

Co-ordinating committee (Cocom) of the Kettil Bruun Society, meeting on Sunday 30 May and Thursday June 3, 2010 at Addiction Info, Lausanne, Switzerland

Present: Elin Bye, Jakob Demant, Kate Graham (chair), Sylvia Kairouz, Bill Kerr, Sandra Kuntsche, Dike van de Mheen, Mats Ramstedt, Christoffer Tigerstedt (secretary of the meeting)

Absent: Zsuzanna Elekes, Kypros Kypri, Pia Mäkelä

1. The meeting was opened at 4.10 pm.
2. The agenda was accepted.
3. Sandra Kuntsche informed the cocom about the preparations of KBS 2010. Final number of participants: 212; quite a few cancellations; 159 papers to be presented; 33 applications for and 21 receivers of travel support.

It was decided that Cocom should establish more precise principles for providing travel support the main criteria relating to (a) representing a developing country, (b) being a junior researcher, (c) coming from distant destination, (d) being first author of paper and (e) not having received funding from KBS in previous year(s). To meet the last criterion, a track of receivers should be kept.

It was decided that abstracts for the annual conference should include e-mail addresses.

The system with chair of session acting as last speaker of the session implies that the first speaker of the session takes over the chairmanship when the last speaker presents. This should be announced at the opening session on Monday.

Participants' papers for KBS 2010 have been put automatically on the web. **It was decided** that this practice should be passed on to the organisers of KBS 2011.

4. The approval of the minutes from Cocom's last meeting was annotated.
5. Kate suggested that Robin Room's unique contribution to the KBS should be considered in one way or another. **It was decided** to propose to the membership that Robin Room be given the appointment of Honorary President.
6. Elin presented the treasurer's report. The economic situation is good. Altogether 59 members have been accepted. The number of members amounts to 212.
8. Four persons - Mats Ramstedt, Franca Beccaria, Dike van de Mheen and Jukka Törrönen - appointed for a two-year-term will form the Ole-Jørgen Skog award committee. It was proposed that the next person to enter the committee is Sylvia. This issue will be presented on Friday by Dike.

9. It was suggested that Geoffrey Hunt, Ronald Knibbe and Kerstin Stenius will serve as the committee to recruit members to stand for election to take office in Cocom in 2011. Kate will contact these persons in the beginning of the week.

10. **It was decided** that the memorial of Martin Plant will be postponed to next year. The way of remembering Martin was discussed. One option was to call the physically most demanding excursion of KBS 2011 in Melbourne "the Martin Plant excursion". A song book prepared in the spirit of Martin was also discussed.

11. Kate presented an initiative from Tom Babor about KBS establishing an electronic journal supporting, among others, researchers from the developing countries. The initiative was discussed at length. First reactions were critical paying attention to economic, administrative, identity and other matters. It was stressed that there is a lot of latitude to define the scope and content of the journal.

It was decided that (a) Kate will inform the conference participants about the initiative on Tuesday 1 June before the plenary session starts and (b) Cocom discusses the issue on Thursday 3 June at 10 am. before (c) it is presented on Friday 4 June at the Membership meeting.

12. Anne-Marie Laslett, Jason Ferris and Paul Dietz of the organising committee of KBS 2011 in Melbourne presented preparations so far including a preliminary budget. The number of participants is planned to be 150 plus, probably with some new people from Australia.

They proposed that the KBS 2011 be held 11-15 April. Call for papers will appear in late August 2010, deadline for papers will be set to early December 2010 and close of submission of papers to end of February 2011.

13. Claire Wilkinson reported on the KBS thematic meeting on Alcohol and violence in Melbourne in March 2010 which include 40 papers from 14 countries. Claire Wilkinson received thanks for excellent job with the meeting. Two special issues (Drug and Alcohol Review; Contemporary Alcohol Problems) will be published based on papers from the meeting.

14. A KBS thematic meeting on alcohol epidemiology and policy will be arranged 15-18 November 2010 in Kampala, Uganda. Deadline for submission of abstracts is set to 15 July.

15. The meeting was closed at 6.50 pm.

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The cocom met again briefly to discuss further the potential for a KBS journal. A decision was reached to propose to the business meeting that the membership vote on supporting the journal in principle with the cocom agreeing to develop a plan for the journal to be presented to the membership for final approval.

Kate Graham

Christoffer Tigerstedt