

MINUTES

KBS Coordinating Committee, 2006 Sunday, June 3, 2006, Hotel Gellert co-com meeting, Sunday, June 3rd , 2007

Agenda

1. Welcome of new members
2. Approval of agenda.
3. Position of Co-Com Secretary
4. Approval of minutes of the 2006 meeting in Maastricht
5. Report on the KBS 2007 from local organizer (Zsuzsanna Elekes)
6. Report from KBS treasurer (Elin Bye)
7. Status Report for the KBS 2008 in Victoria (Scott Macdonald)
8. Contribution of Euro10k again?
9. Proposals for annual meeting in 2009?
10. Early Career Scientist prize for best paper. 3 entries – Canada, Australia, New Zealand. Future processes?
11. Upcoming thematic meetings?
12. Agenda for 2007 Business meeting
13. Other business

The new members were welcomed by the coordinating committee. Kerstein Stenius was voted president and Paul Lemmons was voted vice president this year. In addition for new members were voted to the coordinating committee: Bill Kerr, Pia Makela, Mats Ramstedt and Dike van de Mheen.

Scott Macdonald has been appointed as secretary for this year. Next year, since he will be organizing the KBS meeting in Victoria, Tim Stockwell will take the minutes.

The minutes of the 2006 meeting in Maastricht were reviewed. Elin pointed out that the dollar amounts are in Euros and not US dollars. Otherwise the minutes were moved to be approved by Kate Graham, seconded by Debra Dawson.

APPROVED

Zsuzsanna Elekes reported on the arrangements for the 2007 meeting in Budapest. 25 participants received some financial support to attend the meeting this year. Financial support was also provided by and NIAAA, facilitated by Debra Dawson. Those supported came from many countries including Brazil, Nigeria, Romania, Russia, Israel, Hungary and Canada. The attendance this year is very high with 184 participants.

Elin Bye, the treasurer, reported on the financial situation of KBS. Ellen was concerned that some people are paying their registration fees by check and due to commission charges by the bank, the amount of money received is greatly reduced. Andrea suggested the use of PayPal. Elin will meet with Andrea to discuss the possibility of using PayPal for registration. Registration is now in Euros. 14 new members joined KBS this year.

There was a discussion regarding the contribution that the KBS should give each venue to support participants to attend. It was agreed that \$8,000 US will be used to support travel for people in need to attend the conference. Moved by Kate, seconded by Henk. APPROVED

The committee reviewed the 14 new registrants to KBS and approved them all. Moved by Kate, seconded by Gerhard. APPROVED

Four papers were submitted this year for the best paper prize from Canada, Australia (2) from New Zealand. The committee discussed the early career scientist award. There was discussion about how to include new people to assess for papers. Three new volunteers agreed to this assignment: Gerhard, Isidore and Bill Kerr, who will work with Debra Dawson to review the papers next year. There were some discussion around presentation of the award at the banquet, and it was agreed that it would be desirable if the person that wins award attend the banquet. Therefore it was decided for next year that people that submit a paper for the career scientist award will be given a complementary dinner to the banquet. Moved by Tim Stockwell, seconded by Kate. APPROVED

Scott Macdonald reported on the progress for next year's meeting in Victoria. He investigated several hotels in Victoria area and made comparisons among them. Victoria is tourism city and hotel costs can be very high in the summer months. The arrangements for the main conference hotel have been made at the Harbour Towers Hotel in downtown Victoria. It is a slightly older hotel, which offered a 50% discount on its room to KBS members. Options will be provided for less expensive and higher end hotels. Arrangements for the banquet have been made at the University club, at the University of Victoria.

The committee discussed the venue for the KBS meeting in 2009. At present there are no clear proposals from anyone. Members talked about the possibility of having the conference in various countries and will approach KBS members in those countries to assess their willingness to organize the conference in 2009.

Elin was contacted by Jacek at the Addiction Research Journal, and offered a 70% discount on subscriptions to KBS members (€80 per year). There was general agreement that this was a good deal and will be announced at the next business meeting.

Gerhard raised the issue of future thematic KBS meetings and wondered if procedures for these meetings have been formalized. There are no formal policies for the KBS thematic meetings other than it was generally agreed that any call for papers for thematic meetings should be e-mailed to the entire KBS membership. The papers, however, can still be rejected.

For other business Elin reported that KBS website will now move from ARG to SIRUS in Norway.

Andrea Michel also asked to present at the business meeting about her concerns with library closures. It was agreed that she can present at the business meeting.