

## Minutes from the KBS Business meeting, Munich 2015

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 2015

11:00 – 12:30 hours

1. Approval of agenda 2015: approved Petra Meier (second Tom Greenfield)
2. Approval of minutes 2014: approved Petra Meier (second Robin Room)
3. Election results
  - a. New officers: Kyp Kypri (president), Sally Caswell (president-elect), Matilda Hellman (vice-president), Anne-Marie Laslett, John Holmes, William Pridemore, Jonas Landberg, Justyna Klingemann
  - b. Bylaw changes on OJS committee, Secretary and Treasurer description, and designation of the President Elect  

Kim Bloomfield informed the membership about the elections. Nomination committee and Elin Bye and her home institute Sirius are thanked for running the election. Kim explained the voting ballot themes and election. Results for by law changes and officer elections are presented and all proposed changes were accepted by majority. Kim Bloomfield explained the president election procedure. From now on it will be only two positions for president elect and vice-president. She explained that, despite coming third in the election, Michael Livingstone could not become vice president because the bylaws do not allow two people from the same country to be President and Vice President simultaneously. New CoCom members are presented. Members whose tenure finished today and continuing members are mentioned. Robin Room asked membership to thank the leaving officers for their work. Kyp Kypri the new president of the society chaired the following agenda items.
4. Report from the journal

Sandra Kuntsche gave a short report on the journal's progress within the last year. She explained what difficulties the journal is currently facing (finding reviewers, problems with the scholar one system, backlog with the copyediting).
5. Treasurer's report given by Kim Bloomfield

In the absence of the treasurer the report was given by Kim Bloomfield. The balance of the KBS account after the 2015 annual meeting in Munich is 23'100 Euro, but the treasurer noted that in recent years the society's spending (e.g. higher amounts on travel support, contribution to the journal) exceeded the annual revenue from membership fees. Kyp Kypri asked whether it would be possible to present the figures separately for the two fees: individual and institutional and adds the plea to membership to pay, if possible, the higher institutional fee.
6. Munich meeting: report by Ludwig Kraus

210 abstracts with 173 presentations, 190 paying participants; difficulties of maintaining a program despite withdraws and last-minute cancelations; 29 applications for financial support; all were granted, the amount given to those finally not attending was redistributed among attending applicants; for high income countries applications from PhD students were funded; the total budget was 91'000 Euro including 12'000 Euro for social tours and dinner; the organizers received 15'000 Euro financial support from external sources; budget will be delivered to Kyp Kypri and a document with experiences made will be joined and made available to oncoming organizers. Kyp Kypri thanks Ludwig Kraus for hosting the conference, the excellent organization and the willingness to assist oncoming organizers with the benefit of his experience.
7. Updates on future meetings: Stockholm meeting 2016

30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2016; SoRAD will be the main organizer; next to SoRAD Stockholm University and Swedish Council for Information on Alcohol and Other Drugs (CAN) will help to organize the meeting; possibilities for further support are presented. Conference venue is Stockholm University Campus; lunch possibilities are available and having the conference at

the University means lower food prices. The University is outside the city centre: about 10 minutes by Metro and 15 minutes by bus; accommodation is possible near the University or in the city centre; low cost accommodation will be offered.

Sheffield meeting 2017 Petra Meier (Lucy Gell, Susi Sadler)

5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, hosted by the University of Sheffield. Sheffield is accessible by train via London or Manchester. Venue and social tour possibilities are presented. Kyp Kypri thanks both local organizers.

New sites need to be found for annual and thematic meetings. There are ongoing discussions with Thailand and Brazil, Florence Kerr Corea mentions the possibilities of having KBS in Brazil, she explains the difficulties, but they will look into the possibilities.

Tim Stockwell mentions the possibility of hosting a thematic meeting on Vancouver Island (Canada) in September 2016, ideas were made during the conference and a likely theme is "Unintended consequences to vulnerable groups".

Tom Greenfield, will look into the possibilities of hosting a thematic meeting in Berkley in 2018/ 2019.

8. Report from 2014 Melbourne alcohol policy thematic meeting by Claire Wilkinson

45 presentations; 80 plus attendees (+50 Australian); half of the presentations were Australian; ten guest speakers; mix of quantitative and qualitative methods; funding from state and national foundations (in total 38'000 AUD); nearly half of the presented papers were published or are on the way.

9. Preparations for Harms to Others Meeting, September 2015 by Nina Karlsson

Kim Bloomfield provided a brief summary of progress in the preparation for the meeting. Topics will include crime, violence and child protection. Organizers are introducing a poster session. Organizations providing sponsorship for the meeting include National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research (CADR), Aarhus University Demark, and the Finnish Learned Society.

10. Other meetings?

Robin Room proposed a future thematic meeting be convened on the topic of the devolvement of state responsibility for alcohol controls to local areas/municipalities without corresponding powers. RR noted this was a topic with relatively little research. Such a meeting could include research on Community Action Project with which there was already a tradition of KBS holding meetings on. Such a meeting could be held alongside the KBS annual meeting or as a separate thematic meeting.

11. Reports from 2015 workshops

- a. **International Alcohol Control (IAC) Study:** Taisia Huckle reported on the two-day IAC meeting prior to KBS. Day 1 discussed the longitudinal surveys that most of the IAC's 11 member countries have run. Day 2 focused on the Alcohol Environmental Protocol (AEP). Sally Casswell was an apology.
- b. **GENACIS:** Tom Greenfield reported on the new proposal for the project which will look at existing datasets (included in the original project) as well as new datasets. 2.5 hr meeting. Sharon Wilsnack sent her apologies.
- c. **WHO-Thai Health/IGSAHO, WHO-Thai Health/IGSAHO:** Anne-Marie Laslett reported on the meeting which was attended by 41 researchers representing 21 countries and co-chaired with Tom Greenfield. Jürgen Rehm sought the data for GBD projects. Qualitative/registry and survey data were focused on. WHO-Thai group developing its report from 7 countries, and looking forward to working further on it in Finland at the thematic Harm to Others meeting.
- d. **Gambling Book:** Michael Egerer and the University of Helsinki is the co-ordinating researcher for the project which is led by Thomas Babor and Pekka Sulkunen. The book will be written in the tradition of 'Alcohol No Ordinary Commodity' and is intended to be a handbook for policy makers and researchers. Work began in October 2014 on first

drafts of all chapters. One year later work is proceeding on streamlining and integrating the chapters. Next meeting in Helsinki in September.

- e. **Treatment Systems and System Policies:** Harald Klingemann reported on this meeting, of a group representing ten countries discussing future options for comparative treatment research. Ideas explored included the diffusion of treatment models and modalities beyond national treatment systems. Participants' interests were identified and there is a plan that by September each member would provide half a page about what diffusion idea they would like to explore. Tom Babor noted that some international efforts targeting supply have not been effective and a shift to treatment systems designed to target the demand side. This would also be a point for examination by the group.

12. Report from OJ Skog award committee 2015 including new committee members, by Petra Meier

Petra Meier reported on behalf of the five-member committee, which received 7 submissions. In 2016 Hilde Pape and Emmanuel Kuntsche will continue as members. Anne-Marie Laslett will become Chair. It is proposed that Neo Morojele (South Africa) and Colin Angus (UK) become new committee members. The submission deadline was strictly enforced, and there was a sense that more applications would have come in if the deadline had been later. While seven applications was an adequate and relatively large number for the committee to review, Petra reminded the KBS that in the future students and attendees should be encouraged to submit by the deadline.

13. Report on proposal of the Alcohol Industry Conflict of Interest (AICOI) working group by Kyp Kypri

The AICOI consists of five members: Matilda Hellman, Kim Bloomfield, Jennie Connor, Nick Heather and Kyp Kypri (Chair). The terms of reference for the group covered considerations of transparency, governance, and membership. The group submitted a report to the co-com on 31 May and future plans were discussed in that meeting. The co-com and the working group concluded more time was needed with the view to develop a document to submit to all KBS members before the 2016 meeting.

14. Report of KBS webmaster by Florian Labhart

All papers from previous meetings since the early 1990s (except 2013) have been uploaded. These came from the ARG library and were then digitalized and are available on a password protected site, the link for which has been sent to all KBS paid members. It is indexed by year, but not further indexed at this stage. The intention is that new papers will be added to the archive after each annual conference: John Holmes raised the question about whether the archive could be made searchable. Kim noted there was no available funding to support further work on the site and noted Florian's substantial voluntary investment in the work to date. Kyp noted that funding to make the KBS website searchable could be an issue raised for future meetings.

15. KBS Listserve – need for new manager and home!

Nancy has agreed to manage and host for one year further, while the co-com looks for a solution for a host beyond the coming year.

16. Other issues

Allaman Allamani noted that it is currently very expensive to attend the conference dinner and probably beyond the ability of many student attendees. AA also encouraged future meeting hosts from Asia and Africa continents which are not commonly represented.

Kyp Kypri hoped a meeting would be held in Asia within the three years following Sheffield 2017. Kyp drew attention to the KBS co-com discussion on the previous Sunday as to how the society could provide support to applicants beyond registration (such as accommodation). Kyp noted that the co-com had not talked specifically about funding for attendees to attend the dinner but that it would be kept on the agenda in the planning for Stockholm and Sheffield.

Tom Greenfield suggested there could be the option for delegates, when they register, to make a personal donation, which could go towards general or specific purposes such as dinner attendance for another delegate (such as a student or delegate from a developing country).

17. Kyp thanked members for their attendance and participation and closed the meeting.