Message from the Chair

Lisa Swanberg

Now that the 13th Annual Conference is over and life is back to the normal dull roar, I am pleased to have the opportunity to share with all SALIS members ideas and plans for this year. Since the annual meeting, held in conjunction with the SALIS Conference, the revised SALIS By-Laws have been ratified. As you know the revision will broaden the representation of the membership within the SALIS Executive Board and will also bring the by-laws into compliance with requirements for tax-exempt organizations. For more information about the by-laws, refer to the letter to all SALIS members from Nancy Sutherland dated September 12. In line with the revised by-laws, this year’s SALIS Executive Board has been expanded to include three members at large. The new officers are Lisa Swanberg, Chair, National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information; Jill Austin, Chair Elect, Canadian National Clearinghouse on Substance Abuse; Cathy Weglarz, Secretary and Membership Chair, Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies; Gail Weinberg, Treasurer, University of Minnesota; Tom Colthurst, Member at Large, University of California San Diego Extension; Tessa Davis, Member at Large, Prevention Resource Center; and Sharon Crockett, Member at Large, Tennessee Alcohol and Drug Association Statewide Clearinghouse. Non-voting Board members are Margy Chan, Past Chair and Andrea Mitchell, SALIS News Editor. Special Interest Group Chairs for this year are George Duimovich, Canadian SIG Chair; R.P. Kumar, South East Asian SIG Chair; and Sharon Crockett, Multi-Cultural SIG Chair.

(see Message from the Chair, page 4)

1991 Conference Roundup

Lynn Hallard

The 13th Annual SALIS Conference hosted by the Office for Substance Abuse Prevention (OSAP), was held September 29 - October 2, 1991, in Bethesda, MD. The conference opened with a workshop about searching ETOH - The Alcohol and Alcohol Problems Science Database which is produced by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). The keynote address was given by Jean Preer, Ph.D., Associate Dean, School of Library and Information Science of the Catholic University of America, who sparked much discussion about professional ethics and whether the role of substance abuse librarians and information specialists is that of gatekeeper or advocate.

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Education/Outreach Committee Report

Tessa Davis

The Education and Outreach Committee has established as an ongoing goal providing awareness of SALIS and its activities to the wider professional library/information services community. We invite all SALIS members to promote our organization whenever the opportunity arises. SALIS institutional home can provide you with the following materials to help you spread the word:

* SALIS brochures,
* sample SALIS Directories,
* sample SALIS Newsletters,
* a SALIS banner
* a picture of Catherine Weglarz' Poster Session at the 1991 ALA Conference in Atlanta as an example of what you can do.

If you are planning to make a presentation on SALIS at any national or regional professional conferences or if you are doing trainings which involves the dissemination of information regarding SALIS, please contact one of the co-chairs of the Education/Outreach Committee, either Catherine Weglarz or Tessa Davis with your proposal (see SALIS Directory for address, phone or FAX). SALIS has a budget line item of $500.00 to share in the support of travel costs of any SALIS member who presents a poster session or other informational forum about SALIS. Deadline for proposal applications is February 15, 1992 for 1992 calendar year.

Multi-cultural SIG Report

Sharon Crockett

Most of the Multi-cultural SIG members were unable, for various reason, to attend the 1991 SALIS Conference in Bethesda. It has been a difficult year for this SIG because most of it’s members seem to be very overloaded with many other commitments; however, Multi-cultural issues are too important to let this SIG die.

It was mentioned at this year’s conference that persons need not be "of color" to become part of this group. Multi-cultural issues are finally coming to the front burner in this country and as information gatekeepers we need to stay on the cutting edge of things as they develop.

We welcome Alan Dulin of Jefferson County Public Schools, Louisville, Kentucky to our fold. Alan was a first time conference attendee and expressed a great desire to be "an active part" of SALIS and the Multi-cultural SIG.

Plans were also discussed for our Special Interest Group to contribute a critique column to the SALIS Newsletter. A thumbs up/thumbs down and why type of column that may start with about four of the various kinds of AIDS posters that are available through the National AIDS Clearinghouse. More on this as it develops. In addition, I am working on having a cultural-type of workshop for next year's conference in Music City, USA. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas, please contact me as soon as possible by FAX or phone. I have not been on the ECS for awhile and I’m easier to reach by the methods mentioned above.

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International Committee Report

Ginny Rolett

Committee Goal: To encourage and improve the international dissemination and exchange of alcohol and other drug information.

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Activities 1990-1991

1. SALIS Exchange Program, coordinated by Bette Reimer, currently has 11 registered participants and has replied to six additional requests for information. The committee needs to identify additional SALIS libraries that would like to participate. Details of the exchange are worked out individually between the two partner
libraries. The exchange can be as minimal as sending duplicates or parent organization documents. A collaborative project with the WHO has also been coordinated by Bette Reimer. WHO contacted three libraries in India, Thailand, and Sri Lanka (Alcohol and Drug Information Centre in Colombo, Institute of Health Research at the Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi). In North America the CCSA Clearinghouse, Alcohol Research Group and Rutgers Library have agreed to participate. It is hoped that the NIIABA Library will become a participant also. A request has been made to WHO for reimbursement to the libraries of the costs of postage.

2. Andrea Mitchell is serving as co-chair of the Information and Dissemination section of the ICAA. In this capacity she ran a Section Workshop and presented a paper at the ICAA annual Institute on the Prevention and Treatment of Alcoholism in Stockholm, June 2-7, 1991.

3. Ginny Rolett assisted OSAP in distribution of the SALIS/OSAP/WHO, How To Start and Run an Alcohol and Other Drug Information Centre: A Guide. Adrian Senadhira inserted an announcement in the WHO Library newsletter, Liaison. Marcus Grant distributed copies to "key individuals in different countries." Marcus also arranged for the Guide to be translated into French and adapted to the European or African context by Detlef Servas (Douvaine, France). He has had requests for translation into Spanish which are currently under consideration. Marcus spoke to Andrea in Stockholm about a possible collaboration of SALIS and WHO in the preparation of packages of basic publications in support of the Guide. Henry Kirsch distributed copies of the Guide to members of the Asia/Near East Regional Narcotics Education Program.


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**Canadian SIG Report**

George Duimovich

The Canadian Special Interest Group is made up Canadian SALIS members with an interest in encouraging a broad-based information exchange and advocacy relating to Canadian substance abuse issues. This year's main activities included the distribution of two newsletters produced with contributions from SIG members and the development of a more formal relationship with the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse. The SALIS chairperson will soon have an iNet electronic communications account.

One of the main resolutions decided upon at the SIG meeting was to maintain a regular Canadian News column in the SALIS News, replacing the Canadian SIG newsletter started earlier this year. The News column premiering this issue will function to promote Canadian issues, services and resources which could be of interest to the SALIS membership generally.

In addition, the Canadian SIG will be exploring several avenues to promote SALIS among Canadian health libraries and information specialists.

SALIS members interested in the Canadian SIG should contact:

- George Duimovich
  - Canadian SIG/SALIS
  - c/o National Clearinghouse on Tobacco and Health
  - 400-1565 Carling Avenue
  - Ottawa, ON K1Z 8R1
  - Tel: (613) 722-2293
  - Fax: (613) 725-9826

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**News From Canada**

Jill Austin

There are several significant issues pending in Canada with regard to alcohol and other drugs. These involve a renewal of Canada's Drug Strategy, advertising of alcohol, and advertising of tobacco.

Canada's Drug Strategy was launched in May of 1987, with the overall objective of reducing the harm to individuals, families and communities from the abuse of alcohol and other drugs. A total budget of $210 million, spread over five years, was allocated to education, prevention and treatment (70%) and enforcement or supply reduction (30%). The Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse and its National Clearinghouse are financed under the Strategy, which is coming up for renewal in March of 1992. The many partners involved in combatting substance abuse are working to encourage a relaunch of the Strategy to allow them to continue their work.

Last year, the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) placed a call for comments on proposed changes to broadcast advertising of liquor containing more than seven percent alcohol by volume. The present broadcast advertising laws permit advertising of wine and beer, but do not
permit advertising of spirits. The current laws are considered by some to be discriminatory, and the debate centres on allowing all alcoholic beverages to advertise versus forbidding advertising of any beverages. In addition, although current regulations impose restrictions on alcohol advertising, these restrictions are not strictly enforced. We are awaiting the final ruling of the Commission.

Another significant issue emerged this past summer in Canada when a Quebec Superior Court ruled that Ottawa's 1988 tobacco advertising ban was unconstitutional. The decision was based on Canada's Charter of Rights, which states that "the state will respect choices made by individuals, and to the greatest extent possible will avoid subordinating these choices to any one conception of the good life." The opposing argument hinges on the estimate that over 38,000 deaths (in! 1989) were smoking-related, or one in five Canadians, and that in 1985 the $3 billion tobacco industry contribution to the economy was offset by the $6 billion cost to the economy in health care alone. The federal government has appealed the decision and the current ban on advertising remains in place until the appeal verdict is decided.

"Healing our Spirit Worldwide" invites Indigenous and non-Indigenous People to participate in a world conference promoting addiction free lifestyles. The conference will seek to provide knowledge, ideas, support, momentum and networking to the communities of Indigenous Peoples and will be held in Edmonton, Alberta, July 7-11, 1992. For further information, please contact: Wendy Fagin, Conference Planner, Box 3884, Station D, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T5L 4K1 Tel: (403) 458-0989 FAX: (403) 458-1833.

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**1991 Conference Roundup, continued**

Other events at this year's conference included a tour of the National Library of Medicine, a luncheon with guest speaker Congressman Major R. Owens (D-NY), the SALIS annual general meeting, and an open house at NCADI's new location.

This year we had several panels that featured representatives from major clearinghouses and hotlines. They discussed the different ways they contribute to information dissemination in the substance abuse field. Representatives from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), Office for Substance Abuse Prevention (OSAP), the Office for Treatment Improvement (OTT), and the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse discussed current research and trends of alcohol and other drugs, while Sharon Crockett lead a panel discussion on multi-cultural issues.

Additional speakers were Christine Lubinski, Director for Public Policy, National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence (NCADD), who spoke on alcohol and other drug advocacy, and Lew Eigen, President, Social & Health Services, Limited, who made creative predictions about electronic information in the 21st century.

SALIS paper presentations included Margaret Glenn and Cathy Weglarz's consciousness raising discussion on substance abuse prevention for persons with disabilities, Debbie Monkman's discussion of the way ARF's information delivery systems makes information accessible to a variety of client groups, and Bette Reimer's outline for an international clearinghouse on
drugs in the workplace. An online demonstration was given by Nancy Humphreys about the alcohol industry periodicals database created by the Marin Institute.

Alcohol and other drug information specialists, librarians, researchers and policy makers made up the 80 participants. Eighteen exhibitors provided information ranging from publishing companies and resource centers to helplines and training curricula.

Conference evaluations revealed that participants rated both the hotel facilities and conference well organized. Christine Lubinski, Representative Major Owens and Bob Denniston each received excellent ratings for their presentations. Comments about the most useful or well-liked part of the conference varied from the multi-cultural panel to meeting and networking with other SALIS members.

Some participants commented that the least-liked part of the conference consisted of panels that were either unprepared or not on target. A few claimed that some panels were uninteresting and dull. Some complained of a lack of concentration on the theme, while others stated that a tightly packed schedule did not allow enough time for informal discussion. Finally, some respondents felt that the conference location was either too expensive or too far from restaurants and shopping malls.

For copies of Dr. Preer’s keynote address or a list of conference participants, please call Lynn Hallard of NCADI at (800) 729-6686 or (301) 468-2699 ext.241.

Suggestions for future topics/speakers include the following:

* Inviting industry representatives to speak about alcohol issues and public policy from their perspective,
* Panel on strengths/weaknesses of different cataloging and organization systems,
* Media advocacy workshops,
* Debates,
* Helping or creating community/grassroots groups,
* Multi-cultural and special population issues,
* Information technology in libraries and information centers,
* How-to workshops, i.e. set up a collection for a one-person center or library.

Much of the success of this conference was due to the large percentage of SALIS members who offered innovative solutions to common problems. We as substance abuse librarians and information specialists experience a wide array of special situations and unique inquiries. For this reason, it is important for members to consider sharing different procedures or new research that other members could benefit from. The most effective ways that members can communicate these ideas are by submitting articles to the newsletter and presenting papers at the annual conference.

Planning for next year is now underway. Your input and participation are welcomed. SALIS conferences depend on members to get involved! The 14th Annual SALIS Conference will be organized by Sharon Crockett in Nashville, TN. The tentative theme is SALIS: Information Gatekeepers Toward the Year 2000 and Beyond. Sharon estimates that the conference will be held during the first week in November. If you are interested in serving on the ‘92 SALIS Conference Committee or if you need further information please contact her at:

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What's New in Reference Sources?


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"People who don’t read have no advantage over people who can’t."

Mark Twain
Thesaurus Update

As some of you may already know by now, OSAP has joined the NIAAA thesaurus project in order to create a combined alcohol and other drug thesaurus. A meeting was held in August to discuss some of the plans for the new development, and how best to proceed. It is hoped that the combined version may be available for a first release by early summer 1992. Anyone who would like to volunteer to use the preliminary release in order to test the document for descriptor terms and hierarchical relationships should contact Diane Welsh at GSR, Inc. (202) 842-7600. (A.M.)

Directories Still Available

We are still actively marketing the SALIS Directory, and if any of you would like a display sample copy of the Directory with copies of the promotion flyers to hand out at any national/regional conferences you are attending, please contact Education/Outreach Committee Co-chairs, Catherine Weglarz or Tessa Davis. See SALIS Directory for address, phone and FAX. Remember to let people know that the Directory is updated quarterly through the SALIS News. Price is $35.00 USA, Canada and Mexico, $38.00 all others. To purchase send pre-payment check payable to SALIS at Home Office, P.O. Box 9513, Berkeley, CA 94709-0513, USA.

I & D / ICAA

A call for papers from the Information and Dissemination Section of the ICAA International Council on Alcohol and the Addictions will be sent out in January to all SALIS members and anyone else who requests a copy. With the ever increasing awareness of the continuing proliferation of information in the alcohol and other drug field and the attempts to collect, manage and disseminate in a timely, relevant fashion, it seems a matter of great importance that information specialists and other persons concerned with these issues begin to plan and debate global information issues. If you wish to get a copy of the call for papers and are not a SALIS member, please contact Andrea Mitchell, ARG, 2000 Hearst Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709, Tel: (510)642-5208, FAX: (510)642-7175, or Jasper Woodcock, ISDD, 1 Hatton Place, London ECIN 8ND, England, Tel: (071)430-1993, FAX: (071)404-4415.

ELISAD News

The newsletter of the European Association of Libraries and Information Services on Alcohol and Other Drugs Vol. 1 No. 1 was released earlier this year, and Vol. 1 No. 2 has just arrived. The Association is working on a number of projects according to this recent issue, of much interest to many persons in the SALIS network. Contents include reports on the Working Group on Grey Literature on Substance Abuse and the 1991 ELISAD Meeting in Stockholm, a piece on the European Drug Monitoring Centre, annotations of a few recent fugitive documents, and much more. Write to ELISAD News, c/o CAN Library and I & D Center, Attn: Sonja Valverius, Head, Box 27302, S-102 54 Stockholm, Sweden. (No subscription price is given.)

We Were There

Catherine Weglarz

The American Library Association held its 110th Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia this summer and SALIS was there! Cathy Weglarz, Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies, developed and presented a poster session on SALIS on Monday, July from 1:00 to 2:30 in the Georgia World Congress Center. During an ALA Poster Session participants place materials, including graphics and narrative text, on bulletin boards and informally discuss their presentations with conference attendees. Poster sessions cover a broad range of subjects and may present research findings, innovative programs, or solutions to problems. The SALIS poster was accepted for the section on "The Public Needs to Know: Poster Sessions on Public Awareness, Publishing, Library Associations, and Services to Special Groups."

The following abstract appeared in the Annual Conference Program as well as the Poster Session abstract booklet - "SALIS - Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists - and Alcohol and Other Drug Information Resource. SALIS, the association of Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists, was created in 1978 by a small group of information professionals working in the area of alcohol and other drugs. With more than 170 individual and institutional members from the U.S., Canada, and other countries, SALIS is an affiliate member of the International Council on Alcohol and Addictions (ICAA). Its mission is to promote the dissemination of knowledge and information about the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs, to serve as a communications network and to support cooperation among those working in the field, and to promote the common interests and stimulate the professional development of its members. The members
The Education & Outreach Committee wants to know...

What are you looking for at the 1992 SALIS Conference?

The SALIS Education & Outreach Committee needs your input on the kinds of programs you would like to see offered at the annual SALIS Conference. Please take a few moments to answer this questionnaire; your responses will be used in planning for future conferences and other SALIS activities.

ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 4 PLEASE RANK YOUR INTERESTS:

1. Most interested
2. Very interested
3. Moderately interested
4. Not interested

I. Collection Development of Print and Audiovisual Materials for Libraries/Information Centers
   - Core collections
   - Periodicals
   - Audiovisuals
   - Organization of materials
   - Other, please specify

II. Technology
   - General software applications for libraries/information centers
   - Database and CD-ROM applications
   - Desktop publishing
   - Statistical management
   - Other, please specify

III. Microcomputer Skills
    - An introduction to microcomputers
    - Word processing
    - Database management
    - Spread sheets
    - Other, please specify

IV. Communication Skills
    - Public speaking
    - Writing for publication
    - Working with the press
    - Newsletter production
    - Other, please specify

V. Human Relations & Management Skills
    - Customer relations
    - Public relations for libraries/information centers
    - How to utilize volunteers
    - Motivational skills
    - Other, please specify

VI. Funding & Budget Management, including Grantsmanship

VII. Conservation and Preservation of Collections

(Over)
VIII. ______ Marketing Library/Information Center Services and Products

IX. ______ Alcohol/Drug Topics, please specify ____________________________________________

Here's your chance to really be heard; the Committee has come up with a few suggestions but we know you can think of more! What can we do to make the SALIS Annual Conference a more useful, educational and enjoyable experience? Be specific and fill up this space, we dare you --

Return to: Tessa Davis
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U.S.A.
of SALIS, as well as the organization itself, are a comprehensive resource for persons needing information on any aspect of alcohol and other drug use and abuse. Members represent a variety of library types, including research institutions, health science libraries, public and academic libraries, prevention resource centers, and national and state clearinghouses." Attendance at the Session was generally light but many folks did stop to talk to Cathy about her presentation.

The graphics for the poster and a photograph of the finished product will be sent to the SALIS Institutional Home if anyone would like to use them for a similar project.

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**Home News**

Activities continue to flurry here at headquarters SALIS home. Chia-ling Sung is working fifteen hours plus a week to answer the myriad of requests, assist with SALIS News production, mail SALIS Directories, Brochures, promotion flyers and mailing labels. Additionally, she is maintaining the SALIS member and mailing database. Chia-ling’s hours are Mondays 9 A.M. - 5 P.M., Wednesdays 9 A.M. - 12 P.M. and Fridays 9 A.M. - 1 P.M. (A.M.)

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**Periodical News**

It’s been a year since this journal was born, but perhaps there are a few of you out there who have not yet received the announcement.

"Prebentzia": (Prevention) Boletin Informativo Sobre Prevencion Comunitaria de las Drogodependencia No. 1 was issued by the Basque Government in Bilbao with a publication date of October 1990.

Addiction Research is another English language journal due in Autumn 1992 according to recent announcement from Harwood Academic Publishers. Scope of this promised arrival is to be "primarily psychological and social in origin...." and "will include anthropological, historical, economic, sociological, social-psychological and epidemiological studies"..... The two named editors-in-chief are John Davies for UK, Europe and Asia, Ernest Drucker for USA. For more information contact John B. Davies, Addiction Research Group, University of Strathclyde, 50 George Street, Glasgow G1 1QE, UK, Tel: (041) 552-4400, FAX: (041) 552-1932 or Ernest Drucker, Montefiore Medical Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 111 East 210th Street, Bronx, New York 10467-2490, USA, Tel: (212) 920-4766, FAX: (212) 798-6378.

The Alcohol and Drug Foundation (Australia) issued a new periodical in December 1989 entitled Substance: Alcohol and Other Drug Issues in Victoria. According to the Editorial in the second issue of this publication Vol 1, No 2 August 1990, Substance is aimed at "the worker concerned with alcohol and drug issues." Articles and features in this copy include "Aids and IV drug Use: the Victoria Strategy", "Alcohol Tax: Where Should the Money Go", "When Less is More" (a piece on the shift in treatment modalities in recent years), "Legalization Is Not the Answer" and more. Additionally there is a section on Books, Videos, Conferences, etc. For this quarterly, one only has to pay $25 (I assume Australian.) Alcohol and Drug Foundation, Victoria, 133 Park Street, P.O. Box 529, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205.

Drug Detection Report, a newsletter from Pace Publications, promises to inform "senior management, personnel executives, health and safety managers, employee assistance, corporate security, labor relations, drug treatment professionals" and more of the "hottest" drug testing issues in the US today, the rules and emerging legislation, etc. Have not yet seen a copy, so can say no more. 1 year/24 issues $149.00. Pace Publications, 443 Park Ave. South, New York, NY 10016.

From the BJA "News and Notes" there is a brief description of a "Russian Journal Bompocbi Hapkovorn, published in Moscow, which covers a wide range of substance problems." Further details: Bompocbi Hapkovorn, 117819, RCN-7, Moscow, USSR, Tel: 120 11 44.

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**New Information/Documentation Centres**

**Resource Center on Substance Abuse Prevention and Disability**

It is becoming increasingly apparent that the incidence of alcohol and other drug abuse problems among people with certain disabilities is above the national average, which is estimated at 8 to 10 percent. Studies indicate that alcohol and other drug abuse prevalence rates for people with disabilities may range from 15 to 30 percent of all people with disabilities. Yet, few prevention, intervention, and treatment programs are designed to meet the specific needs of people with disabilities. And,
access to existing programs is limited.

The Resource Center on Substance Abuse Prevention and Disability was created to help raise public awareness of the need for appropriate alcohol and other drug abuse services for people with disabilities. The Resource Center also serves as an active networking link between people in the alcohol and other drug abuse fields and those in the disability and rehabilitation fields.

The Resource Center is an up to date source of information about programs, reference materials and research about alcohol and other drug prevention and disability. Maybe you are interested in developing an alcohol and other drug prevention program in a rehabilitation facility, or reading A Look at Disability and Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Enabling. If so, the staff can provide you with information and resources around the country. Copies of select material in the Resource Center are also available. The information is updated on a regular basis to ensure that the most current resources are provided to you.

When you request information from the Resource Center, you will receive personalized attention from the staff, who can answer a wide variety of questions. This effort will go beyond just answering your questions. A brief interview begins the in-depth search that will provide you with comprehensive information.

The Resource Center extends an invitation to send in research studies, journal articles, newsletters, conference proceedings, curricula, and program materials that address alcohol and other drug prevention and disability.

You can write, fax or call, via voice or TDD, for information and referrals. Information specialists are available to assist you, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, EST. The reading room is open the same hours. Most services and information are free.

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National Clearinghouse on Substance Abuse

The National Clearinghouse on Substance Abuse was launched in October 1990, as part of the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse, to act as a national alcohol and other drug information referral service. The Clearinghouse is intended to operate as a consortium of the major sources of addictions information in Canada, including the provincial agencies responsible for treatment, appropriate federal government departments, and some non-government organizations, such as resource centres for native education and treatment programs.

The members of the consortium communicate primarily by means of iNet 2000, which is a Telecom Canada e-mail and electronic bulletin board service. Under terms of the National Network Agreement linking the network members, information enquiries are referred to the appropriate member or members of the network for response. Requests for information that are national in nature, or deal with several provinces, are handled primarily by Clearinghouse staff. Enquiries for information pertaining to a particular province are referred to that provincial member. For instance, a request for information about the cost of addictions treatment in Ontario would be referred to the Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario.

The Clearinghouse staff are collecting information about use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs in Canada, including statistical information and research reports. They are also collecting international information in order to compare Canada's experience with that of other countries. The intention is to avoid duplication of existing resources and concentrate instead on collecting the fugitive or grey literature on substance abuse.

The National Clearinghouse will be producing several information products in the next year. The first will be a Directory of Substance Abuse Organizations in Canada, which should be ready for distribution in January 1992. For more information, contact the Clearinghouse information staff.

** NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE 112 Kent St., Suite 480 Ottawa, Ontario Canada K1P 5P2 (613) 235-4048 Phone (613) 235-8101 Fax iNet: NCSA.NET RADAR: 4035

RADAR Tips

A new column will appear in the next issue of SALIS News. Tom Colthurst, who many of you have seen? read? on RADAR has agreed to give us his Tips and Guidelines for using the RADAR Electronic Communication System. Watch for it next issue!
Editor's Desk

SALIS News is trying very hard to catch up and yet at the same time to be as up to date as possible. Many of you have sent submissions and they may not all be here. It's not because they are not important. Mainly, it has to do with time constraints and what is possible given the volunteer efforts of many of the persons who work to get News out. Although this issue was planned as a double issue, due to all of the committee and SIG Reports, it is obvious that News must expand in order to cover more of the international perspective which reflects the growth in the SALIS association. Dr. R.P. Kumar of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi is traveling through South East Asia at this very moment making contacts with the alcohol and other drug librarians and information specialists there. His report on the S.E. Asia Special Interest Group will appear in the next issue.

At the SALIS business meeting in September, I mentioned that plans were underway to give News a face-lift. After ten years of pewter gray, ...(maybe its the inevitable gray for some of us) I'd like to make a change. If any SALIS members have graphic talents which you might like to contribute, please contact either Jill Austin or me.

Lastly, I'd like to thank all of you who sent in your reports and submissions as close to the deadline as possible. I know we can make News a medium that speaks for us as well as to us. Happy Holidays. AM

Government Documents / Fugitive Literature


SALIS Directory Updates

Please note the following additions and/or changes to the Associations, Foundations, Societies, Councils, Self-Help Groups, Networks and Other Organizations Concerned About Substance Abuse section of the SALIS Directory 1991, pages 103 - 126 and/or to main entries.
"As in the British Museum, the circular reading room was domed in glass, with long tables radiating from a mahogany core towards the book-lined walls. I used to take a turn or two round the perimeter just to get the feel of bookish gloom, the patina of polished wood and leather, and my heart skipped with suppressed excitement....My dream was to live in this heavenly building and know all its secrets, to have the right to put cards with my writing on them into the catalogue file, to be allowed to go behind the curving book-clad walls into the stacks and have keys to unlock the cabinets of bookish rarities....Libraries are reservoirs of strength, grace and wit, reminders of order, calm and continuity, lakes of mental energy, neither warm nor cold, light nor dark. The pleasure they give us is steady, unorgastic, reliable, deep and long-lasting. In any library in the world, I am at home, unselfconscious, still and absorbed."

From Germaine Greer's "Daddy, We Hardly Knew You", Fawcett Columbine, paper.

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Deadline for next issue of SALIS News Vol. 11 No. 4 Winter 91-92 is February 15, 1992.