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SALIS/AMHL Conference 2017
Conference report from our out-going chair
Vaughan Birbeck, EMCDDA

From the High Plains of Colorado in 2016 to the verdant spring of New England in 2017, you can’t argue that SALIS conference venues lack a variety of setting.

In May I was fortunate enough to be able to attend my second consecutive SALIS conference in Worcester, MA. Once again SALIS joined forces with AMHL to provide a diverse programme which proved to be every bit as stimulating as the previous year, with high quality presentations packed into three intense days, punctuated by much discussion and debate.

Looking back at the agenda it is hard to imagine we covered topics as varied as: information literacy; the language of addiction; mindfulness; bibliotherapy; evidence-based treatments;

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Our Role in Providing Real Information to the User
Juan Carlos Vega, Librarian & Community Blogger

During the first days of May, library managers, hospital, substance use and mental health librarians, health information specialists, wellness services, and prevention resource center managers from California to Minnesota to Florida gathered along with international partners for the 2017 Joint Annual Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists (SALIS) & Association of Mental Health Librarians (AMHL) Conference.

International institutions included the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction in Portugal, the International Alliance for Responsible Drinking in London, and the

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dissemination of public health information through social media; cultural awareness of LGBTQ issues, and; designing a web portal for people with mental illness.

Not to mention: the development of the SALIS archive, external enquiry-handling, outreach work for military veterans, and the exploitation of publicly-funded research for profit by commercial publishers. All this in three days.

I think I can say that all the presentations added in some way to our knowledge as an audience and were often prescient in demonstrating trends for the future. For example, it has just been announced that Associated Press has altered its style guide to discourage the use of words such as ‘addict’ in favour of ‘people with addiction’, which avoids identifying the person with the condition, one of the points raised in our presentation on the ‘misused language of addiction’.

There was also time for socialising, external visits, and some of us found time to indulge our personal interests. With remarkable hospitality Elaine Martin (former Director of UMass Medical School library, now at Harvard) opened her home to a – well-behaved – horde of visitors for our welcome/reception, and provided a delicious catered dinner where talk strayed from professional matters to the state of American politics and the current occupant of the White House. (Some even stated a preference for British-style government, 240 years too late.)

A highlight of the second day was a chance to visit the American Antiquarian Society. Founded by Isaiah Thomas in 1812, the collection aims to hold one copy of every item printed in the USA up to the year 1876, whether it be book, journal, pamphlet, music, or graphic art. The tour was very absorbing and the temptation to linger in the stacks and settle down with a volume of old newspapers almost irresistible.

Following the close of the conference I took advantage of the location and looked for the site of Worcester’s Civil War army camp and visited the local museum to learn more about the local 57th Massachusetts regiment, raised in the last year of the war.

As I said to my line manager on my return, SALIS conferences may involve some travel and expense, but the quality and variety of their content make it all more than worthwhile, and maybe a visit to Lisbon can be arranged in the not-too-distant future?

Apart from its members’ contributions to the content of the conference, I should also thank and congratulate AMHL for acting as hosts, providing an excellent venue and arranging comfortable and convenient accommodation for us. Many thanks to Len Levin and his team. □

Worcester - A Footnote from History
Vaughan Birbeck, EMCDDA

This photo shows Charles F. Everett, one of the 398 names recorded on the Civil War memorial in Worcester.

Charles joined the 57th Massachusetts Infantry regiment at Camp Wool in Worcester, early in 1864. As the only support of his widowed mother, Charles was probably tempted by the $300 bounty he would receive for volunteering to serve the Union.

Can you believe the recruiters took him at his word that he was 18? He was probably 14, maybe less!

The Regiment’s colonel, William Bartlett, obviously had doubts. When the regiment faced its first action in the Wilderness on 6 May 1864, Charles was given strict orders to stay with the regiment’s supply wagons (“in the rear, with the gear”).

Charles disobeyed orders, found a musket and some ammunition and headed for the fighting. A comrade found him later that day, wounded in the hip, and laid him in the shade of a tree. He may have been taken prisoner when the Confederates counter-attacked.

His body was never found. □
The gathering began with a lovely opening reception at the home of Dr. Elaine Martin, Director of the Harvard Medical School’s Francis Countway Library of Medicine a few miles from the hotel. The conference program showcased mobile apps for veterans, addiction studies and mental health websites, issues on the commercialization of information, child trauma, opioids addictions, and how to handle information requests from external audiences. We had a special session on mindfulness as a therapeutic intervention and training on how to add content to the SALIS Collection in the Internet Archives. An afternoon tour of the American Antiquarian Society founded in 1812 on the second day provided a tour of stacks and historical items reconfirming the relevance of libraries and librarians in today's information climate.

The importance for both organizations to continue to gather annually is key to create stronger subject matter expertise among attendees. It also provides with more comprehensive resources for patients suffering from substance abuse alongside mental health disorders. This integration is passed on to medical providers, administrators, patients and other information seekers.

On behalf of SALIS and AMHL, we thank all sponsors, the planning committee, attendees, presenters, and our hosts, Len Levin and Sonja Mertz for their hard work and commitment making this event a great success. See you next year!!

SALIS/AMHL 2017 Conference Evaluation Results
Sonja Mertz, Conference Co-Host

A big “Thank You” to those of you who completed the Survey Monkey conference evaluation. We received a 67% return rate – pretty impressive!

Overall, conference attendees were “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with the conference logistics and presentations. There was high praise for the variety and quality of the presentations. Attendees also enjoyed the beautiful reception at Elaine Martin’s home and the behind-the-scenes tour of the American Antiquarian Society.

Some people would have liked the location to have been more “walkable” – to restaurants and attractions. Also, getting to Worcester from Boston was a concern.

Some comments about the conference that could be applied to future conferences include:

- offer presentation handouts to allow for following the presentations more easily and to take notes,
- receiving the conference program before arriving at the conference,
- more communication and information regarding the conference (and earlier),
- consider a longer conference (3.5 days in the past) to allow for more time for SIG and Committee Meetings and more time for networking and workshops.

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Back, L-R: Sheila Lacroix, Catherine Carr, Juan Carlos Vega, Len Levin, Vaughan Birbeck, Pam Hastings, Sonja Mertz, David Man Front, L-R: Rebecca Walsh, Amy Faltinek, Jennifer Velotta, Stephanie Asteriadis Pyle, Barbara Weiner, Kate Elder, Andrea Mitchell (photo by A. Mitchell)
HIGHLIGHTS from the 2017 Board and Business Meetings
David Man, SALIS Secretary

Board Meeting Highlights

Attending in person: Vaughan Birbeck (Chair), Andrea Mitchell (Executive Director), Karen Palmer (Treasurer), and David Man (Secretary). We were joined for part of the meeting by Len Levin, President of the Association of Mental Health Librarians (AMHL).

Via teleconference: Barbara Seitz de Martinez (Chair-elect), Chad Dubeau (Member at Large [MAL]), Isabelle Michot (MAL), and Courtney Drysdale (MAL).

About the Conference
Vaughan Birbeck began the meeting by thanking the assembled for agreeing to hold the SALIS conference jointly with the AMHL here in Worcester.

Vaughan then briefly summarized the events that had led us to Worcester. He said that last year Len Levin, President of AMHL, had mentioned to Elaine Martin (the then Library Director of the UMass Medical School Library) that if it had not been for SALIS at Denver, AMHL would not have been able to hold a conference in 2016 and that they did not know if they could hold another one in 2017 without SALIS. On hearing this Elaine Miller said she would be glad to offer the facilities at U. Mass for no cost.

Afterward, Len and Andrea agreed that SALIS and AMHL should take advantage of this offer.

Sonja Mertz of SALIS and Len Levin of AMHL were the two main conference organizers and therefore did most of the work. Huge thanks to them both from the Executive Board!

Len discussed the theme of the conference, which was based on the idea of “Fake versus Real News,” e.g., vaccines and autism. Librarians today are seen as the purveyors of “real” information and as a result are perceived as the most reliable source for information. We should take advantage of this perception, which is, of course, based on reality!

Len than ran through some of the conference presentations which included mindfulness as a therapeutic tool, veterans and PTSD, the importance of language in addictions studies (abuse versus dependence). He pointed out that UMass School of Medicine has been one of the pioneers of mindfulness as a therapeutic tool in the addictions field.

SALIS Executive Director Andrea Mitchell recognized Chad Dubeau as having brought in many of this year’s conference exhibitors. The grand total for both sponsors and exhibits this year was $5,200.

Treasurer Karen Palmer reviewed the report for the previous financial year. Copies of this report are available from the SALIS Home office (email salis@salis.org).

Membership for SALIS is down again this year, with only 56 members (2 pending) as opposed to 64 in 2016. There were also 10 fewer attendees to this year’s conference compared to the conference in Denver in 2016.

From the Home Report, items of interest included the migration of the SALIS website to a new ISP (GoDaddy), thanks to Meg Brunner and a hired IT specialist. The website is more stable and secure, and email for SALIS Home is working much better. Additionally, several SALIS members helped promote the SALIS Collection/Digs Project, with presentations and posters at a variety of national and international organizational conferences, including the International Society of Addiction Journal Editors, the

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International Confederation of Addiction Research Associations, the Internet Archive Leader’s Forum, the Applied Anthropology Association, and the Society for the Study of Addiction. For more from the Home Report, see page 8.

In terms of fundraising, NIAAA gave SALIS a grant for $1000 for the Digs Project. Sheila Lacroix and Andrea also wrote a proposal for a $10,000 grant for the project from the Society for the Study of Addiction (SSA). For more about the Digs Project, see page 9.

Other issues discussed at the meeting included a formal letter from SALIS to Rutgers deploring the closure of the Center of Alcohol Studies library, better collaboration between SALIS and AMHL, and the possibility of a redesign project to modernize the SALIS website.

Next year is SALIS’s 40th Anniversary, and the board discussed plans to celebrate by having the conference in Berkeley, CA once again, the home of SALIS Home.

Despite a decreasing membership and falling conference attendance, our financial situation has remained fairly healthy and stable over the year. Membership has remained a critical issue for our organization, and members discussed ways to recruit more members, including sending representatives of SALIS to other organizations’ meetings, such as ALA, MLA, and SLA. Expanding membership to include more directors of prevention centers might also help. Additionally, offering continuing education (CE) units might entice more conference attendees.

A discussion about our name, Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists, was held. “Abuse” is increasingly recognized as a problematic term in our field. David Man suggested retaining the acronym, but changing the full name to “Society of Addiction Librarians and Information Specialists.”

A fundraising campaign for the Digs Project will be happening by the end of the year, most likely now targeted for Giving Tuesday in late November. SALIS members will be encouraged to support the project, via personal donations and shares of the campaign to friends and family.

Ballots for the Executive Board election were counted and the 2017-2018 Executive Board was announced as:

Barbara Seitz de Martinez (Chair), David Man (Secretary), Karen Palmer (Treasurer), Chad Dubeau (Chair Elect), Isabelle Michot (MAL), Sheila Lacroix (MAL), Juan Carlos Vega (MAL), and Vaughan Birbeck (Past Chair)

Congratulations to: Chad, David, Sheila, and Juan Carlos for their election or re-election to the board, and farewell to Courtney Drysdale, whose MAL term expired this year.

A discussion about Wikipedia was held. Our attempts to get SALIS in the system continue to be problematic. Wikipedia claims that there are insufficient links from other sources to our organization. We need to push harder on this and find out what we can do to overcome this obstacle.

A joint committee to discuss a possible SALIS/AMHL merger, or some other form of increased collaboration, has been formed, and consists of David Man for SALIS and Pam Hastings for AMHL. The committee’s first task will be to solicit opinions about this idea from their respective memberships.

The 2018 conference is planned for Berkeley, CA, with Andrea Mitchell, Julie Murphy, and Tom Colthurst agreeing to assist in conference preparations.

Lisbon, Portugal was touted as a possibility for 2020. Though this might present challenges for many SALIS and AMHL members who are restricted in their work-related travel, we have a large European membership and it might encourage them to participate in the organization more if the conference were held on their continent. Perhaps, given enough of a “heads up” the possibility of Lisbon conference may not be so distant. Vaughan reiterated that all this depended on his continuing to hold his current position at EMCDDA.

David Man then said that if he had not retired by 2021 he would offer to host at CASA in New York. If so, this would be ten years after the previous New York conference and twenty years after the first New York conference.

The SALIS Website and Social Media
All agreed that we should increase our presence on social
media. It has been found that “liking” other organizations that are similar to our own encourages their membership to come and take a look at our page on Facebook. This may then be a way of bringing attention to ourselves and may even lead to others joining us. It was agreed that administrators of the SALIS Facebook page would strive to make more such connections in 2018.

Despite our decline in membership, our finances are holding steady thanks to money being brought in by the conference exhibitors, the DIGS Project, and careful management at the Home Office, etc. However Andrea said that the amount brought in by Amazon had fallen off precipitously. She encouraged those present to use the link to Amazon through the SALIS home page to bump up the numbers again.

Recruiting of new members is a continuing problem as was mentioned at the first business meeting. Various options discussed included: improving our website, raising our Facebook presence, reaching out to other organizations (such as AMHL), etc.

In September at Denver NAADAC will be holding its annual conference and it was suggested that perhaps we can have someone present a talk there about DIGS.

The verdict on the 2017 conference was that it was very successful. The cost of putting it on was much lower than usual thanks to the fact that the conference space and other support systems were provided gratis by the University of Massachusetts, School of Medicine.

At the end of the meeting we were joined by the AMHL Librarians. The conference organizers Len Levin (AMHL) and Sonja Mertz (SALIS) were thanked for all their efforts in bringing the conference about and both received “Thank You” cards. Vaughan Birbeck, the retiring SALIS Chair, was also thanked for his chairmanship of SALIS over the course of 2016-2017.

The meeting – and this year’s fantastic conference – ended at approximately 1:00PM. □

Using Your Phone to Support SALIS via Amazon

Do you shop at Amazon a lot? Do you use the Amazon app to do it on your phone or tablet? If so, please read on!

Using the Amazon app is definitely more convenient than using a mobile browser and having to type in the URL every time, but it means your orders won’t get credited to SALIS. We suspect increased app use may explain the recent decline in revenue from our Amazon Affiliates program (we’ve gone from as high as $1400/month to as low as $50!).

Did you know, however, that you can actually bookmark a website and save it as an icon on your homescreen? You can! And by doing that, you create the same one-tap access to Amazon you were enjoying with the app, only now your purchases help give a little bit back to SALIS, too!

Instructions for iPhone/iPad

Open Safari and navigate to the SALIS/Amazon site using this URL: http://bit.ly/amazon_salis. (Or go to SALIS.org, click the red “Support SALIS” button on the left, and find the link there.)

When the Amazon site has loaded, click on the little square-with-arrow icon at the bottom of the screen. That will open up some options -- one of which is “Add to Home Screen.”

Tap that, give the icon a name (AmazonSALIS, e.g.) and you’re done!

Instructions for Android Phone/Tablet

Open your phone’s browser and enter that same URL: http://bit.ly/amazon_salis. Tap on the Create Bookmark icon (a star outline icon to the right of the URL bar; you may have to click a “MORE” or three-vertical dot icon to find this option)

From there, look for an option to save to the Homescreen -- it may be in a drop-down box you tap to expand or right there in the list that appears when you tap the three-dot icon. Select that, name the icon/bookmark (AmazonSALIS, e.g.) and you’re done!

Other Phones/Browsers

Don’t use these phones or browsers? Google your smartphone brand, the browser name, and the phrase “add bookmark to homescreen.”

Thank you for supporting SALIS! □
SALIS Home Report, 2017
Andrea Mitchell, Executive Director

Website & Email Platform Now at GoDaddy
A big problem for SALIS Home was resolved this year with the migration of the SALIS website and email to a new platform. SALIS is now with GoDaddy. Meg Brunner moved the SALIS website, and an IT person hired by SALIS Home moved all the mail boxes. This move should resolve our website security issues and improve email management for SALIS Home.

SALIS Membership
Membership in SALIS has continued to decrease. Counting 2 memberships which came in later this summer, we are now at 58 members: 34 US, 11 Canada, 3 Australia, 10 Europe. There are 2 renewals pending, and 4 new memberships this year.

39th Annual SALIS Conference
This year’s conference was a joint meeting with the American Association of Mental Health Librarians (AMHL) in Worcester, MA at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Hosts were Len Levin, Librarian at the U. Mass Medical School Library (AMHL), and Sonja Mertz, Prevention Research Specialist, Minnesota Prevention Resource Center (SALIS).

- **Registrations**: There were 23 SALIS registrations for the 2017 Conference: 6 AMHL members, 14 SALIS, and 3 non-members.

- **Scholarships**: Awards went to Vaughan Birbeck (EMCDDA, Portugal) and Juan Carlos Vega (US). The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) provided funds for the two scholarships.

- **Sponsorships** were provided by American Psychological Association, Elsevier, and Wiley.

- **Exhibits** came from Boston U, Botwin, CAMH, CASA, Primo Prevention, and Taylor & Francis.

Thank you to all our sponsors and exhibitors for your continued support of our conference!

Promotional Activities
Andrea Mitchell attended the ISAJE International Society of Addiction Journal Editors and the International Confederation of Addiction Research Associations (ICARA) meetings to represent SALIS in July 2016 in Windsor, UK. SALIS is a member of ICARA.

Andrea Mitchell also attended and provided an updated presentation on the SALIS Digs Project at the Internet Archive Leader’s Forum, Oct 2016, and was invited to give a brief presentation on the Digs Project at the Applied Anthropology Association’s meeting, for the Alcohol and Drug Study Group, held in Santa Fe, NM, April 2016.


Additionally, Judit Ward, Bill Bejarano and Christine Goodair did a poster, which Christine Goodair presented it to the meeting attendees.

Funding for The Digs Project (SALIS Collection):

- **The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism NIAAA** provided $1,000 to digitize the NIAAA’s magazine, *Alcohol, Health and Research World* Vols 1-17. Please note: there are two Vol 1 No 1’s.

- **The SALIS Board** authorized $3,000 (three thousand) for the Dig’s Project, at their online Board meeting in 2017.


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Eric Helmuth, David Man, Andrea Mitchell, Karen Palmer, Sheila Lacroix, Barb Weiner (D. Man)
The SALIS Collection: Report from SALIS/AMHL 2017
Sheila Lacroix, Barbara Weiner, Andrea Mitchell (Advocacy Committee)

It was great to have an opportunity in Worcester, SALIS 2017, to provide an update on the Digs (SALIS Digitization Internet Archive) Project through the presentation, Creating a SALIS Legacy; Building an ATOD Archive with Knowledge for All, and a workshop to demonstrate the interface and the practical steps essential to building The SALIS Collection https://archive.org/details/salis/. For the benefit of those unable to attend, here are some of the issues highlighted.

Use of the SALIS Collection

![Graph showing use of the SALIS Collection](image)

**Building the Collection: Goal for 2017**
We are aiming for 1800 books and reports by year end. How will this be accomplished?

**Fundraising**
SALIS Home has boxes of books waiting for funds to digitize. On average it requires $30 per book to have these books scanned and uploaded. Also, we anticipate book donations to continue as core libraries close or are downsized. Please think of The SALIS Collection when you are weeding, have duplicates, or identify a resource that you feel should be included. Stay tuned to the SALIS listserv for funding announcements, poised for sharing. These include results of a grant application, and a crowd funding project, with launch to SALIS members followed by launch to the broader community.

**Uploading**
This is a great way to add grey literature such as government and research reports, current and historical, from various jurisdictions representing the diverse membership of SALIS. Barbara Weiner spoke about her work in uploading documents from the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation Library and provided the steps to doing this. One must have authorization and an account to upload. Other SALIS members have been actively uploading documents: Marc Wauters (Belgium), Isabelle Michot (France), and Christine Goodair (UK).

**Sharing**
We discovered earlier this year that resources already in the Internet Archive (IA) can be shared among collections. This is something that IA staff must do, so it is our job to identify possibilities. The SALIS Collection now has a few turn-of-the-last-century books tagged from the Cornell University Library that fit our collection policy (see image below).

The University of Toronto agreed to digitize and cover the cost of its holdings published by the Addiction Research Foundation (ARF), when copyright clearance was received. These items are tagged as part of The SALIS Collection as well as the university's Addiction Research Foundation (ARF) Special Collection. There are more ARF items to be added, but the number currently stands at 229.

**Challenges**
With any major project, there are always challenges and the need for constant monitoring. Here are some challenges and tasks that have been identified.

**Downloading versus Borrowing**
Many of the scanned books that are under copyright are erroneously downloadable. The records must be changed to be tagged to 'Borrow'. Note: Items can be e-borrowed for 2 weeks and anyone can sign up for borrowing privileges.

**Example of an item in the SALIS Collection added via the Cornell University Library’s Collection**

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Monitoring
As information specialists, we are keenly aware that building collections is complex, and careful monitoring and developing standards are essential. At the workshop, we demonstrated the SALIS Digs Project Database, which enables us to keep track of every item selected and added to The SALIS Collection. Books and documents are scanned at different IA sites.

It is essential that all of the key bibliographic information be included with the books that are scanned. We now have procedures for setting up a spreadsheet to accompany the books being sent for scanning. Some books have been scanned without being tagged as part of The SALIS Collection! Continual follow-up and quality control is essential. We must rely on IA staff and maintain a good working relationship as well as keep up with technological changes. The IA is growing and changing as well, and has its own challenges.

Search Capability
There is no consistency in the subject headings and name authority in the records, as records are derived from various sources. We hope to standardize terms but this will be challenging, requiring both selecting standard language for new records and amending existing records. When using metadata from records in WorldCat, you are advised to select the best, most accurate record.

We have developed basic guidelines. As a start, Barbara Weiner prepared a handout with some of the standards that should be used when adding records to the project database and populating records when uploading documents. For example:

**Author:** Last, First, M.
**Acronyms:** Ensure both the acronym and spelled out format are included within each record.

You will see some changes to the Digs Project database as we continue to fine tune our work. The ISBN, if available, will be added to ensure the edition is correct.

We hope to make available documentation for the project's protocols and procedures on our SALIS website to make it easier for all of us to keep on track. The hand-outs from the presentation and workshop will be reviewed, edited and updated if necessary.

It was also recommended that access to the project database and the documentation be on a Members' Only page. Watch for the handouts as they morph into an uploading guide!

In the days ahead, we anticipate having to seek input and assistance in developing standard language for subject headings and subsequently editing existing records to ensure consistent field values. We will keep you posted. This will be challenging work, but will enhance search capabilities, which will be essential as the collection grows.

Special Request: Looking for...
Sheila is working on collecting important royal commissions and major government inquiries. One example is the multi volume *Royal Commission on Opium* from 1894 that was tagged from the Cornell University collection. Please assist in identifying any from your country and if possible, check if the resource has been digitized. We will then seek permission to upload or share. Contact Sheila at sislacroix@yahoo.ca.

If you have any other questions or comments regarding the Digs Project, such as how to donate material, how to get more involved and take on a task which needs doing, contact SALIS Home salis@salis.org with cc: to Andrea Mitchell amitchell@salis.org

For further information, check out the slides from the conference presentation and workshop (see Members Only page on the SALIS website). Thank you to all who provided input at the SALIS Conference.
These two resources, both prepared by Christine Goodair, are freely available online:

Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco
https://alcoholanddrugshistorysociety.org/resources/
This collection of recommended resources includes a link to the SALIS Collection, as well as links to Druglink, DrugScope reports, CORK, and more.

Finding Useful Statistics
https://www.addiction-ssa.org/commentary/where-to-find-useful-statistics-and-information
This commentary piece published on the SSA website features selected statistical resources for drugs, alcohol and tobacco broken down by the UK’s different geographical regions.

Some recommended new websites:

Result: The Addiction Outcomes Website
https://www.result4addiction.net/
A website designed for measuring everything about addiction problems. Aimed at people with problems, professionals, and planners. Has online scientific self-measures for assessing your addiction problems and progress in recovery, and also includes sections on treatment, learning (what is addiction, e.g.), and a collection of evidence-based screening and assessment instruments.

Daily Harm Reduction, UK
http://harmreduction.tips/
This site, run by two people working in harm reduction, features a daily harm reduction tip or related quote for people to use to support their work or just have a bit of inspiration.

Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia
http://www.danaonline.org/about/
The key nursing organisation in Australasia for nurses and midwives with a professional interest in Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) issues. Run conferences, seminars, encourages nurse participation in research.

It is always fun to visit all of our member libraries; but special libraries (those focused in on specialized collections and audiences) are a special kind of fun because they tend to be organized a little differently and to have different materials than most other libraries. Hazelden was no exception! Barb Weiner showed me around the library, and graciously sat with me while I asked a million questions and we chatted about libraries.

You can see the special touches in this library, presenting the library as a valuable resource as well as a welcoming place to visit. I just love this book-themed curtain separating out the work space from the public space – it’s adorable! And says that this is a nice place to visit – always an important message when encouraging people to use your library!

As library people, we categorize and sort information for our community members, in systems that will make sense to them and help that information to be easily found. In some libraries that means the Dewey Decimal System, in others it is the Library of Congress classification system, and in government documents it is the SuDoc system. Special libraries often find those systems do not meet their specialized needs; and in this library Barb has worked out a system to help make books and other materials easily accessible to their very diverse community of users. Users include researchers, medical and clinical professionals, graduate students, and other staff, as well as outside inquirers. With over 15,000 monographs on site, as well as 1,552 audiovisuals, and many current and archived journals, there is a lot here to keep organized!

One of Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation’s values is to be a leader in education, advocacy, and dissemination of addiction knowledge. The library is an integral part of this value. You can see an area of the books collected here. The library borrows/lends 30+ interlibrary loan journal articles in PDF format each month, through the networks of Docline and Minitex. The need for printed information will never cease! But this is not all they do: this library is also an active participant in the development of the SALIS Collection, a growing online library of full-text addiction-focused books and documents (not journal articles) from the Substance Abuse Librarians.
& Information Specialists organization. They currently host more than 1,300 titles, all of which can be freely accessed online, and e-borrowed (those with copyrights) or downloaded (those outside of copyright protection). You can see a few of the journals here, along with some of the books collected in this library.

The collection is really interesting in scope; and as I do in all libraries I visit, I find myself with what I call “librarian’s disease” – the inability to be in a library with all these books and NOT pick them up and start reading! (It’s really more of a professional asset than a liability; but it can slow down a visit!)

Not only is this library providing a lot of great material on site, there are multiple other locations around the Center City campus also holding information materials. All of it can be provided to staff and selected others – including the older materials in these beautiful glass-fronted cabinets! There are 17 Hazelden Betty Ford campuses in various states, and staff from each campus have full access to the services and resources of this library.

It is always wonderful to visit our members, and to have the chance to both admire their materials and programs, as well as sharing it here with our readers! These member visit reports are some of our most-read articles; so we will be increasing the numbers of visits and reports. Have we visited your library yet?? We will! You can email us now to set up a good time, or fill out this form to give us a couple of days and times that work for you. Otherwise, we will be contacting you to set up a visit! Help us out, and get in your request ASAP!

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Drugs, Key Data 2017
Since 2007, OFDT has been publishing Drugs, Key Data, an overall perspective digest with the most recent and detailed facts and figures. The 7th issue, a 9-page document published in 2017, is now available. This document summarises for the main substances the levels of use observed in the French population as a whole. Then, it provides detailed information on use, treatment, health and social consequences as well as trafficking data per product. When possible, trends in these areas are provided. https://en/ofdt.fr/index.php?id=313

Tobacco smoking and tobacco cessation in 2016
A review on tobacco and tobacco smoking indicators in France brings together recent figures which vary in nature and origin. The annual 2016 review on tobacco has been drawn up from the monthly reports and presents them as a concise overview. While 2015 was characterized by the first rise in tobacconist network sales since 2010, this trend was reversed in 2016. Official sales are on the decline and have more or less reached their 2014 level. Sales of smoking cessation treatments are on the increase (+16.5%), the main treatments still being oral substitutes ahead of patches, accounting for more than 90% of the market. http://en.ofdt.fr/BDD/publications/docs/tt_16bilEN.pdf

Substance Abuse Library & Information Studies: SALIS eProceedings
A Broader Vision: The Value of Multidisciplinary Lenses, the 2016 volume of the SALIS Journal is now available!

Find it, as well as the 2 previous volumes, on the SALIS website at:
http://salis.org/salisjournal/
Open Access Book Helps Scholars Navigate the Maze of Publishing Addiction Science

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Written by an international group of experts, PAS3 is a comprehensive publication guide geared toward addiction professionals. With its broad approach to current issues in scholarly publishing, the revised and updated 3rd edition of this open access classic is appropriate for current students in various graduate programs other than addiction science. Course instructors and dissertation supervisors now have an authoritative source to which they can refer their students on topics from the perennial how to write scholarly articles and how to choose a journal for publication to more contemporary ones, such as how to write systematic reviews and meta-analyses. Also notable is the wealth of practical advice on how to prepare the actual manuscript and respond to reviewers.

It was a fascinating and rewarding experience to work with top scholars in the field of addiction and addiction publishing from all over the world. I was invited to co-author three chapters by Thomas F. Babor, Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs, published at the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies. Dr. Babor was our keynote speaker at the 37th annual conference of the Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists (SALIS) in San Diego, CA in 2015. Listening to his talk on the infrastructure of addiction science, it was obvious that he considers libraries and librarians as extremely valuable contributors.

“Judit was the Director of Information Services at the Center of Alcohol Studies at that time as well as the chair of SALIS,” says Thomas F. Babor. “She was in charge of the country’s oldest addiction collection and had a lot of experience with the questions that addictions researchers and students need to answer when it comes to publishing. Her mastery of the current developments in addiction publishing was critical to the drafting of several chapters, in addition to background provided by Andrea Mitchell, the Executive Director of SALIS, who also consulted on library-related issues.”

Jean O’Reilly, Editorial Manager at Addiction, was in charge of coordinating the collaboration of 28 co-authors from various countries, such as Australia, Brazil, Canada, the Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Nigeria, South Africa, the UK, and the USA.

“Because of the large number of authors involved in the book, all working for free in their spare time, it was necessary early on to form a small editorial team to steer the project and handle the many incidental but time-consuming tasks that accompany revising a book: commissioning new material, setting budgets and timetables, finding sponsors, contracting and liaising with the publisher, copyediting, arranging copyright permissions, and so on. The editorial group held regular teleconferences, increasing in frequency and hysteria as we approached the deadline, to check our actual progress against the proposed schedule. This approach allowed us to make quick decisions when needed while leaving the majority of our co-authors in peace to revise their chapters, and it allowed a potentially unwieldy project to progress efficiently.”

PAS3 is also exceptional with its coverage of ethical issues in scholarly publishing, such as selective or coercive citations and gift or surprise authorship. A chapter highlights the “Seven deadly sins of scientific publishing and how to avoid them,” listing seven major ethical issues with examples, from unintentional but questionable practices, such as citation bias and redundancies, to undeclared conflict of interest, plagiarism, and serious scientific fraud. In our era of so much potential for publication misconduct, researchers do need guidance. Libraries and librarians are ready to help all over the world. It is also remarkable that all this content is now available for anyone, including libraries and researchers from developing countries, who usually can’t afford to purchase all the books they would like to.

“We were attracted to the model developed by our publisher, Ubiquity Press, which makes their books fully open access, licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution (CC-BY) license,” adds Thomas F. Babor, who also noted that “the traditional print copy version of the book is available as well for a reasonable price.” SALIS librarians kept asking about the publication date. When the notification went out to the list, they were pleased to share it with their users – the best use of a librarian-coauthor for promotion! □
Canadian SIG Report

As usual, The Canadian SIG wrote the “News from Canada” portion of SALIS News, providing updates on major events and new resources available from Canada. The annual Canadian SIG meeting was canceled this year since only two Canadian SIG members attended the conference (Sheila Lacroix and Karen Palmer).

CCSA Name Change

Effective since May 18, 2017, our organization’s new name is the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA)/Centre canadien sur les dépendances et l’usage de substances (CCDUS).

The rationale for the change to our name is simple: words matter. Words shape how we see reality and have the power to both create and dismantle stigma. Part of CCSA’s mission is to ensure that people with substance use issues can seek and receive the treatment and supports we know can help. In changing our name, we are taking action to influence social discourse and helping to remove stigmatizing language from important conversations.

We will maintain our current English acronym of CCSA, and the French acronym will change to CCDUS.

The Postsecondary Education Partnership — Alcohol Harms launches a new website

The Postsecondary Education Partnership — Alcohol Harms is a group of universities and colleges from across Canada, partnered with the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA, formerly the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse) and Universities Canada. PEP-AH is a network of campuses that have their own capacity for researching and fully understanding the drinking culture on campus, as well as the best practices to reduce harms. The new website can be accessed here.

Resources for the Substance Use and Addiction Workforce

CCSA’s new Resources for the Substance Use and Addiction Workforce page expands and updates The Essentials of ... Series. The series includes seven resources on key topics and evidence-based approaches that provide guidance and practical information to professionals in the substance use and addiction field. Each topic is written by a Canadian expert and includes a list of selected videos and readings for further learning.

Cannabis and Driving Resources

CCSA recently released new resources related to cannabis and driving:

Collisions Attributable to Cannabis: Estimating the Harms and Costs in the Canadian Provinces

After alcohol, cannabis is the most widely used psychoactive substance in Canada and cannabinoids are among the most common psychoactive substances found in dead and injured drivers in Canada. In 2012, approximately 10% of Canadians aged 15 and older used cannabis and just under half of those reported driving within two hours of using it. However, there remains a lot that we don’t know about the extent and costs associated with driving under the influence of cannabis (DUIC). As Canada is poised to introduce legislation to regulate cannabis, conversations on the harms related to cannabis and driving are becoming increasingly relevant.

- Driving Under the Influence of Cannabis [web page]
- Cost of Cannabis Collisions in Canadian Provinces in 2012 [infographic]

Progress Report on the Joint Statement of Action to Address the Opioid Crisis in Canada

In recognition that no single individual, approach or organization can effectively “fix” Canada’s opioid crisis alone, the federal Minister of Health Jane Philpott asked the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) to partner with Health Canada to organize an Opioid Conference and Summit, which was held on November 18 (Conference) and 19 (Summit), 2016. The Conference engaged a broad range of over 200 stakeholders (including provincial and territorial representatives, regulatory authorities, First Nations representatives, advocates, NGOs, national organizations, people with lived experience, health professionals and researchers). In addition, more than 1,400 people participated via webcast. Conference participants were engaged in an interactive dialogue on best practices, lessons learned, innovations and the latest evidence. The conference sessions focused on key themes of prevention and education, harm reduction and overdose prevention, surveillance, research and monitoring, supply reduction and enforcement, and treatment.

The Summit engaged a smaller group of approximately 40 health professional organizations, national organizations and associations, regulators, and decision makers with the authority to commit to taking specific concrete actions to address problematic opioid use. The resulting Joint Statement of Action to Address the Opioid Crisis (Joint Statement of Action) reflects the combined commitment to act on this crisis. All Summit attendees, including the federal Minister of Health and nine provincial and territorial ministers of health, contributed to the Joint Statement of Action, which included clear deliverables and timelines. Each participating organization agreed to work within their respective areas of responsibility to reduce the harms associated with opioids through timely, concrete actions that deliver clear results. Organizations that contributed to the Joint Statement committed to reporting on the progress in delivering those results. The progress report is available here.
New Books
By Andrea L. Mitchell, MLS, Librarian


Fitzgerald, Jack. Rum-runners and Mobsters: Prohibition's 100th Anniversary (Continued on page 16)
(New Books from p. 15)


Isralowitz, Richard and Patricia A Findley (eds.) Mental Health and Addiction Care in the Middle East (Series: Advances in Mental Health and Addiction); Cham, Switzerland: Springer, 2016. 194 p. ISBN-13: 978-3319415543 (hardcover); ASIN: B01MSQ095N (Kindle)


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**European Drug Report 2017 Published**

*Vaughan Birbeck, EMCDDA*

The EMCDAA launched its annual report in Brussels on 6 June.

Highlights of this year’s report include the increasing number of drug overdose deaths, the emergence of synthetic opioids such as fentanyl as a source of drug-related harm, an apparent increase in the availability of cocaine, and the continuing appearance of new substances on the drug market.

The report also includes an overview of current developments in international cannabis legislation, and a comparative analysis of drug use among European and American high-school students.


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