Reminder!
- Deadline for membership dues is approaching!

Technology update!
- Donations to SALIS may be made at http://salis.org/donate
- See the new membership page online!
- Online payment for dues is coming very soon!
For more details visit our website @ http://www.salis.org

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SALIS Strategy Planning Meeting
Jessica Hinkson Desmarais, SALIS Chair
Education Development Center

The 29th Annual SALIS Board convened May 8-9, 2007 in Reno, NV to review and discuss SALIS's mission and current state of affairs, and to engage in a strategic planning process to determine and focus our objectives, goals, and activities as we move forward. Realizing we had a lot of work to do in a short amount of time and that we might benefit from the expertise of a seasoned professional, we hired Trip Barthel, Founder and Executive Director of the Neighborhood Mediation Center in Reno, to help provide a guiding framework for our discussion.

The Board launched into two days of discussion and specific exercises designed to drill down to the core elements of our mission and purpose as an organization. Armed with results from the member survey conducted at the end of April along with our own experiences as members, we focused on

SALIS 30th Annual Conference:
“Stepping into the Future”
May 6-9, 2008 in Seattle, WA, USA

Get out your calendars! The 2008 SALIS Conference will convene on May 6-9, 2008 in beautiful Seattle, Washington.

This year’s conference marks the 30th Anniversary of SALIS, so get ready to celebrate as we Step into the Future of our organization and our field. The agenda will feature presentations by SALIS members, invited guest speakers, and a variety of sessions of interest whether you work in academic or clinical settings, RADAR centers, web/technology development, or other information arenas. Conference hosts are Nancy Sutherland, Meg Brunner, and Pamela Miles at the University of Washington, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute.

Famous for its culture, scenery, and entertainment, Seattle is a destination not to be missed on the West Coast. Plan time during the conference week to take in the sights -- see the famous fish throwers at Pike Place Market,

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SAMHSAs’s New Health Information Network
Lisa Swanberg, Vice President, IQ Solutions

SAMHSA’s National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI), created in 1987, and the National Mental Health Information Center (NMHIC), initiated in 1994, have been integral parts of the Federal response to the challenges of preventing and treating mental illness and substance abuse, and guiding consumers to the road to recovery. In the summer of 2006, SAMHSA combined the two clearinghouses under one new contract, SAMHSA’s Health Information Network, to form an interrelated, more efficient operation.

Each month, the warehouse ships approximately 2 million publications. The Web sites receive more than 1 million visits. And the 19 toll-free call center lines respond to about 50,000 inquiries each month.

The heritage of SAMHSA’s former clearinghouses plays an important role in the new network, as the traditional call center, fulfillment operations, and Web sites have blended with new approaches to product marketing and promotion.

For example, in order to reduce costs and provide professionals, the people they serve, and the public with quick access to its resources and information, SAMHSA recently launched a new “eNetwork”—an electronic service that can bring the latest information about grants, publications, campaigns, programs, statistics, and data reports directly to your computer on an ongoing basis.

What does this mean for SALIS members? Keeping up with the latest news and information from SAMHSA just got easier! When you join the eNetwork, only information on the topics you choose will be emailed to you. You can change your areas of interest at any time by updating your profile.

You also can use the eNetwork to share information and materials with your colleagues. Information might include announcements about newly published substance abuse treatment publications such as Treatment Improvement Protocols, SAMHSA initiatives such as underage drinking prevention, or the annual “Recovery Month” that is held every September.

All it takes to join is a visit to www.samhsa.gov/enetwork. Your email address and the state you live in are all you need to provide to sign up for the eNetwork. No other personal information is requested or required. If you have questions, contact SAMHSA’s Health Information Network at 1 (877) SAMHSA-7 or 1 (800) 487-4889 (TDD).

Both the eNetwork and the overall SAMHSA Health Information Network are managed by SAMHSA’s Office of Communications under the leadership of Michael Ahmadi, M.P.H. (Michael.Ahmadi@samhsa.hhs.gov). The project is operated under contract by IQ Solutions, Inc. A former SALIS Chair and Senior Vice President of IQ Solutions, Lisa Swanberg, M.S.L.S. (lswanberg@iqsolutions.com), serves as the project director for the new contract.

SALIS Website - What’s New?
By Nancy Sutherland, Tech. Committee Chair

The Technology Committee has been busy! We’re working on our perennial “to-do” list, with extra inspiration and direction coming out of the Executive Board’s Strategic Planning Meeting last May. Look for these new features on the SALIS website:

Online payment of membership dues and conference registration.
A new SALIS account on PayPal allows secure, online payment with a credit card. This option will simplify and speed up payments to SALIS -- important for maintaining our financial health -- and will make it easier for non-U.S. members to pay dues and other SALIS fees. (Payment by check is still available if you prefer!)

Support SALIS! Please note the new page about donating to SALIS. Although we have received occasional donations and conference sponsorships in recent years, SALIS hasn’t publicly solicited donations in general. This page is one step to improve our prospects. Contributions from SALIS members are welcome!

Databases Directory Update. Barb Weiner (Hazelden Foundation) and helpers updated the catalog of bibliographic databases and statistical archives related to substance abuse. The directory lists 80 resources from the U.S. and around the globe.

Watch for more new features and improvements on the website in the coming months!

Next issue of SALIS News:
- More on SALIS’ 30th anniversary
- Research Crossroads: A new website on researchers and funding
- Member Profiles
- Report on Elisad and ISAJE
May the Feeds Be With You
Meg Brunner, MLIS
ADAi Alcohol and Drug Institute

The use of RSS feeds has grown astronomically in the last few years. RSS can help busy web users keep up-to-date with new content on their favorite sites; libraries, newspapers, blogs, journals, and even PubMed have added RSS. A few months ago on SALIS-L, there was a good discussion about this topic, and I recently found a helpful short video called “RSS in Plain English” that offers the best explanation I’ve seen on what RSS is and how you can use it. Check out the video here: http://www.commoncraft.com/rssPlainEnglish

One of the most-used RSS readers today is -- no big surprise -- the one developed by Google. It’s easy to use and doesn’t require installation of any software on your computer. To get started, navigate to http://reader.google.com and set up an account. You can then begin “subscribing” to the feeds of your favorite web pages, newspapers, blogs, and journals, and soon will be using your Reader every day to quickly see which sites have new content. To subscribe to a web site’s feed, all you have to do is copy and paste its URL into the box that appears when you click “Add Subscription.” If the site has a feed on it, Google will find it; if it doesn’t, or if it has more than one, Google will let you know that too.

Here are just a few substance abuse-related web sites with RSS feeds:

ADAi News (ADAi’s blog):
http://adai.typepad.com/adai_news/

Screening and Assessment Instruments Database:
http://lib.adai.washington.edu/instruments/

Join Together Online:
http://www.jointogether.org/

DrugLink (DrugScope):
http://www.druglink.blogspot.com/

DrugData (DrugScope):
http://drugscope.wordpress.com/

Social History of Alcohol and Drugs:
http://historyofalcoholanddrugs.typepad.com/

PubMed:
http://pubmed.gov
(In addition to their “New/Noteworthy” feed, PubMed lets you create feeds for your searches as well -- simply do your search as usual and then select “RSS Feed” from the “Send To” box)

I Can Has Cheezburger (for all your funny cat picture needs): http://icanhascheezburger.com/

Many journals also feature RSS feeds to send out tables of contents for their latest issues. And even public libraries have begun using RSS feeds to help their patrons better track which books they have checked out and when they are due. In short, just like bad Star Wars jokes, RSS feeds seem to be everywhere. As Yoda would say, “Subscribe to feeds you must. Powerful they have become. The Dark Side I sense not in them. Mmmrph!” May the feeds be with you!

Cannabis Prevention Information Centre
Eva Congreve, Librarian, NDARC Australia

The National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC)(Australia) will be housing a new centre: The National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre (NCPIC). Its aim is to reduce the demand for cannabis and to seek evidence based interventions to minimize the harm the drug is causing. The NCPIC has a budget of around twelve million Australian dollars over four years, and will be supported by experts in the relevant fields. The Centre staff will inform the public, researchers and health professionals on new developments in education, prevention, workforce issues, crime, mental health and treatment modalities, and offer cannabis users, their families, and the community an information service of the highest quality. This service will include a telephone service (Lifeline), and a regularly updated informative website, with news bulletins etc.

As an NDARC librarian, my role is to maintain and update the centre's library resources such as acquiring, cataloguing information resources, designing and implementing automated systems, regularly evaluating and adjusting automation requirements, and monitoring computer equipment and software. Proactive staff-oriented services including reference services and assistance with accessing internal and external information resources are provided. For the time being these services will extend to the new centre; however, in the future the in-house library may need more staff. Progress reports will be sent to SALIS as time permits.
A New Place of Work
Christine Goodair, Programme Co-ordinator, ICDP, London, U.K.

The International Centre for Drug Policy (ICDP) developed from the Centre for Addiction Studies at St George’s Hospital Medical School (now St George’s, London University). The Centre is an independent and non-profit-making academic centre of the University of London. Since its foundation, in 2004, the Centre’s work has developed to encompass not only a role in influencing addiction matters nationally, but a widening international role. The Centre’s Director is Professor Hamid Ghodse, who is the world leader in international drug policy and addictions, and until recently President of the International Narcotics Control Board.

Over recent years the Centre has developed an increasing focus on relationships with international organisations including the World Health Organisation, the European Union and the United Nations Drug Control Programme to advise, develop and deliver high quality multi-professional education programmes in the prevention and management of tobacco, alcohol and drug misuse. This has included methadone workshops, tobacco free training programmes and epidemiology workshops for an international audience.

The Centre’s work in the UK includes developing an effective model for enhancing substance misuse education training within undergraduate medical education, managing the renowned National Programme on Substance Abuse Deaths, which collects analyses and disseminates information on licit and illicit drug related mortality, and running academic conferences, scientific meetings and seminars such as the Herbal Medicine Initiative. This initiative brought together a group of international experts to consider a number of issues in relation to herbal substances in the treatment of addictions. Other national activities include consultancy and commissioned work with “Drug and Alcohol Action Teams.” In particular these include service user involvement work and the provision of consultancy and information.

Within this context my role is to manage and deliver much of the work described above. It includes, managing and delivering training programmes, assisting with research-related projects, editing, publishing and disseminating reports and papers, providing secretariat functions for the European Collaborating Centres in Addiction Studies, managing the Centre’s website, and developing new work.

From this you may have ascertained that I now have a different work focus. No longer managing an “Information Service,” I have found that many of my skills as an information professional are very relevant to my new position. For example, bibliographic checking of references, updating of fact sheets, assisting colleagues with literature searching and reviews, disseminating and publicising publications, and advising on the storage and preservation of records to name but a few.

Interestingly, our office is located opposite the University library so if I feel that I am missing the library environment I can always pay it a visit for a dose of its atmosphere!

Mega Bytes
By Sheila Lacroix, CAMH Library

Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs: Databases and Data Archives
See http://salis.org

We need only look in our own backyard to find an online resource of considerable magnitude and value. SALIS member and Treasurer, Barbara Weiner, and her staff at Hazelden have just completed an update of the invaluable compendium of databases in our field. The resources are divided into U.S. and non U.S., with further geographic breakdown. Thank you Barbara, for all of your work. We all know how time consuming and detailed this type of project is. In addition to Barbara’s work, the SALIS Technology Committee worked at improving the interface from the SALIS website. These joint resource sharing ventures highlight just what SALIS is all about: resources sharing, adding value, building on existing systems and resources – all to facilitate one stop shopping and streamlining dissemination. In this case, it is building a road to ATOD Databases and Data Archives. But remember! It is up to all of us to keep this resource fresh by providing Barbara with changes and new resources.

Canadian Mega Bytes
In place of News from Canada here are a couple of Canadian finds.

From AADAC in Alberta
It’s Our Business: Workplace Information Series
http://www.aadac.com/542_1255.asp

This resource includes Information for Leaders / Employers on 10 important topics offered in practical, short readings. Included are policy development and dealing with the troubled employees. In addition, supporting materials for workers are included, including fellow employees, an often neglected group which also requires support.

CNSAAP Professional Toolkits
RCPTDC Trousses d’outils
http://www.cnsaap.ca

The website of the “Canadian Network of Substance Abuse and Allied Professionals (CNSAAP) / Réseau canadien des professionnels en toxicomanie et de domaines connexes (RCPTDC)” offers a growing number of toolkits, presently 7, to support the work of substance abuse professionals.

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The Demise of TOXIBASE*
Thomas Rouault
Former TOXIBASE Director

Sadly in June 2007, after existing for more than 20 years (1986), TOXIBASE which provided access to information on drug abuse across France ceased to exist.

This situation arose from a political decision from MILDT (French Inter-ministerial delegation on drug abuse), who had financed TOXIBASE, to take on the coordination of the AOD documentation function and network comprising 10 regional documentation and resource centres\(^1\) initiated by TOXIBASE. In May 2006 MILDT imposed a merger project on TOXIBASE and the OFDT (French Observatory on Drugs). Unfortunately, this merger did not go ahead for various reasons. Trying to manage an enforced change only brought about staff uncertainties and a lack of trust in the potential for a new and positive future. For example, staff at the Lyon Toxibase coordinating centre refused to cooperate with the merger (despite the fact that their working contracts and Lyon headquarters had been secured) and to work with the OFDT and myself as former TOXIBASE Director.

This led us to realise that having to work with decisions that had been made without respecting the history and successful work of TOXIBASE lead to unintended consequences, such as the failure to merge. The result is a huge human and working loss that has led to a period of uncertainty for the remaining CIRDD regional resource centres which are likely to face serious difficulties in maintaining the high level quality documentation work recognized by TOXIBASE. This comes after the recent closing of other documentation centres in France, also financed by the MIDLT, including the Marmottan hospital (the most ancient country Drug abuse treatment centre), the Seine Saint Denis CIRDD.

It is planned that all the TOXIBASE documentation databases which existed on www.toxibase.org will be available via the MILDT website (www.drogues.gouv.fr) but may not be updated until the implementation of new software. Additionally, the MILDT will have to secure a budget to coordinate the network.

After many years of professional involvement in TOXIBASE I wish to underline its most important contribution to the documentation function in France, Europe and at an international level:

The TOXIBASE network was the first example of a national documentary AOD network in Europe and it served often as a model for other European countries and abroad. A network should remain as an alliance between a public policy orientation and independent professional bodies in the field.

TOXIBASE has always promoted an open-minded vision of the documentation function based on added value information services for the end user, both before and after the development of the Internet.

TOXIBASE has been the key actor and a leading partner in many European documentation projects, within ELISAD, the EMCDDA and with other international organizations (Pompidou group, UNESCO, International NGO’s)

TOXIBASE was the initiator of ELISAD in 1988, holding a workshop on the value of the documentation function within the drug and alcohol sector as well as promoting and developing European partnerships, in the AOD field on a permanent basis. More than ever this European documentation network is vital …

SALIS and ELISAD members have faced many databases and documentation centres closures and disruptions in the recent years. I hope that both associations will draw on the TOXIBASE experience and heritage, like other members who faced similar situations, to continue to fight for information and documentation vision which deserve much more than such an ending.

Since 1997 TOXIBASE has been an active SALIS member and worked to strengthen partnership between Europe and overseas at a time when such collaborative issues were not facilitated in the international context. I am proud to have participated in the high professional SALIS activities and to have known wonderful colleagues.

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\(^1\)—CIRDD -Centres d’information régionaux sur les drogues et les dépendances

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The current list includes: Assessment, Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Motivational Interviewing, Relapse Prevention, Screening, Treatment Planning and Prevention. Each toolkit begins with an ‘Essentials’ document which offers basic information, followed by links to resources, reflecting current best practices, some of which are full text, from a range of organizations, both Canadian and non Canadian.

Also see the Core Competencies / Compétences de base draft report document which can be found under Developing the Workforce / Perfectionnement des intervenants.
Periodical News
Compiled by Nancy Sutherland, MLS
Director, ADAl Library

Drug and Alcohol Findings is transforming from a print (subscription only) publication to a free web-based service with new features such as document searching and an “Evidence Bank.” As with the print version, the new online Findings will focus on research which could improve the effectiveness of substance misuse services. It is an excellent source for reviews and analysis of the scientific literature, with “nuggets” for non-scientists that explain the practice implications of research reviewed. This resource is a project of England’s DrugScope, Alcohol Concern, and the National Addiction Centre. <http://findings.org.uk>

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More news from NIDA: The U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse plans to change the name of their scientific journal from “Science & Practice Perspectives” to the “Journal of Addiction Science & Clinical Practice,” beginning with the November 2007 issue. The new title will better reflect the journal's commitment to covering the exchange of ideas between researchers, clinicians, and others in the field of addiction science. Just last month NIDA announced that the journal would increase frequency to 2 issues per year, and will be indexed in Medline. This journal is available free, both online and in print, and is highly recommended for public, medical, and academic library collections. <http://www.drugabuse.gov/Perspectives/>

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Have you looked at the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Serials Database on the SALIS website? Find information about 385 journals, newsletters, and monograph series in the field of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. It includes both active publications and those that have ceased publication, but may be of archival interest. Looking for peer reviewed journals? Magazines about recovery? Serials that are available for free online? There’s all that and more. (Note: It would be great to have suggestions from SALIS members about additions and improvements to the database.) http://lib.adai.washington.edu/salisserials.htm

"In a time of drastic change it is the learners who inherit the future. The learned usually find themselves equipped to live in a world that no longer exists."

--Eric Hoffer

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Advocacy

The crisis related to library and database closures and defundings, especially on the federal level, has shaken a number of SALIS members and touched the field. It was determined that an advocacy working group should be established to advocate for SALIS’ interests in this area. This initiative was identified as critical at a time when information is disappearing, libraries and databases are being eliminated, librarians, researchers, and the public are not able to access needed information, and we are losing our colleagues.

In the last few months, the advocacy group compiled a list of affected libraries and databases, which Andrea Mitchell disseminated at the Kettil Bruun Society annual meeting in June. (To read more about this meeting, see Andrea’s SALIS News report on page 5 of the Spring 07 issue.) Next steps include disseminating this list to all SALIS and ELISAD members, as well as other key organizations. In the longer term, a paper will be prepared for submission to a journal such as Addiction and working group members will advocate for the importance of preserving AOD information and knowledge. Contact for more information or to get involved: Andrea Mitchell.

Membership

Year after year, the struggle to retain and recruit new members has become more difficult. The Board made the decision to reinvigorate the Membership Committee as membership has not grown in recent years. With the goal of increasing the stable membership base in coming months and years, the membership committee will be involved with member market research, especially related to fields we have not traditionally mined for members such as substance abuse prevention and treatment webmasters and mental health librarians. The committee will also examine new welcome procedures for new members, discuss conducting exit interviews when people leave, examine and improve on marketing materials, develop informational tools about SALIS for members to distribute as appropriate, and work with the bylaws committee to examine and revise current membership structure and levels. Contact for more information or to get involved: Eric Helmuth.

Sustainability and Development

The Board recognized the need to focus energy on enhancing sustainability and revenue and as such voted to establish a Development Committee to lead these efforts. A number of possible revenue sources were discussed as mentioned above, such as revising membership structure and levels and increasing conference revenue by making the annual event more appealing to potential attendees. Additional possibilities include: incorporating vendor links to publishers and booksellers on the website; exploring the addition of a donations page to the website; establishing a PayPal method of payment for membership and donations; courting potential donors. Contact for more information or to get involved: Nancy Sutherland.

External Relations

SALIS has not, in recent years, made a concerted, organized effort to publicize and represent our group at other relevant organizations’ conferences and meetings. As such, many potential members and partners are unaware of our existence and how we may work collaboratively on shared issues of interest. Several areas of interest were discussed and will be examined more closely in the coming months, such as exploring the impact of uniting with our sister organization, Elisad; establishing a system for representing SALIS and opening communication channels between like-minded organizations; and exploring ways to engage RADAR members. Contact for more information or to get involved: Stephanie Asteriadis.

Information Products

Strengthening our website and other information products arose as another key area of focus. Members engaged in these areas are focusing on overhauling the website’s home page, adding more resources to the site, and enhancing navigation. The “Member Spotlight” feature was added to the Spring ’07 issue of SALIS News, and ways to raise revenue through the newsletter were discussed. In the long-term, members will be considering ways to improve the electronic mailing list, scanning and making available back-issues of SALIS News, and considering the addition of an “Ask a Librarian” fee service for our website. Contact for more information or to get involved: Meg Brunner.

Have you read?

New Books

Compiled by Andrea L. Mitchell, Librarian
Alcohol Research Group


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Member’s Corner
Compiled by Tom Krawczyk
Center of Prevention Research and Development Champaign, IL

Meg Brunner

How long have you been a member of SALIS?

About five years.

What organization do you work for and what is your position?

I’m a librarian at the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute at the University of Washington in Seattle.

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?

One of the many things it’s done for me is given me a lot of confidence. Serving on the board of such an incredible organization makes me feel like a superstar, and I’ve learned so much from everybody in SALIS that I feel like twice the professional I used to be.

Hobbies outside of work:

Writing for my web site (http://megwood.com) and a novel I started earlier this year, reading, knitting, watching movies, learning to play the violin (badly!).

Favorite color:

I think everybody needs at least one pair of RED SHOES.

Favorite food:

Tan M&Ms, may you rest in peace!

Favorite book:

It’s a tie: William Faulkner’s Absalom! Absalom! and Harper Lee’s To Kill a Mockingbird.
Is there anything else you want SALIS colleagues to know about you?

I’ve lived all over the country, as well as in Japan (my Dad flew A-4s for the Marines for 30+ years). But when I’m asked where I’m from, I usually answer “Rhode Island” because it was my favorite.

Shirley Dellenback

How long have you been a member of SALIS?

Since Spring of 2003.

What organization do you work for and what is your position?

I am a librarian working for the California Department of Public Health in the Tobacco Control Section. My position is the Chief of the Library and Information Services Unit (affectionately known as LISU—love those acronyms!). I oversee four FTE and a part-time student; together we manage a full service lending and reference library, six websites, and various technical projects that further the business needs of the Tobacco Control Section. I also oversee the Publication Management for every document that is produced from our section. This involves editing, writing style-guides, and guiding a graphic artist on the best way to design and produce the publication.

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?

Getting the chance to meet SALIS members at various events has been great! I met several people in Chicago in 2005, and had a nice time getting to know people at the SALIS-ELISAD conference in Boston. Also, I’m always impressed at the speed in which listserv questions are answered, as well as the accuracy of the response! It is obvious that this is a dedicated group of people who really care about the work they do.

Hobbies outside of work:

Canoeing, gardening, reading, my two dogs, wine tasting and being a foodie, traveling, running, friends, camping, digital photography.

Favorite color:
Orange.

Yaffa Tzubery

How long have you been a member of SALIS?

When I founded our Information Center in 1991, I found SALIS’ How to Start and Run an Alcohol and Other Drug Information Center: A Guide. I wrote for guidance to the address that I found there and got very detailed answers from Andrea Mitchell. Later I became a full member, I think in 1994.

What organization do you work for and what is your position?

I work in the Israel Anti Drug Authority, the governmental organization that is responsible for coping with substance abuse and addiction in Israel. We do prevention, treatment, and research. I am the Information Specialist of the organization and I handle a database of publications, collect and supply information by all means, translate to Hebrew, and write information on various subjects. I am also the editor of our published publications.

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?

First, it has enriched my life by meeting wonderful [SALIS] people at the two conferences I attended. Second, it connects me, a small and isolated information center, to a big worldwide supportive information community.
(Members Corner from page 10)

Hobbies outside of work:

Besides being an information specialist and editor, I am a sports freak. I walk every morning with my dog and do sports a couple of evenings each week in our community center. I love gardening, reading, and cooking (on weekends) for my family. I love music, theatre, and walking/hiking in our beautiful Jerusalem area.

Favorite color:
Let it be purple, though I also love green.

Favorite food:
Good vegetables, salad with homemade cheese, fresh-baked salmon.

Favorite book:
From non-Israeli literature, I loved very much The Day Lasts More Than a Hundred Years by Chinghiz Aitmatov. I also love Meir Shalev books and some of Amos Oz.

David Cuenco Joins SALIS

This summer while searching for part time jobs I came across the SALIS administrative assistant position posted on Craigslist. During my interview I felt that working for SALIS would be a great learning experience. Taking on the roles of webmaster for salis.org, SALIS news publisher, and handling the SALIS Home databases came relatively smoothly, given that I had previous work experience and activities which were very relevant. Since 1998 I have worked as a freelance Web designer, creating Web pages, as well as helping develop existing Web pages for several clients. In addition, I have been engaged in managing the member database for my fraternity. However, with just over a month in my new position, each day I am in the SALIS office I learn something new, especially when it comes to the world of librarians.

Although I am currently an undergrad student at UC Berkeley studying mechanical engineering, I am starting to also focus on marine science. I hope to combine the two to make an "Ocean Engineering" degree. Growing up I've always wanted to explore the unknown and with that degree I hope to do so. My aim in life is to develop mechanical systems that would aid in the exploration and discovery of things unknown in the world's oceans.

Feel free to contact me anytime at dcuenco@arg.org or salis@salis.org


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travel to the top of the Space Needle, or take a scenic ferry ride across Puget Sound. Seattle offers much more than just coffee, airplanes, and software!

Don’t forget to strut your profession proudly while in town -- Seattle is the home of the famous Library Action Figure (based on local celebrity librarian Nancy Pearl), and is a city well-known for its love of books and librarians. The conference program will include a tour of the Seattle Public Library, with its decidedly nontraditional architecture.

Our conference venue is the Warwick Hotel -- just a few blocks from the Space Needle in one direction and the heart of downtown Seattle in the other. Guest rooms overlook the Needle or the city skyline – choose which view you want to gaze at from your own “Juliet” balcony!

All in all, it’s going to be a bash not to be missed. So, mark your calendars and stay tuned for the call-for-abstracts, program, registration, and other details coming soon. We look forward to celebrating this SALIS milestone with you!
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