CORK Database: A History and Call to Action
Jeanne Kinney, Dartmouth

CORK is a bibliographic database of substance abuse information, both alcohol and other drugs. Recently, it has been expanded to include behavioral addictions. There are now over 124,000 items, making it one of the largest such databases globally.

CORK grew out of a medical education project conducted at Dartmouth Medical School. At the outset it was created as an electronic card catalog, initiated by a work study student weary of scouring through file cabinets housing an ever-growing number of reprints and reports, in addition to the collection of books. It was hosted on the college server for easy access and gradually use extended beyond the Dartmouth community (for example, in the early 1980s, BRS (Bibliographic Retrieval System) added CORK to its collection of databases).

When the project was completed, I recognized it had become far more than

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SALIS 2015: Linking Worlds of Knowledge
San Diego, CA, USA
April 28-May 2, 2015
Host: Tom Colthurst, Silver Gate Group

San Diego, California, USA, approaches 2015 with much anticipation, poised to celebrate two significant accomplishments: The centennial of the Panama-California Exposition, a world’s fair marking the opening of the Panama Canal, the first direct pathway between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans; and the convening of the SALIS 37th annual international conference. San Diego is the first US Pacific Ocean port-of-call from the Panama Canal. The 2015 centennial, a year-long celebration centered in historic Balboa Park, is an ideal time to visit.

The SALIS ’15 planning committee (William Bejarano, Meg Brunner,
Courtney Drysdale, Chad Dubeau, Laura Durham, Deann Jepson, and Karen Palmer) will be shaping a rich professional education experience. The aim is an agenda attractive to SALIS membership as well as others (NGOs, specialty libraries, federal/state/local public health agencies) concerned with the preservation and dissemination of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug information resources. Watch for more details, including the Call for Presentation Proposals at [http://salis.org/conference/conference.html](http://salis.org/conference/conference.html)

SALIS has never before met in San Diego, the southwest corner of the USA, bounded by ocean, mountains, and the international border with Mexico. San Diego and Tijuana, Baja California Norte, comprise a cross-border metropolis of 5 million residents. The region, inhabited for at least 10,000 years, first came to the attention of Europeans in 1542. However, it was not until 1769 that Spain began settlement at San Diego with a presidio and mission. California became a USA state in 1850. Today, visitors and residents alike enjoy a wide array of arts, dining, historic, recreational, and scenic attractions. Neighborhoods Coronado, Gaslamp, La Jolla, Little Italy, Point Loma, Tijuana, and more await your arrival.

San Diego is a nonstop airline destination from over 50 cities, including, domestically, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Miami, New York, Seattle, and Washington, DC; and, internationally, Mexico City, London, Tokyo, and Toronto.

The Silver Gate Group, based in San Diego, will serve as SALIS’15 local hosts. Principals Barbara Ryan, Lance Segars, and Tom Colthurst, have long respected SALIS goals and benefited from its service to the ATOD field. Can’t wait to see you there! ☚

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that. I couldn't bear the thought that it would simply be pulled off the server, or remain there solely as an archival collection. So . . . I continued to maintain it.

However, if CORK is to continue and be maintained it cannot remain the work of an individual; it needs an institutional home. This raises the most basic question: should it be maintained and continue to include current literature? This question can only be answered by the thoughtful reflections of others. SALIS members have special insights into the informational needs in the field and the many resources available.

I would very much welcome your reflections and comments. Be forewarned that the current platform — a recent and failed effort to update the original search platform — has flaws. It's quite slow and has bugs, as well as design and display issues. Part of effecting a transition to a new home would be repairing/replacing the search engine. It also needs to be updated to work on a variety of platforms and devices, including phones and tablets. I am optimistic that funding can be secured to undertake this transition, as well as provide initial support for the host organization as it works to incorporate CORK into its existing operation.

The CORK database can be found online at http://www.projectcork.org. Click on CORK database search to get started. You may also wish to check out the bibliographies and current awareness newsletters. Other materials are sorely out of date.

Overview of the CORK Collection

Number of Records 123,853

Scope of Collection
CORK draws its materials from a variety of sources. Regular weekly searches of the Web of Science is the largest single source of materials. Lexis/Nexus is used to scour the legal literature annually, particularly law review articles. In addition, there are erratically regular searches of governmental (U.S. and international) and foundation sites. CORK does not endeavor to include the wealth of basic science literature; the exceptions are articles directed to a broader audience.

Types of Records
- Journal articles: 112,130
- Books: 1,576
- Book Chapters: 7,218
- Reports: 2,627
- Conference Papers: 271
- Media: 24

Journal Literature (5,145 journal titles)
- 16 journals [0.3%] 1,000 + articles
- 18 journals [0.3%] 500 - 999
- 49 journals [1.0%] 200 - 499
- 79 journals [1.5%] 100 - 199
- 1,019 journals [20.0%] 10 - 99
- 1,422 journals [27.6%] 3 - 9
- 2,542 journals [49.4%] 1 or 2

Note: In these tallies, the Quarterly Journal of Alcohol Studies, for example, and its successors are treated as separate publications. However if an ampersand replaced an "and" in the name of the journal, but all else is identical, these are treated as a single publication.

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Critical Transitional Tasks

Were an institution to accept the donation of the CORK database, it should reasonably expect to receive a polished product in terms of content and software. The current software needs serious work. If the database is to be maintained, it is essential that there be the ability to import records from online sources. Equally important is the ability to generate other materials, such as the bibliographies and current awareness newsletters.

The records themselves need considerable cleaning. The earliest records were entered manually. The subject terms also need to be reviewed. One egregious example of inconsistent terminology is the broad topical heading "drug misuse," in contrast to its counterpart "alcohol-related."

I am optimistic that funding can be secured to undertake the work to effect a transition as well as provide initial support for the organization as it works to incorporate CORK into its existing operation.

In recognition of the efforts of librarians and information specialists

A fortuitous event . . . Just as the medical education project was being launched, Ginny Rollett, an information specialist who had recently moved to the area, was exploring possible positions at the college. Someone suggested she look into Project Cork. The project director met with her and virtually hired her on the spot. His comment is memorable: "I have no idea know what an information specialist does. But if the corporate world needs them we certainly do!" Her most recent position had been in a large corporation. It is hard to imagine how the project could have succeeded without her efforts and her vision.

Involving faculty was a daunting task. Faculty presumably teach what they consider essential; simply to ask them to consider modifying their lectures is to request a significant amount of work, merely in terms of judging the validity of the request. And this is before the challenging task of actually revising lectures. The presence of the information specialist made this almost painless. When Project representatives met with faculty, they went with several carefully selected articles from the academic literature from that person's specialty, since someone in physiology is likely to be underwhelmed by an article from the American Journal of Psychiatry. These articles were described as things that might be of interest. Plus, faculty were told, if there was anything else that he or she wanted, they could now simply contact the Information Specialist, she'd find the materials, and they'd be delivered within 24 hours!

The Resource Center services were later extended to medical students. Everyone has a finite amount of time for any effort, including writing papers. Through the services of the Resource Center, far less time had to be devoted to finding materials. Accordingly more time became available for reflection and digesting the information. Several faculty commented that the improvement in papers was apparent.

On a personal note . . .

I was honored to have been selected the first recipient of the Harold Hughes Award, given by NIAAA in recognition of efforts to translate science into clinical practice. In addition to a text for alcohol counselors, Project Cork and the CORK database were acknowledged. In accepting this honor, I was well aware that this was not my work, but that of many people, including our information specialist and the many people who were able to view the associated tasks through a different lens.

Let’s Talk about CORK!

I very much would welcome your thoughts and comments. Please be candid. My e-mail address is G.Jean.Kinney@dartmouth.edu, and I am also available by phone. ☏

Have You Read?

More Library Mashups: Exploring New Ways to Deliver Library Data
Edited by Nicole C. Engard
Buy from Amazon

Engard follows up her highly-regarded 2009 book with a fresh collection of mashup projects — creative library professionals mashing up free and inexpensive digital tools and techniques to improve library services and meet everyday (an unexpected) challenges.

Examples from libraries of all types are included, to help inspire even non-programmers share and add value to digital content, update and enhance library web sites, mash up catalog data, and use emerging tools like Umlaut and Libki to engage users, staff, and the community.
Dear SALIS Members,

I am John Korkow, incoming president of the Addiction Educators organization INCASE. I would like to briefly introduce you to our organization.

INCASE, founded in 1990, is a professional association of professors, teachers, professionals, and programs specializing in addiction studies, including the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs, other addictions, counselor preparation, prevention and treatment, research, and public policy.

The purpose of INCASE is to provide a global forum for the examination and debate of issues concerning post-secondary education in addiction studies, and to enhance the quality of training and education in addiction studies, to disseminate professional knowledge and share ideas regarding addiction studies and scholarship in the field of addiction studies. To develop standards and implement an accreditation process for addictions studies programs within and between nations, states and provinces. http://incase.org/

Meg Brunner from SALIS met with the INCASE board during our annual conference in September of 2014. We had an exciting and far reaching conversation concerning our missions to serve the addiction profession, and where overlaps in those missions exist. Both organizations focus on evidence based research, collaborating with addiction counselors and researchers, dissemination of knowledge, and enhancement of the profession. The ability to work together where our missions overlap is exciting to our board members. The wealth of knowledge we could share from our different vantage points can only serve to benefit students, counselors and clients.

INCASE looks forward to working collaboratively with SALIS, and we are hoping to continue the cross attendance at our annual conferences in the future. The INCASE conference will be held in conjunction with the NAADAC annual conference October 9-13, 2015 in Washington, D.C. We will provide SALIS with more information when the planning process is closer to completion.

INCASE will celebrate its 25th anniversary at the D.C. conference, so be assured of not only a wise use of a visit to the D.C. area during the joint NAADAC/INCASE conference, but a very enjoyable party!

Looking forward to future work together,

John Korkow, Ph.D., LAC, SAP, President INCASE

INCASE is a partner with NAADAC in academic program accreditation. www.incase.org
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SALIS has recently announced its 37th annual conference, to be hosted in San Diego, California. Over the previous 36 years, the annual conference has been a venue for sharing our collective knowledge, putting SALIS (quite literally) on the map. This Google map (see below) shows the ever-growing reach of our organization, depicting the conference’s numerous host cities, which have been spread throughout the United States and into Canada.

Hosting the most recent SALIS Conference in New Brunswick, NJ was a wonderfully rewarding experience. Among its numerous highlights was the opportunity to observe a rich, diverse set of presentations from the many unique backgrounds of our members and their affiliated organizations. We were delighted to receive so many proposals, and because they were so relevant to the day-to-day work of an information professional in the substance abuse field, we did everything we could to include them all, without cutting anyone’s preferred length. Our initial idea was to organize the talks thematically, offering blocks of related content throughout the week. As we organized our trusty magnet board, constantly shuffling and sometimes breaking up the blocks in order to fit everything in, schedule around the hard-and-fast daily lunch hour, and meet specific presenter requirements, some of these themes began to fall victim to logistical realities. Despite this concession, the original organization and relational understanding of the presentations stuck with us, resembling what we thought would be a well-constructed table of contents. Even though our themes could not stay as perfectly compartmentalized as we had hoped in practice, we had the idea that such a useful and relevant variety of topics ought not to begin and end with their live presentations, but could be collected in a compendium in the form of a Conference Proceedings.

In looking through the CAS Library archives, we began to browse through previous SALIS publications—mainly newsletters—that served to preserve the history of the organization. In these publications, certain traditions seemed to organically emerge, such as the periodical SALIS Chair message and news on individual members. We plan to continue and extend SALIS traditions by collecting and offering the full content that is presented at our landmark event each year.

Notable in our research is the fact that offering proceedings of the conference is not an entirely new idea, as there were times in the past in which SALIS members could request a collection of the year’s papers for their own private perusal.

To build on that model, we wanted to make the SALIS eProceedings entirely openly accessible and free to the public. In keeping with the principles of open access, we

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believe that a web-hosted proceedings with a Creative Commons Attribution License (CC BY 4.0) will provide the broadest discoverability of our works. We hope to attract new and diverse audiences to SALIS and the annual conference. The Center of Alcohol Studies is currently hosting the proceedings on its servers, with our in-house digital developer James Nguyen providing the requisite technical support.

The name of the publication is a take on the familiar SALIS acronym, with the “SA” still referring to Substance Abuse, but the “LIS” slightly tweaked to refer to Library and Information Studies. In taking the concept of the proceedings a step further, we thought it useful to represent our narrow discipline-within-a-discipline with a distinct title, to establish our small but influential place in the research world. Luckily, we had a professional graphic designer in tow (former CAS information specialist Deborah Fanslow, who remains on the editorial board), and she crafted the clean and attractive logo that acts as the sidebar to our cover page.

In terms of content, contributing to the SALIS eProceedings was not mandatory, but we were quite pleased with the amount of presenters who opted to submit for publication. Of the 22 presenters on the conference agenda, 16 submitted a written follow-up to be published in the proceedings. We purposefully cast as wide a net as possible, allowing for any style of paper to be written, as long as it closely reflected the substance of the talk given at the conference. As a result, we have a very diverse array—including those written in a scholarly manner, some containing more colloquial reflections, and others that focus on a demonstration of current practices.

In addition, we decided that poster presentations ought to be included in our publication, especially as this conference included an “ignite session,” a series of 3-5 minute talks that allowed authors to give the broad strokes of their posters before answering more detailed questions in the follow-up portion. Six of the seven posters presented at the conference were written up for these proceedings. For those of you planning to present at the upcoming conference in San Diego in 2015, the option to submit your talk for publication will again be available, so please keep this in mind as you prepare. Also, as this is a new and experimental undertaking, we greatly appreciate all feedback and welcome any suggestions, constructive critiques, or other comments you might have for future issues. Those who attended the conference this past year, do you feel this publication reflects the substance of what was presented? For those of you who did not attend, do you find this publication useful? Please drop us a line or send a message in a bottle!

Nominations for the SALIS Executive Board

Time to think about running for the SALIS Board, yes YOU! Why? Being on the board provides:
- A way to get more involved in your organisation and its members—make friends, influence people!
- A good look for your resume;
- Education about the international drug and alcohol information scene;
- That warm and fuzzy feeling you get from raising your hand;
- Free “How to be on a committee” survival training for newbies (a great way to break in if you’ve never been on a committee before);
- Only one face-to-face and 2 or 3 conference calls per year, easy!

So please consider running for the Executive Board. Open positions this year are: Chair - Elect (1), Secretary (1), Member At Large (2).

Serving on the Board is fun, educational and not very time-consuming. If you have questions about any of the positions, or you want to nominate yourself or someone else, please contact Jane Shelling, Past Chair of SALIS, at Jane.Shelling@aic.gov.au. Also if anyone is available to help with the nominations process that would be great too; please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you!
SALIS-Internet Archive
Digs Project Update
Andrea Mitchell, Executive Director of SALIS

Behind the scenes in the recent three months, SALIS-IA Digitization Project members have been selecting books from the collection donated us by the NIAAA Library when it was defunded. We have sifted through over 2,500 book titles, first making selections, then searching two databases of the Internet Archive (OpenLibrary.org and Archive.org/texts) to make sure the titles were not already digitized, and finally checking the SALIS database to make sure the title had not already been submitted.

Book contributors thus far include Joel Fort; Robert Lindsay, NCADD; ADAI Library; Hazelden Library; Nevada Prevention Resource Center; Prevention Research Center Library; St George's London University, Cranmer Terrace, Population Health Research Institute; SALIS Home; Tom Colthurst; Bob Denniston; Kaye Fillmore Estate; and all of the attendees of the SALIS 2013 conference with their book donations at the Internet Archive tour. The books from the NIAAA Library will be shipped in the coming weeks.

But We Need More Books
As has been mentioned in previous newsletters, the Digs Project needs books, including government documents that were not born digital. If you haven’t yet, do begin looking at your own collection to see if you have duplicates or titles which you might donate, then contact SALIS Home (salis@salis.org) to find out how you can be a part of this exciting endeavor. It takes a bit of work to be involved, but we are planning to do a workshop at April’s SALIS 2015 conference in San Diego to give you all the information you will need.

SALIS Digs Project Goal
One web page for every ATOD book ever published, and a digitized book to match.
This is paraphrasing the words of IA Director Brewster Kahle, who is attempting to build, with partners such as SALIS, a virtual public library where all the books ever published may be borrowed.

We Need to Raise $$$
In the meantime, we must raise more monies for this very exciting project. The Advocacy Committee, which has been promoting and doing the work of this project, is coordinating with the Development Committee to plan a crowd-funding campaign, to help raise monies for digitizing more ATOD books and print-only gov docs.

Please help us reach our goal! ☶

The Long Run: Making a Difference for Decades
Judit Ward, SALIS Chair
Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies

Those who are close to me know that I dwell on the past. A lot. It comes from my special appreciation for past events, ingrained in me as someone born and raised in Hungary. But: I have also learned throughout the years that mulling over and over the same events alone is not terribly productive, however, reflecting on our past may help us understand the present better. (Wait a minute, remember, didn’t we just have a conference with this theme?)

For a SALIS Chair and librarian, what is a better source to look back upon our past history than our own newsletters? Thanks to the SALIS digitization projects, they are all available online now on the SALIS website, providing a gold mine for diggers like me. This whole thing started with just looking up some dates and titles of past conferences for the back cover of the SALIS 2014 Conference Proceedings. Then things just got out of hand....

Launched in 1981, these newsletters provide not only a wealth of information, but also reveal a fascinating history of the organization, as it evolved and grew into what we are now. Thumbing through the print copies previous librarians at Rutgers have collected, I discovered some columns with intriguing titles, such as WebSights, Government/Fugitive Literature, and Video Views. Sounds like they all well represent their era and are fun to peruse today. Then there is all the information on organizations in the past with similar missions in Canada, Australia, and Europe, and the joint conferences with them. An outstanding read is all the evidence of early SALIS advocacy activities and SALIS librarians serving on national and international committees, making a huge difference at any given point of history. Remarkable would be a list of conferences and historical events in which SALIS participated and witnessed all over the world. Well, we all know the facts, but a first-hand recollection of signing the Farmington consensus in 1997 or trying to save the ETOH database later brings these big

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events much closer. I was mesmerized to read these contributions written by long-time SALIS members, such as Sheila Lacroix, Barb Weiner, Ed Gregory, and of course, our executive director, Andrea Mitchell.

The old newsletters also present the ever-changing technology through the lens of keen observers and serve as a prime example to experience the infamous generation gap. Obviously, I do not mean SALIS librarians being behind technology or something like that in this respect, just the opposite! Tech talks with my undergrad assistants always remind me of time passing. I believe many of you realized, for example, that the universal SAVE symbol is meaningless for them. Understandably, since their generation has never seen a floppy disk! Some of us had the privilege to learn the ins and outs of the Internet as it was evolving, so the documentation of how SALIS embraced technology would be a fantastic trip down memory lane. As an example, our beloved SALIS listserv started in 1996, and was promoted by Nancy Sutherland in the newsletter in that year. Soon we can read the praise from the chair, Barbara Seitz de Martinez, how useful this new venue became in a short period. Just a few years later, we can browse David Man’s list of member libraries with websites as early as 2000, with Rutgers among them.

In 1996, I spent a few months in Edmonton, Canada working on an international bibliography in comparative literature and culture. At that point, only a few years had passed after the Iron Curtain had gone down and the CoCom list had been just lifted. We just got our computers and were building networks at the University of Debrecen, starting in 1994. As a visiting fellow from Hungary in North America, no wonder I felt like I was part of something much bigger than anything I had experienced before (well, excluding the fall of communism, of course, something everyone just hoped for, but no one believed it would ever happen).

Back home again, as a joke in 1996, I would often say, wow, this Internet-thingie is going to be bigger than the Printing Revolution. Being always ahead of the curve, I also made sure I researched and published on WWW and language teaching in 1996. I was lucky to be part of the team at the medical school to adopt and spread new technology. Twenty years later I can say we made history with what we accomplished at that time. Why am I saying all this? Getting there in a second.

The Internet has become bigger than anyone ever expected. So has SALIS, if I may. For all the disturbing news interspersed in the newsletters, such as downsizing and losses of libraries, SALIS weathered the past decades fairly well. So where are our strengths? What can we learn and adopt from the past? What can we revive or translate into our era? You will get the answer reading the old newsletters as well as our brand new conference proceedings. I have learned that when you are in the middle of something big, you may not realize its significance as it is happening. But I am sure SALIS provides something to the members that is bigger than us, which is why we feel compelled to stay around and remain active in the organization. As George Marcelle put it in 1999, “no one leaves [SALIS] because they no longer see value in SALIS”.

These were my first thoughts as I was reading SALIS executive director Andrea Mitchell’s mid-year report on changes (SALIS home has to move, what a nuisance, again), membership renewals (come on, people, let’s do it), the book digitization project moving along, and last but not least, the 2015 conference. In the light of all the above, just look at our current projects, and remember, we are making history here.

I salute the theme of the next conference, Linking worlds of knowledge: SALIS, an international pathway. Embracing our diverse cohorts, it incorporates all previous conference themes (of course, I classified them, I am a librarian after all): the role of librarians and information resources in our field; networking, partnership, and sharing; innovations in information science and technology; changes and challenges, all from an international perspective and with an eye to the future.

With that in mind, I feel honored to serve as SALIS Chair, and I wish to contribute to history by publishing the Substance Abuse Library and Information Studies, the eProceedings of the 2014 SALIS Conference with co-editor William Bejarano. Please see our introduction on page 6 of this issue. At the same time, I invite everyone to join me in carrying the torch along. It is the journey that matters, the process, and what we learn from it. There are not enough laurels at the finish line for everyone, but we can all enjoy the mindful moments with relentless forward motion. The important thing is to take part, just like in the Olympic Games. Humbled by the SALIS history, I am glad I made the cut. ☑
DAY ONE

On the first day, 32 participants from ISAJE and ICARA, as well as invited guests, shared the program. The first theme of the meeting was addressed by Sharon Wilsnack, who spoke about “Gender Issues in the Addiction Field.” This was followed by a report from Tom Babor about the recent report of the European Association of Science Editors (EASE), whose Gender Policy Committee has recommended new guidelines for the reporting of gender issues in scientific research, and improvements in the gender representation of women in science. The implications of these recommendations for ISAJE and ICARA were discussed. The full EASE report will be sent to ICARA member organizations.

A related theme, articulated by Jean O’Reilly, focused on the implications of the new CONSORT guidelines for addiction journals and societies. http://www.spi.ox.ac.uk/research/site/consort-spi/home.html http://www.equator-network.org/2014/08/12/declaration-of-transparency/ A third theme described the inter-relationships between addiction science journals and addiction research societies, many of which own, sponsor, and operate scientific journals. A panel of journal editors and society representatives presented their views on the challenges and benefits of society sponsorship of scientific journals.

Two presentations were devoted to recent developments in open access publishing. Jeffrey Beall described the troubling trend in “predatory” open access journals and publishers, some of which are operating in the addiction field. Some of these journals seem to be unethical, if not illegal, enterprises masking as legitimate journals in order to profit from scientists who cannot publish their work in recognized peer-reviewed publications. On the positive side, Dan Morgan from Elsevier described new models and other developments in open access publishing.

Richard Pates, President of ISAJE, reported on the ISAJE training workshops in research integrity, publication ethics, and publication options that were conducted in Nigeria and South Korea during the past year. He also described the current status of the ISAJE mentoring scheme for junior investigators from low- and middle-income countries. In the future, it was noted, both activities could be conducted in collaboration with ICARA. Other items on the agenda included a review of publication plans for the third edition of the book, Publishing Addiction Science, which will be revised by ISAJE but distributed in cooperation with ICARA.

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At the end of the first day, society representatives were asked to make short presentations about their societies, membership, main activities, and challenges. The attendees represented both large and small associations, some several decades old, others established during the 2000s. Scientific meetings were a common activity for all societies; for some, this was an important source of funding. Several associations had journals but none mentioned the journal as a source of income. The relation to governments varied: some were supported by the government; others have official tasks as expert bodies. Retaining members and maintaining a stable budget were cited as common problems for many.

**DAY TWO**

Presentations of two models for videoconferences were given, one cheaper and less interactive and one requiring more resources but also giving more interactive possibilities. Information about these models will be posted on the ICARA website.

Peter Vamos made a presentation about the history of the International Council on Alcohol and Addiction (ICAA), the oldest international addiction society. Next, Tom Babor provided a brief overview of ICARA’s future funding challenges.

Maristela Monteiro, from Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), talked about “Strengthening the Global ATOD Research Infrastructure: Perspectives from PAHO,” describing translational issues and language borders as obstacles to obtaining research funding and accessing the resources PAHO provides; something ICARA could help with via expanded linkages. Dag Rekve of the World Health Organization (WHO) attended her session and mentioned in his comment that ICARA could at a later point apply for a special formalized relationship with WHO as a non-state actor.

Steve Gust, head of NIDA’s International Division, described the goals and activities, including grants, of NIDA’s international work in the fields of drug research, training and international exchange and emphasized NIDA’s continuing collaboration with ISAJE and potential future cooperation with ICARA.

Ralph Hingson, NIAAA, spoke about NIAAA’s main international activities in the areas of FASD and HIV, their conference grant mechanism, the Fogerty Center for International Research, and the NIAAA Alcohol Policy Information System (APIS), which could be used as a model for international collaboration on alcohol policy research.

Next, three representatives from low- and middle-income countries discussed their challenges and needs. David Ndetei from Kenya mentioned that it is not self-evident that researchers in low- and middle-income countries are interested in the wellbeing of the country, or that governments listen to researchers. ICARA could help by educating governments about the value of research in relation to practical policy issues. He noted that “politicians do not see the light, they only feel the heat.”

Diana Rossi from the Intercambios Civil Organization in Argentina explained how her organization engages in research, advocacy training, and community interventions. There is a pressing need in Latin America for support from internal or external sources to build infrastructure.

Finally, Isidore Obot, President of the Nigerian Society for Substance Abuse Professionals, talked about the growing needs for addiction research and training in that country. The panel was very successful in drawing attention to the enormous problems that are prevalent or emerging in areas of the world where infrastructure and research capacity are weak or nonexistent. The panel’s conclusions begged the question: To what extent can ICARA facilitate advocacy for research, knowledge transfer, international collaboration, and mutual support?

Sungsoo Chun, Director of the Center for Addiction Science Specialties (CASS) at Sahmyook University in Korea, described how CASS could collaborate with ICARA/ISAJE to conduct joint research, training, and conferences for the advancement of education, research, and international exchanges.

Richard Saitz’s presentation discussed the problems with conflict of interest (COI) and industry funding for research, offering concrete examples from several research fields. He described how the International Network on Brief Interventions for Alcohol and Other Drugs is in the process of developing a comprehensive policy to deal with COI issues at all levels of the organization.

Following these contributions, the attendees divided into smaller groups to discuss the future work of ICARA under three main headings: 1) education and training, 2) information exchange and dissemination 3) management.

**FUTURE OF SALIS AND ICARA**

The SALIS Executive Board plans to discuss ICARA’s invitation to join their confederation during their next meeting, planned for later this month (January 2015).
News from Canada
Chad Dubeau, CCSA
Sheila Lacroix, CAMH

From CCSA

New Network for Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Workers Coming Soon!
CCSA has partnered with Mentor International to host Prevention Hub Canada, the Canadian section of the global Prevention Hub. This new network will focus on connecting Canadian individuals and organizations, mobilizing knowledge for effective youth drug prevention through an online platform, social media channels and regular newsletter updates. Members will share evidence, resources, tools and best practices to help each other develop effective prevention programs and policies.

Accreditation: A Path to Improving Treatment Services
CCSA and The Canadian Executive Council on Addiction (CECA) are collaborating with Canada’s six accreditation bodies to improve services in Canadian residential treatment facilities. At present, one-third of residential treatment facilities are not accredited by an established body, resulting in wide variation in quality of care for patients seeking treatment for substance abuse issues. The CECA–CCSA Accreditation Stakeholder Working Group aims to improve services for patients by increasing the participation of treatment facilities in accreditation programs. The increase will be achieved by developing resources to demonstrate the benefits of accreditation and tools to help facilities meet the standards required for accreditation.

Over the coming year, the Working Group will provide these tools directly to treatment facilities and host webinars to engage treatment facilities in dialogue about accreditation. The Working Group will also reach out to provincial and territorial ministers of health to raise support for the accreditation of Canada’s residential treatment facilities.

From CAMH

Library Value Toolkit http://guides.hsict.library.utoronto.ca/libraryvaluetoolkit
This was announced on SALIS-L, but here’s a reminder that the Health Science Consortium of Toronto (HSICT) recently launched this guide, the Library Value Toolkit, to assist our membership with evaluating and communicating our services. It includes all the elements – aligning our library’s strategic plans with our organization’s Mission Vision Values (MVV), measuring services and usage, and communicating our value. I was the co-chair of the task force commissioned to create such a resource. It was a very intense and time consuming project but well worth it and a great example of how well librarians with different skills and experiences work so well together to benefit our profession and promote our value.

We had several requests from non-research staff for help in evaluating research literature. We did have some great resources in the library, including most of the eBook Series from the Joanna Briggs Institute, Synthesis Science in Healthcare. Unfortunately, these resources were scattered around and hard to find. In putting together this library guide, we not only focused on providing improved access to CAMH Library resources on this topic, but also included provide tips, strategies and links to popular, easy-to-use, critical appraisal tools. It even addresses predatory journals, a topic that came up at the 2014 SALIS conference. Although some resources are proprietary, we hope the broader community will find this tool helpful. All the CAMH Library Research and Subject Guides can be accessed through the Library Website, www.camh.ca/camh_library. See Research Guides.

Resources: Recent Canadian Releases

Benzodiazepine Withdrawal in Seniors: Effective Interventions to Manage Symptoms (Rapid Review)
Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse
November 2014 (PDF, 9 pages)

Drug-related Harms at Canadian Music Festivals: CCENDU Bulletin
Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse
September 2014 (PDF, 2 pages)

How Should We Label Our Alcohol? (infographic)
Centre for Addictions Research of BC, September 2014 (PDF, 1 page)

Ivrotex.to (youth alcohol prevention app)
Éduc’Alcool, August 2014

Marijuana for Medical Purposes (Policy Brief)
Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse
October 2014 (PDF, 10 pages)

Marijuana for Non-Therapeutic Purposes (Policy Brief)
Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse
October 2014 (PDF, 11 pages)

A New Approach to Managing Illegal Psychoactive

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Substances in Canada
Discussion Paper
Canadian Public Health Association
May 2014 (PDF, 32 pages)

Random Breath Testing (Policy Brief)
Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse
October 2014 (PDF, 5 pages)

Sport and Youth Substance Use: Findings from a Systematic Review of Longitudinal Studies
Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse
October 2014 (PDF, 2 pages)

(IMAGEN) Collaborates with ENIGMA (Enhancing Neuro Imaging Genetics through Meta Analysis – http://enigma.ini.usc.edu/), an international collaboration, so the international network continues to expand. This is an incentive to keep our SALIS network strong and geographically diverse! It’s the way of the future.

CAMH recently hosted guest speaker Dr. Gunter Schumann, Chair in Biological Psychiatry, King’s College London. Although a psychiatrist who works in genetics, molecular biology and neuroimaging, he is grounded in the bigger picture, trying to understand the determinants of addictive behaviours at crucial points in the development of young people and what can be done to prevent risks such as psychosocial stress. He is the coordinator of the IMAGEN Study and reported on this amazing project.

The IMAGEN Study: http://www.imagen-europe.com

This project looks at mental health and risk-taking behaviour in teenagers, including alcohol and drug abuse, investigating both environmental and biological factors. Research teams from England, Ireland, France and Germany are involved. The population studied was 2,000 fourteen-year-old children and their parents, and there have been follow-up studies to track change. It is unique in that it involves the intersection of a broad range of research methodologies: self-report questionnaires, behavioural assessment, interviews, neuroimaging of the brain, and genetic analyses from blood samples.

The study began in late 2007 and the research output has been vast and complex, with over 100 studies published to date. See the website for a list of publications. Obviously the extensive data set will continue to contribute to many studies. The 2014 Publishable Final Activity Report is posted on the website. See page 6/7 for a summary of

findings on the neurobiological basis for impulsivity and risk-taking related to drug and alcohol abuse in adolescents. Also see page 43 for a brief summary, Innovation-Related Activities. Previously, risk factors could be predicted at the group level; these in depth studies will lead to prediction at the individual level.

This is definitely something to watch! One hopes that the results will be disseminated for the broader audience. In the meantime, one can monitor research studies resulting from the IMAGEN data, as well as papers by Dr. Schumann, who has a particular interest in the neuropsychosocial predictors of alcohol abuse in adolescents.

Alcohol

Alcohol-Related Liver Disease is a new map from the Health & Social Care Information Centre showing the impacts that alcohol has on patients and the NHS in England. http://www.hscic.gov.uk/article/5040/Alcohol-related-liver-disease-new-map-highlights-regional-hotspots


Alcohol Hidden Harm Toolkit is a resource to support managers, commissioners and practitioners involved in designing, assessing or improving Alcohol Hidden Harm (AHH) services for children and families. http://www.alcohol-hiddenharmtoolkit.org.uk/
Drunken Nights Out: Motivations, Norms and Rituals in the Night Time Economy asks what role Drinkaware should have in reducing the harms associated with drunken nights out. Draws on original qualitative research comprising pre-work, interviews and workshops with a total of 80 participants in drunken nights out aged 18 to 29, a review of literature, and interviews with key informants. https://www.drinkaware.co.uk/about-us/knowledge-bank/drinkaware-research/drunken-nights-out-strategic-review

Drugs


The Forgotten People: Drug Problems in Later Life, by the Big Lottery Fund, examines the issue of drug misuse in older people. The study indicates that while the number of older people with drug problems in the UK is on the rise they fail to get the same attention as young people. http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/-/media/Files/Research%20Documents/Older%20People/the_forgotten_people.pdf


Examining the Profile and Perspectives of Individuals Attending Harm Reduction Services Who are Users of Performance and Image Enhancing Drugs presents findings from a research project undertaken by Merchants Quay Ireland (MQI) showing that more individuals attending harm reduction services are users of performance and image enhancing drugs (PIEDs). http://www.drugsandalcohol.ie/22964/

The Gender Differences: Non Medical Use of Prescription Drugs in Europe and the Mediterranean explores the gender dimension of non-medical use of prescription drugs (NMUPD) in Europe and the Mediterranean region. The literature review identifies women as a high risk category for NMUPD and shows how gender is not predictive in the same direction across different drug categories. http://www.drugsandalcohol.ie/22964/

Tobacco

Statistics on Smoking: England 2014 (pdf) is the 9th annual statistical compendium report from the Health & Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC), UK, presenting a range of information on smoking among adults and children including prevalence, habits, attitudes, NHS costs and the effect on health in terms of hospital admissions and deaths from smoking related illnesses. http://bit.ly/statssmoking2014HSCIC

Use of Electronic Cigarettes in Great Britain, a fact sheet from Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), summaries findings from annual surveys demonstrating that since 2010 there has been a significant rise in use of electronic cigarettes among adult smokers in Great Britain. Among
When the Smoke Clears... Irish Pharmacist, 10 (16). pp. 4-8. Pharmacists are increasingly being asked to play a greater role in front line public health delivery. Pat Kelly looks at how the sector is promoting smoking cessation for the overall benefit of public health and health services themselves. [http://www.drugsandalcohol.ie/22966/](http://www.drugsandalcohol.ie/22966/)

A Guide for Tobacco Users to Quit is a self-help publication based on the WHO Capacity Building Training Package 4 entitled “Strengthening health systems for treating tobacco dependence in primary care.It aims to give advice and information to improve tobacco user’ readiness to quit and to help those who are ready to quit to plan a quit attempt. [http://www.who.int/tobacco/publications/smoking_cessation/9789241506939/en/](http://www.who.int/tobacco/publications/smoking_cessation/9789241506939/en/)

Videos & Websites

**Best Practice Portal.** Designed as a practical and reliable source of what works, and what doesn’t, in the areas of drug-related prevention, treatment, harm reduction and social reintegration, the portal is targeted at practitioners and professionals. [http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/best-practice](http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/best-practice)


**Have You Read?**

**Information Doesn’t Want to be Free: Laws for the Internet Age.** Cory Doctorow ISBN: 1940450284, November 2014 [Buy from Amazon](http://www.amazon.com/dp/1940450284)

Doctorow takes on the state of copyright and creative success in the digital age. Can small artists still thrive in the Internet ear? What are the pitfalls and opportunities and how have the old models failed or found new footing? Vivid guide to the ways creativity and the web interact today.

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**Members’ Corner**

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

I’m going on my fourth year with SALIS. [Editor’s Note: Deann is also the Chair-Elect on the SALIS Executive Board for 2014-2015.]

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

I’m a program associate at Advocates for Human Potential, Inc.

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

I am truly honored to be a part of SALIS and associated with its rich history. I have benefitted in numerous ways from the organization. Being a SALIS members has allowed me to associate with an extraordinary group of professionals who “speak my language.” I have not only learned a great deal from my SALIS colleagues but am continually amazed by the generous time and effort the membership devotes in helping others to find, for example, resources and specific content. As a writer/editor, this is invaluable. Personally, I also have met some amazing people along the way. This is priceless!

**Hobbies outside of work:**
Showing American Cocker Spaniels, horseback riding

**Favorite food:**
Pasta

**Favorite book:**
*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee — one of my most favorite books since childhood.

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

My father served in the U.S. Army and, as a result, I have traveled and lived across the U.S., as well as in Europe.
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**New Journal**

*Addictive Behaviors Reports*

*Addictive Behaviors Reports*, ISSN: 2352-8532, published by Elsevier, is an online-only, open-access, and peer-reviewed journal offering an interdisciplinary forum for the publication of research in addictive behaviors.

Edited by Marcantonio Spada of the London South Bank University and Peter M. Miller of the Medical University of South Carolina, the journal accepts submissions that are scientifically sound on all forms of addictive behavior, from alcohol and drugs to gambling, the Internet, and technology. Its primary focus is on behavioral and psychosocial research, with an emphasis on sound experimental design combined with valid, reliable assessment and evaluation procedures.

The editors are particularly interested in “non-traditional,” innovative, and empirically oriented research, such as negative/null data papers, replication studies, case reports on novel treatments, and cross-cultural research.

For more information about this exciting new journal, visit their web site at: [http://www.journals.elsevier.com/addictive-behaviors-reports/](http://www.journals.elsevier.com/addictive-behaviors-reports/). And watch for an interview with one or both of the editors in the next issue of *SALIS News*!

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