Reminder!

- Membership dues deadline is approaching! Pay your dues or renew your membership before Jan 15!
- See webpage for more info! www.salis.org/membership.html

Technology update!

- Donations to SALIS may be made at http://salis.org/donate
- See the new membership page online!
- You can pay for membership online or by check!

For more details visit our website @ http://www.salis.org

SALIS @ Thirty: Stepping Into the Future!
By Nancy Sutherland, ADAl Library
SALIS Conference Co-Host

“Never trust anyone over 30!” If you remember that slogan, you’re probably over 30 -- and so is SALIS! Who could have imagined that by SALIS’s thirtieth year, we would be not merely trustworthy, but still creatively and thoughtfully moving addiction information into the future?

The 2008 SALIS Conference will convene in Seattle on May 6-9, 2008, to celebrate our past accomplishments, and more importantly, to look ahead at how we -- as individuals and as an organization -- will meet the challenges of technological innovation and diminishing support for libraries and traditional information resources.

About the Program
The 3-day conference will feature invited speakers, presentations and posters by members, vendor exhibits, networking opportunities, and sessions of interest whether you work in academic or clinical libraries, RADAR centers, web/technology development, or other information arenas. A Welcome Reception will open the meeting on Tuesday evening, May 6, with sessions (Continued on SALIS @ Thirty page 5)

ISAJE Passes Resolution
In Support of Libraries

The International Society of Addiction Journal Editors or ISAJE as it is known, was hosted this year by Sucht Editor and ISAJE President, Gerhard Buhringer in the city of Dresden, in Eastern Germany, Sept 28-30. The theme was Quality Assurance in Addiction Publishing.

Knowing that Dresden was bombed to destruction in WWII, I was not prepared for the magnificent city that presented itself. The people of Dresden had the will to rebuild their city to an almost exact likeness of what was destroyed. Looking at the 1945 photos of Dresden, it seemed extraordinary and almost unbelievable. But there it was, the church, the palace, the opera house, the museum, the frescos and paintings. All of these structures and art had been re-done, exquisitely re-built with all the details of the original. (Continued on ISAJE page 2)
The meeting was held near the center of the city at Castle Eckberg on the Elbe river. Approximately 40 people were in attendance, mainly the editors of the various addiction journals, a few publishers representing Elsevier, Taylor and Francis/Informa, and Blackwells, Margareta Nilson from EMCDDA and myself, representing SALIS. On the first day, I attended the special meeting held for the committee working on the second edition of *Publishing Addiction Science*, due out in 2008. This was a smaller group of approximately ten persons, who were there to critique the updated chapters, and ask for revisions in certain areas. Much of the work had been done in advance of the meeting, with the task at hand to assist the authors of the various chapters in refining their work for the 2008 deadline and to discuss other issues, such as marketing, and workshops to promote the book and it’s content.

Conference issues concerned ISAJE as an organization and guidelines needed to promote and establish the groups mission and goals. This includes such areas as ethics, quality control vs. quality improvement in publishing, consultation process between editors, peer review, etc. Also there was a discussion about the Farmington Consensus, and the need for a manual of editorial standards and practices approved by editorial boards and available online to authors on request. Another topic raised was whether ISAJE should establish a Nomenclature and Terminology Working Group to help advance the role that terminology plays in addiction science. There are national traditions and lay traditions which have much to contribute to international science and with the proliferation of popular terms and concepts in scientific discourse, the lack of standardization, and the dominance of English, it is important that this terminology be assessed and documented. It was felt that there seemed to be a growing international interest in this topic as evidenced by editorials, articles, glossaries, the DSM/ICD collaboration, the WHO Lexicon revision, and the ISAJE Language Working Group.

As the group assembled again on Saturday there were presentations and discussion regarding quality improvement training, and the idea of a mentor system for new editors. Tom Babor told the group about the self guided tutorial for authors which is now online to increase visibility of the work of the PAS *Publishing Addiction Science* workshops and the book.

[http://www.parint.org/isajewebsite/tutorials.htm](http://www.parint.org/isajewebsite/tutorials.htm)

To see the complete ISAJE agenda and program:  

Although I was initially on the program to be part of a panel to discuss various issues surrounding the Right of access to scientific information: libraries and databases under threat, I was given the time to present the Power-Point presentation which I had prepared entitled, *Eliminating AOD Libraries: Consequences of Googlization*. Discussion was quite positive concerning the need to turn the tide on this situation and the group did pass a resolution similar to the KBS resolution passed in June, which essentially supports the idea that libraries and databases should be supported and preserved and not de-funded or shut down as we have been witnessing now over the past five years.

**ISAJE RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CLOSING OF LIBRARIES AND DATABASES**

"The General Meeting of the International Society of Addiction Journal Editors notes that addiction studies is a specialized field not well served by general medical, public health or social science libraries and databases. The addiction research field cannot rely solely on web-based materials, but requires books, reports and other 'grey literature', and historical materials catalogued and available in libraries.

With concern, we note recent trends for reducing budgets or closing the addiction libraries and databases.

We call on governments and other funding bodies to ensure the preservation of, and adequate funds to build the collections of addiction libraries and databases serving the needs of research, practice and policy in our field."

**ISAJE Dresden, 29 September 2007**

[http://www.parint.org/isajewebsite/resolution.htm](http://www.parint.org/isajewebsite/resolution.htm)

This resolution is yet another step in our campaign to bring awareness to the situation which seems to continue. The handout which I distributed to the group listed seventeen databases and libraries which have been downsized or closed since 2003. In the past two months since I went to the meeting, SALIS has found out about seven more. If you have any more information which concerns this problem, please let us know. The group working on this includes Christine Goodair, Clare Imholtz, Sheila Lacroix, Barbara Weiner, and Andrea Mitchell.

By Andrea L. Mitchell, SALIS Executive Director
Extra Funds for SALIS
What You Can Do!
By Barbara Weiner, SALIS Treasurer
Hazelden MN

An exciting possibility for members to assist SALIS financially is soon to be launched. SALIS members will be able to add dollars to the SALIS treasury by doing what they already do: purchasing new books and audiovisuals for their own collection!

At its strategic planning meeting, the SALIS Board approved a proposal to provide links from the SALIS website to the online booksellers Amazon and Hazelden (addiction specific). By buying your books and audiovisuals and other products via these links on the SALIS home page, you will be providing a commission directly to the SALIS organization – 1% from Amazon, and 12% from Hazelden.

Do you tend to purchase items directly from Amazon? Many of us do. By directing your purchase through the Amazon link on the SALIS home page, you will add 1% of the cost of that purchase to SALIS.

An additional word about the Hazelden online bookstore:
1. On October 16th a greatly improved search engine was added, allowing searchers to find what they are looking for quickly and easily. For example, you may refine your search by topic, audience, product type, or price.
2. You may also view all 2353 products by popularity, to see just what is being read or utilized, from personal self-help booklets to evidence-based curriculums.
3. And by inserting a code, SALIS members, as addiction professionals, will receive a 20% discount for their order, in addition to the 12% commission for SALIS.

So whether you are purchasing products distributed by Amazon or Hazelden for business or for your personal use, please remember to use the SALIS links. If you know of other organizations which purchase Amazon or Hazelden products, please encourage them to also utilize the SALIS links.

As SALIS Treasurer, I would suggest that SALIS needs both more dollars, and a greater variety of financial sources, to have financial stability. If many SALIS members would purchase products such that the commission is deposited into the SALIS account, we could have an additional ongoing source of income. The Board and/or Treasurer would welcome your comments and suggestions regarding these suggestions of ways to diversify financially.

News from Canada
By Sheila Lacroix, CAMH Canada

Hello / Goodbye / Best Wishes

We welcome Bette Reimer back to the AOD library scene. Congratulations to Bette in her new position at the Centre for Addictions Research of BC (CARBC) at the Vancouver location. She is a Research Associate in the Communications and Resource Unit, working with SALIS member Dan Reist, who is the Director of the unit. Bette can be reached at betterei@uvic.ca.

Goodbye to Debbie Ayotte of CCSA. Although Debbie was not a member of SALIS, she was part of the CCSA information team so some of you may have communicated with her from time to time. She managed the CCSA website for several years. Debbie continues to work in the health field, including public health, so she is still part of the broader community with which we network.

Alcohol Strategy News

The National Alcohol Strategy Working Group recently published its recommendations in the 2007 document entitled: Reducing Alcohol-Related Harm in Canada: Towards a Culture of Moderation. To set the scene, after a period of decline, alcohol consumption has been on the rise since 1997. The document includes discussion on the need for national drinking guidelines. At present, the Low Risk Drinking Guidelines, developed by CAMH in partnership with several organizations, are promoted by various agencies, but are identified as primarily Ontario guidelines. These are different from those of British Columbia. A lack of consensus from different organizations presents a confusing message to the public, and creates a barrier to national alcohol drinking health messages and including this element in other more general health promotion messages. For example, unlike our U.S. neighbours, alcohol is not included in our national dietary guidelines, Canada’s Food Guide, a perfect tool to promote drinking guidelines! Twelve risky drinking practices have been identified to include in the guidelines. Reducing Alcohol-Related Harm in Canada can be found at the National Framework / Cadre national website, http://www.nationalframework-cadrenational.ca but it is easiest retrieved by Googling the title.

Canada’s new Anti-Drug Strategy

Tune in next issue for further discussion, but for now, the page is finally up at: http://www.nationalantidrugstrategy.gc.ca/. I’m not sure if the photo (if it’s still there!) is supposed to have any significance. Certainly not very flattering, but the expressions indicate that they mean business!
Elisad’s 19th Annual
By Andrea L. Mitchell
SALIS Executive Director

Brussels was the site of the 19th annual Elisad meeting, “Addictions Information in the Google Era: Dealing With Challenges”, hosted by Marc Wauters of VAD, an umbrella organization for sixty alcohol and drug treatment and prevention programs in Belgium. Since the meetings were held at the VAD, quite a distance from the main conference hotels, we were able to see part of the city everyday as we walked to our meeting destination. Another plus about the location was that the library which Marc has overseen for many years, was just down the hall and available for perusal during coffee breaks.

The conference program was well organized with presentations and workshops on the first day, followed the second day with presentations and the business meeting. To see the full program http://www.elisad.eu/images/M_images/programme.pdf

Note: An additional workshop was offered on the third day by Jackie Buckel of DrugScope, on updating the Elisad Website.

Many of the presentations were provocative and interesting, and I will mention a couple of them here. Ann Welsh, formerly of DrugScope, (UK) did an outstanding multimedia presentation entitled, “Adding value beyond Google: controlled vocabulary and targeted information”. She appealed to the audience to be aware of what Google is doing behind the scenes with your searches. Anne Jenkins from Alcohol Concern, (UK) did a workshop dealing with “How information services contribute to policy development.” She incorporated many views from the participants which was especially informative.

Elisad is still small enough that they were able to have a banquet dinner for everyone on the last nite of the conference. This year’s venue was especially memorable because Marc’s wife and two friends cooked the entire meal for a sit down dinner for all of us (about 30) in the same room where we had the meetings. Somehow the night, and the tiny candles placed all around, transformed that room into a beautiful dining room. The meal was exquisite.

To round off the evening’s activities, Thomas Rouault, formerly the Director of Toxibase, received an award for his outstanding service to Elisad.

Prize Winning Videos


Produced in partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, this hard-hitting series from HBO consists of 14 segments—one 90-minute documentary and 13 additional shorts—filmed by some of the industry’s top documentary filmmakers (including Chris Hegedus, Eugene Jarecki, Barbara Kopple, Albert Maysles, D.A. Pennebaker, and Bruce Sinofsky). Presented in a four-disc set, Addiction covers all aspects of drug and alcohol addiction, ranging from the definition of addiction and an understanding of relapses, to the latest in medical treatments and unique concerns for various social groups, such as the adolescent addict. Of the 22 million Americans suffering from addiction, less than 10% are receiving treatment. Taking viewers into a hospital emergency room (where it is estimated that over half of the trauma incidents are related to drinking and drugs) to see firsthand the damage caused by alcohol and drug abuse, Addiction interweaves comments by users and leading national experts as it looks at the nature of addictive behaviors, the importance of getting early treatment, and the real challenges faced by addicts struggling to kick habits. Accompanied by the book Addiction: Why Can’t They Just Stop (edited by producers John Hoffman and Susan Froemke)—as well as a pointer to an extensive website that includes resources for family members—this is an essential addition for high school, college, and public libraries. Highly recommended. Editor’s Choice. Audiences: High School (H), Colleges & Universities (C), Public Libraries (P). (L. Stevens)


Submitted by Dottie Blackwell
Video Library Manager, Idaho RADAR Network

Thomas Rouault (right), Former Director of Toxibase receiving an award for his outstanding contributions to Elisad.
Periodical News
By Nancy Sutherland, MLS
Director, ADAI Library

Forthcoming peer-reviewed journals

Mental Health and Substance Use: Dual Diagnosis, vol. 1 no. 1, 2008 - . (print ISSN: 1752-3281; online ISSN: 1752-3273). Publisher: Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group. Editor: Philip D. Cooper, Suffolk Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust, UK. The journal's primary aim is to explore the complex issues arising from co-existing mental health and substance use. Such concerns relate to the individual, the family, and the future direction of services, interventions, and treatment. It covers assessment, intervention, treatment, prevention, innovation, opinion, conceptual exploration and analysis, service delivery, service development, policy and procedure, research and debate. Frequency: 3/yr. Price: $68 USD (individual); $254 (institutional print + online); $241 (institutional online only). http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/rmhs

Journal of Public Health Pharmacy, v. 1 no. 1, 2008 - . (print ISSN: 1936-1130; online ISSN: 1936-1149). Publisher: Pharmaceutical Products Press/Haworth Press. Editor: Jack E. Fincham, PhD, RPh., Univ. of Missouri-Kansas City. This forthcoming peer-reviewed journal is intended to provide a forum for issues related to the nexus of pharmacy and public health in a global context. Topics may range from the role of pharmacy in preventive health efforts such as smoking cessation, to drug (pharmaceutical) shortages, to bioterrorism. Drugs of abuse are not likely to be a direct focus, but articles about problematic use of medications, or drugs used in pharmacotherapy for substance dependence are perhaps within the scope. The journal may be appropriate for libraries with a broader collection including public health and pharmacy. Price: $50 USD (individual), $175 (institutional & library). Price is higher in Canada and elsewhere. As with other Haworth titles, free site-wide online access is provided with institution/library subscription to the print edition. http://www.haworthpress.com/store/product.asp?sid=HXX05PBBL8CF9L508LPRLSJGPADT2520&sku=J494&AuthType=4

Addiction Professional appears to be publishing all issues free online beginning with Jan-Feb 2006. Readers can also search online issues by keyword or by categories in the journal, e.g. Client Outcomes, Adolescent Treatment, Commentary, CE Quiz. See: http://www.addictionpro.com/ME2/

Spanish-language newsletter for counselors

Addiction Messenger, a newsletter for addiction counsel-
ors produced by the Northwest Frontier Addiction Technology Transfer Center (NFATTC), will begin a Spanish edition in the near future. The Messenger is a monthly publication that communicates tips and information on best practices in a brief format. Issues present a theme topic over a series of two or three issues (e.g. motivational incentives, nicotine cessation). Continuing education hours (NAADAC approved) are available for readers who read a series of three issues and take a pre-post test. The newsletter is available free as an online subscription (email PDF) or on the web at: http://www.nfattc.org/addictionMessenger/
To receive the Spanish Edition or the English version, email Mary Ann Bryan. bryanm@ohsu.edu

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(From SALIS @ Thirty Front Page)

beginning on Wednesday morning and ending Friday afternoon. The agenda will include a tour of the Seattle Public Library.

Call for Abstracts
A Call-for-Abstracts will open from December 12 – January 18. As in other years, we’ll welcome a variety of topics, but will especially seek presentations about *Library and Web 2.0 technologies, *Surviving (and thriving?) in an environment of library closures & cutbacks, and *Connecting with the Public. Find the complete call-for-abstracts on the SALIS website: http://www.salis.org/conference/call_for_abstracts.html

Travel & Scholarship Update
Hotel information is also online at the SALIS website. The conference will be held at the Warwick Seattle Hotel, just blocks from the Space Needle in one direction and the heart of downtown Seattle in the other. Rooms will be available at the conference rate of $152.00 (government per diem rate for lodging in Seattle).
http://www.salis.org/conference/accommodations.html

Seattle is a beautiful city, with much to offer in entertainment, natural scenery and culture. Besides the conference program, we’re working on some fun extra-curricular options to make your visit especially memorable -- rain or shine!

Seattle Central Library
New Books

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

Diane Van Abbe

How long have you been a member of SALIS?
I’ve been a member for about 10 years. My first conference was here in Toronto.

What organization do you work for and what is your position?
I work for the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit, which is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health and affiliated with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health and the University of Toronto. My title is Information Coordinator, and I act as librarian for our staff, which has grown from 5 to 35 in 8 years. I also provide reference service and do literature searches for public health offices in Ontario.

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?
Being a member of SALIS has helped me so much in my work. I have many examples of when I posted something to the listserv and got what I needed, either advice or references or papers—and the conferences are amazing! Everyone is so friendly, I always come away feeling very uplifted and with lots of great information to bring back.

Hobbies outside of work:
Always reading, knitting, pilates (just switched from yoga), walking my dog (Che), going to movies, fixing my house, just joined a book club in my neighborhood, and hanging out with my husband and three not-so-young kids (ages 23, 21, 18).
**Eva Congreve**

**How long have you been a member of SALIS?**

My SALIS newsletters go back to 1991, so I assume I joined SALIS about that time.

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

I have been working for the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) at the University of New South Wales since May 1987, as the centre’s librarian. The centre was established late in 1986 as one of three centres of excellence for investigating and finding ways to combat the “drug problem.” Drug use had become a political issue in 1986, because our then Prime Minister’s daughter was addicted to heroin. The two other centres still exist, one in Adelaide and one in Perth, but our center has grown the most over the years. A group within our centre has just won a submission to set-up a new centre concentrating on harm reduction with cannabis: The National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre. So now we have a centre within a centre, with a stressed infrastructure, library services included. NDARC alone has a staff of more than 80.

**How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?**

Well, I don’t get an “A” for being an active member, but I enjoy the availability of wonderful support from others in the same field, when needed. The conferences have been very enlightening. The free journal subscriptions provided through membership are also great!

**Hobbies outside of work:**

Amateur racewalking, ballet classes, art and architecture

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**Laura Sklansky**

**How long have you been a member of SALIS?**

I think I’ve been a member since 2000, when I began working for Prevention First. Although I was a member of a few medical library organizations, I hadn’t heard of SALIS before!

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

I work for Prevention First, an Illinois nonprofit organization providing resources and services in substance abuse prevention and related issues. We’re the Illinois affiliate of Partnership for a Drug Free America. Our facilities are in Chicago and Springfield, and I work in Chicago. My position is simply “Research Librarian.”

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**Favorite color:**

Turquoise

**Favorite food:**

Popcorn and raw veggies

**Favorite book:**

Short stories by O. Henry

Is there anything else you want SALIS colleagues to know about you?

Not at the moment.

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**Favorite color:**

Green

**Favorite food:**

Italian or Indian

**Favorite book:**

A book that resonated with me last year was *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls, an amazing story. An old favorite is *The Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole—hilarious!

Is there anything else you want SALIS colleagues to know about you?

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right to your doorstep. One could not “google” in those days. The centre had just one email address! Andrea Mitchell was my key contact, my guru to the wider world. Later with our SALIS Listserv the connection became so fast. Some quick answers from the SALIS network to difficult questions did wonders to my reputation! Thanks to all SALIS members for being there, then and now.

**Hobbies outside of work:**

Reading, walking (especially along our beautiful beaches here in Sydney), and last but not least: caring for my family, I have an Australian-born husband and two children long grown up, but I am still the mother hen to them all, poor things.

**Favorite color:**

Red with its strong variations; I am no fan of pale colors.

**Favorite food:**

Thai, Indian, salads.

**Favorite book:**

It is impossible to name just one, there are so many I have enjoyed reading. One book that I could name: Gedichte fuer das Gedaechtnis (best translated: poems to put into your longterm memory), a collection of German poetry. One of my sisters gave it to me. (I have a German background, you see.) Discovered lately that writing poems is fun but emotionally draining. Will become perhaps a hobby for my retirement?

**Is there anything else you want SALIS colleagues to know about you?**

I should have retired a long time ago; I am perhaps the oldest of you all. The work in our field, however, is so interesting and I just cannot let go.

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**Mega Bytes**

By Sheila Lacroix, CAMH Canada

**From Australia:**

National Drug Strategy: Monograph Series

Over the years, I have found these extensively researched documents, which cover a variety of relevant issues, extremely useful. Fortunately, most of the 50+ monographs, ranging from the 1980s, are listed and many are full text. Because they are compiled for policy development and system planning, they tend to be clearly written and well organized. For the complete listing, go to the Australian National Drug Strategy website at: [http://www.nationaldrugstrategy.gov.au](http://www.nationaldrugstrategy.gov.au), select Publications and take it from there. There are other series to explore as well.

**From Canada:**

CAMH scientist Carol Strike and her team won the 2007 Kaiser Foundation Excellence in Leadership award, for the following: *Ontario Needle Exchange Programs: Best Practice Recommendations*. It is a publication of the Ontario Needle Exchange Coordinating Committee. The file is quite large. There is an accompanying short video, *The Sleeping Giant: A Day in the Life of a Needle Exchange Program*, filmed in Thunder Bay, a northern Ontario city close to the Minnesota border. It can be viewed directly online. Both resources can be accessed from: [http://www.ohtn.on.ca/nep.htm](http://www.ohtn.on.ca/nep.htm).

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**Seasons Greetings!**

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**Haworth Press Journals Moving to Taylor-Francis**

Haworth Press, publisher of a dozen current journals in the Addictions field, is joining the Taylor & Francis Group, also a publisher of numerous addiction journals. For 2008, Taylor & Francis plans to continue with the journals and collections as presented on HaworthPress.com. Haworth journals will eventually be available electronically on Informaworld. According to a message from Haworth, the change will not happen at the beginning of 2008. Whenever the change occurs, access to Haworth journals will be transferred and honored on Informaworld.

Bottom line: If you currently subscribe to Haworth titles, renew your subscriptions with Haworth for 2008.

**Quarterly Review of Alcohol Research**

The Portman Group's *Quarterly Review of Alcohol Research* ISSN 1350-6919, ceased publication with Vol. 15 No. 2 Summer 2007.
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