes.

♦ peer-reviewed
♦ bench, translational, and clinical research
♦ timely reviews and brief editorials
♦ current and emerging therapies
♦ special supplement issues.
http://edmgr.ovid.com/jam/

For pricing and to subscribe http://www.lww.com/products/?1932-0620

As if that weren't the last of it:

Taylor & Francis announces a new journal, *Mental Health and Substance Use: Dual Diagnosis*, to begin publication in 2008. From the journal's website: "This international and interdisciplinary journal provides a single, authoritative source of reference for clinicians, managers, service developers, researchers, educators, trainers, and students on current trends and perspectives related to coexisting mental health and substance use. The primary aim is to explore complex issues, inform, develop, and educate professionals by facilitating, sharing, and pooling knowledge, thus enhancing expertise in this fast developing field. It is an essential source of knowledge for the professional exploring the complex needs of the individual and family experiencing issues related to co-existing mental health and substance use problems."

Editor Philip D. Cooper has issued a call for papers. The journal will be published in 3 issues per year under the Routledge imprint in both print and online versions. The subscription price has not been announced. For more about the call for papers and other information, visit: http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/rmhs

*Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs* is now indexed in Medline (PubMed) under the new Title Abbreviation "*J Stud Alcohol Drugs*".
The pace of digitization is overwhelming. Almost every day, I discover yet another archival collection now available online, whether free or licensed. Unfortunately, as we are finding out, many of our funders think neither we, nor our systems for storage and retrieval, are needed anymore!

Here are a few collections; some have been around for some time and others are new discoveries. Perhaps we can continue to add to this collectively with each new edition of SALIS News.


**Reports to the Surgeon General** from the first *Smoking and Health* report in 1974. (Many on tobacco, but other public health related topics are covered as well) http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/reports.htm


**American Journal of Psychiatry** Issues from Vol. 1 in 1844, when it was the *American Journal of Insanity*, to present. Available through Psychiatry Online, American Psychiatric Association, (License required.)


The pace of digitization continues… backwards, outwards and forwards!

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**H.R.1348**

**Title:** To redesignate the National Institute on Drug Abuse as the National Institute on Diseases of Addiction, and to redesignate the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism as the National Institute on Alcohol Disorders and Health.

**Sponsor:** Rep Kennedy, Patrick J. [RI-1] (introduced 3/6/2007)

**Latest Major Action:** 3/6/2007 Referred to House committee.

**Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

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**New Website for International Harm Reduction Association**

The International Harm Reduction Association is pleased to announce the launch of its new website: http://www.ihra.net

The new website includes the latest news from the organization, the regional harm reduction networks and the global harm reduction movement. There is also information about IHRA, its partners and its projects.

To coincide with the website launch, IHRA is also pleased to announce the re-launch of the "50 Best" Collection of papers on "HIV Prevention and Care for Injecting Drug Users" - a free resource comprising of the best papers, articles and documents in the field. This can be viewed at http://www.ihra.net/50BestCollectionsOverview.

IHRA is keen to receive feedback - contact the IHRA Team, c/o Jamie Bridge, (Jamie.Bridge@ihra.net)

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http://lib.adai.washington.edu/salisserials.htm

As always, the Committee has more ideas than time, so here’s our perennial list of projects suggested in previous years that are still on our “to-do” list:

♦ Add an icon and information about making a donation to SALIS on the website;
♦ Publish a history of SALIS and timeline on the website;
♦ Post a list of ATOD library catalogs on the web; most/all of these are described in detail in the Databases Masterlist in the Resources section, but a shorter, quick-start version would be a useful tool.
♦ Create a high-quality thumbnail graphic of the SALIS logo and encourage it’s placement on member web pages.
♦ Explore and expand resource sharing possibilities (Docline, ILL, InMagic multi-catalog canned searches)

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**Alert! Alert! Alert! Alert! Alert!**

One more chance!

All those SALIS Members who have not renewed their membership by the end of March will be dropped from the SALIS Listserv. Please let SALIS Home know if you intend to renew!
ATOD Serials Database – A New Resource for SALIS Web Site

Meg Brunner, Pam Miles & Nancy Sutherland
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute, University of Washington

Many of you may have seen the list of ATOD Journals currently on the SALIS website: (http://www.salis.org/resources/atod_journals.html). That list is handy, but it has limitations: How can you tell which journals are peer-reviewed? What is the publication’s scope or audience? Which titles are available online, or for free? Does anyone in SALIS own a particular journal or newsletter in their library? Finally, the information is not as easily updated or manipulated in a list as it can be in a database.

Last year, a few members of SALIS started working collaboratively to identify ATOD journals – past and present – and to put them into a common database that can be searched on the web. This is a work-in-progress which we hope will benefit from your feedback at this early stage. The project started when the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute Library at the University of Washington put our serials into a web-based database. The new database proved to be quite handy, but we began to think about how much more useful it could be if it combined with other SALIS libraries, especially those with large collections of alcohol and drug journals. Barb Weiner (Hazelden) and Andrea Mitchell (Alcohol Research Group) agreed to join this project, and we hope to eventually include more SALIS libraries.

Currently, the project contains over 350 ATOD- or addiction-related serials, including peer-reviewed journals, magazines, newsletters, and monograph series. Most records contain basic bibliographic information, including the title, ISSN, publisher information, a web site (if available), and title history details. Holdings for the 3 participating libraries (ARG, ADAI, Hazelden) are briefly noted in the record along with a link to the library’s web site. (Inclusion of Holdings is NOT a promise to provide ILL or document delivery – but it may be a place to start).

Users of the database can browse the entire collection by title, or perform searches using keywords, publication type (journals, newsletters, e.g.), or target audience (clinical practice, recovery, research, e.g.). Search results can be limited to peer-reviewed publications, current publications, or publications that are available for free online. We plan to adopt the excellent subject classification created by Christine Goodair for the DrugScope Library. http://www.drugscope.org.uk/wip/7/PDFS/intl-description.pdf

Our goal for this database is to provide a tool for SALIS members and others who are looking for information on ATOD serials, as well as to lead users to SALIS member libraries that might be able to assist them with the location of specific documents or articles. In this way, we hope to increase our visibility and usefulness to the community of researchers, clinicians, students, and others in the field we serve.

You can preview this work-in-progress at: http://lib.adai.washington.edu/salisserials.htm

Comments and suggestions are welcome! Email: adai@u.washington.edu.

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tion that staff can’t provide. Never mind that the NIDA library receives hundreds of requests a day from NIDA intramural staff and others concerned with addiction issues. The decision to close the library and distribute materials, which have been collected, organized and maintained for over seventy years, “was strictly a budgetary decision”. With budget cuts to NIH, the library was just another item on the list of the general budget that would have to go.

Many of the scientists were shocked by this decision as was Mary Pfeiffer, who had been working with the architect to select furniture and design the new library space in the new building to which the research unit was moving. Now she and her two library technicians will be re-situated, i.e.) moved elsewhere to do other jobs. Most likely Mary will be given an editing (she has a writing and editing background) or possibly an administrative position, with apparently no regard for her expertise nor the fact that she has built and maintained this collection for over twenty four years.

What will this mean in the long term for those who had relied on Mary and her staff for the information they sought? Will it be just a few clicks on Google for them to find the information? What about the history of this research unit so long a part of the early drug addiction research in America? And gee, I thought drug abuse was supposed to be one of the major problems in America. Certainly Congress thinks it’s important when it gives NIDA over a billion dollars a year to fund addiction research. What happened to the notion of organizing information and making it available to people who want to learn and explore a subject in detail, with qualified alcohol or other drug information specialists to lead the way? Harry Eyres column “In Praise of Libraries” in the Financial Times last weekend, couldn’t have summed it up more acutely when he wrote “closing or impoverishing universities and libraries is one of the surest signs of a philistine, foolish government”. *

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And what will happen to the collection? The NIH National Institutes of Health main library will most likely take part of it. Individual scientists may keep some of the books they have been using in their research and possibly Mary may be able to offer some of it to other SALIS libraries. For the moment, they are waiting on rules of “Federal property distribution.” This seems to be one more sad outcome for yet one more addiction collection, and one more step towards the Googlization of America.


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Global Burden of Disease and Risk Factors

By Mia Jaeggli, Library Assistant/Information Specialist
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The Global Burden of Disease and Risk Factors is a result of the Disease Control Priorities Project in collaboration with the Fogarty International Center, the World Health Organization, the World Bank, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The primary purpose of this publication is to assist with health services policy making and research by providing a “comprehensive assessment” on the burden of disease. Presented in detailed sets of tables, the book is comprised mainly of collected quantitative data from around the globe, specifically mortality, diseases, injuries, disabilities, and risk factors. The tables also segment data by country and demographics, specifically region, gender, and age groups. Among the tables outlining risk factors are those specific to smoking, alcohol use, and illicit drug use. A sampling of one of these covers alcohol use as a risk factor for liver cancer. Another covers alcohol use and self-inflicted injuries. Similarly there are tables on smoking and illicit drug use. To deal with limitations in research methodology, such as missing data, bias, or measurement errors in the estimates given, the authors devote a chapter to uncertainty and sensitivity analysis. Other features include global maps, glossary of key terms and acronyms, and index.

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HBO launches “Addiction”

“Addiction”: A nine segment documentary by individual directors. 9 p.m. Thursday March 16th, HBO. Repeat broadcasts through March 27 on HBO and HBO2. For information and resources on addiction, visit http://www.hbo.com
New Books

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Costas, Heinrich.  **Hidden Language of Narcoterrorism: A Spanish-English Dictionary with a Quecha Glossary.** Lampeter, Wales ; Lewiston, N.Y. ; Queenston, Ontario : Edwin Mellen, 2006. 2 v. $86.99 ISBN 0773456961 (v. 1) 9780773456969 (v. 1) $129.95 0773456988 (v. 2) 9780773456983 (v. 2)


Epstein, Richard A.  **Overdose: How Excessive Government Regulation Stifles Pharmaceutical Innovation.** (Continued on page 8)
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