Greetings from the Chair!
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Hello, SALISers! As many of you know, at the end of our recent conference in New York City, I became the new Chair of SALIS. I’m extremely excited to spend the next year as your Chair, and am looking forward to all the interesting challenges I know that gig will bring. Before I get too far into this introduction, though, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank our previous Chair, Julie Murphy, who did a tremendous job during her year in charge, especially in regards to her very successful efforts to get SALIS involved with social networking/marketing tools like LinkedIn and Facebook. Without Julie’s leadership and patience, as well as the assistance of both the Membership & Outreach and Technology Committees, we probably never would’ve gotten there. So, thank you for all your hard work, Julie! I’m glad it’s finally my turn to boss YOU around for a change (kidding!).

The conference in New York City was a smash success, and it was great seeing everyone around the table. Host David Man did a phenomenal job

ATOD Policy and Information Technology in an Era of Change:
An Overview of the 2010 SALIS Conference, April 27-30
Angita Peterse, Trimbos Institute

The theme of this year’s conference reflected the relationship between the two areas many of our members operate in – that of addiction public policy and information management. This conference, through its speakers, considered the contribution of new technologies upon public policy and its impact upon how information specialists deploy their skills.

The conference opened with a reception which gave me an opportunity to meet members of SALIS in an informal setting before the formal opening. On Wednesday, April 28 we were all welcomed to the 32nd Annual Confer-
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with the agenda, filling it to the brim with speakers from all realms of the field: research, treatment, technology, and policy. Additionally, several SALIS members gave fascinating talks about projects they have been working on in their own organizations. You can read all about the conference in this jam-packed, adrenaline-pumping, double-issue of SALIS News. Overall, I left New York full of new ideas and blazing with a renewed passion for my work. That’s my definition of a successful conference. (Well, that and great food, of course, which David also had covered!)

In the weeks since the conference ended, we have secured a location for next year’s meeting: Laurie Krom of the National Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) in Kansas City, Missouri, has agreed to be our next host! Laurie was also elected this year to serve as SALIS’s new Treasurer, so she’ll have quite a busy year ahead of her (hang in there, Laurie!). If you are interested in getting involved with the planning for SALIS 2011, please contact either me at meganw@u.washington.edu or Laurie at kroml@umkc.edu. Planning a conference is an enormous amount of work and all offers of support, including ideas for a theme or topics to focus on, are welcome!

As you know (assuming you live here on Earth with the rest of us), we are still in the midst of a severe international economic crisis. Many of us are feeling the burn both in our professional lives and our private ones, and SALIS itself has had an ongoing struggle for years with recruitment and retention of members — something we as an organization need not only for financial reasons, but for our own individual gain. The more people we have in SALIS = the more expertise we have access to = the more we learn = the more we stay energized and up-to-date in our field.

That’s an equation worth focusing on, in my book, especially in light of the horrifying list of library/database closures recently posted on the web by SALIS Webmaster Nancy Sutherland (information compiled by the Advocacy Committee). Have you seen that list yet? Check it out on the Members Only page of the SALIS site and watch as your head and heart explode simultaneously.

As both Chair and a member of the Membership & Outreach (MOC) and Technology Committees, one of my goals for this year is to encourage efforts in SALIS to increase outreach to and connections with others – not just individuals, but also other professional organizations that share common goals and interests (Elisad, SLA, etc.). The more we make ourselves known to others, the stronger we can be. The MOC and Tech Committees continue to learn about and work with a variety of online outreach resources, including Facebook and LinkedIn, as well as the development of an entry about our organization for the online encyclopedia, Wikipedia. The MOC is also working to develop an online, printable SALIS marketing brochure that could be handed out at other conferences or distributed via email. Both committees would welcome new members and new ideas, so if you’re interested in getting involved, see their committee reports in this issue for information.

I also feel strongly that we could all be doing more one-on-one work in this area. If you know of librarians or information specialists who work in the field and are not SALIS members already, consider firing off an email to introduce them to the many benefits of our organization. It only takes a few minutes of your time and has the potential to work wonders! Our web site offers plenty of information about the benefits of membership, and you can also find a funny “Top Ten Reasons to Join SALIS” page to pass around as well: http://salis.org/Top10Reasons1.htm.

That said, I also want to spend some time this year strengthening SALIS’s connection to its current members and therefore am very interested in hearing your ideas on ways you think our organization could better support you as both a SALIS member and a professional in the ATOD field. Have you had a moment in the last year where you wished SALIS could assist you with something and found it could not? Are there topics of interest to you that you feel aren’t being covered in SALIS News, on the SALIS listserv, or at conferences? Are you confused by the various communication platforms SALIS is now working with? Are you struggling with membership dues? What can we do to better address some of your concerns and needs? I encourage you all to give these questions some thought.

I’m looking forward to getting to know all of you better and more personally in my year as Chair. I welcome contact from all of you, and am extremely open to any and all ideas on how to continue to keep SALIS strong. What have you been thinking about? I’d love to know! Please feel free to contact me at any time, even if it’s just to say hello. Here’s my contact information:

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Here’s to another great year in SALIS!
Agreed: “Action Points” coming from Board meeting discussions should be stated in the minutes.

Actions arising from 2009 meeting were discussed: New Copyright Guidance was issued; Elisad and SALIS links – Christine Goodair had raised this with the Elisad board and reported that Elisad had 3 options to consider – a) remain as we are; b) merge with SALIS; or c) join with EAHIL (European Association of Health Libraries). Elisad is yet to consider these options. Elisad Wikipedia entry was shared with SALIS.

SALIS has invited all Elisad members to join the SALIS LinkedIn group -- it was noted that the name of the group may need to change to reflect that it is a joint group.

Agreed that any remaining SALIS tote bags, purchased for the Seattle Conference in 2008 and used in the 2010 Conference as well, should be given to new members as a welcome gift.

2010 Conference included 37 registrants, including 3 Europeans and 5 Canadians.

Treasurer’s Report -- Barbara Weiner
SALIS is in a good financial position despite the challenging economic times. Exhibits and sponsorships for this conference were good. Amazon/Hazelden affiliate program has brought in a regular income each month. Three scholarships funded for 2010 conference.

Barbara was thanked by the Board for all her work as treasurer over the past 8 years.

SALIS Home Report -- Andrea Mitchell
SALIS’s tax situation is now settled with IRS and State of California.

The journal Addiction Professional will be free to SALIS members in 2011.

Julie Murphy asked about the process for advising members if they lapse. Andrea Mitchell responded that a list of non-renewed members is sent to the Membership and Outreach Committee and then committee members contact SALIS members to inquire as to why member has not renewed. The listserv is also used to remind people that membership fees are due, and the consequences of not renewing. Action: MOC will set up a process that is more personal for getting members to renew their SALIS membership.

SALIS News evaluation was done and the main finding was that members prefer an online PDF version to a blog version. All previous issues are now available on the website in the members only section. Action: Meg Brunner to investigate Google advanced search facility.

Discussion also took place about sample issues being given to potential members. It was noted that certain organizations such as NIDA, NIAAA and SAMSHA receive complimentary copies. Action: Andrea to send the SALIS News complimentary issues list to the SALIS Board for review.

The New Books list – Julie asked if access to this could be restricted and then made available for a small fee to public and other libraries. There were several members on the Board who disagreed with the idea of “selling” the list. No decision taken.

Christine mentioned the new resource Oxford Bibliographies Online (OBO) and suggested to the Board that SALIS should consider how it could be a contributor to this new service. Action: Christine to talk to OBO about being a contributor.

ELISAD Update
2009 Annual Meeting was held in Budapest, Hungary by Eski (National Institute for Strategic Health Research) The theme, “Addictions in Society: What Information Services Contribute,” explored issues related to addictions and young people and families, as well as behavioral addictions like gambling and the internet. A full report of it can be read at http://www.salis.org/members/SALIS_News_Archive/293.pdf

Note: Elisad 2010 will take place in Utrecht, The Netherlands at the Trimbos Institute Oct 7-9.

Planning to seek new funding to continue updating Addictions Gateway and considering moving the database from Bremen to another host.

Elisad decided not to set up a group on LinkedIn.

Developing pages on Wikipedia.

2011 SALIS Conference
Board noted that we have not yet had a volunteer for the 2011 conference.

Note: Laurie Krom, from ATTC National Headquarters in Kansas City was contacted re: hosting the SALIS 2011 meeting and has agreed to do so. Dates and hotel to be announced later this summer.

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Areas to Focus On for Next 12 months
The role of committees was discussed and it was noted that we should have role descriptions for the SALIS Officers and Committee Chairs.
**Action:** Executive Director, Chair, and Secretary to work on this.

SIGS and Committees
Since the Governance Committee has completed its work on the bylaws, it was agreed that it would be dissolved. The Board may elect to reinstate the committee on an ad-hoc basis as needed. **Action:** David Man to produce Conference manual

Board formally approved creation of the LinkedIn SALIS Group.

Advocacy Committee
Andrea informed the Board of a draft questionnaire on digitisation/preservation of ATOD collections to be reviewed by the Advocacy Committee and then sent to the SALIS and Elisad members. **Agreed:** Details should be discussed by the Advocacy Committee.

Agreed: Election results should be announced sooner in the Conference so that people can network.
Agreed: Next board meeting will be a conference call.
Chair to remind Board members of tasks agreed to.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**
**Business Meetings**
32nd SALIS Conference, New York April 27-30, 2010

**Business Meeting Part One**
CASA, New York, April 27, 2010

**Treasurer’s report.** (See Board Highlights)

**SALIS Home Report.** (See Board Highlights)

**Website / Social networking activities:**
New email for contacting Nancy Sutherland re: website issues: webmaster@salis.org.

SALIS wiki pages on Google Sites (https://sites.google.com/site/saliswiki/) now exist for the SIGs and committees to post internal documents relating to activities.

Contact your SIG/committee chair for access.

“Members only” section of website includes short summary of the different tools for communication including LinkedIn etc.; how to use them and for what purpose: http://salis.org/members/SALIS%20Communications%20Summary.pdf.

MOC is looking at a social networking roadmap which has been approved by the Board -- however it is an evolving tool.

SALIS’s Facebook page is a means of communicating with the general public about our work: http://www.facebook.com/salis.org. LinkedIn group is for SALIS/Elisad members only: http://bit.ly/salislinkedin

The SALIS-L listserv is the primary tool for day-to-day SALIS communication and official notices

**Business Meeting Part Two**
CASA, New York, April 30, 2010

**Elections for New Officers, Results:**
Chair elect -- Jorunn Moen; Members at Large -- Shirley Dellenback & Dan Lawrence; Treasurer -- Laurie Krom.

**Committee & SIG Reports**

**Tech Committee**
SALIS wiki space set up for SIG and Committee papers. Facebook page & LinkedIn group. Tech committee is running the SALIS website.

“Resources” have been updated on the SALIS website. SALIS “Communications Tools & Platforms” sheet has been set up and added to the “Members only” section of the site.

Christine Goodair is preparing an inventory of ATOD blogs for possible publication on the website.

A Wikipedia entry for SALIS is being prepared.

**Advocacy**
Draft questionnaire on digitisation reviewed and updated by committee. Survey will be done following the conference to assess the extent to which SALIS members are digitizing their collections.

**Development Committee**
Amazon/Hazelden affiliate programs have brought in a regular income each month. Andrea raised sponsorship funds for SALIS 2010 and David Man was awarded funds for SALIS conference program book from his regional Medical Library Group.
(Business Meeting Highlights from p. 4)

Governance Committee has been disbanded but may be reconstituted as an ad hoc for specific projects.

Membership & Outreach
Improved renewal process by talking to people who have not rejoined. Social networking has been discussed a lot. A task for the group is to look at how to retain members and review the membership categories. Also discussed links with other library organizations. A draft marketing and communications policy is being written.

Multicultural SIG
Juan Carlos, Barbara Seitz de Martinez, and Dan Lawrence are interested in working on this.

Conference Planning documents to be reviewed and updated for future organizers.

International networking
Updated our information page on SALIS website. Hope to have a SALIS person at Elisad’s next conference. Regular international news column in SALIS News.

Also keen to encourage members from outside North America.

ELISAD Report (See Board Highlights)

Note: Christine Goodair did the minutes for the Board and Business Meetings. Andrea Mitchell edited for “Highlights”

Membership & Outreach
2010 Committee Report
Meg Brunner, MLIS

The Membership and Outreach Committee, co-chaired by Tom Krawczyk of the Center for Prevention Research and Development and Diane van Abbe of the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit, focuses on membership issues, such as recruitment, participation, and retention; as well as outreach to other organizations that share similar goals to SALIS, in the hopes we can increase awareness of SALIS’s mission and achievements.

Committee members include Julie Murphy, David Man, Meg Brunner, and Eric Helmuth. In addition to their MOC Chair duties, Co-Chairs Tom and Diane are also the editors of the “Members Corner” feature in SALIS News, a delightful column that regularly profiles 2-3 SALIS members, asking them questions about what they’ve gotten from SALIS, what their favorite book and activities are, and where they work/what they do.

Over the last year, the MOC met on a regular basis by conference call to discuss current and future actions. Among the tasks completed was sending out membership renewal notices in the Fall, including an Early-Bird lottery, and then following up personally by phone or email with each member who had not renewed by January 2010. A few of the non-renewing members we contacted did, after a conversation, end up renewing their SALIS membership, however several said that due to budgetary issues, their organizations were no longer able to support their participation.

Additionally, we began to discuss the content and design for an informational brochure about SALIS, hoping to make this a primary project in the coming year. The brochure would describe SALIS’s mission and goals, as well as the various benefits of being a member, and would be available to all SALIS members in electronic (printable) format.

In the spring, the MOC sent out a membership survey to gauge potential 2010 SALIS conference attendance and ask which other organizations members were involved with -- SLA, MLA, and ALA had the most SALIS members, with smaller numbers involved in ARL, CARL, Elisad, APHA, and others. The hope is that those of you who attend meetings for these other organizations might be willing to print out copies of the SALIS brochure and distribute them to others in attendance.

Our primary focus for 2009-2010 was getting SALIS more involved in social networking, as a means to assist with our mission of outreach and dissemination of information. Our Web 2.0 excursions began with the initiation of a LinkedIn group for SALIS and Elisad members only. The LinkedIn group is for internal networking and at present includes approximately 35 members. Discussions at the LinkedIn group have ranged from personal book recommendations to the latest news in the field, but, on the whole, it hasn’t been used very much and seems to be more a place for linking ourselves together and sharing our educational and professional details. Visit or join the LinkedIn group here: http://bit.ly/salislinkedin

Later in the year, a Facebook page was also developed, with the assistance of the Technology Committee. This page, open to anyone interested in “Liking” it on Facebook, is intended for outward networking and primarily will serve as a basic advertisement for our organization. It has been promoted in SALIS News and on the SALIS website, and has steadily grown since its initiation, currently featuring 55+ fans. “Like” the SALIS Facebook page here: http://www.facebook.com/salis.org.

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In the coming year, the MOC aims to address several issues of concern. One question we’ve had is whether or not we may have built some disincentives into our membership process. As mentioned previously, after the renewals for 2010 were complete, MOC members contacted all SALIS members who did not renew for the new year to ask what issues were preventing them from rejoining.

This made us wonder if a revised membership structure, taking into consideration some of the persistent problems reported, might better assist current members with the renewal process, and encourage more new members to join. We may, for example, want to consider “individual” memberships for those not sponsored by their organizations. We might also want to offer a “trial” membership to help entice new members by giving them a taste of what SALIS has to offer.

We also aim to identify new members each year and work harder at serving as mentors for them over their first few months in SALIS (instead of only focusing on new members during the conference). When the next round of renewals come up, the MOC plans to take an earlier and greater role in contacting members who have not renewed, in the hopes that more personal contact will reengage them with the organization.

In terms of greater recruitment into SALIS, the MOC hopes to target more RADAR folks and Canadians, as well as try to establish connections with local Regional Medical Libraries.

If you have any suggestions, new ideas, questions, or concerns for the Membership & Outreach Committee, please feel free to join us on our next phone call! You can find out the schedule by contacting either of our co-chairs, Tom Krawczyk (tompkraw@illinois.edu) or Diane van Abbe (diane_vanabbe@camh.net). We welcome new members!

Advocacy
2010 Committee Report
Andrea Mitchell, Chair

Present: Barbara Weiner, Nancy Sutherland, Andrea Mitchell, Sheila Lacroix, and Christine Goodair.

The main focus of the meeting was to review the questions for the survey on digitization. This survey is part of a report being prepared for the Society for the Study of Addic-

A draft questionnaire which Andrea Mitchell had prepared was distributed to the group and input was made by all re: changes and/or additions needed. Plans to finish the questionnaire and distribute via Survey Monkey were noted. At the Business meeting when this was discussed, Julie Murphy volunteered to put the questions into a Survey Monkey survey for distribution. It was planned to get this survey distributed by June 1. Note: The Survey was first launched on June 1 to SALIS members and on June 3 and July 7 to Elisad members. All persons who respond to the survey will get a copy of the results. If you have not yet responded, please do. It is very important that we have a good response rate; without it we will not be adequately informed of the scale of digitization efforts already in progress.

Development
2010 Committee Report
Andrea Mitchell, Co-Chair

Development Committee: Co-chairs Barb Weiner and Andrea Mitchell.

The Development Committee has continued to work through out the year to raise funds for conference support and scholarships and to monitor the two affiliate programs with Amazon and Hazelden. This year we were very successful in receiving scholarship support from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) to assist three scholarship recipients’ attendance at the New York Conference. In addition, several publishers provided funds for general conference support.

The Amazon and Hazelden book programs continue to bring in small but regular monthly incomes to support SALIS efforts. Thanks to all of you who remember to purchase items through those programs. If anyone would like to see the detailed report just contact Barb Weiner bweiner@hazelden.org or Andrea Mitchell amitchell@salis.org.

Shop to Support SALIS!
http://salis.org/resources/new_books.html
As usual, it was a thrill to meet face-to-face with SALIS colleagues from near and far in fabulous New York City. Although conference attendance has been dropping due to tough economic times, enthusiasm has not. The attendance was a good representation of our geographic diversity.

We welcomed around the table: Christine Goodair (UK), International Centre for Drug Policy, St. George’s, University of London; Jorunn Moen (Norway), SIRUS; Angita Peterse (The Netherlands) Trimbos Institute; and North Americans Andrea Mitchell, Institute for Scientific Analysis, and Barbara Seitz de Martinez, Indiana Prevention Resource Center.

Angita was the Elisad representative at SALIS. As usual discussion centered on fostering our relationship with Elisad and increasing international membership.

Elisad
The location of the Elisad 2010 meeting had not been determined last April, but it has since been established. Elisad 2010 will take place in Utrecht, The Netherlands, hosted by the Trimbos Institute, October 7-9. SALIS members, in particular those North Americans with joint Elisad membership, are encouraged to attend. Last year, Judit Ward, from the Center of Alcohol Studies, Rutgers, attended. We are delighted that one of our European joint SALIS / Elisad members, Jorunn Moen, was elected Chair-Elect at the conference.

Increasing Membership
We looked at our membership in terms of regional hubs. In addition to the well-represented US group, we have a strong Canadian membership, a core group from Europe, representation from Australian / New Zealand, and one member from the Middle East. Expanding membership in Latin America, Africa, and Asia would be ideal. Jorunn will be traveling to Kenya this year and will promote our organization whenever possible. Also, I will be meeting with Dr. Gloria Wright, Coordinator, Educational Development Program, CICAD (Inter-America Drug Abuse Control Commission) (http://www.cicad.oas.org/), from Washington, DC, who will be visiting CAMH this summer. Dr. Wright is involved in a joint CICAD / Government of Canada program held at CAMH each summer which brings together health professionals from countries in Latin America to work on a joint drug-related research project. She may have ideas for promoting SALIS in this region. Members are welcome to use our joint SALIS / Elisad business cards. I will upload the template onto the SALIS Wiki.

They can be printed on business card stock.

Other Ventures
International Networking is also taking responsibility for requests from developing countries. We plan to finalize the flow chart and check list developed last year to assess the need and what help can realistically be provided.

Also, it is probably a good time to review and promote the guide How to Organize and Operate an Information Center that is currently on the SALIS website. It is a good resource for those wanting to build capacity in information services when resources are scarce.

We decided that SALIS membership must be kept more up-to-date regarding international activities. Look for a regular column in SALIS news from our committee.

Canadian SIG
2010 Committee Report
Chad Dubeau, Chair

As usual, it was great to see a good number of Canadian members at the conference: Karen Palmer and I from the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse, Ed Gregory from the Brewers association of Canada, Sheila Lacroix from the Centre for Addiction & Mental Health and Diane Van Abbe from the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit. We were also very pleased to welcome a new SALIS member, Sandi Jantzi from Addiction Services in Nova Scotia.

The group met for our SIG meeting and had a quick round table discussion to highlight new initiatives from our respective organizations. Below are the highlights:

Ed Gregory, Brewers Association of Canada
- Previously used CISTI for document delivery and now uses a service in the UK.
- Using LockLizard technology. It protects copyright by prohibiting the “Save As” function.
- Ed is planning for succession of the information service at BAC to ensure continuity.
- Ed is also involved with NASAC (CCSA’s National Alcohol Strategy Advisory Council) and the alcohol industry.

Sheila Lacroix, CAMH
- Indicated there are some challenges at CAMH as a result of [pending] reductions in staff.
- CrossCurrents is now online and there is a blog associated with it: http://www.camh.net/publications/cross_currents.
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- Promoted the CAMH Knowledge Exchange portal for community-based service providers and addiction and mental health specialists: http://knowledgex.camh.net/Pages/about.aspx.
- Sheila also provided a brief overview of the Gibson database of grey literature (a Canadian electronic library) and explained that they offer a print-on-demand service which she will be investigating further to find out how this works exactly as CAMH publications are included in the database.

Diane van Abbe, OTRU
- Looking at potentially going beyond focusing only on tobacco. They are planning to digitize older reports that are not yet available electronically. OTRU staff conference presentations are now included in the library catalogue.

Sandi Jantzi, Addiction Services, Nova Scotia
- She is a new SALIS member. She was recently hired to work on a special knowledge exchange initiative with Addiction Services in NS through a federally funded grant (Health Canada); there is a team of 5 staff; the initiative is just starting up. Main purpose of joining SALIS is to tap into addictions information sources and resources and also indicated she would like to learn more about CSAIN (Canadian Substance Abuse and Information Network).

Updates from CCSA
- Chad and Karen provided an update about library services at CCSA and the work of the Library Team. Indicated the library is undergoing a review of the collection policy. Information specialists also conduct information needs assessments and planning will be under way shortly for the annual update.

Following the roundtable updates, there was a discussion about possibly holding a future SALIS conference in Ottawa.

Information Technology
2010 Committee Report
Nancy Sutherland, Chair

The SALIS Information Technology Committee advises the organization on the official SALIS web site and other electronic resources representing SALIS. It assists members in the use of new information technologies, supports resource sharing and communication, and promotes the design and application of new technologies to further SALIS goals.

Members of the Tech Committee maintain several resources on the SALIS website that are of value to our members and to the ATOD community: ATOD Books, ATOD Databases, ATOD Serials, and the SALIS Newsletter. The website itself is managed by Nancy Sutherland, committee chair.

This year, the Information Technology Committee added several new resources. Each Special Interest Group and Committee now has a separate web page, with information about its membership, activities, and goals. In addition, we established a SALIS Wiki on Google Sites, where each SIG and Committee can share and archive documents related to their ongoing or past work. (Contact your SIG/Committee chair to get access to your group page in the SALIS Wiki; you’ll need a Google account to use the site.)

The Tech Committee also developed a SALIS Facebook page, to connect the organization to the community of Facebook users. This page was used to publicize the 2010 Conference as well as a few other bits of news. The Facebook page is not limited to SALIS members; there are now 61 people who “like” SALIS (in Facebook lingo) – including quite a few who are not members.

To help members navigate the multiple communication tools now available in SALIS, we developed a summary describing the various platforms used to promote SALIS and engage members. View the summary in the Members Only section on the SALIS website: http://salis.org/members/SALIS%20Communications%20Summary.pdf.

A Wikipedia entry for SALIS is next on the “to-do” list. Watch for an update about that in the next issue of SALIS News!

Periodical News
Nancy Sutherland, MLS
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Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation (ISSN 1179-8467) is a forthcoming open-access journal to be published by Dove Medical Press. Scott Fraser is Editor-in-Chief. The journal’s scope is intended to be “an international, peer-reviewed, open access online journal publishing original research, case reports, editorials, reviews and commentaries on all areas of addiction and substance abuse and options for treatment and rehabilitation.” Watch for the first article: http://www.dovepress.com/substance-abuse-and-rehabilitation-journal

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RADAR SIG  
2010 Committee Report  
Marie Tully, NPRC

The RADAR Network SIG met during the SALIS Conference in New York. The group agreed to continue to maintain the National Resource Center Registry and listserv on the Nevada Prevention Resource Center (NPRC) web page and server. Barbara Seitz de Martinez agreed to develop communication efforts that will encourage more interaction on the listserv. One goal discussed was to encourage the sharing of resources, cataloging, programs and ideas in a more collaborative way to promote creative and innovative ways to meet patron needs.

The group discussed the possibility of broadening the Substance Abuse Resource Center Registry to include centers and online databases from other countries. Using the National Resource Center listserv as a means to more actively promote SALIS membership was also discussed. The group considered the possibility of using input from other centers to inform SALIS and SAMHSA of issues and needs in the ATOD Information field and the possibility of changing the SIG title or dropping the term “RADAR.”

Recent developments at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the upcoming launch of the new SHIN website are very encouraging. The group hopes these events will motivate more activity of the small grass roots network and provide direction for the future that will support SALIS and its membership and dovetail with efforts at the federal level with SAMHSA.

Governance  
2010 Committee Report  
David Man, Co-Chair

The Governance Committee consisting of co-chairs David Man and Jessica Desmarais, and members Andrea Mitchell, Julie Murphy, and Nancy Sutherland, met regularly over the past year to discuss issues related to core functioning of SALIS as an organization. Unfortunately, after several months, Jessica was unable to remain on the committee and left. Her contributions were prescient, welcome, and very helpful.

The role of the Committee was to tackle specific areas of SALIS’s functions such as: revising the bylaws, updating and expanding the SALIS Home Manual, reinvigorating SALIS SIGs and Committees, populating the SALIS Wiki space, producing SALIS conference planning documents, improving voting procedures, etc. The committee does not replace any of the functions of the Executive Board. Instead, its role is to suggest changes in specific areas as noted above which are then sent to the Executive Board for approval.

Among specific actions taken by the committee over the year was the introduction of staggering the election of Members-at-Large (MALs) which was a procedural change that did not require a change to the bylaws. The Committee submitted the change to the Executive Board which then voted on it.

Another item the committee turned its attention to was the issue of requesting full-text articles on the listserv and how to avoid possible copyright violations. After discussions within the Committee, Nancy Sutherland sent a message to the SALIS list on November 4th, 2009 outlining how requests for articles should be framed.

The Committee also suggested to the Executive Board that it might consider inviting those who have been nominated as new Board members to attend the first meeting of the Board at the annual conference. This invitation could be made even though the new member would not be confirmed until the second Business Meeting at the end of the conference. The reason for doing this was in the hope of getting incoming Board members up-to-speed on current events so that they can hit the ground running upon their expected confirmation.

The Committee noted the difficulty that the Nominations Committee had in recruiting SALIS members to the 2010 Executive Board and it was suggested that, after the conference in New York, the Governance Committee should create a sub-manual on the steps needed for nominations.

One of the tasks of the Committee decided to undertake was to better define what the roles of the various executive board members are such as: Chair, Past Chair, Member at Large, Treasurer, etc. Likewise, the committee intends to provide Chairs of committees with clearly stated objectives for each group. It was felt that by providing clear definitions, descriptions, and guidelines for each committee, SIG, and board member, the roles played by such entities and individuals would be improved.

At the Executive Board meeting in New York in 2010 it was decided to abandon the Governance Committee altogether and have its functions return to the Executive Board. The reason for this was that these functions were deemed too important to be left in the hands of a committee and that the vote of the entire board would be needed to approve the kinds of changes outlined above anyway. The committee may be reestablished ad hoc for specific projects.
RECOVERING NATION is a DVD that explores the complex relationship between addiction and religion, while illuminating the hidden Americans who deftly navigate successful careers while under the influence of narcotics, alcohol and illegal substances.

The documentary unravels common misconceptions through stirring first-hand accounts of professionals who protect careers while their personal lives spiral out of control. Included are a freshman congressman whose blackouts landed him behind bars, a physician practicing medicine on narcotics, even an NFL football star who snorted cocaine between plays at the Super Bowl.

Providing insight and invaluable information for community leaders and clergy are some of the nation’s leading medical luminaries, addiction experts and religious leaders: Bishop Katherine Jefforts Schori, Congressman Jim Ramstad, Professor Charles O’Brien, Dr. David Lewis, Bishop Gregory Mansour, Dr. Barbara Krantz, Douglas Tieman, Reverend Robert Baggott, Dr. Joseph Troncale, Reverend Daniel Aleshire, and many others.

About half of all U.S. emergency room visits are addiction related, so the staggering societal and individual consequences are obvious. Yet those struggling with the devastation of this illness often receive little if any help. In fact their plight is generally shunned by a society that too often links addictive behavior to weakness of character.

Even in the wake of studies that illuminate the genetic underpinnings of the disease, addicts are often labeled as complicit, because no one put a gun to their head? and forced them into substance abuse. This sentiment can be especially pervasive in religious settings, where a lack of knowledge of the disease and its progression often leads clergy to equate addictive behavior with moral failure. Recovering Nation extinguishes these stereotypes with new and deeply revealing insights.

Funding for this project was provided through a grant from the Hanley Family Foundation. Produced & Directed by Emmy award-winning Director Jerry Levine.

Please note: The Hanley Family Foundation with the assistance of Hanley Center is offering the full DVD free of charge to clergy. Fill out the form below to request your copy. Only one DVD per congregation please.

GOD AS WE UNDERSTAND HIM: A FILM ABOUT FAITH AND THE 12 STEP MOVEMENT

This documentary explores the spiritual underpinnings of A.A., focusing on how people of different faiths and creeds work the 12 Steps. The purpose is to help persons in recovery who are averse to the Program by addressing claims that A.A. is a religious cult, and exploring the myriad ways in which we humans attempt to understand God.

This product addresses religious and spiritual issues faced by persons in recovery. Many who enter the rooms of recovery have no faith in God, others are cynical about religion, and still others believe that A.A. is a religious cult. God As We Understand Him reveals how recovering alcoholics work the Twelve Steps, regardless of their particular faith or creed.

Alcoholics with a wide variety of belief systems have the chance to discuss their experiences with A.A. Represented faiths include Catholicism, Protestantism, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Religious Science, Unitarian Universalism, Setianism, Atheism, and various forms of Agnosticism. Others reject organized religion but consider themselves spiritual in some sense, whether Pagan-Druid, Native American, or followers of various other spiritual teachings. What role do their personal understandings of God play in their recovery? How has the Twelve Step process transformed their lives and belief systems? What about A.A. members who are Agnostic or Atheist? Have they come to believe that God exists? Have they been able to work the Twelve Steps without any concept of God? If so, what concepts do they use to replace the “God” concept?

Note: To keep their anonymity, A.A. members are filmed from the neck down.

The DVD contains a 58-minute documentary divided into 12 parts, plus 19 additional segments for a total running time of around 110 minutes.

http://www.godasweunderstandhim.org

My husband placed an order for one copy for our church. He also ordered five copies from their bookstore for the Northwest Alcohol Conference and they were FREE on the order form. http://serenitybookstore.hanleycenter.org/basket.asp

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http://www.hanleycenter.org/programs/spiritual-care/recovering-nation.htm

http://www.godasweunderstandhim.org
Jorunn Moen
Senior Advisor
Norwegian Institute for Alcohol & Drug Research (SIRUS)

How long have you been a member of SALIS?
Since I was the ELISAD official representative in Toronto in 2003

What organization do you work for and what is your position there?
Norwegian Institute for Alcohol and Drug Research; I am a Senior Adviser to tasks connected with archive and library.

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?
Yes, indeed it has. Language-wise — which is an important aspect — I feel more at home in SALIS than in ELISAD where we have a language barrier. As a European and ELISAD member, I have always felt very welcome at SALIS conferences.

Hobbies outside of work:
Reading (of course), being in nature (walking), art (impressionist paintings), theatre and opera (I saw Armida by Rossini at The Met, when in NY for SALIS, and I saw Don Giovanni by Mozart at La Scala in Milan when I attended the last ELISAD board meeting), films, music (classical, blues and jazz), traveling (I spent the weekend before the New York conference in Washington DC), sewing, cooking, good food and wine, and dancing.

Favorite color:
Mint green

Favorite food:
Dumplings. (I had some fantastic dumplings in a simple Chinese restaurant in Chinatown in Washington DC—the dumplings were made in a show window for everybody to see.)

Favorite book:
My favorite book is À la recherché du temps perdu (In Search of Lost Time; earlier translated as Remembrance of Things Past) by Marcel Proust. (13 volumes and I loved every minute!)

Is there anything else you want SALIS colleagues to know about you?
I am very honored to be the first European chair-elect of SALIS and I always enjoy attending SALIS conferences -- both professionally and personally.

Pam Miles
Librarian
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute
University of Washington

How long have you been a member of SALIS?
I have been a member of SALIS for 23 years or so!

What organization do you work for and what is your position there?
I work for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute at the University of Washington as a Librarian.

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?
I especially appreciate the contact I have with SALIS members through SALIS-L, and the information I get from the listserv and the newsletter. SALIS members are always very helpful when I have a question, and I keep up-to-date with the organization through the columns in SALIS News. Although I have only attended a few SALIS conferences, I have worked on the host committees for two conferences held in Seattle, and I enjoyed putting names to faces as well as listening to the interesting presentations.

Hobbies outside of work:
Outside of work I love to read, garden, travel, and play with my grandchildren, who are such a gift of joy.

Favorite color:
My favorite color is probably yellow right now, because I am feeling very sun-deprived here in the Pacific Northwest.

Favorite food:
I love homemade cookies—almost any kind, but I don’t dare make them too often, since I eat them all!

Favorite book:
I love fiction and have many favorite books. I think Moby Dick tops the list at the moment, along with Great Expectations and Jane Austin novels.

Is there anything else you want SALIS colleagues to know about you?
My husband and I are planning a trip to Edinburgh next year. We have been following our youngest daughter around the world as she has lived in Japan (Osaka), then...
Denmark (Bornholm), and will be going to the University of Edinburgh in the fall. Young people like her have a global worldview, and we are benefiting from that and enjoying it very much.

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**Jane Shelling**  
**Manager**  
**National Drugs Sector Information Service (NDSIS)**  
**Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia**

**How long have you been a member of SALIS?**  
I have been a member for 6 years since I moved into the alcohol and drugs sector.

**What organization do you work for and what is your position there?**  
I manage the National Drugs Sector Information Service, which is a project of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia. We provide a national alcohol and drug library and information service for anyone in Australia working in those areas.

**How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?**  
I joined SALIS at the same time I moved from being a medical librarian at the local hospital to an AOD librarian in a non-government agency. SALIS has been helpful to me in finding my way in this very different field by providing an international perspective. I particularly enjoyed the conference I attended in Boston, and hope to attend another soon.

**Hobbies outside of work:**  
I’m afraid I’m a joiner! I belong to Soroptimist International (women’s service club) and Rosstrum (Australian Toastmasters); I am a Justice of the Peace, and on the Board of a local women’s refuge. I enjoy yoga, reading (book club), art house movies, and looking at cookbooks (and occasionally cooking from them).

**Favorite color:**  
I like earthy colors, like browns and greens.

**Favorite food:**  
Duck laksa.

(Favorite book: This changes from year to year, but I enjoy anything by David Lodge. I can recommend an Australian book that SALIS members might enjoy: *The Slap* by Christos Tsiolkas.

Is there anything else you want SALIS colleagues to know about you?  
Just that I appreciate and welcome any contact from other SALIS members.

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**“911 Good Samaritan” Law Website**

Nancy Sutherland & Meg Brunner  
UW Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute

A new “911 Good Samaritan Law” went into effect in Washington State on June 10, 2010, aimed at preventing overdose deaths by encouraging anyone who witnesses a drug overdose to call 911 and seek medical aid. Many witnesses (and victims) of drug overdose are reluctant to call for help for fear they will be arrested for drug charges. The new law provides immunity from prosecution for drug possession to people who seek medical assistance in an overdose case, as well as for the overdose victim. It also expands access to Naloxone, an opiate antagonist that can reverse overdoses. Washington is the second state in the US to have such a law (New Mexico was the first).

Researchers at the University of Washington Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute (ADAI) contributed information that helped to get the law passed, along with the efforts of the Washington American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the Washington State Poison Center, the state Attorney General, and the SAMA Foundation (Science and Management of Addictions).

Just days before the law was to take effect, ADAI librarians Nancy Sutherland and Meg Brunner were asked to create a web site to help launch the public information campaign. The website ([http://StopOverdose.org](http://StopOverdose.org)) has downloadable materials (information cards, flyers, etc.), links to news stories, resources, legal assistance, and information about the signs and symptoms of overdose. We worked with our researchers, the ACLU, SAMA and other stakeholders to quickly develop the site, which received over 300 web visitors in just the first few weeks. In addition, we’re using our “ADAI News” blog ([http://adai.typepad.com/adai_news/](http://adai.typepad.com/adai_news/)) to track stories about the law as they appear in newspapers, radio and other media.

Visit the site here: [http://StopOverdose.org](http://StopOverdose.org).
The opening speaker was Robert J. Pandina, Director of the Center of Alcohol Studies at Rutgers University. He told us his own personal and humorous history in the substance use field and the development of research in substance use leading to a real explosion of literature in addictions. Throughout the presentation he emphasized the value of information services and of librarians as gatekeepers of knowledge contributing to the academic process of research. He illustrated his talk by discussing the value of scientific publishing and how journals are a rich source of collective knowledge, mentioning those he is involved in such as Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs, and pointing us to a new journal, Consumer Health on the Internet. He told us about submissions for journals and the reviewing process of articles.

The second speaker Emily Novick, Public health analyst at SAMHSA/CSAP, gave a presentation about SAMHSA's underage drinking prevention initiatives which are aimed at people aged below 21. Following the Institute of Medicine's 2003 report "Reducing underage drinking: a collective responsibility," 15 Federal agencies formed the Interagency Coordinating Committee for the prevention of underage drinking, with SAMHSA as lead agency. Since then, SAMHSA has provided a web portal http://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov; convened a 2005 National Meeting of the States on the issue; coordinated three rounds of nationwide underage drinking prevention Town Hall Meetings; launched a parent-targeted media campaign; promulgate The Surgeon General's Call to Action to prevent and reduce underage drinking and developed other communication resources on the topic.

Emily started by explaining the objectives on underage drinking (UAD), telling us about the following prevention initiatives: Building blocks, Reach Out Now, Too Smart to Start, Town Hall Meetings, State/Territory Video's project and the proposed 2011 National Forum of the States. SAMHSA is also using social media tools and has a Facebook page, is present on YouTube and Twitter, and sends e-alerts with fast facts. These activities bring in a lot of positive feedback from users of SAMHSA.

Paul Candon and Judit Ward were the last speakers before lunch. They both talked about bibliometrics. Paul Candon is managing editor of the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs. He showed other ways to measure journal quality such as: reputation, editor/associative board, cost effectiveness, acceptance/rejection rate, number of articles published, number of submissions, longevity, number of readers/users/subscribers and quality of the research published. Metrics about journal performance provide an 'objective' indicator about the place a publication holds in its field. This information is important for many groups:

- librarians: add or drop subscriptions;
- journals: measure a journal against others;
- authors: where to publish;
- universities: hiring, tenure, promotion decisions, performance evaluations;
- funding agencies.

Judit Ward is the Director of the Information Services Division at the Center of Alcohol Studies at Rutgers University. She showed us the tools and resources used in bibliometrics: Web of Knowledge, Google Scholar, SCImago, Scholarometer, SCIVaL, h-index, Publish or Perish and the two best known: Web of Science and SCOPUS. New metrics are: Google Analytics (free) and ToPubsHub (on subscription). There are a lot of discrepancies between citation counts; there are differences in focus, scope and coverage. In October she gave a presentation on this subject at the Elisad conference.

Diane Van Abbe is the Information Coordinator with the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit (OTRU) and she briefed us about the history of the OTRU and the goals of the Ontario Tobacco Strategy. Interesting developments she mentioned are: proposal of a smoking ban in cars, regulations for outdoor smoking, smoke-free apartments, and the growing use of hookah smoking and generic packaging of cigarettes. The OTRU is looking for new directions beyond tobacco. Other subject areas they discovered are: obesity (lessons learned from tobacco), physical activity (healthy lifestyle), mental health and smoking and gambling. The catalogue of the library is online available at: http://library.otru.org

The next speaker was Christine Goodair, programme coordinator of the International Centre for Drug Policy of St

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George's London University. Exploring “The perils of progress: quality unassured,” Christine pointed out the positive side of Web 2.0 technologies in worldwide communication, education, access to information, business and commercial opportunities and knowledge exchange. But she advised us to be reserved in using Web 2.0 technologies for professional reasons. She reflected on the accuracy, reliability and quality of information published on blogs, Twitter and other social networking sites. Drawing on discussions, debates and surveys within the information sector, questions were raised about the place of these web based tools.

After the break, Jorunn Moen, Senior advisor of the Norwegian Institute for Alcohol and Drug Research (SIRUS) showed us the results of her library user survey. At the previous SALIS conference in Halifax she presented the design and the goals of the survey. Now Jorunn told us about harvesting the results and the use of the Questback tool. They worked hard to reach their main target groups but it was difficult to reach the group of potential users. This was quite disappointing. The survey showed that the library and the website to a great degree fill the requirements of the users. Traditional services are the most popular: loan of books and article copies. Users want to give priority to strengthening the collection and the availability of more full text articles on the website. New services they are interested in are periodical alerts and RSS feeds. The results of the survey will be published on http://www.sirus.no.

Thursday, April 29
The second day of the conference began with a presentation from Susan Foster about substance abuse and America's prison population. Substance misuse and addiction are overwhelming factors in all types of crime. Alcohol is implicated in the incarceration of over half of all inmates, while illicit drugs are implicated in three-quarters. Prison and jail inmates are seven times likelier than are individuals in the general population to have a substance use disorder. In 2006 85% of the inmates were substance involved, a total 1,914,964 inmates.

Even though addiction treatment in prisons has been shown to reduce recidivism and its costs to society, only 11.2 percent of inmates with substance use disorders receive any treatment. All these facts can be found in the report, “Behind bars: a report by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University.” The full report is also available on the CASA website: http://www.casacolumbia.org.

“Implementing efficacious treatments for traumatic stress and addictions” was the title of the speech of Denise Hien (City University of New York). One in 2 women in the US experience some type of traumatic event. Approximately 33% of females under age 18 experience sexual abuse. Prevalence rates of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in community samples have ranged from 6% to 36%. These figures show that traumatic stress is a very significant clinical problem.

Denise told us about the historical context for empirical study of treatment of trauma and addiction and the relation between trauma exposure and the developing of substance abuse problems. She showed us evidence based trauma treatment models, of which Seeking Safety is the most widely used. NIDA’s “Women and Trauma” study, part of the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network (CTN), is the largest randomized multi-site clinical trial comparing group therapy treatment outcomes for 353 women looking at this model.

After the coffee break, Rick Block (Head special collections metadata and cataloging at Columbia University) came to talk about Resource Description and Access (RDA). RDA is the new international standard for cataloging and will be released in June; implementation will follow in 2011. RDA is a code designed for the digital world and is founded on AACR (Anglo-American Cataloging Rules). RDA improves the way we describe and present relationships among resources and bibliographic entities and incorporates the FRBR (Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records). RDA is a different way to look at a description and will help us move from individual libraries to an international audience. It is also useable outside the library world and although it is not perfect, Rick thinks it prepares us for the future.

Bob Denniston was the last speaker of the morning. He is

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the Director of the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. He was going to speak to us about the first National Drug Control Strategy of President Obama, but because of Health Care Reform, the National Drug Control Strategy had not been released yet. Instead he introduced us to the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign. He provided an overview of the changing teen media landscape in which television and the web far outpace other media. He pointed out that teens are becoming more and more “publishers”: they create, share and amplify messages. Bob described the impressive impact of the Above the Influence campaign: more than 58 million visitors visited the website http://www.abovetheinfluence.com and 80% of the teens know about the campaign or have seen it. The brand has become part of teenage youth culture.

After lunch, Harry Levine (Professor at the Department of Sociology of Queens College, City University of New York) discussed the dilemma that libraries face in terms of what to preserve and what choices to make in a field which has always been in conflict. He recommended that librarians emphasize, collect and retain the policy underdogs, outcasts and losers, the disreputable and the forbidden. As an example he described the failure of the war on drugs. In New York there are more marihuana arrests than in any other regions of the world: 36,000 arrests yearly average for the period 1997-2008 only for possession of marihuana. There is a great discrepancy in arrests for marihuana: whites use more marihuana than blacks or Latinos, but blacks are arrested more often (53% blacks, 33% Latinos, and only 13% whites are arrested). Furthermore there is an enormous criminal stigmatization going on. Nowadays everybody can access information about criminal histories on the web. This information can disqualify people from travel, jobs, school, health care, housing etc. Ensuring that accurate information is available and reflecting reality is an important role for librarians as keepers of facts.

In the afternoon we visited the beautiful New York Public Library, one of the 5 biggest libraries of the world. The library was established in 1895 on the site of the Croton Reservoir, which provided New York City’s water needs in the late 19th century. The wonderful Stephen A. Schwarzman Building on Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street houses the library’s collections in the humanities and social sciences. Among the more than 15 million items in this collection are priceless medieval manuscripts, ancient Japanese rolls, contemporary novels and poetry, the literary papers of many important British and American authors, genealogical records, thousands of maps and atlases from the 16th century to the present.

Field of ATOD. Michael told us about the Clearinghouse of SAMHSA and their new redesigned website. He described how they merged two traditional clearinghouses into a 21st century health information network. This new customer-centric network will communicate to the field through multiple two-way channels that disseminate and gather feedback on SAMHSA’s knowledge products. The network’s foundation is a knowledge management infrastructure that unifies work performed throughout all operations. The system also enables SAMHSA to deliver information to customers when, where and how they need it, whether by phone, computer or wireless device. The network’s web site is organized around a taxonomy that makes it easier for customers to find specific and related content and helps to identify gaps between currently available information and customer needs.

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The last speaker of the day was Michael Ahmadi of SAMHSA whose presentation was about using knowledge management technology to help meet information needs in the

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appointed by Morgan to manage his collections. http://www.themorgan.org/home.asp

**Friday, April 30**
Friday started with a presentation from Gabriel Sayegh, who directs the State Organizing and Policy Project (SOPP) of the Drug Policy Alliance Network (DPA). This project brings together community organizing groups, human service agencies and researchers to advance drug policies which are guided by science, compassion, health and human rights. Gabriel told us about the history of the war on drugs that started with President Nixon in 1969. In 1973, Nelson Rockefeller proposed tough drug laws which were passed. These Rockefeller Drug Laws (RDL) are known for their harsh punishments for drugs.

During the 1970s and 1980s other states followed the NY model for drug policy. With this the US adopted a criminal justice approach to drug law policies. Keywords are: policing, prisons, mass incarcerations, criminalization and racial social control. The RDL were reformed in 2009 after a long process. Drug laws now are based upon health, treatment and harm reduction. It covers subjects as prevention, syringe exchange, overdose prevention, recovery and treatment.

The next speaker was Helen Tannenbaum. Helen is Outreach and Communications Coordinator of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. She gave a tour of the new features of PubMed after the site redesign. The goals of this redesign are to make it easier to use and to simplify the interface. There were no changes to its functionality. New to PubMed is the indexing of books, but currently there are only two books indexed. One of the interesting new features is the possibility to save your search as an URL which you are able to share with others. Another interesting feature is the possibility to create an RSS feed for “new and noteworthy” and the possibility to create a “my bibliography” in MyNCBI. After the break, Shirley Dellenback (Chief Knowledge Management Unit of the California Tobacco Control Program) told us about the California Tobacco Control Program (CTCP), which has existed since 1988 and is a premier public health program in California and a world leader in tobacco control efforts. It utilizes a social norm strategy which creates a social milieu and legal climate and is a very successful program.

Furthermore Shirley described how she uses a process of “systems thinking” in her work. It is about seeing wholes, recognizing patterns and interrelationships and learning how to structure those interrelationships in more effective and efficient ways. It encourages a change from leading and managing to facilitating and empowering and from delegation to participation. The challenges they met were: scarce resources, staff turnover, lack of standards and resistance to change. Systems thinking helps in grappling with complexity, interconnectedness, rapid change and uncertainty but improves communication.

Our next speaker was Stephanie Asteriadis. Stephanie is Principle Investigator and Coordinator of the Nevada Prevention Resource Center (NPRC). Her presentation was about senior health literacy and ATOD information. She demonstrated the importance of health literacy in improving the delivery of information to aging people about alcohol, tobacco and other drug use in diagnosis, prevention, treatment and recognition.

Health literacy is defined as the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process and understand basic health information to make good health care decisions. Goals are to improve patient communication, apply health literacy principles, locate or create materials and resources to assist in addressing patient alcohol and drug abuse issues, networking and communication with professionals from multiple fields, and describing ways to effectively implement ATOD information into the practice/role of the healthcare practitioner.

Juan Carlos Vega was the last speaker before lunch. Juan Carlos calls himself an activist librarian. This is an auto-designated title and role. The meaning of activist is described as the support of or opposition to one side of a controversial item. He works as an independent consultant and works for small special libraries and information centers for non profit community groups. He told us about how librarians can work in their communities and contribute to the national and local public health debate. His goal is equal access to the best health care, good education and healthy and nutritional foods in our communities, basic human rights for all.

The final two speakers were Barbara Seitz de Martinez and Shirley Dellenback (photo J. Murphy)
Dan Lawrence. Barbara described the growing need of military personnel who on returning home from war in Iraq and Afghanistan require help with substance abuse and mental health issues. To assist with this Barbara told us about a website Veterans and Substance Abuse http://www.drugs.indiana.edu/news-featured_detail.aspx?seq=33 she has set up of online resources available from the Indiana Prevention Resource Center.

Dan was the final speaker, returning to the matter of social media in the office – is it acceptable or not? He explored the concerns that management might have about the value of social media and whether it is a distraction from work that stops people from dealing with important tasks. Dan’s view was that you need to consider using social media as part of your overall communications and information strategy having identified how it can be deployed effectively. He showed several examples of how organizations were using the media and also the policies for ensuring it is used appropriately in the workplace.

Finally I would like to mention a little about the social and culinary aspects of the conference. Each day we had muffins and bagels and fresh fruit with teas and coffee paid for by one of the sponsors. We enjoyed an excellent SALIS lunch at a local Mexican restaurant and I was invited to join the Board for dinner on Thursday night as their guest.

I would recommend to Elisad members that attending a SALIS Conference is an excellent way of networking and learning about how addiction matters are handled in North America.

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By Andrea L. Mitchell
Librarian

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* indicates non-English title

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New York: New Press; [Jackson, Tenn.]: Dis-
1595581037 (hardback)

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Brooke, Stephanie L. The Use of
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Charles C. Thomas, 2009. 280 p. $41.95. ISBN:

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Research and Public Policy. Oxford University Press,
USA; 2nd ed, 2010. 320 p. $49.95. ISBN:10: 0199551146,

Babon, Lindsey Michael. Travel and Drugs in Twentieth-
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Bean, Philip. Legalising Drugs: Debates and Dilemmas.

Bennett, Chris. Cannabis and the Soma Solution. Spring-
field, Or.: Trine Day; Lancaster: Gazelle [distributor],

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New York: Rosen Pub., 2009. 64 p. $29.25. ISBN:10:
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Boyd, Susan C. Hooked: Drug War Films in Britain,
Canada, and the United States. University of Toronto
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Springer Pub. Co., 2010. 296 p. $45.00. ISBN:10:

Campbell, Howard. Drug War Zone: Frontline
Dispatches from the Streets of El Paso and
0292721265 (hardcover); $24.95. ISBN:10:
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Chouvy, Pierre-Arnaud. Opium: Uncovering the Politics
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Clements, Kenneth W. and Xueyan Zhao. Economics and
Marijuana: Consumption, Pricing and Legislation. Cam-
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United Nations. Office on Drugs and Crime. Laboratory and Scientific Section. **Multilingual dictionary of precursors and chemicals frequently used in the illicit [i.e., illicit] manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances under international control =

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Two journals recently documented noteworthy milestones in addiction research: NIAAA’s Alcohol Research and Health just came out with a special issue “Celebrating 40 Years of Alcohol Research.” The issue summarizes past research on prevention, treatment, and health consequences of alcohol abuse. (The issue, vol. 33 no. 1/2 is not yet online, so check for it later: http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/Publications/AlcoholResearch/.)

In March, the Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment published a supplemental issue devoted to “A Decade of Research by the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network.” This special issue features overview articles describing the completed studies and outcomes from the past decade of CTN research, and reviews several ancillary investigations which analyzed data from original CTN studies in a new way to reveal new correlations. http://ctndisseminationlibrary.org/display/jsatsuppl.htm.

Lastly, as noted on the SALIS-L listserv, I’ve compiled a list of most the addiction journals by Impact Factor, per the rankings of Journal Citation Reports. Not every addiction journal is included, but there are 31 English-language addiction journals listed for 2009. For a copy, please email me at nsutherland@adai.washington.edu.