

## Minutes Co-coordinating Committee (CoCom), April 10, 2011 Melbourne

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**Attendance: Kate Graham (President), Christoffer Tigerstedt (VP), Scott Macdonald (Secretary), Bill Kerr, Sandra Kuntsche, Kypros Kypris, Pia Makela, Dike Van de Mheen, Franca Beccaria (Incoming President)**

**Regrets: Elin Bye (Treasurer), Zsuzanna Elekes, Sylvia Kairouz, Mats Ramstedt, Jakob Demant**

1. The agenda was approved (Kypros 1st, Sandra 2nd)
2. The minutes were approved (Pia 1st, Sandra 2nd) with the following amendments. Sylvia has been voted as a new member and Mats term has ended.
3. Jason Ferris and Anne Marie Laslett presented an update on this year's meeting in Melbourne. There are 189 delegates, with 41 delegates receiving some conference support funds. There are 132 abstracts. The organizers were able to obtain \$12,000 in local sponsorship funds, including \$10,000 from Turning Point and \$2,000 from the City of Melbourne. Jason recommended adopting Floran's website software for future KBS meetings.
4. Rasmus Sand (organizer of the 2012 meeting) will not be in Melbourne. Hildegunn Sagvaag, will give update at Friday morning business meeting but was unable to attend cocom.
5. Treasurer's report was sent by Elin Bye. KBS has a balance of 26,000 Euros after Melbourne (32,500 before). There are 172 active KBS member, 18 new members and 4 resigned. All new members were reviewed and accepted. The report was approved (Pia 1<sup>st</sup>, Kypros 2<sup>nd</sup>).
6. Membership for the O-J Skog award was reviewed. Sylvia Karouz and Dike Van de Mheen will continue on the committee until next year. Kypros has agreed to be a member for the next two years. One new member is needed (later Moira Plant was recruited for this role) for the next two years. Next year, two new members will be needed to replace Sylvia and Dike who will be retiring.
7. KBS Journal – tentative name: International Journal of Alcohol and Drug Research (IJADR). Any suggestions for another name should be submitted to Kate Graham. The Journal will be electronic. Kate circulated a draft journal mock up and logo, draft terms of reference, and draft aims and scope. Implications of locating the Journal on the KBS website or a separate domain will be explored. A few special issues by KBS members are currently being developed including one from the Kampala conference in Nov 2011.
8. The Co-com committee will be working on a proposal next year to address honorary appointments and criteria.
9. Alcohol Industry and KBS. T Babor has raised the issue of the alcohol industry representatives at KBS conferences. In particular, should members and presentation of papers be restricted to academic researchers? Papers are restricted to only attendees. No decision was made.
10. The International Society of Addiction Journal Editors (ISAJE) sent an email to Kate inviting a representative of the KBS society to a meeting to be held in conjunction with

the 2011 annual ISAJE meeting, September 13-14, in Hilton Head, South Carolina, US, aiming at establishing an international network or federation of addiction research societies. It was decided that Kate would attend on behalf of the society and the new KBS journal.

11. Bill Kerr and colleagues have archived most KBS papers in the past 15 years. Guidelines are needed on the dissemination of these papers. The new President, Franca, will contact Paul Lemmens to ask him to develop a set of guidelines for using the archive to present at next year's cocom and at the Friday business meeting.
12. Upcoming meetings. Possible upcoming meetings are Italy, Uganda and Brazil. The co-com discussed some worries that have been raised about Uganda as a possible conference site and agreed that if this site were chosen, some supporting structures for the organization would need to be established
13. Other issues – Dike Van de Mheen raised the issue that some papers this year have already been published and some are more than 16 pages. It was agreed that these criteria should be clearly noted on the conference websites.