

## KBS Coordinating Committee meeting, Kampala 2013

Sunday, June 2, 2012

4 pm to 7pm

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### In attendance:

Franca Beccaria (FB), Kypros Kypri (KK), Mats Ramstedt (MR), Michael Livingston (ML), Nazarius Tumwesigye (NT), Sandra Kuntsche (SK)

### Regrets:

Sylvia Kairouz, Jason Bond, Petra Meier, Mathilda Hellman, Jacob Demant, Elin Bye

**Invited guests:** Claire Wilkinson (for the new CoCom members; CW), Robin Room (Honorary president; RR)

### Invited guests with regrets:

Kim Bloomfield (new president), Henk Garretsen (new vice president)

### Agenda

- 1. Agenda was already approved via email**
- 2. Result of election:** The CoCom thanks the election committee (Moirá Plant, Marja Holmila and Ingeborg Rossow). New president elected is Kim Bloomfield (vice president: Henk Garretsen); the CoCom welcomes: Norman Giesbrecht, Myriam Munee, Robert Parker, and Claire Wilkinson as new members for a period of four years; Jason Bond, Petra Meier, Michael Livingston, and Mathilda Hellman will stay on the CoCom for two more years.
- 3. Annual meeting in Kampala – report by NT:** There had been difficulties to get additional funding for the conference with the ongoing financial crisis. The conference received support from WHO Africa and KBS. Recurring email problems had been solved by using a gmail account and sending emails via Elin Bye. Additional administrative support was required due to problems with pre-reserved hotel rooms. In total about 140 abstracts of originally over 200 will be presented; 28 participants received financial support for travel, accommodation or reduced conference fees. Several problems in organizing the conference were mentioned and may be considered by future organizers: (1) budget should include additional costs arising from payment via bank accounts (international transfer costs) or these costs need to be included for those paying via bank transfer; (2) a number of people registered very late and there are numerous last minute cancellations.
- 4. Thematic meetings:**

Addiction - what is the value added to the concept today? (Colloquium of the University of Helsinki Centre for Research on Addictions, Control and Governance (CEACG), and Thematic Meeting of the Kettil Bruun Society); Helsinki, Finland October 14-17, 2012; Local organizers: Pekka Sulkunen and Matilda Hellman: 33 researchers (10 countries) from different disciplines and traditions discussed ways in which the phenomenon can be understood in view of the knowledge available. The participants of the conference are planning a thematic publication (thematic journal issue) on the basis of the presentations and papers of the meeting.

Gender, Alcohol and Violence (XV. International symposium on Tobacco, Alcohol, and Other Drugs; KBS Thematic meeting in association with the Brazilian Association on Studies of Alcohol and other Drugs, Rio de Janeiro, November 29 -December 1, 2012; Organizer: Florence Kerr-Correa): There were 818 registered participants of which 783 attended the Symposium on Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs only and 35 attended both meetings (XV. International Symposium on Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drugs and KBS Thematic on Gender, Violence and Alcohol.

Alcohol Policy - AP16 (KBS had decided to be a sponsor): No report available at time of the meeting.

**5. Pre-meetings and workshop to be held 2013**

GENACIS R01 consortium meeting (Sharon Wilsnack)  
The International Alcohol Control Study meeting (Sally Casswell)  
Publishing Addiction Science (Kerstin Stenius and Tom Babor)  
Training Workshop on research methods in alcohol and drug studies (organized by Kim Bloomfield, Monica Swahn and Makerere University (Dinnah Natukunda, Nazarius M Tumwesigye) with KBS affiliation)  
International Group for Studies on Harm to Other (IGSHOR; Robin Room)

**6. Next annual meeting: Torino (Italy)**

The local organizing committee met already twice and FB asked for help (comment on program or organization) from CoCom members who have formerly organized annual meetings. NT, ML, SK agreed to contribute.  
The venue will be at the University thus some services and rooms will be for free. The early bird fee will be around 380 Euros. Hotels will be within 15 minutes walking distance to the venue. The shifted dates (June 9 to 13, 2014) will be communicated at the business meeting. Friday afternoon will be dedicated to a wider audience and one morning session may have Italian translation (financed by the Italian Government).

**7. Next KBS symposia**

Two candidates were discussed (Ludwig Kraus: Munich, Germany and Sungsoo Chun: Seoul, South Korea) but none of the two candidates was present or had been contacted before the meeting. FB will be in contact with both candidates as to whether they are still interested and willing to present their plans at the business meeting.

For future candidates the following procedure was decided: new candidates will have to approach the CoCom or the president and will have to present concrete plans to the CoCom, preferably at the CoCom meeting on the Sunday preceding the symposium. They will then be invited to present the case at the business meeting (ML 1<sup>st</sup>; FB 2<sup>nd</sup>).

In this context, FB will also contact Florence Kerr Corea from Brazil as she expressed her interest in organizing an annual meeting.

**8. Upcoming thematic meetings**

International alcohol policy research meeting proposed by Robin Room and Turning Point (in collaboration with KK and Peter Miller). It is planned to have a four day meeting with about 60 participants.

**9. Treasurer's report**

The local organizers in Stavanger refunded 8000 Euro. The society received 7925 Euro in membership fees. Expenditures: gifts and bank fees = 1700 Euro, O-J Skog award = 250 Euro, and support for Kampala was 11,000 Euro. The expected balance after the conference is 30,600 Euro. The society has 194 members in total, but only 146 have paid their membership fee through 2012 (48 members have missed to pay); 23 members resigned. Possibilities of credit card payment for member fees will be discussed with Elin Bye.

A suggestion was made to use the additional money to support members to attend the meeting. The proposition was discussed. The CoCom agreed on that additional support should benefit members from low and middle income countries and that this additional support should be separated from the general travel support.

**10. New members approval**

List of new members was approved (FB 1<sup>st</sup>, SK 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**11. Conflict of interest**

At the business meeting in Stavanger 2012 the membership decided against any regulation regarding the participation of members of the industry at the kbs meetings. The CoCom was requested to find a method to disclose any conflict of interest for membership.

Two positions were discussed: (A) disqualification (or non-acceptance) of researchers who have received funds from industry even if this funding is indirect, (B) the disclosure of sources of funding and potential conflicts of interests. Lively discussions ensued about the implications

that the first suggestion may have on the society. It was decided to discuss both positions with the membership on Friday and leave further discussions to the CoCom for next year.

**12. Memorial rules**

Sharon Wilsnack will remember Kaye Filmore on Thursday morning plenary session. Possibilities were discussed to establish guidelines for the future: It was decided to have a tribute section on the website and to leave it to the local organizers to find the appropriate moment during the KBS week for a short speech when desired by members.

**13. Ole-Jorgen Skog Award**

There had been two submissions until May 1, 2013 and after extending the deadline to May 15, now 14 papers were submitted. Moira Plant and Mathilda Hellman already sent in their comments on those papers and Gerhard Gmel, KK and ML will meet during the week for final discussions. Members of the committee (KK, Jakob Demant, ML; Gerhard Gmel, Moira Plant and Mathilda Hellman) will continue for another year.

KK suggests to link the deadline for the award with the official deadline for paper submission. Organizers should provide an application form including all information needed (maximum length of the paper, deadlines, contact address etc.). He also suggests the development of a criteria checklist in order to give feedback and some kind of evaluation to the applicants. The award committee is asked to make suggestions for such a checklist to the CoCom.

**14. Jellinek Memorial Award**

Tim Stockwell received the Jellinek Memorial Award and the official ceremony will be at the social dinner Thursday night. Robin will give the honorary speech.

**15. International Confederation of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Research Associations (ICARA) meeting**

It needs to be decided who will represent the KBS society in the ICARA with a certain focus on continuity. Currently the participation is linked to the presidency and changes every two years. It was decided to continue with the current model (thus the new president will take over from FB) and the issue will be discussed in the CoCom.

**16. IJADR – KBS journal**

SK gives a short report about the number of issues published or planned. IJADR will manage the review process soon via Scholar One and the editorial board will examine different funding possibilities including page charges.

**17. Website update including the paper archive**

The current host, Elin Bye at SIRUS of the KBS website is unable to add a paper archive. FB got the task to evaluate possibilities with a web designer at the University of Torino. Two propositions were presented to the CoCom and the first was agreed upon. The website will be changed by the end of June and archiving will start ASAP. Paul Lemmens will be in charge of the archiving and Elin Bye will continue to have access to the website for necessary updating and changes.

**18. Other issues**

FB summarizes her lessons learned during two years of presidency and suggests that, as some issues cannot be cleared in a two-year period, the president and vice president switch roles after two years; so that they are elected for four years and switch tasks mid-term. It is proposed to discuss this under the next president. Another proposed alternative to ensure a certain degree of continuity was to nominate former CoCom members for president.

As neither Kim Bloomfield nor Henk Garretsen are present at this year's kbs meeting the business meeting on Friday will be chaired by FB.