Greetings from the Chair!
Jorunn Moen
Norwegian Institute for Alcohol and Drug Research (SIRUS)

Dear SALIS Members! At the 33rd annual SALIS conference in Kansas City in May, I was elected Chair of SALIS. This is the peak of my career. I am honored to be the first European Chair of SALIS. I am also pleased to be followed by a fellow European, Christine Goodair from the UK, who was elected Chair-elect. This makes a kind of tradition, as previously Christine followed me as Chair of Elisad, after having been Vice-chair for several years, and a great support to me.

And now we have jumped over the Atlantic!

I have attended SALIS conferences since 2003, when I was the Elisad representative – another peak of my career. It was my first time over the Atlantic and I was terribly nervous. It was a great challenge for me to be a European

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Library Advocacy Skills for Health Justice in Puerto Rico
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Activist Librarian & Information Consultant

Someone once told me that my self-designated title, Activist Librarian, is a redundant one. Throughout our history, librarians have advocated for many issues pertaining to education, information access, copyright issues, and others. More recently, we face issues dealing with the relevance of library spaces and print books, since the emergence of the e-book and other current technologies have taken hold. Our profession is at the forefront of many local and national advocacy and policy issues. Although there may be a level of redundancy, my title comes from the need to show the world that librarians engage in more than cataloging books and providing assistance at a reference desk. My work as an Activist Librarian vigorously engages my information skills for social and health justice causes and community advocacy in Puerto Rico and among disadvantaged groups in the U.S.A.

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representative at an American conference. I remember Thomas Rouault from France – then the Elisad treasurer and a good friend of SALIS – said to me: “Don’t worry, the SALIS members are just as friendly as the Elisad members” – and I soon found out that he was right. In addition, you have the same language. Almost everybody in SALIS speaks English. In Elisad, language can be quite a headache and difficult for communication. Language-wise, I feel more at home in SALIS.

As a European, I have always felt very welcomed and appreciated at the SALIS conferences. I have had some of the outstanding memories of my life with SALIS. 2003 in Toronto: Niagara Falls, where I remember speaking to Past Chair, Meg Brunner for the first time while watching the falls. 2004 in Berkeley: Francis Ford Coppola’s winery in Napa Valley. 2005 in Chicago: The John Hancock Tower, having a drink in the bar with Christine Goodair, who was then the Vice-chair of Elisad, while I was the Chair. 2006 in Boston: The Joint SALIS-Elisad conference. 2010 in New York: Manhattan. Just to mention some! I feel privileged to have been able to experience the USA in this way. No travel agency could compete. I would also like to thank my employer, The Norwegian Institute for Alcohol and Drug Research (SIRUS), for financing my participation in SALIS and supporting me as Chair.

Now I am one of you and I will do my best to move SALIS forward during my year as Chair.

I want to thank the outgoing Chair, Meg Brunner, (who is also of Norwegian origin, by the way), for all her support and help in showing me what to do and how to do it, and sometimes doing it for me.

I also want to thank Past-Chair Julie Murphy for her friendship and support, especially at the time when I accepted to be Chair-elect. Julie has done a thorough job for SALIS on social media. I shall have to rely on Julie in this, as I am not much into social media myself. I hope I can serve SALIS in other ways.

Thanks also to Andrea Mitchell, Executive Director of SALIS, who brings continuity to the organization and makes sure that SALIS runs smoothly.

I enjoyed the 2011 conference and want to thank Laurie Krom from National Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) in Kansas City, Missouri, who was our host. She did a tremendous job.

If any of you reading this would like to get involved in planning the SALIS conference in 2013, please contact me at jmi@sirus.no. Hosting a conference is hard but rewarding work. I speak from experience, as I arranged the Elisad Annual Meeting in Oslo in 2005. I have never been so tired in my entire life – and never more content. Even today, people thank me for our days together in Oslo. It was great being able to share my city with Elisad and SALIS members.

Speaking of Oslo – called “OsLove” since the events of the 22nd of July – I would like to share a little cartoon with you from my daily paper. Two pictures: 1) Man with a gun aiming at someone. Text: “A sick person tried to show us what was wrong with our society”. 2) People with roses in their hands. Text: “Instead it let us prove how good it is”.

On both sides of the Atlantic, there is still an economic crises affecting both professional and private lives of our colleagues. I hope that SALIS can play a part in supporting those of you who struggle professionally and am open for suggestions of how SALIS can assist.

Since 2003, I have been a member of the International Committee of SALIS. This is both because of being a European and a Board member of Elisad, as well as taking interest in the rest of the world.

In addition to being Chair of SALIS, I have been on the Board of Elisad since 2002. At present, I am Treasurer – since the beginning of this year. I have been Webmaster for a couple of years and am on the conference committee for the 23rd Elisad Annual Meeting in Paris, 6 – 8 of October. I hope to see some of you there. It is a great opportunity to see one of Europe’s finest cities. I hope to be a vital link between SALIS and Elisad.

There are 97 SALIS members at present. In spite of the financial situation, I hope we will keep old members and attract new ones. SALIS has a lot to offer information specialists working in the ATOD field. I ask you to be ambassadors for SALIS and tell colleagues about the professional and social advantages of becoming one of us.

We have a challenging year ahead. I will “pull my sleeves up” to do my best in serving you and SALIS in the year to come.
In October 2010, I read a blog post from the Future Librarians for Intellectual Freedom, a group of library and information studies students who are interested in promoting intellectual freedom and social responsibility in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, that stated: “Social equality issues such as access to information, documentation of society, and free distribution of knowledge are core principles of modern libraries and archives. However, these principles are often de-accentuated in the day-to-day management of libraries and archives and information professionals can find themselves detached from a social justice perspective.” This post immediately resonated with my primary goals as a librarian wanting to disseminate information for healthier communities. My purpose as an Activist Librarian was to translate into action and steps to create change, information that otherwise would get lost among the information bombardment that we encounter every day. My title continues to be a direct action as a community advocate utilizing librarian skills.

Tobacco control has provided the framework to engage in other issues like Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Transsexual (LGBTT) equity, family health, obesity, and hate crimes. It was the basis from where the first LGBTT Community Health Survey of Puerto Rico: 2009-2011 was developed. We wanted to learn the smoking prevalence among this marginalized community. As of today, the survey showed a difference between the general population and the LGBTT communities in the U.S.A. in socio-demographic descriptive data, general health, tobacco use (39.7%) and some other health risk factors like alcohol consumption (64.8%). Due to this effort, the Puerto Rico Department of Health has included the LGBTT community as a population in disparity in its tobacco control strategic plans and has begun collecting gender identity and sexual orientation data in the local Quitline, the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS), and other surveys.

National and international organizations like SALIS, the National Latino Tobacco Control Network (NLTCN), the Network for LGBT Health Equity, the Latino Commission on AIDS, The Praxis Project, Lambda Legal, and Movement Matters have played a vital role in supporting local health initiatives and in my quest to disseminate current trends and models, publication development and promotion, conference and webinars opportunities, funding availability, and federal standards to follow. They are the portals to continue my work as a librarian in local communities while contributing to the national and local public health debate.

In March 2011, in coordination with volunteer community members, we put together the 1st LGBTT Health Summit of Puerto Rico. I managed all the required coordination using my library skills for information dissemination, publication development, use of current technologies, and integrating multicultural and multilingual perspectives. After several years of engaging in tobacco control in Puerto Rico, we were able to move to health and social justice work with over 140 participants, 36 panelists, and the support from national, local, health, and government entities that made this a historical success.

Librarians and information specialists need to prove our relevance today, evolve in our information gathering and dissemination skills, and engage interest from users. For the last four and half years I have developed relationships with researchers, community members, local coalitions, university students and professors, non-profit organizations, volunteers, and even try to show my nephews that being a librarian is a cool and wonderful profession. It has taken time to build these relationships, but my personal and professional investment has provided me with the opportunity to really understand the local perspective and move towards healthier communities.

[Editor’s note: This article corrected Nov 14, 2011 - See Errata in SN vol. 31(4) for details.]

As seen in this photo, relationship building was a key element when outreaching to Latino/a communities present in the diverse crowd that participated in the 1st LGBTT Health Summit of Puerto Rico. Tobacco control groups like NLTCN and Legacy Foundation were essential partners in this endeavor.

Have You Read?

Gendering Addiction: The Politics of Drug Treatment in a Neurochemical World

This book, by two leading scholars in the field, draws on feminist theory and science/technology studies to uncover a basic injustice for human rights: most women who need drug treatment in the US and UK don’t get it. Why not?
Fall Notes from the Editor

Andrea Mitchell, Institute for Scientific Analysis (ISA)

Fall is normally such a wonderful time of the year. Trees turning colors, light becoming softer, and that certain smell in the air which conjures up so many memories of Halloweens past, getting new shoes for school and homemade donuts my grandmother always used to make. But last Saturday night my little one-year-old kitten, Lily, had a fall and broke her leg. Fall will not be so wonderful this year. Needless to say I've felt every possible mother instinct waiting in the emergency room, agonizing on the day of her surgery...would it be successful?...and now getting up at night to answer her cries; she has to be confined to a small space and not become “agitated.” Most cat lovers will know the impossibility of that situation. But gee, it's only for three months!!! The only reason I'm telling you all this is to give some explanation for the lateness of this issue.

And what an issue it is! Jorunn Moen, SALIS' new chair sends her Greetings; Barbara Weiner, Jane Shelling and Karen Palmer have shared with us more memories of databases and catalogs to assist in research and information foraging; Juan Carlos Vega describes his “Activist Librarian” title and tells us how he works to bring about social justice and change in Puerto Rico; a “birth” announcement for a RADAR Center at ADAI; purchasing from Barnes & Noble to support SALIS; and all of the other regular features to make us more knowledgeable in our professional roles and to give us some inside bits on our members.

Please take note of the 2012 SALIS conference information now available on the website, and on the front cover of this issue. Stephanie Asteriadis is our host and if you want to get involved with some of the tasks of putting on a SALIS conference, please let her know. Just an aside, when the SALIS Board met in Reno in 2007, Stephanie arranged the dinner at a restaurant that had porcini mushroom ravioli which competed with any I've ever tasted in Italy!

Next issue there will be a report on the conference of our sister organization, Elisad, taking place in Paris Oct 4-6. SALIS member Isabel Michot from Observatoire Francaise des Drogues et des Toxicomanies (OFDT) is the host, and the agenda is packed with some very enticing topics. Tom Cotthurst is representing SALIS this year. Also in the Winter issue of News, Meg Brunner will summarize a presentation she made with Erin Winstanley at the recent NIDA Clinical Treatment Network Steering Committee meeting, on using social media in the CTN and in health research in general.

Finally, please send us ideas for articles you'd like to see in SALIS News, or better yet, an article written by you. Get involved, be active and support SALIS! □

International Networking

Sheila Lacroix, Centre for Addiction & Mental Health (CAMH)

We usually think of international networking taking place online with the occasional opportunity to meet face-to-face during conferences, if we are lucky. Jane Shelling, our SALIS colleague from the National Drugs Sector Information Service, Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia, recently experienced a unique “international networking” adventure which she documented in detail on her blog, http://librarianunshelved.blogspot.com. Her travels were funded by a well-deserved Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Fellowship award, to research methods for providing professional information to community based alcohol and other drug workers.

The journey took Jane from San Francisco in early May through to Manchester, England in July, where Jane presented at the 6th Evidence Based Library and Information Practice (EBLIP6) conference. In between, numerous stops were made in the US, Canada, and Great Britain, where many information services were checked out and professionals consulted.

One of Jane’s stopovers was in Kansas City for the SALIS conference, where we were able to share in her excitement. We can all appreciate the challenge of taking time out of our busy professional lives to develop a worthy project, apply for an award or grant, and then follow through with the project, including the final analysis and outcome report.

Do read through Jane’s blog and experience her journey. There are many fabulous photos, including one that is special to me: the beautiful, historic domed Library of Parliament in Ottawa, Canada. Also, I really enjoyed our day trip together to the Niagara area and Niagara Falls when she visited Toronto, another project destination.

We will all benefit from Jane Shelling’s final report, which will provide direction for improving our practice in knowledge dissemination to ensure the alcohol and drug workforce is informed about the field and good practice. The final report will be made available at http://churchilltrust.com/au/fellows/detail/3505 in the near future.

Finally, may our Elisad colleagues have a productive and interesting meeting in Paris this fall! I am unable to attend as planned due to family obligations. □
This issue’s database and catalog column offers SALIS members a tour of the ATOD resources found in the continent, the country, the unique land of Australia. SALIS member Jane Shelling details for us the:

1. Drug Database/Catalog (DRUG),
2. The National Inhalants Information Service Database/ Catalog (NIIS), and
3. The Register of Australian Drug and Alcohol Research Database. (RADAR).

As a valuable side trip, Jane links us to three Australian resources (Drug and Offending Online, HealthInfoNet, and the Australian Drug Information Network) which also provide substance use and misuse information.

We’ll also be taking a look at CCSA’s Prevention Resources DB, with information presented by Karen Palmer.

Our tour starts at Australia’s capital, Canberra, New South Wales, down to North Melbourne, Victoria, over to Mt. Lawley, Western Australia, and then all the way to Canada. Buckle up!

Drug Database (DRUG)

URL:  http://www.drug.org.au/
Type: Database and catalog.
Organization: National Drug Sector Information Service (NDSIS), Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA).

Location: Canberra, Australia.

Contact: Jane Shelling, Manager, NDSIS, for information; or there is a commercial version of Drug which can be subscribed to by email: subscriptions@rmitpublishing.com.au

Date founded: 1974.

Background: ADCA is the peak, non-government organization representing the interests of the alcohol and other drugs field. Established in 1974, ADCA’s National Drug Sector Information Service (NDSIS) is committed to supporting those who work to prevent or reduce the harm to individuals, families, communities, and the nation caused by alcohol and other drugs. We do this by: identifying and disseminating the evidence base; facilitating the application of best practice, and focusing our collections and services on the knowledge and information needs of AOD professionals, practitioners, and researchers. The NDSIS is available to help all those working in the AOD sector with their information needs.

Description: The DRUG database is a bibliographic database established and maintained by the NDSIS, and it presently contains over 85,000 records. Records include articles from published and unpublished material on the psychosocial aspects of substance abuse. Source documents include journal articles, newsletters, newspapers, monographs, conference proceedings, research reports, discussion and position papers, theses, government documents, statistics, and unpublished material. Australian and international drug and alcohol journal articles have been comprehensively indexed and included in the database since May 1987.

Audience: DRUG is a national resource service for librarians, researchers, administrators, treatment workers, organizations, students, and the general public in Australia.

Availability: The database is freely available and all items are held in the NDSIS office.

Costs: Access to DRUG is free.

Software: The database -- which is also our catalog -- runs on First software, an Optimus Prime product.

Subject strength: DRUG covers the political, social, economic, psychological, and legal aspects of prevention and treatment of alcohol and other drug use. Both legal and illegal drugs are included. There is an emphasis on the psychosocial aspects of substance abuse and on Australian material.

Subject control: Material is subject cataloged using the Drug Thesaurus available from the NDSIS website http://ndsis.adca.org.au/ndsis_publications.php

Result of searching: A useful companion to a PubMed search to ensure non-clinical material is also found.

Uniqueness: The largest dedicated alcohol and other drug database in the world with holdings available

Weaknesses: Due to its limited subject range and large number of records, users need to learn to use the thesaurus for best results.
Strengths: Comprehensiveness, including grey literature as well as main stream items.

National Inhalants Information Service (NIIS) Database

URL: http://inhalantsinfo.org.au
Type: Database and catalog
Organization: National Drug Sector Information Service (NDSIS), Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA).

Location: Canberra, Australia.

Contact: Jane Shelling, Manager NDSIS, for information.

Date founded: 2008.

Background: The Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia is the peak, non-government organization representing the interests of the alcohol and other drugs field. The National Inhalants Information Service (NIIS) was founded by ADCA’s National Drug Sector Information Service (NDSIS) in response to a call for a central repository of inhalants material. Records in the NIIS database are also found in the Drug database.

Description: The NIIS database is a bibliographic database established and maintained by the NDSIS. It presently contains over 800 records for articles, books, reports, conference papers, statistics, published, and unpublished material on all aspects of inhalants abuse.

Audience: The NIIS database is a free resource available to librarians, researchers, administrators, treatment workers, organizations, students, and the general public. Law enforcement and paramedics also find this database useful.

Availability: All items are held in the NDSIS office.

Costs: Access to database is free.

Software: The database -- which is also a catalog -- runs on First software, an Optimus Prime product

Subject strength: Inhalants material is scarce and can be difficult to locate. This database was established to provide a central collection of inhalants material.

Subject control: Material is subject cataloged using the Drug Thesaurus. A copy of these terms is available from the NDSIS website http://ndsis.adca.org.au/ndsis_publications.php

Result of searching: A comprehensive list of inhalants material both Australian and international.

Uniqueness: The only dedicated inhalants specific database in the world.

Weaknesses: Due to its specificity there are only limited resources available.

Strengths: Comprehensive--includes grey literature as well as main stream items. All material can be borrowed or supplied to any interested party within Australia at no charge.

Register of Australian Drug and Alcohol Research (RADAR)

URL: http://www.radar.org.au/
Type: Database.
Organization: National Drug Sector Information Service (NDSIS), Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA).

Location: Canberra, Australia.

Contact: Jane Shelling, Manager NDSIS, for information.

Date founded: 2005.

Background: The Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia is the peak, non-government organization representing the interests of the alcohol and other drugs field. ADCA’s National Drug Sector Information Service (NDSIS) founded RADAR as a project funded by the Department of Health and Ageing.

Description: RADAR was established in 2005 and aims to increase awareness of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs research in Australia. The register contains up-to-date records of current and recently completed research projects with details of published research. There is also information about researchers, their organizations, and research funding bodies.

Audience: RADAR is used by government, policy makers, and researchers.

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**Availability:** RADAR can be easily accessed and offers comprehensive searching capability.

**Costs:** Access to database is free.

**Software:** The database uses software specifically designed for RADAR.

**Subject strength:** This database is unique in Australia and can quickly provide information on current alcohol and drug research being conducted in Australia.

**Subject control:** RADAR has a unique subject control system which allows for searching by project title, organization, subject, researcher, and also by broader research areas.

**Result of searching:** Very useful to a niche audience with its ability to give an understanding of current research being conducted in Australia.

**Uniqueness:** The only database dedicated to listing alcohol and drug research projects in Australia.

**Weaknesses:** Harvesting research to include in the database and ensuring researcher contact details are current is very labour intensive. Clients would like links to full research project reports which is not possible (links to published articles are made available as they are published).

**Strengths:** Its uniqueness and ability to link those interested in a particular area of research (funders, policy makers) with researchers.

The tour of Australia is winding down, but, as promised, three additional ATOD resources from Australia cannot be missed:

**DUMA - Drugs and Offending Online, Canberra, New South Wales.** DUMA is an interactive data tool which allows you to create charts and tables from the AIC’s Drug Use Monitoring in Australia (DUMA) data. You can use it to search and undertake basic analysis on areas such as: The proportion of alleged offenders who have tested positive to a range of illicit drugs, the age and sex of alleged offenders who have tested positive to drugs; and the main offences for which people have been apprehended over time. [http://www.aic.gov.au/about_aic/research_programs/nmp/duma/data_tool.aspx](http://www.aic.gov.au/about_aic/research_programs/nmp/duma/data_tool.aspx)

**HealthInfoNet, Mt. Lawley, Western Australia.** HealthInfoNet is an innovative, Australian Indigenous, Internet resource that aims to inform practice and policy in Indigenous health by making research and other knowledge readily accessible. In this way, the HealthInfoNet aims to contribute to ‘closing the gap’ in health between Indigenous and other Australians. It makes published, unpublished, and specially-developed material about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health freely accessible to people involved in the area of Indigenous health. This unique resource includes much information on health and alcohol/drugs (see Protective and Risk Factors). [http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/](http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/)

**ADIN – Australian Drug Information Network, North Melbourne, Victoria.** ADIN is a federated search engine of AOD material across Australia. It provides a central point of access to quality Internet-based AOD information provided by prominent organizations in Australia and internationally. ADIN is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing as part of the National Drug Strategy, and is managed by the Australian Drug Foundation. ADIN delivers alcohol and drug information to its website visitors who search it's large collection of quality-assessed websites and databases. Organizations and individuals can search and share relevant information on licit and illicit drug issues. [http://www.adin.com.au/](http://www.adin.com.au/)

G’Day! And now, to Canada with Karen Palmer of CCSA!

**CCSA Prevention Resources DB**

**URL:** [http://www.ccsa.ca/Eng/Priorities/YouthPrevention/CanadianStandards/Pages/YouthPreResources.aspx](http://www.ccsa.ca/Eng/Priorities/YouthPrevention/CanadianStandards/Pages/YouthPreResources.aspx)

**Type:** Database

**Organization:** Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA)

**Location:** CCSA is located in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. The Database of Prevention Resources can be accessed through the ‘Knowledge Centre’ section of the CCSA website or by selecting ‘Youth Drug Prevention, Canadian Standards’ from the ‘Priorities’ menu.

**Date founded:** The database was first made available on CCSA’s website in April 2009 and was initially launched to support Canada’s first-ever national standards on school-based youth substance abuse prevention. The database was (Continued on page 8)
re-launched in March 2011 with additional resources to support the recently published Portfolio of Canadian Standards for Youth Substance Abuse Prevention, which includes two additional and complementary resources addressing community- and family-based prevention.

**Background:** The database was developed in conjunction with the Portfolio of Canadian Standards for Youth Substance Abuse Prevention, part of the CCSA-led Drug Prevention Strategy for Canada’s Youth, a five-year initiative that aims to reduce illicit drug use by Canadian youth aged 10–24. The development of the Canadian Standards Portfolio involved stakeholders from across the country and is funded through the federal government’s National Anti-Drug Strategy. The purpose of the database is to provide resources that: support the adoption and implementation of the school- and community-based standards and the family-based guidelines; aid in the understanding and implementation of the standards; support the development and improvement of youth-focused substance abuse prevention programs in school, community and family settings across Canada; and promote evidence-based practice.

**Description:** This is a specialized database focusing on practical tools and resources that support the Portfolio of Canadian Standards for Youth Substance Abuse Prevention. The database currently contains 224 records. Each record provides a link to a resource that supports one or more of the 44 standards that have been identified to provide guidance on planning, implementing and evaluating prevention efforts. To be included in the database, a resource is selected according to the following criteria: it supports at least one standard or guideline; the content is appropriate and relevant to the audience and topic; the resource is available in electronic form and there are no limitations or restrictions on its use; it provides practical tools and templates that require minimal adaptation for use; and the language and presentation of the material is easy to understand and use. In addition, preference is given to: Canadian resources; the French language equivalent (where available); resources that: support the adoption and implementation of the standards; support the development and improvement of youth-focused substance abuse prevention programs in school, community and family settings; are organized around three main prevention settings that are addressed in the Portfolio documents: school, community and family. A search can be narrowed by language. The results display in two formats: a brief and a full record display. The brief display provides the title of the resource, which is hyperlinked to the full record display, publishing information and the resource itself. The full record display includes information contained in the brief display as well as additional fields showing the author or corporate author, resource type and description, the setting (i.e., school, community or family), and the standard(s) or guideline(s) supported. Search results can be selectively added to a list, which can then be emailed, saved or printed.

**Audience:** The database was originally developed to provide tools that support Building Our Strengths: Canadian Standards for School-based Youth Substance Abuse Prevention and to serve as a resource to those working on prevention initiatives that focus on a school setting. Now, the database also includes resources to support prevention efforts undertaken in community-based settings as presented in Stronger Together: Canadian Standards for Community-based Youth Substance Abuse Prevention or family skills programs as presented in Strengthening Our Skills: Canadian Guidelines for Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Family Skills Programs.

**Costs:** There is no cost to access the database.

**Software:** The database uses Inmagic DB/TextWorks (version 12.0) as its platform.

**Subject strength:** The focus of the resources in the database is to provide information, best practices, tools and templates for practitioners to assess, plan, organize, implement and evaluate prevention initiatives for youth substance abuse according to the established standards and guidelines.

**Subject control:** Only with authorization from the CCSA project lead can the records in the database be updated (for example, when a standard has been added, adjusted or removed; when there has been a change to the selection or inclusion criteria; or when a recommendation or suggestion has been received for a resource to be added, updated or removed).

**Result of searching:** The database can be searched by a particular standard. The 44 standards are organized around three main prevention settings that are addressed in the Portfolio documents: school, community and family. A search can be narrowed by language. The results display in two formats: a brief and a full record display. The brief display provides the title of the resource, which is hyperlinked to the full record display, publishing information and the resource itself. The full record display includes information contained in the brief display as well as additional fields showing the author or corporate author, resource type and description, the setting (i.e., school, community or family), and the standard(s) or guideline(s) supported. Search results can be selectively added to a list, which can then be emailed, saved or printed.
News from Canada
Chad Dubéau, CCSA
Sheila LaCroix, CAMH

From the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
CAMH released two reports over the summer that may be of interest to you. The CAMH Monitor reports on the population survey that tracks mental health and addiction problems experienced by Ontario Adults. The results, based on the 2009 survey, show some interesting trends from previous surveys, the most recent being 2002 and 2006. More adults are drinking daily, the average number of weekly drinks has increased among drinkers, but, there is a significant decrease in binge drinking, in particular amongst young adults. The finding of a significant increase in driving after drinking amongst young adults is alarming. Also, cannabis use by both women and men has increased in all age groups. This report is available on the CAMH website, http://www.camh.net. See June 7, 2011 or http://www.camh.net/News_events/News_releases_and_media_advisories_and_backgrounder_s/CAMH_monitor_2011.html
See the highlights presented by principle investigator Dr. Bob Mann on CAMHTV, http://www.youtube.com/camhtv, for this and other interesting shows reporting on issues and scientific breakthroughs. For example, watch Dr. Peter Selby discussing prescription opioid addiction. Relating to this topic, CAMH researchers have published a review on NMPOU (Non Medical Prescription Opioid Use) and comorbidities with mental health or pain in the August 2011 issue of the Canadian Journal of Psychiatry. This journal is free to access online at http://publications.cpa-apc.org.

From the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse:

Addiction Research Monthly is now available online!
Addiction Research Monthly (ARM) is CCSA’s monthly index of recently published peer reviewed articles on addiction and the use or misuse of alcohol and illicit drugs. It includes review articles, meta-analyses as well as peer-reviewed articles from CCSA staff. Formerly developed to guide the work of CCSA and its key working groups, this resource previously enjoyed a very small circulation. However, due to the growing demand for this product in the field, CCSA has now made it widely accessible on its website.

Competencies videos and checklist now available
On June 30, CCSA released a seven video series highlighting the overwhelming positive response to its Competencies for Canada’s Substance Abuse Workforce resource and the Competencies Implementation Checklist. These new resources were created to support individuals and organizations interested in putting the Competencies into practice. The Competencies videos feature stakeholders from around the country talking about how they are using this practical and user-friendly resource to find, hire and develop people with the right skill sets for their organization. The videos were specifically created to share firsthand accounts of people using the Competencies and the significant impact the Competencies are making in organizations across Canada.

International Drugs and Driving Symposium
The use of drugs has long been considered a major social problem. However, the devastating consequences of drugged driving have only recently garnered public attention. Yet, the prevalence of drug use among drivers may rival that of alcohol. To date, evidence, research and policy initiatives on drugs and driving significantly lag behind those on alcohol and driving.

To address this growing issue, CCSA hosted the first two day International Drugs and Driving Symposium on July 17–18 in Montreal, in partnership with the U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy, U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse, U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the European Monitoring Centre on Drug...
Drugs and Drug Addiction.

Leading experts and practitioners came together to establish an international forum to help shape current evidence based research, legislation and policy options, enforcement, prevention and next steps. The symposium was also a call to action for a coordinated approach to build on the Drugs and Driving Resolution adopted March 25, 2011, by the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs. Speakers included Gil Kerlikowske, Director, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy; Sandeep Chawla, Director, Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs; and others.

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Textbooks & Movies & E-books, Oh My!
Barb Weiner, Hazelden Librarian

When exploring Barnes and Noble, the new SALIS bookstore affiliate, I was happily surprised.

The Barnes and Noble web page is pleasing to the eye with its white background and clear font. Category options include books, textbooks, NOOK, newsstand, teens, kids, toys and games, DVD, music, home and gifts, and electronics. Each of these categories has further helpful breakdowns, such as favorites, age group, price, brand, genres, and deals. The seasonal topic of “Back to School” could be perused by topics such as supplies, textbooks, games, books by grade, as well as workbooks, homeschooling titles, and discounts for parents and teachers. And I was thrilled to find the B&N site also includes used books, and free shipping for orders over $25. B&N returns 6% of each order back to SALIS.

Hazelden Publishing continues its bookstore affiliate program with SALIS, offering 12% on orders placed through our SALIS link. Hazelden features books about substance use / misuse, addictions, and recovery, as well as gifts, jewelry, and DVDs / other media. The collection is more easily browsed through its categories of media, audience, price range, and topic. New are the great selections of e-books and distance continuing-education courses!

So let’s all—along with co-workers, family members, and friends—continue to help SALIS by purchasing books, gifts, and more through our online bookstore affiliates!

It’s a Clearinghouse!
New RADAR Center for Washington State
Nancy Sutherland & Jenn Velotta
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute, UW

We’re happy to announce the “birth” of a new substance abuse information Clearinghouse for Washington State, hosted by the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute at the University of Washington. The ADAI Clearinghouse opened in September to provide free information resources on substance abuse prevention and treatment to residents of Washington State. With materials from SAMHSA, the state, and other sources, the new ADAI Clearinghouse extends the dissemination reach of the ADAI Library & Information Services to include community prevention organizations, parenting groups, and faith-based groups, as well as the general public. The ADAI Library continues to support the information needs of researchers, clinicians, and policy makers, while users of the Clearinghouse may find additional information they need in the Library to borrow or use on-site.

The former state RADAR center (WSADC) closed in June when its funding ended due to state budget cuts. The new Clearinghouse is being funded by a grant from the Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) and by the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute. Though lacking state funding, we’re planning to offer many of the services that other state RADAR Centers are known for: an online catalog to search for and order print materials or download electronic documents; a lending library of videos and DVDs; exhibiting at conferences and community events around the state; and an email newsletter (ADAI eNews), to disseminate news about featured resources, events, and other information to more than 1500 subscribers. You can also follow us on Facebook. Jennifer Velotta joins the ADAI staff as the Coordinator for the ADAI Clearinghouse, and she (re)joins SALIS, having been a member earlier while at WSADC.

There’s much yet to do as we’re getting started, but we’re very excited about this new arrival… I mean project… and we look forward to working closely with other RADAR Centers in SALIS.


http://adaiclearinghouse.org
How long have you been a member of SALIS?
I have been a member of SALIS for about 4 years, I believe.

What organization do you work for and what is your position?
I work for the Central MA Center for Healthy Communities. It is a Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health grant funded program of LUK, Inc. My title is ATOD / Resource Center Prevention Specialist. I am also a community organizer and am considered the office manager.

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?
Because of SALIS I have been able to acquire articles and information for my colleagues that they might not have otherwise been able to find...at least not easily, and I have also been able to share, on occasion, information with other SALIS members and I find that rewarding.

Hobbies outside of work:
I have two dogs, so they are my "hobbies." However, I am also a volunteer with the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. This year (2011) was my 14th year participating by having a team, being on the planning committee, and fundraising. I also do other community volunteer work as much as possible. I enjoy live music, in particular going to Blues Jams on Sunday afternoons. I also do ballroom dancing.

Favorite food:
I guess my favorite food is Italian food, although I eat just about anything except meat.

Favorite book:
I have way too many books that I like to think of as "my favorite" but if I had to name one book it would be Lonesome Dove.

Is there anything else you would like SALIS colleagues to know about you?
I enjoy my work and the agency I work for although at times, because it is a grant funded program, it can be frustrating. The rewarding aspect is that I help coalitions get started, organize and move forward while working on prevention of ATOD and other healthy community initiatives.

Tom Colthurst
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How long have you been a member of SALIS?
Off and on, for over a couple of decades.

What organization do you work for and what is your position?
U.S. Department of Education's Higher Education Center for Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Violence Prevention, for which I am constituency services liaison.

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?
Back in 1980s, introduced me to Mosaic and WWW; helps me access current resources to share with my constituencies.

Hobbies outside of work:
Travel, granddaughter, urban farming (fruit & veggies)

Favorite food:
That's like asking which one of our four children is our favorite! :>)

Favorite book:
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Currently completing the Donna Leon Commissario Guido Brunetti mysteries.

Is there anything else you would like SALIS colleagues to know about you?
Planning on attending the ELISAD 2011 Annual Meeting in Paris; looking forward to helping Andrea Mitchell, et al., with SALIS'13 in Northern California.
Juan Carlos Vega
Activist Librarian & Information Consultant
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How long have you been a member of SALIS?
Since April 2002.

What organization do you work for and what is your position?
For six months, I have been the Librarian at the Art Museum of Puerto Rico. I am already exploring how artistic expression and art appreciation promotes health to the individual and to society. I will make my second oral presentation about the integration of health promotion in museums and the arts.

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?
SALIS has been a constant presence for almost 10 years of my professional career as a Librarian & Information Specialist. Without a doubt, it has been an important element in my growth, development, and expertise in ATOD work. SALIS becomes a window of opportunities with online resources and professional librarians always ready to provide personalized support.

Hobbies outside of work:
The teachings of yoga are the principals by which I live. I became a certified yoga instructor for adults in 2007 in San Juan, Puerto Rico but have been practicing since 2004. Every chance I have, I stand on my head to look at life from a different perspective. I love hiking, going to the beach (I live four blocks from it), and spending time with family, especially my 92 year-old Grandma, who in the 1970’s graduated with the first class of Master’s of Library Science at the University of Puerto Rico.

Favourite food:
Although I am 85% vegetarian because it is healthier, my favorite food is a traditional dish from Puerto Rico: rice and beans cooked with ham, fried sweet plantains, and breaded chicken cutlet.

Favourite book:
I have many:
• Anything written by Puerto Rican authors Esmeralda Santiago and Rosario Ferré.
• The book that saved my life, *Eat to Live* by Joel Fuhrman. It taught me how to understand the basics on eating healthy and identify the most nutritional foods.

I recently discovered at the Art Museum of Puerto Rico, *Fiesta en Puerto Rico* by Paola Nogueras and Tere Dávila, a book of photographs of the folkloric celebrations that define Puerto Rican popular culture. It reminds me why I moved back home almost five years ago.

Is there anything else you would like SALIS colleagues to know about you?
I have been accepted into my first Poster Session at the American Public Health Association 139th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. in October 2011. In collaboration with Dr. Elba Diaz-Toro from the Comprehensive Cancer Center of Puerto Rico and the School of Dental Medicine at the University of Puerto Rico we will describe the first Health profile of a convenience sample of LGBT communities: Findings from the community-base groups LGBT health initiative survey of Puerto Rico from November 2009 to March 2011.

Annie Singer Changing Gears

Anne aka Annie Singer, editor of the newsletter, *Elisad Journal*, is retiring and about to embark on another chapter, to write about her life. Annie has worked tirelessly for many years to promote the Elisad organization, not only through the newsletter but as a Board member, and with many other Elisad projects. Congratulations to you, Annie!
New Books
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White, Helene Raskin and David L. Rabiner (eds.). *College Drinking and Drug Use.* Guilford Press, 2011. 304 p. $55.00 ISBN 9781606239957 (hardcover)


Journal of Addiction Research and Therapy. The Journal of Addiction Research and Therapy (JART) (ISSN: 2155-6105) is an open-access, international, peer-reviewed journal publishing an overview of human research on substance abuse which includes contents geared towards behavioral, psychological, genetic, neurobiological, and pharmacological aspects. It is published as an open access journal with the aim of advancing our understanding of the action of drugs and their addictive processes, diagnosis, harmful effects as well as assist in prevention and treatments of addiction. Authors are charged a publication fee (based on a sliding scale) to cover the costs of peer reviewing and publishing their articles in order to make their article available to the public at no cost. Features of this journal include an audio version of articles and a language translator. [http://omicsonline.org/JARThome.php](http://omicsonline.org/JARThome.php)

NIDA’s Journal Moves to Biomed Central. NIDA’s award-winning peer-reviewed journal Addiction Science & Clinical Practice (AS&CP) has been acquired by Biomed Central, a large science, technology, and medicine publisher that pioneered the open-access model. In this model, authors pay a fee to cover the costs of peer reviewing and publishing their articles in order to make their article available to the public for free; the author charge will be waived during the transition from NIDA to Biomed Central. At its new home, the journal will continue to be freely available on the web, but will no longer appear in a print edition. Issues previously published under NIDA’s administration are not listed on the new website – hopefully, that will change so that all volumes can be found in one place. For now, find the older issues online on the NIDA website: [http://www.nida.nih.gov/ascp/](http://www.nida.nih.gov/ascp/) New journal home: [http://www.ascpjournal.org/](http://www.ascpjournal.org/)

Member News from Idaho RADAR Center

Georgia Girvan, Director of the Idaho RADAR Center, has retired. SALIS sends Good Wishes and Happy Trails!

The Idaho RADAR Center has a new director, Teri Carri- gan, who was hired to fill the position opened by the retire- ment of Georgia Girvan on August 1, 2011.

Teri comes to the center with eight years of experience in administering HIV prevention programs for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. Prior to her HIV preven- tion work, she was a case manager at the Boise Outpatient Metham- phetamine Treatment Clinic in Boise, ID. She has also done freelance work for educational textbook publishing companies writing and editing test banks. She has a Master’s degree in Biopsychology from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, IL. Georgia has left Teri with a wonderful staff and she looks forward to working with them to provide Idahoans with alcohol, drug, and tobacco resources.

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