From the New SALIS Chair:
Jane Shelling
Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia

It is a very busy time for the alcohol and drugs field here in Australia. As I write this, it is Drug Action Week, a week of activities to promote drug and alcohol awareness and celebrate the work done by workers in our field. In two days’ time this will culminate in the National Drug and Alcohol Awards night, which is being held at the Australian Parliament House. As the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia is the organizing body we are all very excited and quite stressed! So it is something of a relief to sit back and reflect on my time in the US just a few short weeks ago.

It is my great pleasure to address you as the new SALIS Chair. This appointment has resulted in a higher profile for SALIS in Australia and I have received a number of queries about who we are and what we do (mainly from... (Continued on page 5)

Progressive Bridges: Changing the Landscape - SALIS 2013
Meg Brunner, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute, University of Washington

This year’s SALIS Conference, held in beautiful Berkeley, California from April 30 to May 3, 2013, was definitely what I would call a smash hit! Hosted by Andrea Mitchell, Institute for Scientific Analysis; Julie Murphy, Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation; and Tom Colthurst, Silver Gate Group, we spent the 3-day conference in the historic Berkeley City Club, built in 1927 as a center for social, cultural, recreational, and educational activities in the East Bay. What a fitting location for an information science conference, which also featured social, cultural, recreational, and educational activities!

After the usual wonderful (and delicious!) welcome reception the night before, the conference kicked off Wednesday morning with a talk from Sheigla... (Continued on page 2)
Murphy of the Institute for Scientific Analysis in Berkeley, about the individual and social factors that lead to prescription drug misuse in youth. Initiation to drug use is a very social process, with an interaction between both “set” (experiences) and “setting” (influences). There’s also a perception that prescription drugs are safer than street drugs and that “everybody’s doing them,” including parents and peers. Researchers and clinicians need to start thinking of new ways to address these factors. Dr. Murphy’s advice? Don’t let your kids get their wisdom teeth out (most teens’ first exposure to prescription drugs) or go to college! (She was kidding! I think!)

The second speaker of the day was Laura Thomas of Drug Policy Alliance, who described the changing landscape for drug policy reform in the US, with a focus on the huge “game changers” Washington and Colorado, which both legalized recreational use of marijuana last year. Despite the US Drug Czar, Gil Kerlikowske’s, declaration that the war on drugs was over and we “can’t arrest our way out of the problem,” the US still has enormously high rates of incarceration for drug crimes compared to the rest of the globe. Public opinion seems to be way ahead of that of our elected officials – what can we do to bring them up to speed? Thomas recommended the documentary The House I Live In, about the human rights impact of the War on Drugs, a recommendation I second whole-heartedly!

SALIS member Nita Bryant next gave a talk about her project at Virginia Commonwealth University to create a Google Custom Search Engine to search dozens of web sites with a single interface. VCU has the first fully online program in addiction studies. When Nita realized many students lost access to library resources after the course ended, she began looking for ways to expand the use of open access materials. Creating a custom search engine in Google creates a convenient “one-stop shopping” portal that reduces information overload and can be tailored for a specific audience. What a great idea!

Amanda Reiman of the School of Social Work at UC Berkeley, continued the discussion on marijuana policy with her presentation about medical cannabis in California. After medical marijuana was legalized in the state in 1996, dispensaries became like community centers, with particular focus on political activism. Today, dispensaries are more regulated, but additional services are still offered, including massage therapy, support groups, and harm reduction. However, there remains a big gap in information for medical providers. Many doctors are not trained in the use of medical marijuana and are hesitant to talk about it with their patients. More information on dosing and strains, clinical applications, methods of ingestion, and drug interactions is needed.

Christine Goodair, of the International Centre for Drug Policy, next gave a presentation that was a nice segue from Reiman’s, in that it described Christine’s program to expand addiction training for medical students in the UK. Substance misuse education is available in 70% of UK medical schools, Christine said, but often amounts to only 2-14 hours across 5 years of training. To try to improve that, Christine initiated a project to develop a substance misuse curricula for undergraduate medical students. She also reached out to medical school libraries around the country and offered to review their collections and make recommendations. This presentation not only addressed the importance of educating medical students about substance misuse, but it also inspired me to start thinking of ways I might be able to get more involved in outreach and education in my own organization, something I pondered as I left the City Club for the day and ventured out into the heart of UC Berkeley to bask in the sunshine!

The second day of the conference began on a bright morning with an engaging talk from Judd Antin, a user experience expert at Facebook. An average of 1.11 billion people log in to Facebook every month, making it a rich source of information. People talk about their substance use on Facebook, and while some question whether social media truly represents “real life,” Antin’s research has found that it does; the “online/offline dichotomy” from ten years ago has virtually disappeared now, especially for youth. People interact online for a variety of reasons, including setting goals, interaction, reputation, group identifi-
cation, pride, and self-efficacy – all elements that play into substance use as well. Additionally, Facebook’s powerful search and graph tools facilitate the collection of data and also help put that data into a cultural context, strengthening its meaning.

Incidentally, Antin also said that people don’t hate all ads on Facebook, they just hate bad ads. Personally, I hate both all ads and bad ads on Facebook, but maybe I’m just old and cranky! (Nah.)

Next up was Tasha Bergson-Michelson from Google, who gave us a crash course in power searching the web. Her philosophy to searching Google effectively includes employing critical thinking, leveraging your literacies, tapping into your creativity, and maintaining a high level of curiosity. Bergson-Michelson demonstrated several advanced searching features in Google, many of which can be found in the document she prepared to go with her talk, located here: http://bit.ly/SALISSearch.

The last talk of the day was from SALIS member Sheila LaCroix from CAMH, who took us another step deeper into the world of Google by describing, similar to Nita’s presentation, how she used Google’s Custom Search to build an engine designed to mine for Canadian gray literature. Sheila took us through the steps of putting together CAMH’s custom search, including the pros and cons of the process. Now that SALIS members are developing these tools, we should think about ways to increase access to them, possibly by incorporating them into the SALIS website itself. A future project!

The second day ended with an exciting field trip to the Internet Archive, where founder Brewster Kahle took us on a tour. The Internet Archive’s Open Library project includes over 2 million digital books and is growing all the time. It currently has 30 scanning centers in 8 countries, where books and other materials are hand-scanned, often by volunteers. At the moment, the Open Library is only loaning digital copies of books from the 20th century, partly as a way to avoid conflict with copyright owners, and over 1,000 libraries are participating.

The ultra-modern Internet Archive is housed in an old church, a neoclassic building complete with Greek columns. The mixing of the old with the new is epitomized by the church’s sanctuary, which Kahle kept intact -- with the addition of a server farm in the back! The pews are filled with half-sized clay statues, representations of employees who have worked there 3 or more years. (That this results in a scene that looks strikingly similar to one from the 2006 remake of the horror movie House of Wax appears to be something no one else has pointed out. Until now!)

SALIS members on the tour each brought a book to donate to the Open Library as part of SALIS’s digitization project. The books have been scanned already and are now available for borrowing online. Kahle’s enthusiasm for his work was definitely infectious, and there was a lot of discussion about SALIS’s digitization project after we all got back!

The last day of the conference featured an all SALIS member agenda, kicking off with Judit Ward from the Center of Alcohol Studies at Rutgers (next year’s conference host!) describing her own exciting digitization project. For the Center’s upcoming anniversary, she has been developing a digital collection of the organization’s history. The items included in the collection range from punch cards to photos, posters, documents, media, and even objects (like a bust of CAS founder E.M. Jellinek!). Judit described the techniques and tools she’s used to create the digital collection, as well as the fun and not-so-fun parts of the process. If you want to see how this project turned out, come to SALIS 2014!

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Up next was Chad Dubeau of CCSA, who described the various changes to his library over the years and how it has stepped up to embrace that change instead of resist it. The CCSA library used to answer over 2000 information requests a year, but that number has dropped to more like 400 in the last few years as information has become more available online and users have gotten more confident at searching on their own. When the CCSA decommissioned the library, Chad and his colleagues stepped into new roles, expanding the way information management was done and being proactive to offer added value to the organization.

Thinking strategically and embracing change is a theme often represented at SALIS conferences, and the final presentation of the day, from our new chair, Jane Shelling of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Council, was a fitting continuation of Chad’s. Jane described the changing landscape of workforce development in Australia and offered ideas on how librarians can get more involved in directing and informing that process. Instead of thinking, “That’s not my job,” she encouraged us to question traditional roles and be open to new ideas. The comment that really struck home for me was, “Don’t tell people you are useful – be useful!” The Google Custom Search engines described in earlier presentations, the experiences of the CCSA library, and the SALIS digitization project are all excellent examples of SALISers being proactive instead of reactive!

The end of a SALIS conference is always a mixed blessing for me. On the one hand, I’m never ready to leave, but on the other, I’m always extremely excited to get back so I can get to work applying all the amazing ideas I’ve gotten! A huge thank you to Andrea Mitchell, Julie Murphy, and Tom Colthurst for another truly inspiring conference! Can’t wait for next year!
researchers). The question was also raised “Has there been an Australian Chair before?” Perhaps one of our longstanding members can enlighten me on this.

I have to begin by acknowledging and thanking Christine Goodair for her leadership over the past twelve months and the other Board members of 2012-2013 who contributed to SALIS. Thanks also to the new board members who have taken up roles for 2013-2014:

Chair: Jane Shelling  
Chair Elect: Judit Ward  
Past Chair: Christine Goodair  
Treasurer: Karen Palmer  
Secretary: Sheila Lacroix  
Members at Large: Laura Durham and Mary Kelly  
Executive Director: Andrea Mitchell

The Board meeting covered a number of issues including expanding our presence on Linked In by making it “public”; confirmation of the SALIS travel grants process, and our involvement in the Internet Archive (IA) Project. After the Board meeting of course we all enjoyed a great conference, congratulations to Andrea, Julie and Tom for giving us a varied and informative line up of speakers, a unique and attractive venue in Berkeley and a great field trip to the Internet Archive (IA).

After discussing the IA Project and then visiting the Archive and meeting Brewster Kahle, I decided that my goal for the next 12 months will be to further this project. I have two reasons for this, the first is that this is a positive move to ensure long term, broad access to substance misuse literature (from Australia and internationally) particularly historic literature that is under worldwide threat.

Secondly, this is a great opportunity for SALIS to use their members' combined expertise and influence, to take an active, leading role in preserving material. So often we are powerless in these types of situations. This time we actually have an opportunity to make a difference. This is how an organization can reach prominence, attract new members and contribute to our field. I firmly believe the way to attract new members is by doing. No one wants to join a shrinking violet!

Of course there are some challenges ahead. Since returning home I have investigated Australian copyright issues, and contacted the National Library of Australia regarding their relationship with the Internet Archive (where they archive Australian websites). I have sought the opinions of my library Advisory Committee and discussed the issues with my CEO. Everyone was excited, positive and encouraging. My advisory committee suggested I start off with older conference papers, in-house publications and out of print publications. So far I have the material to scan and I am investigating some volunteers for roles as scanners. My biggest challenge though is getting the scanner. I have emailed the IA and hope to hear soon – I’ll keep you posted. Perhaps we could all regularly post our progress in this project as part of the newsletter?

We may also like to think about a tagline for our SALIS member contributions to identify our efforts. Or maybe just "SALIS" with our logo is enough.

I have joined the Open Library and searched for the book that I took into the Internet Archive to be scanned. There it was. I couldn’t download it (it’s a 2007 book) so I borrowed it and was able to bring it up easily in full text. I dragged my staff in to my office to view this process and it was very exciting! I am now looking at linking items in the Drug database to full text items in the Open Library. However, I would like these items to be "SALIS" tagged first.

So I urge everyone to get behind this project – at least join the Open Library and view the many books from our field. If you are able, investigate scanning your library’s local publications, and send in reports of your progress and experiences with the Internet Archive for inclusion in the newsletter – this will keep us all engaged. I look forward to a year of digitizing.

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Barb Weiner, librarian at Hazelden, reports that all 141 issues (1876-1914) of this medical/scientific addictions journal have been scanned and are available online here: http://library.hazelden.org/InmagicGenie/opac.aspx?QueryScreen=opac_search (search for the journal name).

For more, see the official announcement: http://www.williamwhitepapers.com/pr/Journal%20of%20Inebriety%20Archive%20Announcement%202013.pdf

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Quarterly Journal of Inebriety Digitized!

Barb showcasing the QJI archive at Hazelden (photo from Hazelden announcement)
HIGHLIGHTS:
Executive Board Meeting
2013 SALIS Conference
Barbara Seitz de Martinez, Secretary

Overview
At this year’s meeting, the SALIS Executive Board discussed several salient topics including: The SALIS-Internet Archive digital library project, a Travel Policy, whether to open up LinkedIn to non-members, financial concerns, and strategic planning.

Treasurer’s Report – Karen Palmer
Again this year the balance at the end of March had dropped due to a net loss, despite added income from increased membership fees. Added expenses this year included the cost of rent, and office equipment and supplies. Ways are being sought to reduce overhead. Andrea will postpone hiring a replacement at the Home Office until September.

Matters Arising
President-Elect, Jane Shelling described the meeting of substance abuse librarians from Australia and New Zealand in November 2012, at which SALIS Past President, Jorunn Moen, spoke in promotion of SALIS. The ability of SALIS to provide leadership for this group of librarians and the potential value of the SALIS newsletter for this group were discussed. It was suggested that the SALIS newsletter feature an international librarian from time to time.

Home Report
In addition to news already noted, we now have 78 members in 2013, compared to 89 in 2012, and 92 in 2011. There are 13 ELISAD members vs. 10 in 2012: Belgium, France, Greece (2), Hungary, Italy (2), Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, and UK (2). 50 members from the USA vs. 56 in 2012. Other members: Canada (10 vs. 11 in 2012), Australia (4 vs. 5 in 2012), and Israel (1). We have 7 new members, as was same in 2012. We also have 1 retired (vs. 3 in 2012), 0 unemployed (vs. 1 in 2012), 1 student member (vs. 0 in 2012). As in 2012, we have no associate members or institutional/sponsor members. Again this year there was curiosity as to how new members found out about SALIS.

There are two sponsorships of international librarians (Chris and Judit for librarians from Greece and Hungary, respectively). Conference sponsorships include Elsevier, Wiley, and Routledge. Amazon, and Hazelden book affiliates continue to bring in revenues. There were 22 SALIS registrations for the 2013 conference, including two SALIS scholarship recipients. (Note: Additional registrant at conference made it 23)
Notable tasks and accomplishments include having nearly completed the digitization of SALIS Board and Business Meeting minutes, and the near completion of a proposal for seed money for the SALIS/Internet Archive Digital Book project.

Conference 2014
Judit Ward will host the 2014 SALIS Conference at Rutgers University, which will be celebrating its 75th anniversary. SALIS last met there in 1983. Choice of hotel was discussed, taking into account a variety of considerations including logistics and costs. Methods for cost savings and ideas for stimulating sessions were brainstormed. Ideas for the conference theme and for keynote speakers were offered. One idea was to create a panel, including SALIS members, to review Judit’s library technology students’ digital library grant proposal projects as one conference session. Rob Pandina, Director of the Center of Alcohol Studies at Rutgers has agreed to be a keynote speaker.

Chair’s Report -- Christine
Chris had two initial aims for SALIS: 1) to raise income 2) to raise the profile of SALIS. She recounted activities undertaken to meet these aims. Toward the first goal a systematic literature review was conducted by Chris with assistance from SALIS members, which earned SALIS $650. Towards the second goal three pieces of work helped to raise SALIS profile: a SALIS Info Brief: Drugs in Sport, prepared by Chris with contributions from SALIS members; a submission by SALIS to a "NIDA Request for Information" on research and information to support widespread use of evidence-based drug abuse treatment interventions and practices; and a poster presentation (“Health Information for an Interdependent World”) featuring SALIS and ELISAD for the 2013 Medical Libraries Association annual conference.

Elisad Update – Christine
The 24th Annual ELISAD meeting was held in Arezzo in Italy, Oct 11-13, 2012. Sheila Lacroix attended and wrote an article for SALIS News. It was a small meeting with about 18 attendees. Membership is down. It was an interesting and successful meeting. In Europe funding is being cut. In Italy, for example, some have no salaries and are working as volunteers. The exception is in Scandinavia, which is financially doing well, with no cutbacks. Great Britain is experiencing some cuts. ELISAD as an organization is small. The 2013 meeting will be in Bucharest, Oct 10-11. Similarities and differences between SALIS and ELISAD are being discussed, particularly the challenge of language.

Social Media – Julie Murphy
Since 2011 SALIS has wrestled with whether or not to open the SALIS LinkedIn group to non-SALIS members. The pros and cons were discussed. Activity has been very
slow, though some interest in joining has been expressed by non-members. Consensus was reached and the board voted to open the group. LinkedIn could be a way to reach out to get new members. It is seen as an alternative extra means of communication, not as the SALIS official communication, i.e. the SALIS list-serve.

Another topic was a SALIS Wikipedia page, which is yet to be created.

Travel Policy
The board discussed a travel policy to provide partial support to SALIS members who attend a professional conference or meeting to promote SALIS. Chris Goodair submitted the proposed policy for SALIS Travel Grants (two per year of up to $200), which would include an application process and specific criteria for the award. Eligibility criteria would include a) presenting a paper or poster, receiving prior approval from SALIS, having support from the applicant’s employer, and having been a SALIS member for at least two years. The applicant would need to write a proposal explaining details and the value of the event for SALIS, and afterward would need to provide a report for publication in SALIS News. There was an enthusiastic discussion followed by an agreement to accept the policy as written.

Strategic Planning
The board discussed strategies for conducting strategic planning and favored, for the time being, to look at updating the 2007 Strategic Plan, establishing priorities and setting new short and 5-year goals and objectives. We would list things SALIS has done and build on them. We could review it each year and update it based on changes in technology, etc.

Other topics included the need to do fund-raising and ideas for how to do it, including looking for people willing to take on extra work. Additional ideas included seeking partnerships with (ICARA) International Consortium of Addiction Research Associations, the Pan American Health Association (PAHA) for a connection to Central and South America, and with the European Federation of Addictions Societies (EFAS). SALIS was invited to attend the first ICARA meeting in September 2012. Andrea encourages that we put major energy towards the Internet Archive – SALIS Digitization Project now. We might be able to generate funds to help others. If we can get the seed money, that will be a start.

HIGHLIGHTS:
Business Meetings
2013 SALIS Conference

Business Meeting Part 1, May 1
Minutes from the 2012 Business Meeting were approved. The up-coming 2014 Conference was discussed (see details in Board Highlights). Rutgers has a big anniversary coming up and the SALIS conference will coincide with this celebration.

SALIS Home Report (See Board Highlights) Andrea described the turnover of staff at the HOME Office and said that they are finishing up the digitization of the minutes of past SALIS business meetings. There are still a few missing minutes and she asked that anyone who might have such records, please let her know. The increase in the SALIS membership dues really did make a positive difference; although membership is down, we’ve already taken in a little more membership income than we did last year.

The Internet Archive-SALIS Digitization Project is a priority and we may need to use some money from the SALIS reserves to make it happen. Christine suggested putting it on the web site.

Treasurer’s Report: (see Board Highlights) Andrea reported that we had more costs/expenditures than income. Consequently, we won’t hire a replacement at the Home Office over the summer, when work is slow.

ELISAD report: (see Board Highlights) The 25th annual meeting will be in Bucharest, Oct 10-11. Chris will keep us informed of developments with ELISAD by SALIS e-mail. Europe has problems similar to US with the economy. ELISAD members are facing possible further cutbacks at their work/agencies. The organization can’t afford to fund the newsletter staff, so they are looking for volunteers. No issue has been put out this year. They may do one online.

Board Update: Priorities for the coming year include the digitization project with the Internet Archive, and how to ally ourselves with other agencies in the field, including internationally with Europe. Some items from the Board Meeting included decision to open up the SALIS LinkedIn page to non-SALIS members, discussion of a new Travel Policy, the idea to update our old Strategic Plan to reflect new projects and current goals.

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SIG and Committee Reports: The International SIG encourages SALIS members who are able and interested, to sponsor a librarian or library organization from somewhere lacking support or where the librarian can’t afford to travel to a conference, or where the librarian is isolated and lacks resources. SALIS members who are offering such support affirmed that the resulting relationships with the librarians has been an enriching experience. A second effort by the International SIG has resulted in the proposal of a Travel Grant Policy (see Board Highlights). See also the SIG and Committee Reports elsewhere in this newsletter.

Business Meeting Part 2, May 3

Election results. SALIS 2014 Board: Chair-Elect – Judit Ward, Director of the Information Services Division at the Center of Alcohol Studies, Rutgers, Secretary – Sheila Lacroix, Acting Manager of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health Library (CAMH) Members-at-Large – Laura Durham, Associate Director for the Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug & Other Addiction Services (TAADAS), and Mary Kelly, Health Librarian from JBS International, Inc.,

SIG and Committee Reports. (see reports in this issue)

Conference 2015. We are looking for volunteers; please contact SALIS Home. In 2016 the Medical Library and Health Library will have a joint conference in Toronto, and Sheila wonders if it would be a good opportunity to have it in conjunction with the SALIS conference.

New Business. Joe Partansky addressed the group regarding the book, Marijuana Legalization, What You Should Know. He also described the work of the Public Citizen’s Research Group, which publishes a newsletter and is working with persons with disabilities.

With regard to the digitization project and getting SALIS libraries involved, Andrea emphasized the need to promote the “public good” and to convey this to our bosses, so that the public can have access to literature they could not necessarily afford to pay for. Chris comments that in the United Kingdom they see the public libraries as a key component in addiction work. Info briefs can be very useful when placed in the public libraries, which also serve to give people access to others’ stories. So much fiction is being written about the topic of ATOD; maybe we could create a reader’s list and post it on the SALIS web page.

Canadian SIG Report

Chad Dubeau, SIG Chair

Our focus this year was on recruitment. We used CCSA’s Canadian Addictions Organizations database to identify organizations that would likely employ information specialists and contacted them via email to pitch the value of joining SALIS, recruiting a few new members this way.

A Canadian SIG meeting was held at the annual conference in Berkeley where we started with a round table update of our various libraries, then discussed other options for recruitment and shared ideas on how to expand our access to academic literature (possibly through a consortium). We will also be discussing the possibility of holding a virtual meeting during the year, to allow more SIG members to participate in the discussions. SIG members in attendance were Sheila Lacroix, Diane Van Abbe and Chad Dubeau.

The Canadian SIG also contributed to SALIS News with its regular “News from Canada” column. In future, we will make an effort to diversify the sources of the updates since they predominantly have been from the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse.

International Networking Report

Sheila Lacroix, Committee Chair

The International Networking Group did not formally meet at the SALIS conference this year, but being a small and friendly conference, there was ample opportunity to network. The members are definitely behind the digitization project which is an international effort. The work of the Advocacy Committee is also international in scope as evidenced by the geographic diversity of the Letters to the Editor in Addiction received in response to the August 2012 Editorial in Addiction. See the Advocacy report for further details.

The conference continues to attract a proportionately large number of non North Americans who support SALIS though volunteering on executive positions. Our new Chair is Jane Shelling from the Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia. Jane follows two European Past Chairs, Christine Goodair (2012/13) from the UK and Jorunn Moen (2011/12) from Norway. We are fortunate that those who are so far away geographically from the US based home of SALIS make such commitments.
Other international attendees were Bryony Addis-Jones, Centre for Information on Beverage Alcohol, UK, and Dr. Ievgen Mellin, Ukrainian National Monitoring Centre on Alcohol and Drugs. Conference Co-host, Julie Murphy, was able to converse with Dr. Mellin in Ukrainian, which I am sure made him feel more welcome. We hope both enjoyed the conference and found it worthwhile.

It is not known if a SALIS member will be able to attend the Elisad meeting this fall in Bucharest Romania, October 10-11, but we do encourage it. Like SALIS, the conference is small, but provides a great opportunity to network with European colleagues who face similar challenges, present a paper and take in some travelling. Having met the host Paula Frusinoiu, National Anti-Drug Agency, at Elisad in Arezzo Italy last fall, I can assure you it will be fun, interesting and well organized. Conference details, including the Call to Papers are on the Elisad website, www.elisad.eu. ◘

**Membership & Outreach Report**

Diane Van Abbe, Outgoing Committee Chair  
Meg Brunner, Incoming Committee Chair

Two new members joined the MOC at this year’s conference: Jennifer Velotta of the ADAI Clearinghouse in Seattle and Kadee Carpenter from the Nevada Prevention Resource Center. Also in attendance were chair Diane van Abbe of the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit and members Julie Murphy (PIRE), David Man (CASA), and Meg Brunner (ADAI).

The MOC tackles issues such as membership recruitment, participation, and retention in an effort to keep SALIS strong. We also prepare the Member’s Corner profiles published in each issue of SALIS News. We now have a sample issue of SALIS News available on the SALIS website, for anyone who might be interested in joining.

SALIS membership dropped in 2013 by 11 members, leaving us with 78 in total. We have 7 new members, which is great to see. Our committee contacted everyone who didn’t renew by telephone and managed to get some relapsed members back. Some reasons people didn’t renew were: they were leaving their position, retiring, or their career path had changed.

The MOC discussed some ideas on how to better retain members and discover new ones, and plans to continue its outreach to US and Canadian substance abuse organizations, as well as to identify and contact foreign organizations, particularly in Asia and Africa, who may find SALIS membership useful; contact organizations that used to be represented in SALIS but discontinued membership years ago; and investigate options for member-funded “sponsorships” of new members, especially those overseas.

The MOC will also continue to collaborate with the Technology Committee in promoting SALIS through social media with pages on LinkedIn (now open to all users, not just SALIS members), Facebook, and, eventually, Wikipedia. Though our social media pages don’t get much activity, they have managed to recruit new SALIS members in the past year, and for that reason alone seem worth maintaining. Additionally, followers of our Facebook page jumped three-fold in the previous year, increasing the potential for outreach via that channel to both current and potential members.

In other news, Diane van Abbe officially resigned as Chair of the MOC at this year’s conference in Berkeley, and Meg Brunner has volunteered to take over the role. If you have suggestions, ideas, or questions about the MOC, or are interested in joining our team, please feel free to contact Meg at meganw@uw.edu. ◘

**Have You Read?**

Delete: The Virtue of Forgetting in the Digital Age  
Viktor Mayer-Schonberger  
ISBN: 0691150362

This book, recommended by conference speaker Judd Anton from Facebook, examines the phenomenon of perfect remembering in the digital age. With platforms like Facebook and Google saving everything we post, search for, or look at, our capacity to forget has been lost. The digital realm remembers what is sometimes better forgotten, and this has profound implications for us all.

In this book, Mayer-Schonberger traces the important role of forgetting throughout history, from the ability to make sound decisions unencumbered by the past to the possibility of second chances. He examines the technology that is facilitating the end of forgetting and describes the dangers of everlasting digital memory, whether it’s outdated information or compromising photos. What might work, and what surely won’t, are addressed. ◘
Advocacy Mitchell, Chair, Committee Members: Christine Goodair, Sheila Lacroix, Nancy Sullivan, Barbara Weiner

Editorial on Library Closures Published
One big accomplishment for the Advocacy committee was the publication of the editorial, Collective Amnesia: Reversing the Global Epidemic of Addiction Library Closures in Addiction. The online version was published in June, 2012 and the print version in the August, 2012 issue. It was made available on the Wiley Website for free, and anyone may send out the PDF:
http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1360-0443.2012.03813.x

Editorial authors sent out a press release to numerous organizations on the day that the online version was posted, and the chair of the committee was interviewed for a piece in the magazine, Addiction Professional.

In August US Addiction Editor, Tom Babor, wrote and suggested that we send names of persons who would be willing to write letters to the editor concerning the editorial. Working together, the committee was able to get ten persons to write letters, which were published in February 2013 in the print issue of Addiction. SL and AM did a response to the letters, published at the same time. The SALIS Website provides links to these letters.

A note from the US Addiction Editor in November 2012: "If it is any consolation, your editorial had one of the highest number of downloads of any article published in years."


Digitization Project with Internet Archive
Last year the committee proposed to the SALIS Board, a project to get SALIS members to send books for digitization by the Internet Archive. AM made a presentation on the project to the International Society of Addiction Journal Editors (ISAJE) meeting, in Sept, 2012, and was invited by the Internet Archive's Director of Books, Robert Miller, to attend a Leaders Forum for persons who were representing collections for digitization. This two day meeting (Oct 25-26) was attended by approximately 25 persons and was interactive through much of those two days, so that people could ask questions about how to do, and hear presentations on how others had already begun.

Meg Brunner and Nancy Sutherland have created a web-based database, so that persons participating in the digitization project may search to make sure the books they are donating have not already been sent, and then if not, they may enter the books they have selected.

In designing the SALIS 2013 conference for this year, it seemed like it might make sense to do a beta test of the project by setting up a tour of the Internet Archive, so that people could see how the books are digitized and get introduced to Brewster Kahle. When making arrangements for the tour, Brewster replied and said, yes, and "let's have everyone bring a book to be digitized."

An e-mail was sent to all conference attendees, to inform them of the invitation to bring a book to the conference, and to give them instructions to find out if the book was already digitized in the Archive's Open Library, and if not, then to enter their selection into the SALIS database.

The plan was to use this beta to find out what problems we may have before we launch the project to the entire SALIS membership. It was also thought that the persons who attended the tour, may also be helpful in promoting the project and getting others involved.

The Advocacy Committee had their annual meeting during the conference and the main topics of discussion centered on what steps need to be taken before the project is officially launched to the SALIS membership. It was decided that FAQ's needed to be developed, as well as guidelines for selecting materials to be digitized.

Equally important was a discussion on funding for the project. AM reported that she had a proposal for seed money near completion. (Note: Following the conference this was submitted and funded.) NS raised the idea of using crowdfunding. Unglue.it https://unglue.it/ may be a relevant source. This crowd funding vehicle allows individuals and institutions to pledge small amounts so (digital) titles can become part of the Creative Commons, where anyone can read them. http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2012/05/publishing/ebook-crowdfunding-platform-unglue-it-launched/
National Prescription Drug Strategy Launched "First Do No Harm: Responding to Canada’s Prescription Drug Crisis"

The Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA), together with Alberta’s Coalition for Prescription Drug Misuse and the Province of Nova Scotia, co-chaired the National Advisory Council on Prescription Drug Misuse (NAC), which launched its pan-Canadian strategy, "First Do No Harm: Responding to Canada’s Prescription Drug Crisis" on March 27, 2013. Federal Health Minister, the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, also participated in the launch. This launch marked the culmination of the NAC’s efforts over the past year to gather the best minds at the table and develop a tangible, concrete action plan to address a critical health and safety issue in Canada.

With a view to shared accountability and shared responsibility, CCSA brought together the multidisciplinary, multi-sector NAC comprised of 40 experts representing federal, provincial governments; healthcare practitioners including physicians, nurses, pharmacists and dentists; public health and health promotion; enforcement officials; regulators; First Nations; industry leaders; and patient and family support organizations.

A truly pan-Canadian national strategy, "First Do No harm: Responding to Canada’s Prescription Drug Crisis" is a 10-year strategy which has moved into the implementation phase. It outlines 58 recommendations across five action streams (Prevention, Education, Treatment, Monitoring and Surveillance, and Enforcement) and three cross-cutting areas (Legislation and Regulations, Research and Evaluation and Performance Measurement). In early June, the NAC approved a governance structure to guide the implementation phase.

First Do No harm: Responding to Canada’s Prescription Drug Crisis

Report in Short:

CCSA Encourages Canadians to Safely Discard Unused Prescription Drugs

On May 11, 2013, the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) joined the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP), Public Safety Canada and other organizations in encouraging all Canadians to safely discard unneeded prescription drugs. The first "National Prescription Drug Drop-Off Day" initiative, organized by the CACP, was successfully implemented by police services across the country. CCSA was proud to support this initiative which fosters objectives in the national pharmaceutical strategy launched in March. The "Drug Drop-Off Day" encouraged individuals to be vigilant and do their part in reducing the non-medicinal use of prescription medication in Canada. Evidence clearly demonstrates that a significant portion of youth who use prescription drugs to get high obtain them from family and friends.


Eating Disorders and Substance Abuse: Research

Youth who have food and weight-related behaviour problems are more likely to engage in substance abuse (and visa versa), but the relationship is complex. That’s why the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) was proud to partner with the National Eating Disorder Information Centre (NEDIC) to produce When Eating Disorders and Substance Abuse Problems Collide, a brief resource that helps those working in each field to understand, better prevent, screen and treat co-existing eating and substance abuse problems. CCSA has also partnered with the Ontario Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Mental Health to produce an accompanying resource entitled When Mental Health and Substance Abuse Problems Collide.

NEDIC blog link: http://www.nedic.ca/blog/?p=641

Meeka Wellness Manuals Now Available in Inuktitut

In partnership with Inuit Elder and healer, Meeka Arnakaq, from Pangnirtung, Nunavut, the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA), released the Meeka Wellness Manuals in Inuktitut. The four-part series was transcribed from Meeka’s original handwritten Inuktitut manuscripts, translated into English and published in 2010 in a partnership

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between Tungasuvvingat Inuit and CCSA. The series aims to enhance professional knowledge by integrating culturally appropriate methods in areas of substance abuse prevention, health care delivery, education and training of wellness workers in Inuit communities. The manuals feature soft illustrations and photographs that evoke cultural traditions. They focus on healthy communities and highlight a holistic approach to Inuit healing, healthy living, child rearing and teamwork.


Registration is now open for CCSA’s Issues of Substance conference in November 2013.

News from the CAMH Library

It is a constant challenge to enhance ‘discovery’ in this current environment of online information overload. It is also a challenge to provide our patrons with research guidance. Here are some current projects from the CAMH Library that we hope will assist researchers. Check out the CAMH Library website, [www.camh.ca/camh_library](http://www.camh.ca/camh_library) under "Research Guides" as well as under "Web Resources".

Google Custom Search (GCS): Mental Health and Addiction Information

Those of you who attended the SALIS Conference will be aware of the Google Custom Search (GCS) that we have set up to enable one to limit a Google search to approximately 200 pre selected websites. Although there is an emphasis on Canadian content, and a main feature is the ability to limit results to Canadian sources, it also includes US, Australian, European and International web pages. Our GCS will be incorporated in the "Grey Literature Guide" currently underway, which will also include the GCS of Canadian Government Documents prepared by Carleton University as well as two other GCSs developed by SALIS colleagues.

Other Research Guides

We also offer the following recently updated "Research Guides". For those of you familiar with "LibGuides", we hope to ultimately have a "LibGuide that incorporates all of the "Literature Searching" series which we hope to expand.

"Literature Searching 1: Good Practice"
"Literature Searching 2: Key Subject Headings"
"Literature Searching 3: Finding Canadian Research"

Discussing our GCS with SALIS colleagues at the conference was really helpful. We will keep you posted as new resources are developed.

Gray Literature

Christine Goodair
St. George’s London University

Alcohol


Is alcohol too cheap in the UK? The case for setting a minimum unit price for alcohol. Institute of Alcohol Studies paper that offers a perspective on the research evidence for minimum pricing for alcohol as a public health measure. [http://www.ias.org.uk/resources/papers/occasional/index.html](http://www.ias.org.uk/resources/papers/occasional/index.html)

Drugs


Websites and other media


The Purple Bull Podcast: Episode 1 - What is Recovery? – started in January 2013, this podcast has been produced by fifteen recovering volunteers who interviewed people in recovery and professionals across the addictions field to gather experiences, views and thoughts about the recovery process. [http://recoveryradio.blogspot.co.uk/p/the.html](http://recoveryradio.blogspot.co.uk/p/the.html)
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How long have you been a member of SALIS?
The project officers working within this field started the membership 18 years ago. Last year I started following directly the network activities.

What organization do you work for and what is your position?
UNICRI (United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute)
Head, Documentation Centre

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?
Even if only through virtual contacts, I feel stronger, supported and part of a community and this is something which makes a difference in my professional life, and not only.

It is a continuing source of information and any time I read the rich exchange of emails I learn something new. My regret is that I do not always have enough time to analyse all shared documents and information with due attention and thus exploit all this great work to develop new ideas and actualize them.

Hobbies outside of work:
Swimming, gardening, travelling

Favourite food:
Spaghetti with olive oil, garlic and chili pepper

Favourite book:
Much Ado About Nothing - Shakespeare

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How long have you been a member of SALIS?
I’ve been a member of SALIS since January of 2013, when I started my new position. My previous experience was in school libraries, so this is a whole new world for me!

What organization do you work for and what is your position?
I’m the Public Services Librarian for the Health and Learning Resource Center at RMC Health. We are a statewide special library that serves behavioral, public, and school health professionals in Colorado. I believe that a lot of you probably know Dan Lawrence, who was our director here. He is now in a fabulous new position at the Colorado State Library, and I’ve taken over some of his previous duties.

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?
Well, so far it has been most helpful with collection development! I’m sure it will continue to be a great resource, and I’m already looking forward to attending the conference next year.

Hobbies outside of work:
Quilting, hiking, baking, pop culture.

Favourite food:
Cereal.

Favourite book:
Ender’s Game by Orson Scott Card (I’m already nervous about the movie coming out in November!)

Is there anything else you would like SALIS colleagues to know about you?
I’m looking forward to getting to know all of you and sharing resources and expertise!

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How long have you been a member of SALIS?
Since March 2013.

What organization do you work for and what is your position?
I am the Prevention Research Specialist for the Minnesota Prevention Resource Center (www.mnprc.org).

How has being a member of SALIS enriched your life?
I am very new to the field of ATOD use and abuse prevention, so exploring the SALIS website, reading the newsletters, receiving listserv emails, and looking at the websites of fellow members’ organizations, has been very educational. I will continue to use the “New Books” section and the information about pertinent databases and resources from the newsletters to help me build our collection and serve the people of Minnesota.

Hobbies outside of work:
Reading (I subscribe to about 15 magazines), traveling (mostly planning to travel…someday!), collecting craft supplies (to use…someday!). Shuttling my ten-year-old son to sporting and school events takes up most of my time.

Favourite food:
Anything Asian or Mexican. I also love a good prime rib.

Favourite book:
In Cold Blood by Truman Capote and The Giver by Lois Lowry

Is there anything else you would like SALIS colleagues to know about you?
I have a (mostly) useless knack for pop culture trivia. You have a question about movies, television, or music? I can help you out! ☐

Summer Notes from the Editor
Andrea Mitchell

Now that the conference is behind us, my main focus is the Internet Archive- SALIS Digitization Project.

The tour of the Internet Archive in San Francisco, conducted for SALIS 2013 conference attendees, was not only informative, but it seemed to really get people excited about the idea of getting books and government documents digitized and available for loaning. Each attendee carried one book to the Archive, as had been suggested by Archive Director, Brewster Kahle. The books were all donated to the IA, and were immediately taken over to the scanning room for digitization at the beginning of the tour. At this time, all of the donations have been digitized and thus SALIS's first step in creating an ATOD Archive under the Internet Archive umbrella, has been taken. As soon as we have 100 books donated by SALIS libraries, there will be a listing of all titles under a "SALIS" banner on the IA website.

Good news is that we got a seed grant from the Joel and Maria Fort Foundation, for 100 books to be digitized. Now all we need is for more of you to get involved in this SALIS project. We are creating a FAQ's web page which will hopefully answer most of your questions, so you can get those books sent to SALIS Home office. Please do not send anything until you have read the FAQ's and entered your books into the SALIS web-based database which has been set up for this project. More information will be coming soon via SALIS-L.

This issue of news is devoted to the 35th annual SALIS conference. Jane Shelling, our new Chair from Australia, gives us her thoughts and plans for SALIS in the coming year. Please make sure you note from the highlights of the Board and Business meetings, done by Barbara Seitz de Martinez, our secretary, what work, activities and new policies SALIS is engaging in, and see the list of our new Board members. Meg Brunner has done a thorough job of writing an overview of the three days, and with the photos scattered through- out, you should get some sense of what we enjoyed.

In addition, we present our regular features, which include the Member's Corner, News from Canada, Grey Literature, New Books and Have You Read?

Happy Summer reading! ☐
New Books
By Andrea L. Mitchell
MLS, Librarian

+ indicates government document, * non-English title
All prices are list price.

Buy books at Hazelden, Amazon.com, or Barnes & Noble to support SALIS!


Bower, Marion, Rob Hale and Heather Wood. (eds.) Addictive States of Mind. London : Karnac, 2013. 240 p. ISBN-10: 1780490052 (paperback); 496 KB, ASIN: B00AROHFZK (Kindle)


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36th Annual SALIS Conference

Next spring, 2014, the annual SALIS conference will be hosted by Judit Ward of Rutgers University’s [Center of Alcohol Studies](http://www.alcoholstudies.rutgers.edu/).

The Center of Alcohol Studies is known internationally as a leader in alcohol research, education and training, and documentation and publication of alcohol literature. Located in Piscataway, New Jersey, Rutgers University is about an hour from New York City by train.

We hope to see you next year!

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