Message from the Chair

Jill Austin
Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse

I was very pleased to take over as Chair of SALIS at the Nashville conference, and am looking forward to helping carry out the plans for the next year that were developed at the conference. I’ll talk more about those below. But first, I’m sure you will all join me in thanking Lisa Swanberg for her work as Chair last year. She now takes on the role of Past Chair. Gail Weinberg is the Chair-elect (she’ll be writing this column next year!), Cathy Weglarz remains Secretary, and Tom Colthurst is now the Treasurer of SALIS. Three Members at Large of the Executive were elected (or re-elected): Tessa Davis and Sharon Crockett were re-elected, and Debbie Monkman was newly elected. The SIGs (special interest groups) met, elected their respective Chairs, and developed plans for the next year. Dr. R.P. Kumar remains Chair of the South East Asian SIG. Sharon Crockett remains Chair of the Multi-cultural SIG, and Sheila Lacroix of the Addiction Research Foundation takes over as Chair of the Canadian SIG.

It was nice to see so many of you attending the 1992 annual conference in Nashville. I would like, once again, to extend thanks to Sharon Crockett, her colleagues and family for their tireless work to make the conference a success. I know that I was not alone in being charmed by the warmth and friendliness of the people of Nashville. They contributed greatly to the overall welcoming atmosphere of the conference.

Among the many interesting things that took place at the conference was the creation of a new committee, joining the International Committee and the Education & Outreach Committee. We now have an Information Technology Committee to provide a forum for exchange of information

(See Message from the Chair, page 4)

1993 Conference News

Tina Miller, Prevention Research Center

SALIS’ 15TH annual conference will be held in San Francisco this year. Conference dates are October 3rd - 6th, and we will be meeting at the Miyako Hotel in San Francisco’s Japantown neighborhood. October is usually warm and sunny in the Bay Area, so we are looking forward to a good time! Our theme for this year is “Information in Action: Promoting Health.” Program planning is just getting under way. Many thanks to those of you who volunteered in Nashville to help with this year’s arrangements. We will be contacting you in the near future. A short program questionnaire (see page 6a) is included in this issue of SALIS News. Please take a few minutes to fill it in. We want to plan sessions that meet our members’ needs, and we need your input to do so. Feel free to contact me if you have ideas or suggestions for the conference. You can reach me at 510-486-1111 (FAX: 510-644-0594), or you can write to me c/o SALIS Home, P.O. Box 9513, Berkeley, CA 94709-0513. See you in San Francisco in October!

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Canadian SIG Report
Sheila LaCroix, Addiction Research Foundation

On behalf of the Canadian SIG, I would first like to commend our hosts for a well organized, interesting, friendly and fun conference. The warm weather and the setting - charming historic Nashville - added to the event. For my first SALIS Conference, it was a very positive introduction to the association.

As we numbered only 5, our meeting was brief. The first order of business was to appoint a chairperson. George Dutimovich, formerly of the National Clearinghouse on Tobacco and Health, had returned to school leaving the position vacant. I volunteered to accept the Chair and this was approved by the Group.

The Canadian SIG agreed to continue with the primary objectives previously established:

1. To strengthen communication within our Group by increasing networking opportunities within Canada. (The CCSA has a network in place to which many existing Canadian SALIS members belong.)

2. To be a representative voice for Canada within SALIS by regularly providing a Canadian perspective.

To carry out these objectives, the following strategies were proposed:

For Objective #1:

a. Get an updated list of Canadian SALIS members and determine which members also belong to the CCSA (Canadian Centre for Substance Abuse) Network.

b. Contact Canadian SALIS members to confirm membership in the Canadian SIG, encourage CCSA Network members to use the network, and encourage non CCSA Network members to become part of the Network if possible or at least become aware of the network and make contact with a local Network member.

c. Use the CCSA Network to channel SALIS news; contact non SALIS CCSA Network members and encourage membership in SALIS.

For Objective #2:

a. Continue providing the column "News from Canada" in SALIS News. We will attempt to get contributions from different Canadian SIG members.

b. Encourage attendance at the annual conference by Canadian SIG members.

To initiate our plans to continue and improve communication both within our group and within SALIS, Canadian SALIS members will be individually contacted this winter.

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Education and Outreach Committee Report
Tessa Davis, Colorado Prevention Center

The Education and Outreach Committee met twice during the Nashville Conference and added two new members to our group! We celebrated our 1992 successes, especially in regards to the conference planning and welcome/orientation event, and we reaffirmed our mission to provide awareness of SALIS and its activities to SALIS members and the wider professional Library Information Services community. We also set the following goals for ourselves in 1993.

■ To continue to have a SALIS presence at library and other related conferences during the year.

■ To reach out to library students as potential Associate members.

■ To expand our International contacts by writing letters and sending revised brochures to major substance abuse information groups around the world.

SALIS continues to have 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 at any national or regional professional conference. In the next issue of the SALIS News, we plan to list some of the upcoming major conferences and we encourage SALIS members to consider taking advantage of this opportunity. To apply for funding support, please contact either Cathy Weglarz or Tessa Davis, the Co-Chairs of the Education and Outreach Committee, with your proposal.

Members of the Education and Outreach Committee are: Alice DeVierio, Tessa Davis, Beth Harris, Andrea Mitchell, Mary O'Brian, Nancy Sutherland, Lisa Swanberg, Cathy Weglarz, and Tessa Youngbear.

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New Technology Committee Report
Ira Bray
California Dept. of Alcohol and Drug Programs

Welcome to the Information Technology Column! This section of the SALIS News is the result of the formation of the Information Technology Committee formed at the SALIS conference in Nashville. If you'd like to join our committee just drop me a note at:

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RADAR ECS# 3057

The purpose of the committee, and this column, is to assist SALIS members in the use of information technology in their jobs. The committee seeks members whose skills may range from novice to techno-weenie (California term!).

For this initial column I've been asked to talk about file transfers. That's a good beginning topic because file transfers can be a valuable tool in sharing and disseminating information, but can present something of a challenge in the mechanics of the process.

Let's use the RADAR Electronic Communication System (RADAR ECS) as an example. There are many files available on the system that can be valuable to your local RADAR site. One that I found was a text file of sample drug free workplace policies.

The first place to start is the software manual that came with your communications program for your computer. Find the section that discusses file transfers. Use that section to interpret the specifics for your program as we discuss the various options.

You will also want to look at pages 17-23 in the CSAP's ECS User Manual, December 1992. If you don't have this valuable publication contact RADAR's Info right away and ask them to send you a copy.

The ECS User Manual assumes you have PROCOMM Plus. No matter what communications software package you have, there are three confusing parts about file transfers: 1) the word "download", 2) Protocols, and 3) starting the downloading process. Let's talk about "downloading" first.

Downloading is best understood from your perspective. In other words, you are going to take a file from the RADAR ECS (up there) and bring it "down" to your computer. Conceptually it may be easier to think of the ECS as being at the North Pole, hence all of us are thereby "down here".

Protocol refers to the agreed upon method that the communication software (both sender and receiver) will use to actually transfer the file. It isn't too important to discuss the differences between the various methods, but it is important to have them match. A widely used protocol is called XMODEM. You should set your communications software to use this protocol for receiving files (see your software manual). If you use PROCOMM Plus it is the default protocol, i.e., you don't really need to do anything to set it. When you are prompted by the RADAR ECS for a protocol, choose XMODEM.

Starting the downloading process was very confusing to me at first. I thought I had to be very fast to tell my computer to start receiving the file otherwise it wouldn't work properly. Actually, the system is very patient. Once you tell the RADAR ECS to send the file it just waits. It waits for your software to extend a hand, so to speak, to start the process. Following the directions in the ECS User Manual, once you have chosen the file you wish to download you then instruct your computer to begin receiving the file. The software you use should display a message indicating that the process has begun, and it should alert you when the process is finished.

Once your comfortable with downloading files from the ECS consider using this process in your own locality for sending and receiving information. Many states have computer bulletin board systems that can be used to disseminate AOD information. The sample drug free workplace policies are an excellent example of the utility of file transfers since it is fast, up to date, and can go directly into a word processing system without having to be typed in again.

Please let me know if this kind of information is what you want to see in the Info-Tech column. You're the customer, so please drop a note to the address above so you can get the kind of column you want!

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Online News

♦ CORK

Effective December 31, 1992, CORK, the bibliographic database produced by the Project CORK Institute, will no longer be available via BRS. In November, all SALIS members were sent an announcement on this along with a questionnaire concerning the CORK database. If you have not yet sent in your questionnaire, please do. Scope notes, thesaurus, and other useful documentation materials for the database are available by checking the categories in the questionnaire.

Contact: Jean Kinney, Executive Director
Project CORK, Department of Medical School HB6215 Hanover, NH 03755
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♦ ALCNews

There are two innovative databases now available from the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information. ALCNews, created by the Marin Institute offers the Daily News Summaries Database and the Industry Materials Database. The first consists of summaries of news stories related to alcohol policy from five major national news papers. The second database draws on the Marin Institute's unique collection of materials by, for and about the alcohol industry. This database provides hard to find citations and abstracts containing data on new products, marketing campaigns, sponsorships, policy changes, and other major developments in the alcohol industry. The Industry Materials Database currently contains more than 3,000 records. Both databases are searchable by major descriptors, identifiers, broad subject category codes, as well as by keyword, author, source, and date of publication.

ALCNews will be available starting this month. To order your copy call 1-800-729-6686 and request inventory number CR31 - ALCNews on disk. There is a cost recovery fee of $20 for ALCNews, offered in either 5.25 or 3.5 diskettes.

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Message from the Chair (Continued)

and expertise in this increasingly important part of the "information business." There were a number of demonstrations of information management software tools at the conference, as well as an excellent demonstration of the Internet, all of which were met with lively question and

answer sessions. The formation of the Information Technology Committee is an acknowledgement of the need to keep abreast of the rapidly changing technology out there.

We are all looking forward to next year's annual conference in San Francisco. Tina Miller and her committee have terrific ideas for a conference that will address the interests of the truly diverse membership of SALIS. The theme for the conference is "Information in Action: Promoting Health" which, for most of us, is the essence of our work. I would like to announce that the 1994 annual conference will be in Chicago! Mary O'Brien of the Illinois Treatment Centre has offered to host the conference. This moves the conference to a location that is central, accessible through two airports, and is in one of the truly great cities to visit. So, start planning now to attend both conferences.

In terms of my own role in SALIS, I will be working over the next few months on a SALIS Procedures Manual. The manual will be a guide to anyone taking over a position on the Executive Board, being involved with a SIG or Committee, or taking on the job of planning and coordinating the annual conference. I will be contacting various people who have had experience in these areas for information about the main activities and procedures involved.

Another activity for me in the next year is to exchange information with other organizations involved in developing and disseminating substance abuse information around the world. We have an obligation to explore ways in which information can be exchanged more efficiently and effectively. This includes looking at standardization of information systems and database development. The obligation, I feel, comes from increasing scarce funding and resources, and the fact that existing information technology allows for such standardization. It takes a great deal of effort to cross cultural and geographic borders to develop compatible systems, but the result is access to information on a global level.

I think that 1993 will be a great year for SALIS, and I will do my best to make that happen. Please contact me or any of the Executive Board with any ideas that you have for SALIS. I encourage you all to become involved in the various special interest groups, committees, conferences, or other SALIS activities, and I wish you all the very best in the New Year.

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Membership Update

Cathy Weglarz, SALIS Membership Chair and Secretary, has just recently sent out the renewal notices to all past members of SALIS. Please note a major change in this process. Renewals and new memberships should be sent to SALIS home, not to the treasurer. Please note: the list of 1993 members will be included in the next issue of News. If you do not get a renewal reminder, contact Cathy Weglarz or SALIS Home.

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Periodical News
Andrea Mitchell, Alcohol Research Group

The Journal of Community Psychology did a special issue for OSAP on, "Programs for Change: Office for Substance Abuse Prevention Demonstration Models." Available free from NCADI.

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence will replace Update and Research Focus with a new newsletter entitled NCADD Amethyst.


The Czechoslovakian Journal Anti-Alcohol Review will cease publication in 1993 due to a lack of funds.

The Journal of Smoking Related Disorders with editors from Asia, Europe, and the U.S.A. is in its third volume, but only recently crossed my desk. This one along with Tobacco Control (as mentioned in the last issue of News) reflect the increasing interest in the tobacco related problems and what is being done to prevent them.

Addiction Research is another new quarterly journal soon to be released (all SALIS members should receive direct mail advertisements from the publishers). The focus, according to the editors, is on the social contexts and environmental factors related to addictive behaviors, ranging from substance abuse to other related problems such as gambling, sexual behavior, and eating disorders.

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Philadelphia, PA 19137, U.S.A.

Journal of Employee Assistance Research Vol. 1, no. 1. Summer 1992 is the new Semi-annual research journal of the (EAPA). This first issue contains articles on "The Economic benefits of Alcoholism Treatment" by Harold Holder, etal, "A randomized trial of alternative treatments for problem drinking employees," by Dianna Chapman Walsh, etal, etc. as well as a research note by Terry Blum on "EAP prevalence, components, and utilization." Subscription $25.00 individual, $75.00 libraries. EAPA, 4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 1001, Arlington, VA 22203

Action News/Action nouvelles. Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse, 112 Kent St., Suite 480, Ottawa, ON K1P 5P2, Canada. ISSN 1183-8280 (English), ISSN 0846-9954 (French). 1990 - .

Bimonthly. Can $10 (GST included) Canada, Can $12 other countries. National newsletter on substance abuse issues in Canada, with international coverage. Analyzes drug policy, reports on conferences and special events. Read by health care professionals, treatment workers, educators, policy makers, politicians, police, and media.

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Video ReViews
Valerie Mead
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The marketing of alcohol and tobacco has become a highly visible public issue mostly due to the persistent work of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence and other equally dedicated groups. The selection of videos and other media on the topic, however, remains stylistically tame in contrast to the charged and energetic attention these groups bring to their cause. The three videos and one slide presentation highlighted below were chosen because each offers something unique that allows it to stand out from the pack.

Videos:

* PURA VIDA? PURAS MENTIRAS! (Pure Life? Pure Lies!) THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE INDUSTRY TARGETING OF LATINOS and LIE, CHEAT & STEAL: HOW THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE INDUSTRY MARKETS TO AFRICAN AMERICANS (Marin Institute, San Rafael, CA, 415-456-5692) are two comprehensive slideshow programs that focus on how alcohol advertisers play on Latino and African-American history and culture in order to sell their product. The programs identify ads seen as particularly offensive and/or damaging, and present actions taken by concerned community members and groups to counteract their messages. Shows include a script, fact sheet, discussion guide, community action ideas, resource listings, and suggestions for presenters that are actually quite helpful. The value of a slideshow over videos is that it can be customized for or to its particular audience. The slides of Latino and African-American artwork are especially wonderful to view.

* DRINK SELLS THE DREAM (Facing Alcohol Concerns Through Education (FACE), Clare, MI, 517-386-2315) opens with a montage of images that include shots of actual drinking scenes and alcohol ads. This presentation is more than just an expose of alcohol advertising, however, and looks at the broader social picture about alcohol, alcohol abuse, and prevention. It explores the psychology and impact of alcohol advertising together with issues of drinking and driving, alcohol and high-risk groups, alcohol and sports, and public policies and attitudes about alcohol.

* MARKETING DISEASE TO HISPANICS (Latino Council on Alcohol and Tobacco, UMDNJ, Piscataway, NJ 908-463-5041) speaks out about the controversial economic and cultural pressures that Latinos face from the alcohol and tobacco industries. The filmmakers successfully capture the creative and cooperative prevention efforts taking place in various Latino neighborhoods. It is a rare video in that it remembers to include women as part of the larger Hispanic community when discussing the health hazards caused by drinking and smoking. Produced from an OSAP grant, this video is as technically well-produced as any film produced by large, mainstream companies, and the best news is it’s cheap! (Priced on a sliding scale, it is $50.00 at its maximum cost.)

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SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE  
October 1993

In response to requests by SALIS members to include information about computer technology in this year's conference program, the planning committee is considering the possibility of organizing a technology training workshop for Sunday, October 3rd. We expect to include other technology-related sessions in the Monday-Wednesday program as well, but we feel that a Sunday workshop would allow us to explore a topic in more depth than would be possible during the regular program. To help us plan an event that is meaningful to our members, please take a few minutes to answer the following questions.

1. What kind of technology training are you interested in? (Please check all that interest you & leave blank those that don't.)

   ___ a) Online searching
   ___ b) Internet
   ___ c) RADAR Network resources (available to non-RADAR members as well as members)
   ___ d) Other: ______________________

2. What subject areas would you like to learn about as part of a training program?

   ___ a) alcohol/drug information sources
   ___ b) biomedical information sources, such as the MEDLINE database
   ___ c) social science/behavioral health information sources
   ___ d) smoking & health information sources
   ___ e) AIDS information sources
   ___ f) other _______________________

3. Please indicate whether or not you have had experience using the following:

   a) Online searching: ___ yes ___ no
      If yes, how much experience? ________________

   b) Internet: ___ yes ___ no
      If yes, how much experience? ________________

   c) RADAR Network: ___ yes ___ no
      If yes, how much experience? ________________

4. We expect that it will be necessary to charge a fee for a Sunday workshop. Please indicate the maximum amount you would be willing to pay to attend.

   ___ $25 ___ $50 ___ $75 ___ Other

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New Books


This book provides basic information about drugs and their impact on work performance, and outlines ways in which employers can approach employee drug use. It presents a discussion of legal and policy issues and an analysis of the thinking in this area. Of interest to medical professionals, human resources specialists, senior managers, and union officials.

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Government Documents/ Fugitive Literature


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What’s New in Reference Sources

Statistical Resources


This is one of the major reports on treatment systems and services with detailed statistics by State, for client admissions, costs, policy issues, major needs of prevention and treatment providers, etc. Orders received before March 1 have a discount price of $35.00. Order from:
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors NASADAD
44 North Capital Street, NW Suite 642
Washington, D.C. 20001.

Bibliographies

U.S. Office on Smoking and Health.

The annual compilation of smoking and health articles, reports, and bibliography. This is the printed version of "Smoking and Health" on Dialog.

Directories--Canada

Directory of Substance Abuse Organizations in Canada/Repertoire des services en toxicomanies au Canada. Ottawa, ON: Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse. 1993. 1v. ISSN 1188-4886; Price: Can $44.95 (in Canada, add GST).

Includes over 2,000 entries for federal, provincial and territorial agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations and native groups. The first edition was published in 1992. The only previous national Canadian directory was published in 1984.

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Curricula


Originally developed for use by second year students in the medical faculty at the University of Toronto, the learning guide addresses the need to better prepare doctors to provide primary prevention, early identification, referral for treatment, and case management of alcohol- and other drug-related problems. The document provides a basis for formal core programming in substance abuse using a series of 10 seminars, supplemented by clinical application assignments, a take-home examination, and an integrative case study to stimulate problem-based learning. There is an indexed set of seminar learning resources, including a self-awareness attitude exercise, charts and diagrams demonstrating a spectrum of drinkers and intervention opportunities, a checklist for recognizing "for-profit" drug seekers, and more. Also included are several diagnostic questionnaires such as AUDIT, CAGE and MAST.

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Errata:

In volume 12, No. 2 Summer 1992 on page 7, the place for ordering the periodical Tobacco Control should have been Kennebunkport M.E. Maine. And in New Books page 7, the author for the last item should be Ross, H. Lawrence.
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.

Information listed in bold is new.

UPDATE
Drug Information Services
University of Minnesota Hospital
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National Association of Substance Abuse Trainers and Educators, Inc.
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Research/academic

Parent Organization:
Oregon Research Institute

Date Established:
1968

Contact Person:
M. van der Heyden Officer

Network Address(es):

Size of Collection:
6000 books; 110 journal titles; 25 newsletter titles; newswaveclippings; 9500 other materials

Open to Public:
YES

Lend to Public:
YES

Automated Access:
YES

Automated System:
STATUS

Online Searches:
YES

Systems/Vendors Used:
RCC (governmental), NCC/PICA (National Bibliography)

Database Searched:
journal articles; pamphlets; information booklets; publications list research reports

Periodicals Published:

Other Publications:

Collection Description:
the collection is generally behaviorally oriented; publications in Dutch, English, German and French

Subject Strengths:
psychology; sociology; treatment; alcohol and drug control; laws; international laws; AIDS & drugs; education; health; pharmacology

Special Collections:
educational material

Audience:
college; health care providers; researchers; public, media

Services:
Acquisitions lists; bibliographies; factual reference information

Provided for:
own organization; national; international

Memberships:
SALIS; ELISAD; NVB

* NLG 5. = per title (limited to institutions)
** NLG 1. = per page

(This is a revised record)
Deadline for next issue of SALIS News
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NOTE: SALIS Directory 91 is available at Discount Rate of $20.00 including postage & handling (there will not be a new Directory until 1994). Contact SALIS Home, P.O. Box 9513, Berkeley, CA 94709-0513.