From the New SALIS Chair:
Christine Goodair

Following my previous piece in SALIS News, I am pleased to write now as the Chair of SALIS, an organisation of nearly 35 years standing. I have recently returned home, to the UK, from the SALIS Annual Meeting, held at the University of Nevada and excellently organised and hosted by Stephanie Asteriadis and Marie Tully, our thanks to them.

The meeting comprised of both business and presentations on the theme of Stepping out of Our Silos; the presentations will be available in the Members Only section of the website soon.

As to business, there have been changes on the Board, and we thank those whose term has just finished for the work undertaken, as well as those who will be serving on the board over the next year.

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SALIS 2012: Reflections on Stepping Out of Our Silos
Reno, Nevada, May 22-25, 2012
Stephanie Asteriadis & Marie Tully, Conference Hosts

In many respects, the SALIS Conference held May 22-25 in Reno, Nevada more than lived up to all expectations. The weather cooperated: it did not snow in May this year. The campus venue was comfortable and convenient, with spectacular panoramic views of the surrounding Sierra Nevada mountain range. The nearby conference hotel provided quality accommodations at the most economic rates imaginable, and food at the opening reception was superb. The networking and sharing was incomparable and we missed those who were not able to attend.

Most importantly, the speakers were relevant, with a wide range of topics and exciting new information. The quality of presentations this year was
Editor’s Winter Note
Andrea Mitchell, SALIS News editor

It is with humblest apology that this latest issue of SALIS News is delivered. I lost my youngest brother this summer after his long struggle with bone cancer. It took everything out of me, and work was too difficult most days.

But finally, here is a double issue for both the Summer and Fall editions. As per our usual Summer issue you will find the SALIS 2012 conference material, including a piece from the new SALIS chair, Christine Goodair; an overview of the conference by hosts Stephanie Asteriadias and Marie Tully; Board and Business meeting highlights; and SIG and Committee Reports. In addition, Sheila LaCroix presents her poster, presented at the 2012 Canadian Health Libraries Association conference, concerning the advocacy committee’s work on increasing awareness of ATOD library closures and the importance of digitization. As you may remember from a message to SALIS-L, the editorial by the committee was published online in June by Addiction, and in print in their August issue. See: Collective Amnesia: Reversing the Global Epidemic of Addiction Library Closures. Further contributions include the News from Canada, Grey Literature from Europe, Member News, and New Books.

Please mark your calendar for the SALIS 2013 conference in Berkeley at the Berkeley City Club April 30-May 3! Note that room reservations for the club must be made by Feb 28th in order to get the great discounted $90 rate which includes continental breakfast. The BCC is an historical building designed by Julia Morgan and built in 1924. Very different from our usual hotel type venue! But for those who would rather stay in a more traditional hotel, the Hotel Shattuck is also available. Both are close to Bart stations and downtown Berkeley, as well as the Gourmet Ghetto. Shattuck’s rate is not fixed, but is estimated to be around $145.00 next spring. More on this at the SALIS conference website. The theme of the conference is Progressive Bridges: Changing the Landscape, with a call for papers coming the first of the year. If you’d like to join the conference team, please let me know!

Finally, SALIS is undertaking a big project with the Internet Archive (IA) to digitize ATOD books. Beginning in January, SALIS Home will be inviting members to submit lists of duplicate books you are willing to donate for digitization by IA. The books will be available for borrowing or browsing for anyone in the world through the IA’s Open Library. Be aware that the books can still be in copyright. Look for more about this in the Advocacy Committee report on page 9, and be sure to register and peruse the Open Library.

As to the future, much was discussed at the board and committee meetings, including ways of better marketing SALIS to help increase membership; continued development of the website, including updates in Resources; future strategic plans; news from Elisad; and more about the Open Library digitization project. More about the conference can be found in this issue of SALIS News, along with the reports from the committees and special interest groups.

You may recall from the Winter issue of SALIS News that I wrote about my plan to prepare a resource on Drugs in Sport. This has been completed and I thank those of you who contributed to it. The resource is now available on the SALIS website and I encourage you to share with anyone who may find it useful. I am sure that this will, no doubt, be a topic in the media with the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics taking place in London over the summer.

In fact as I write this today, June 6th, there have been news items about FIFA football’s governing body statement that international players are using so much pain medication in tournaments, it constitutes “abuse”. FIFA’s chief medical officer, Dr. Jiri Dvorak, told the BBC that almost 40% of players at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa were taking painkillers prior to every game. The revelation has raised concerns about players’ long-term health and Dr. Dvorak urged football to wake up to scale of the problem.

Returning to SALIS website resources, I believe that one way of enabling the wider public to appreciate the values of the skills within our organization and the information / library sector is to make our member-developed resources more widely known and create more on topics of general interest. So, if any of you are preparing resource lists or have any that you have done that could be made available on the SALIS website, please let me know at cgoodair@sgul.ac.uk.
incredible, and included perspectives on ATOD library history, use of library skills in non-information settings, technological solutions to budget cuts and other library issues, use of a library GIS program, topics of marketing, outreach and re-branding, and several presentations on collaborative efforts with new partners in light of ongoing healthcare reform and the integration of substance abuse, mental health and behavioral health. We used technology to enable the SALIS RADAR SIG members to engage in a dialogue with SAMHSA via conference call and Power-Point, and even provided free attendance at a pre-conference workshop thanks to our own Mountain West Addiction Technology Transfer Center.

Many attendees took advantage of local attractions and activities to get a taste of the Reno area “culture,” including an outing to a Reno Aces baseball game. As an aside, on September 18th, the Reno Aces became the Pacific Coast League AAA Champions!

One important point I would like to make is considering hosting a future SALIS Conference is that each SALIS member has unique local talent and experts with valuable perspectives and information to share about their programs, fields and disciplines. The warm reception received by presenters from Nevada’s local and state programs and initiatives from conference attendees far exceeded our expectations and serves as a reminder to all of us to recognize and share our local talent with others. A partial list of presentations by our Nevada colleagues and partners included:

- A panel discussion describing Nevada’s community prevention coalition structure, covering every county in the state, that described a Statewide Coalition Partnership serving local needs in urban, rural and tribal locations as well as collaborating to create and disseminate messages using multiple social media.

- A local and statewide program called the “TEXTTODAY” program recently piloted by Nevada’s Crisis Call Center. This unique program bridges the barriers of traditional helplines in reaching out to help-seeking youth through text messaging. Evaluation results show that this approach is effective and has great potential in addressing numerous substance abuse, mental or behavioral health outreach and service gap issues.

- A very valuable and eye-opening look into the “invisible” issue of problem gambling from one of our own Reno colleagues who is a nationally renowned pioneer in the field of problem gambling.

- A presentation on shared risk and protective factors as a framework for aligning substance abuse prevention and mental health promotion, by members of the Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies Central Resource Team. Their remarkable prevention perspective prompted enthusiastic comments from traditional library trained attendees, who found the information quite valuable.

- A tour of the University of Nevada, Reno’s new Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center which was “Super!!!!” in the words of one attendee. An incredible resource, the “KC,” as it is known on campus, is an innovative environment combining traditional library resources with new digital and multimedia technologies. Tour-goers were particularly fascinated by the MARS automated retrieval system, able to store less-frequently circulated books from a “behind the scenes and out of the stacks” storage system. The process of request, retrieval and availability of an item at the circulation desk takes about 5-10 minutes.

To sum up: the conference was full and informative and the participants’ engagement and enthusiasm resulted in the networking and sharing that is so important to keep our work current and effective.

From here in Reno, our heartfelt thanks to our department staff and colleagues at the Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) and at UNR, our state agency, our colleagues in Nevada and from afar who gave so freely of their knowledge in their presentations, the invaluable assistance from SALIS Home and Board and, especially, to the conference attendees. Without everyone’s participation, not only the conference, but the collective knowledge and experience of our field would be lost. For those who missed the conference, please consider ways to attend or participate in the 2013 conference in some way, through the use of technology or shared expertise or assisting with preparations. We must find ways to keep the conference and SALIS going and this specialized field active and its voice contributing to the conversation as we transition into integrated healthcare and all of the challenges of the future.
Photos from the 2012 SALIS Conference in Reno, NV

Barb Weiner and Jorunn Moen discussing the conference while enjoying the view.

One of our hosts, Marie Tully.

The solar eclipse that kicked off the conference.

Judit Ward discussing her poster about new technologies used at Rutgers Center for Alcohol Studies.

Reno Aces baseball game attendees! Looking cold but happy!

New member Jennifer Velotta talks about her poster on the use of Pinterest as a marketing tool for the ADAI Clearinghouse at the University of Washington.

Judit Ward, Dan Lawrence, and Ed Gregory at the Reception (at left).
Overview
At this year’s meeting, the SALIS Executive Board discussed several salient topics including: the publication in *Addiction*, June 2012, of the editorial from SALIS entitled, “Collective amnesia: reversing the global epidemic of addiction library closures”; The SALIS-Internet Archive digital library project, an opportunity to digitize at least 500 ATOD books, which will be available through the IA’s Open Library; strategic planning for SALIS and the SALIS board; membership categories and forms of support; PR for the organization; and budgetary issues.

Treasurer’s Report – Andrea Mitchell for Treasurer
Laurie Krom
The current balances for SALIS looked great as of the end of March, but this is deceptive for several reasons. One reason is because SALIS memberships for 2012 are down by more than 10% so far from 2011. Also, NIDA was not able to give any support for the annual conference scholarship funds as they have done in the past. (They could only support 1 conference nationally.) With the situation regarding NIDA, CDC was contacted for support, but they were unable to provide anything this year. As a result, compared to last year, we are having to underwrite more of the conference expenses. With the combination of membership drop, lower attendance at the annual conference and less conference support than previous years, we are facing a loss of revenue which normally help to support the organization. Our exhibit income was half of what we raised in 2011. Amazon, Hazelden and Barnes & Noble Book Affiliates continue to bring in revenues, though not so much this year. Back in 2005 we went through a major crisis but were able to bounce back. We need to increase membership and conference attendance for next year. Following the conference we will have a better understanding of just how much we took in, and will know better our financial situation for the rest of the year.

Matters Arising
Regarding membership, thus far in 2012 SALIS has nine fewer members than in 2011. At the same time we also have new lower membership rates for retirees and the unemployed. The board discussed the need to raise the regular Full membership fee since it has not been raised since 2003, when it was changed from $75.00 to $100.00. With the constancy of the membership rate and yet the increases in most other costs for the organization, SALIS will not be able to sustain itself without an increase.

An increase in operating costs is pressing the question of raising fees. The Institute for Scientific Analysis, has given SALIS use of an office for four years, complete with furniture, IT support, and a photo-copier and FAX machine. They now are asking SALIS to contribute rent to afford this space. It is a still only a portion of the total amount, but does mean we will now have an extra expense.

Among the ideas for how to raise money was creating webinars on topics related to the field. Board members pointed out the benefits of membership, including participation in the SALIS list-serv and the conference. Board members also pointed out the benefits to SALIS of presenting and participating in other library conferences and AOD meetings, as a way of both promoting SALIS and possibly recruiting new members. Examples of this were the attendance and presentations by SALIS members at the Canadian Health Libraries Association, Medical Libraries Association and the International Society of Addiction Journal Editors. Other ideas related to recruitment included developing a SALIS “elevator speech,” a generic SALIS presentation that could be used by members and also posted on our website.

Last year’s Executive Board Meeting highlights stated, “it is time to create another five year plan.” Well, this year the board discussed both strategic planning in general and themes that could be the focus of the planning. Marketing was one such theme: who we are, whom we serve, and what the benefits are for them. Board members discussed possible expansion of the SALIS focus to include to a larger extent the integration of mental, emotional and behavioral health under the heading of public health. Our role could be to guide people through webinars or webcasts highlighting the emergence of new research and new approaches. Another idea is to promote SALIS members and their creative production by posting announcements of, or links to, products and publications or presentations created by SALIS members for sharing among members and to give them greater exposure and bring more people to our website.

Home Report – Andrea
In addition to the information already mentioned concerning the SALIS Home Office operations, Andrea reported that SALIS had 83 full members in 2012 vs. 92 in 2011. There are 10 ELISAD members vs. 8 in 2011. Current ELISAD members are from Belgium, France, Greece, Italy (2), Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom. SALIS has 56 members from the USA vs. 67 last year and 63 in 2010. US membership has fallen off. Australia gained 1 (5 vs. 4 in 2011) and we have 1 new member from Greece. We have 7 new members vs. 6 new members added in 2011. We now have 3 retired and 1 unemployed (new membership categories). We do not currently have any associate or institutional/sponsor members. Andrea suggested adding a question to the membership sign-up form asking new members how they found out about SALIS.

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Other Financial Issues
Taxes have been filed. No new contracts since the ATTC
time of last year. Two scholarships were awarded to Laura
Durham, Tennessee Association of Alcohol & Drug Abuse
Services (TAADAS) and Dottie Blackwell, Idaho RADAR
and Routledge provided conference sponsorships and we
had seven exhibitors. In the discussion regarding our book
affiliates, Amazon, Hazelden and Barnes & Noble, it was
noticed by Dan Lawrence that there seemed to be a dis-
crepancy in the amount of monies received from Barnes &
Noble. Meg Brunner and Dan will look into this.

Conference 2013.
Andrea Mitchell, Tom Colhurst, and Julie Murphy will
host the 2013 Conference in Berkeley, CA. Andrea has
made contact with Berkeley City Club (BCC) where room
rates are between $90 and $110 per night. They have 35
rooms. Hotel Durant is another option [editor’s note: Ho-
etel Shattuck Plaza ended up being our alternate hotel].
Andrea is sending a proposal. Board members remembered liking the Berkeley City Club when we last held a
conference there in 2004.

Elisad Update – Christine Goodair
Chris reported that Elisad’s main concerns are common to
us all: marketing, membership, etc., despite language dif-
fences. This year the annual meeting will be in Arrezzo,
Italy, and the theme is Documentation on Addictions for
Research: Opportunities and Risk. It will focus on how to
develop systems that will help people better use knowledge
and will look at the philosophy behind information and
how relationships are built. The conference also aims to
examine evidence-based methods and how people enhance
their skills. Attending would be an opportunity to experi-
ence the old and genuine Europe.

Focus for next 12 months - Strategic Planning
The Board discussed how to go about doing strategic plan-
ing. Several ideas were proposed of possible consultants
who could be engaged, who would help us look at who we
are, what we do, and who we serve. Does SALIS as an
organization need to look at that? Just in 15 years there
have been huge changes. The last time SALIS created a
Strategic Plan was in 2007. Andrea said that, yes, now s is
the time to do it. Many goals were set at 2007’s meeting,
and these goals have been met. Jorunn pointed out that we
should do an evaluation of the last strategic planning pro-
cess before embarking on another one. Meg suggested we
could add it to the conference and make one of the days be
the regular board meeting, so it would be only one extra
day. Andrea suggested that there could well be people in
the Bay area who could do this for us, too. Stephanie
pointed out that pre-planning would be helpful, giving us a
set of things to think about ahead of time to make it go
more fluidly. We need to think about our goal. Budget
aspects were discussed. It was agreed to proceed with Stra-
tegic Planning as an agenda item for the next Board confer-
ce call in Fall 2012.

HIGHLIGHTS:
Business Meetings
2012 SALIS Conference

Business Meeting: Part One:

Jorunn welcomed the conference participants.

Minutes of the May 4 and May 6, 2011 SALIS Conference,
President Hotel, Kansas City, were approved. The upcom-
ing 2013 Conference was discussed (see details in Board
Highlights).

Treasurer’s report (See Board Highlights)

SALIS Home Report (See Board Highlights)

Discussion concerning the need to raise membership fees
addressed the fact that membership fees have not increased
in the past ten years, as well as the current pressures to
increase SALIS revenues for the organization’s financial
health. Considerable discussion sought to gain feedback
from SALIS conference attendees about their opinions
regarding this issue. Did they see this as reasonable, af-
fordable, etc. Consensus among attendees seemed to favor
an increase.

Business Meeting: Part Two

SALIS Chair, Jorunn Moen, expressed her deep apprecia-
tion for the opportunity to participate in SALIS, to make
many friends and learn a great deal through her associa-
tions with SALIS members and attendance at SALIS con-
ferences. She regrets not being able to continue as a mem-
ber due to policy changes at her place of employment, and
she wished SALIS and all its members well.

Elections for New Officers Results: Chair Elect, Jane
Shelling, Manager, National Drugs Sector Information
Service, Australia; Treasurer, Karen Palmer, Collections
Manager, Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA);
Member-At-Large, Deann Jepson, MS, Project Manager
and Workforce Development Specialist, Addiction Tech-
nology Transfer Center (ATTC) National Office; Member-
At-Large, Marie Tully, Associate Project Coordinator, Ne-
vada Prevention Resource Center.

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Members & Outreach Committee Report

Meg Brunner, Member; ADAI, Univ. of WA

The Membership and Outreach Committee (MOC) is chaired by Diane van Abbe of the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit and supported by members Julie Murphy (PIRE), David Man (CASA), Meg Brunner (ADAI), and Eric Helmuth (JTO/PDFA).

The MOC tackles issues such as membership recruitment, participation, and retention in an effort to keep SALIS strong. Through “outreach,” we contact and communicate with other organizations that share goals similar to those of SALIS, to make them more aware of our goals and achievements, etc. We also prepare the Member’s Corner profiles published in each issue of SALIS News.

Between 2011 and 2012, the MOC lost several members, with two others working reduced hours, making it difficult for the committee to do as much outreach work as it might like to. We are seeking new members -- and a new committee chair, as Diane will be stepping down after the 2013 SALIS conference, and encourage anybody interested in helping to strengthen our organization to get in touch with us!

SALIS membership dropped in 2012 by 11 members, and though the MOC contacted everyone who didn’t renew to ask why, in several cases, we received no reply, suggesting perhaps that members had changed jobs, rather than merely lost interest. 2012 also marked the launch of a few new types of SALIS memberships, including reduced fees for retirees and students.

The MOC, in collaboration with the Technology Committee, is actively engaged in promoting SALIS through social media on the internet with pages maintained on LinkedIn, Facebook, and (in the future) Wikipedia. With regard to the LinkedIn SALIS page, the Executive Board is currently discussing whether or not to open the group up to the broader public, instead of keeping it for members-only. We are hoping to have an official response from the board with their decision on that within the next month or two. In the meantime, we urge SALIS members to join, visit, or post comments on the LinkedIn group page here: http://bit.ly/salislinkedin. The group doesn’t get much activity, and has mostly served as more of a static advertisement for SALIS than a discussion board (our listserv, SALIS-L, being a much more user-friendly platform for conversations).

Our Facebook page has 166 people who “like us” (an increase of about 40 since last year) and can be found here: http://www.facebook.com/salis.org

It has also been resolved that MOC will work closely with the Technology Committee to continue moving forward with the SALIS Wikipedia page. Our sister organization in Europe, Elisad, has successfully published their entry on Wikipedia, and we should be able to use their write-up as a guide in developing our own.

Additional future MOC plans include: continued outreach to US and Canadian substance abuse organizations to spread the word about SALIS and look for new members; identifying and contacting foreign organizations who may find SALIS membership useful; contacting members or organizations who used to be represented in SALIS but discontinued years ago, in case they would be interested in returning to the fold; investigating options for member “sponsorships” of new members, especially those overseas; emailing SALIS-L to look for and encourage new members of our committee!

The MOC is also considering contacting all existing SALIS members to see what other organizations they are aware of that share some of the aims and objectives of SALIS. Once identified, the MOC will endeavor to reach out to such organizations in an effort to share resources and make those organizations’ members aware of SALIS in the hope of recruiting such members. If you are interested in helping out, please contact committee chair Diane Van Abbe (diane_vanabbe@camh.net)! □
Technology Committee Report
Nancy Sutherland, Chair
Meg Brunner, Co-Chair
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute, Univ. of WA

The SALIS Information Technology Committee advises the organization on the SALIS website 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.

Accomplishments in 2011-2012 began with continued updates to the SALIS Facebook page, which now has 191 “Likes” (up from 128 in last year’s conference report). An average of 60 people see each post made on the SALIS Facebook page. Additionally, SALIS created a YouTube page this year, using it to launch a video promoting the benefits of membership in SALIS. “Meet SALIS” combines interviews with several SALIS members who attended the 2011 SALIS Conference in Kansas City. The video, produced by Tech Committee member Meg Brunner, premiered at the conference in Reno and has been viewed 145 times since it was posted on YouTube on May 23, 2012. Watch it at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-sk0fVZqD0o

At the 2012 SALIS conference in Reno, the Tech Committee discussed potential updates and improvements to the SALIS website, including a redesign for the membership page, and the addition of new member-created resources. Immediately following the conference, a “Member-Developed Resources” section was added to the Resources page of the SALIS site, with the first item contributed by Christine Goodair, a SALIS Info Brief entitled “Drugs in Sport.” The committee encourages SALIS members to submit similar, topical resources of appeal to the general ATOD community for inclusion in this new section!

We continued plans for a SALIS page in Wikipedia, with an offer of help from Christine based on her experience with the Wikipedia page for Elisad.

The committee also discussed its role in SALIS’s Digitization Project, in which SALIS members have been invited to submit (at no cost!) up to ten books each to the Internet Archive’s Open Library for the development of more substance abuse books in the Open Library. Open Library: http://openlibrary.org/

Since the conference, the Technology Committee has been working to create an online tracking database that can be used to collect information from each member organization about which books they will be able to submit for the project, helping to track submissions and prevent overlap.

Bishop Library for Sale!
Charlie Bishop
The Bishop of Books

Pass it on! My library of 320+ books is for sale!

Included also are over four or five huge file drawers (25”long x 12” x 9” each) full of ephemera, papers, magazines, and other loose material on over 100 topics including AA, God, Pioneers, 13 years of A.A History Calendars material, a dozen years of 12-Step Workshops, sponsors, pigeons, correspondence, important original and copied pamphlets, illustrated material, professional treatment stuff, IRETA (a board members for 10 years), spirituality, other 12-Step Fellowships, tons of history, and more.

Forty-one of the books are inscribed or signed by noteworthy authors who wrote about A.A. or alcoholism. First editions in the collection number 163, and over 255 books deal directly with AA or alcoholism; 17 with drugs other than alcohol; 9 about All Addicts Anonymous; 6 DVDs about AA/alcoholics; 6 by Abe Twerski, Gateway founder; and 2 older sets of 4 vols. each about biology/history of alcoholism.

Duplicates were not counted in the totals. There are NO A.A. Big Book first editions.

If you are interested in purchasing the Bishop of Books’ Library, please contact Charlie Bishop at bishopopbk@comcast.net. For more information about the Bishop Library, visit it online: http://www.thebishopofbooks.com/
Advocacy Committee Report
Andrea Mitchell, Chair

Committee Members: Christine Goodair, Clare Imholtz, Sheila Lacroix, Andrea Mitchell, Nancy Sutherland, Barbara Weiner

Editorial on Library Closures Published in Addiction

The committee’s primary focus this year was finishing an editorial on library closures, accepted for publication by Addiction. The title of the editorial is Collective Amnesia: Reversing the Global Epidemic of Addiction Library Closures; it is available free on the web at: http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1360-0443.2012.03813.x/pdf. A press release went out on the day of the editorial’s online release, and, in addition, two other journals have said they will reprint it.

To further awareness, two of the committee members prepared presentations on the work of the committee in response to the loss of libraries. Andrea presented Reflections of Alexandria in the Alcohol and Other Drug Field, at the Association of Population Studies Librarians in early May, 2012, and Sheila presented a poster entitled, Working to Reverse the Global Epidemic of Addiction Library Closures: A Tale of 5 Librarians to the Canadian Health Libraries Association in June 2012 (the poster is included in this issue of SALIS News).

An Initiative for Digitization

A new initiative of the Advocacy Committee was presented to the SALIS board for consideration. In following the recommendations made in the editorial, the committee is proposing a new project to enlist SALIS members in an effort to get AOD books digitized and available for FREE borrowing through the Open Library of the Internet Archive. This would be a first step in developing a digital archive of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs books. The Internet Archive not only has the specialized equipment and expertise to do the digitization, but they also have the funds and an endowment to keep it going. A special program they are offering now allows libraries to send up to ten books to be digitized for free, then made available for lending. If you put a book plate in the book with your library name, that too will be digitized, and your library will then be noted as a participating library by the person borrowing the book.

The Internet Archive's Open Library lending program, http://openlibrary.org/borrow, now has over 1,000 contributing libraries.

RADAR SIG Report
Stephanie Asteriadis, Chair
University of Nevada, Reno

The SALIS RADAR SIG Meeting was held by conference call on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 11:30am. Prior to the meeting a list of questions was distributed to the National Resource Center e-mail list members to guide the meeting discussion. The questions posed were:

- What is the biggest issue you face?
- What is working for you?
- What is not working for you?
- What is something you would like to have changed?

Here's something for SALIS to get involved in. If every SALIS member library would send 10 books to the SALIS Home Office, they will then be delivered to the IA for digitization, and the digital copy will be made available for borrowing, or reading from the Open Library.

So if you have an extra copy of a book you know would be important for someone in the AOD field, would you consider donating it to the Internet Archive? You'd have to pay the postage. But they will digitize that book for FREE and make it a part of their Open Library Lending Program. It will be catalogued, and you can contribute to the tagging in the Open Library.

If each of the libraries who are represented by SALIS members were to contribute ten books, that would be nearly 800 items digitized and available for lending. Oh, and a very important fact: these can be books which are still under copyright! As long as the Internet Archive's Open Library owns a physical copy, it can legally loan the digital version. The Internet Archive’s goal is to have a web page for every book ever published. What a goal! What a library! Let's get involved!

For more on this see: the Brewster Kahle Video and read All 50 State Librarians Vote to Form Alliance with the Internet Archive's Open Library: http://ala-publishing.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0xOTE1NzM4JnA9MSZ1PTEwMjY2MzU1ODYmbGk9ODk1MTY2MQ/index.html.
Alcohol

SIPS Study Findings on Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention reports on the outcomes of Screening and Intervention Programme for Sensible Drinking (SIPS), the largest multi-site alcohol screening and brief intervention (SBI) study ever conducted in the UK. SIPS consisted of randomized controlled trials of different methods of SBI in 3 settings: emergency departments, primary care, and probation services. The goal of the study was to evaluate the effectiveness and feasibility of different methods of alcohol SBI in the typical practice setting. http://sips.iop.kcl.ac.uk.

consumption,-harm-and-policy-approaches

The Government’s Alcohol Strategy sets out the UK Government proposals to deal with the “binge drinking” culture, reduce alcohol-fuelled violence and disorder, and cut the number of people drinking to damaging levels. http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/alcohol-drugs/alcohol/alcohol-strategy

Drugs

UK National Problem Profile Commercial Cultivation of Cannabis 2012, from the Association of Chief Police Officers, discusses the continuing cultivation of cannabis as a significant risk to the UK. http://www.acpo.police.uk/documents/crime/2012/20120430CBACCoFCPP.pdf


New Heroin-Assisted Treatment. In this latest EMCDDA Insights report, findings from international trials now suggest that the supervised use of medicinal heroin can be an
effective second-line. The report provides the first state-of-the-art overview of research on the subject, examining the latest evidence and clinical experience in this area in Europe and beyond. http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/insights/heroin-assisted-treatment

Charting New Waters: Delivering Drug Policy at a Time of Radical Reform and Financial Austerity. The UK Drug Policy Commission gives the results of their 14-month study on the government’s public service reforms (including NHS reforms, Police Commissioners and payment by results), and how the combination of these with financial austerity could affect services related to illicit drug use. http://www.ukdpc.org.uk/publication/charting-new-waters/

Human Enhancement Drugs: The Emerging Challenges to Public Health. Public health faces a new kind of drug problem with the growing prevalence of so-called “enhancement drugs” that have the potential to improve human attributes and abilities. People are seeking out enhancement drugs in a quest to improve their bodies and minds—to look younger and more beautiful, to be stronger, happier and more intelligent. These types of drugs share a few similarities with recreational or addictive drugs—such as heroin, cocaine, ecstasy and “legal highs,” and users are often unaware of the considerable harms of these drugs. http://www.cph.org.uk/showPublication.aspx?pubid=784

Consideration of Naloxone. Findings from The Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) on whether naloxone should be more widely available in the UK. http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/agencies-public-bodies/acmd1/consideration-of-naloxone?view=Standard&pubID=1026509

Drug-Related Deaths and Deaths among Drug Users in Ireland: 2009 Figures from the National Drug-Related Deaths Index. Presents figures from the National Drug-Related Deaths Index (NDRDI) on deaths due to poisoning by alcohol and/ or other drugs, and deaths among drug users, during the period 2004–2009. Alcohol-only poisonings have been retrospectively recorded by the NDRDI from 2004 onwards and are included in this update. The figures in this update supersede all previously published figures. http://www.hrb.ie/health-information-in-house-research/alcohol-drugs/publications/adru-publication/publications/566/

British Association for Psychopharmacology (BAP) Updated Guidelines: Evidence-Based Guidelines for the Pharmacological Management of Substance Abuse, Harmful Use, Addiction and Comorbidity: Recommendations from BAP. These guidelines primarily cover the pharmacological management of withdrawal, short- and long-term substitution, maintenance of abstinence and prevention of complications, where appropriate, for substance abuse or harmful use or addiction as well management in pregnancy, comorbidity with psychiatric disorders and in younger and older people. http://jop.sagepub.com/content/early/2012/05/15/0269881112444324.full.pdf

Tobacco

Very Brief Advice on Secondhand Smoke: Promoting Smokefree Homes and Cars. This free training module, by the National Centre for Smoking Cessation Training, was developed for anyone who comes into contact with smokers and their families. Short film clips demonstrate possible interactions with families, building knowledge and skills to deliver the intervention, along with information on the harms caused by second-hand smoke. http://www.ncsct.co.uk/SHS


Other Media

Who is Working in Drug Abuse Prevention? Mentor International has set up an online database of organisations and individuals working in drug abuse prevention. It is part of their Drug Prevention Hub, an online initiative that aims to bring the drug abuse prevention family closer together through sharing news, research, publications, resources, events and organisations from the field of drug prevention. http://research.mentorfoundation.org/organisations

A-Z Good Practice in Homeless Hostels. A short film on You Tube that gives examples of good practice in the UK when providing hostel accommodation for homeless drug users. The examples are based on the findings of a research study undertaken at Oxford Brookes University, where researchers asked homeless drug users about their experiences of hostel living. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9OZRWKADiU&feature=youtu.be
News From Canada
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Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA)

CCSA Helps Development of International Prevention Standards
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The Canadian Standards Portfolio, part of a CCSA-led Drug Prevention Strategy for Canada’s Youth, has initiated a global cooperation effort to develop the first-ever set of International Prevention Standards.

Along with comprehensive tools produced by the United States and the European Union, Canada’s Standards Portfolio will help inform the design of international standards to improve the quality of prevention programs around the world, ensuring that they are based on the best evidence available.

Current research suggests that prevention programs are an effective first line of defense in preventing and reducing substance use and abuse. Yet globally, many countries do not have the capacity or the infrastructure to develop and implement such strategies. As a national leader with a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the area of substance abuse, and through its involvement with an International Standards Working Group (ISWG), CCSA now has an opportunity to contribute to developing the first-ever global standards for substance abuse prevention.

When completed, the International Prevention Standards will be a useful ‘road map’ to guide governments in the adaptation of prevention initiatives. The Standards will also be a valuable instrument for individuals and organizations with limited resources that want to implement prevention initiatives at the grassroots level.

The ISWG, which has already held two planning meetings in Washington and Lisbon this past year, is comprised of subject matter experts on prevention from key national and international organizations, including but not limited to CCSA, CICAD, UNODC, WHO, EMCDDA and John Moores Liverpool University. With support from CICAD and the UNODC secured, and backing received from major stakeholders in the substance abuse field, several technical expert group meetings are scheduled for 2012.

Competencies proving to be valuable resource
David Venn, Communications Advisor, CCSA

In February 2010, CCSA released its Competencies for Canada’s Substance Abuse Workforce, an evidence-based framework to help individuals and organizations ensure consistent quality of service delivery and care within the substance abuse field.

To date, the Competencies are being used by organizations across Canada as a capacity-building and human resource tool, and have been adapted to enhance existing substance abuse workforce policies and practice. To help organizations and individuals apply the Competencies, a Competencies Implementation Checklist has been developed that provides step-by-step instructions, as well as tools and tips to assist organizations with implementing the Competencies. In addition, a series of seven Competencies Impact Videos focuses on how others have begun to integrate the Competencies and shares lessons learned along the way. During the past two years, the Competencies have proved to be a valuable resource for organizations working at both the local and national level.

For more information about the Competencies for Canada’s Substance Abuse Workforce visit http://www.cnsaap.ca/Pages/index.aspx. ◘

Have You Read?

The Internet Book of Life: Using the Web to Grow Richer, Smarter, Healthier, and Happier
Irene E. McDermott

This comprehensive guide offers an easy shortcut to all the websites, blogs, online tools, and mobile phone apps that help real people make wise decisions in many aspects of modern living. Each chapter addresses real-life family dilemmas such as how to fix a car, how to find the best price for household items, and even how to find a clinical trial that might save a life, with sections focusing on relationships, parenting, money, home, amusements, and staying healthy and happy.

McDermott, a reference and systems librarian in California, and the author of Searcher magazines “Internet Express column,” focuses here on the “truly functional, rather than the trendy or obscure.” (M. Olsen, ALA “Endnotes,” 2011: http://www.ala.org/nmrt/sites/ala.org.nmrt/files/content/oversightgroups/comm/schres/endnotesvol2no1/review4-internetbookoflife.pdf). McDermott uses stories from her personal life to introduce topics or annotate the usefulness of a site, making the book feel more cohesive than similar, more “serious” works in the website review genre, making this a good choice for less-savvy computer users. ◘
A Review of D. McElrath’s

Making the Little Black Book

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Damian McElrath’s book, Making the Little Black Book: Inside the Working Manuscript of Twenty-Four Hours a Day, is a limited edition, elegant reproduction of the original working manuscript of Richmond Walker’s famous recovery staple, Twenty-Four Hours a Day, available from Hazelden (#4696, $50: http://bit.ly/salis_hazelden)

McElrath did a very good job on this book, destined to become a historical classic. AA historians will need to refer to Making the Little Black Book (and make footnotes to it in their own historical writings) for many generations to come. That means that any proper research library in AA history will need to own a copy of McElrath’s book while they are still available.

Why is this book so important? Richmond Walker was the second most-published early AA author, second only to Bill Wilson himself. There were periods in early AA when more AA members owned a copy of Walker’s Twenty-Four Hours a Day book (the 24 Hour Book, as it is commonly called) than owned a copy of The Big Book.

I had long had the feeling that on the matter of Richmond Walker’s work, there were untold riches contained in the Hazelden archives. I am delighted that this material will now be available to historians, along with materials from AA archives in Florida.

All of the pages of the 24 Hour Book are reprinted here, two per page. The images are reduced by 53%, but are still completely legible. You can see all of Rich’s typescript with his final revisions penciled in.

Also of interest is what Damian McElrath calls the “hidden text” (pp. 225 ff.). In some cases, Rich typed a new version of a reading, and taped it over the old text. McElrath has looked underneath and reproduced the text which was masked out, so we can read it again.

McElrath gives examples of the way in which Richmond Walker modified God Calling by Two Listeners to produce the text in small print at the bottom of each page of the 24 Hour Book. Based on the examples McElrath provides, it would be interesting if someone did an even more detailed study to see if there are patterns in the way Rich omitted some kinds of belief statements in God Calling and modified others.

The end of the book features reprinted copies of correspondence between Rich and Patrick Butler at Hazelden, plus some other short pieces Rich wrote on various topics.

At the beginning of the book, McElrath provides some interesting material on Richmond Walker's life. He notes (with agreement) some of the observations made earlier by Trysh Travis and myself, but adds a good deal of additional material uncovered in his own research.

In particular, he has found some important material concerning AA’s decision not to print the 24 Hour Book as official AA literature: at that time, many in AA believed that the New York AA office should only publish what they called "textbook" AA material, and they argued that the 24 Hour Book was not a "textbook" but was instead "religious" literature. Richmond Walker was very unhappy about that judgment, and argued that the 24 Hour Book was in no way a piece of "religious" literature. In Rich’s understanding, "religious" literature was literature that made heavy use of the very specific doctrines, dogmas, and symbols of one particular religion (Christianity, or Judaism, or Hinduism, or Buddhism) as opposed to literature that might talk about spiritual themes, but did so in a way that was not aimed at people of only one particular religion.

McElrath shows a photo of Rich’s own copy of The Big Book (dated May 23, 1942 inside the front cover), with another note at the front declaring his intention to write Twenty-Four Hours a Day: Based on Stanley Jones -- “The Way” -- E. Stanley Jones was a Methodist theologian who was strongly influenced by the world and beliefs of India.

But in fact, McElrath argues (and I agree with him) that the model which Rich eventually followed was that of another Methodist work, The Upper Room, the little book of daily readings (particularly beloved by Dr. Bob's wife Anne) which had been the most commonly used meditational book during AA's early years. In style, the 24 Hour Book is more or less the Upper Room without the mandatory one-sentence Bible verses inserted on every page.

Again, if you are an AA historian, this is an important book. If you are interested in what the early AA people themselves believed about God (as opposed to what the Oxford Group or the Christian Endeavor society believed) then Richmond Walker's life and background provide vital areas of study. He was a key spokesman for one large (and extremely successful) group who were spreading the message in early AA and producing the phenomenal growth of that period.

Members’ Corner
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How long have you been a member of SALIS?
I've been a member of SALIS for almost one year! A newbie.

What organization do you work for and what is your position?
I am the director of the Idaho RADAR Center located on the campus of Boise State University. We provide free alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention and treatment resources to Idahoans.

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?
It has helped me in my work. Even though I’m new to SALIS, I feel connected to those of you who share such great information and resources through the listserv and newsletter.

Hobbies outside of work:
Reading, gardening, and observing nature.

Favourite food:
I love ethnic foods. I'd have to say my favorite is Indian—palak paneer is one of my favorites.

Favourite book:
It's difficult to say I have a favorite book. My favorite authors are John Irving (A Prayer for Owen Meany) and Wayne Johnston (The Colony of Unrequited Dreams). My reading tastes are very eclectic and I have recently been enjoying historical fiction.

Is there anything else you would like SALIS colleagues to know about you?
In the future I want to add bird watching to my list of hobbies. Puffins are my favorite bird. My husband and I traveled to Newfoundland last year and saw nary a puffin. We were fogged in the whole time!

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How long have you been a member of SALIS?
Since I started working at the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba Library, in 2008.

What organization do you work for and what is your position?
I work for Addictions Foundation of Manitoba, the William Potoroka Memorial Library, the most comprehensive information source on substance use and misuse, gambling and related issues in Manitoba. I am mostly responsible for the collection development and cataloguing services.

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?
It helps me to keep current, offering up-to-date, reliable information on issues, trends and research in the addiction field. I greatly appreciate the cooperation and communication between members and different organizations. I have not attended any conferences, but I hope I will be able to attend SALIS conferences in the future.

Hobbies outside of work:
I love reading, cooking, being outdoors and spending time with my family and friends.

Favourite food:
Home-made soups.

Favourite book:
I love classic novels.

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Book thought for the day

There is not less wit nor less invention in applying rightly a thought one finds in a book, than in being the first author of that thought. -Pierre Bayle, philosopher and writer (1647-1706)
Alcohol Research: Current Reviews -- NI-AA’s Journal Gets New Name
NIAAA announced a name change for their peer-reviewed, scientific journal, formerly titled Alcohol Research and Health. Beginning with vol. 34 no. 3 (2012), the new name is Alcohol Research: Current Reviews. The basic content and focus will remain the same, with each issue focusing on one particular topic in alcohol research, and including reviews written by leaders in the field. In addition, NIAAA will enhance this content by including an introduction in each issue that provides a historical perspective on the topic as well as where this area of research might be headed in the future. Other new sections include a resources department, designed to provide scientists with tools they can tap for additional information.

MITRIP: Motivational Interviewing: Training, Research, Implementation, Practice
This new online journal from the organization Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT) will publish 2 issues per year (April and October) containing a variety of formal and informal articles pertaining to the practice and training of motivational interviewing, and activities of MINT.

The renamed journal will be published three times per year, and is available free online (PDF or e-book), or in print by paid subscription. Instructions on the NIAAA website for ordering a print subscription are somewhat misleading (bad link), so telephone credit card orders or fax order might be the best option. Find order information at: http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/journals-and-reports/alcohol-research/ordering.

Preventing Chronic Disease: Public Health Research, Practice, and Policy
Barb Weiner (Hazelden) alerted the SALIS list of this peer-reviewed electronic journal published by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The mission of Preventing Chronic Disease is to promote the open exchange of information and knowledge among researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and to more effectively improve the health of the population. Articles focus on preventing and controlling chronic diseases and conditions, promoting health, and examining the biological, behavioral, physical, and social determinants of health and their impact on quality of life, morbidity, and mortality across the life span. Substance abuse (including tobacco) is among the chronic conditions addressed in the journal. View the archive of issues free online, and subscribe to get email notice of new issues: http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/

Movie Night!
Two feature films of interest to those in the field have recently come out:

Bill W. This documentary about the co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous sold out in many of the cities in which screened last year. It’s now available for download or on DVD at: http://www.page124.com/

Addiction Incorporated. This major motion picture is about Dr. Victor DeNoble, a former research scientist for big tobacco who testified before Congress in 1994 about his research showing the addictive nature of nicotine. See website for upcoming screenings, to view the trailer, and to keep watch for its release on DVD. http://www.addictionincorporated.com

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