



KBS BUSINESS MEETING

(to be approved at the Copenhagen meeting June 2009)

MINUTES

Friday, June 06, 2008

Harbour Towers Hotel, Victoria

Present: Tim Stockwell (minutes), Scott Macdonald (Secretary), Pia Makela, Bill Kerr, Isidore Obot, Salme Ahlström, Allaman Allamani, Philippe Arvers, Miranda Audenaerd, Kim Bloomfield, Peter d'Abbs, Deborah Dawson, Jakob Johan Demant, Loraine Devos-Comby, Sidsel Eriksen, Anne George, Norman Giesbrecht, Gerhard Gmel, Kathryn Graham, Tom Greenfield, Joel Grube, Matilda Hellman, Siri Hettige, Marja Holmila, Ann Hope, Geoffrey Hunt, Jan Joosten, Sylvia Kairouz, William Kerr, Herve Kuendig, Sandra Kuntsche, Emmanuel Kuntsche, Kypros Kypri, Paul Lemmens, Maria Cristina Lima, Etienne Maffli, Raquel Magri, Raul Martins, Sharon Matthews, Petra Meier, Andrea Mitchell, Jacek Moskalewicz, Myriam Munne, Krzysztof Ostaszewski, Agnieszka Pisarska, Martin Plant, Moira Plant, William Pridemore, Mats Ramstedt, Diana Roeg, Robin Room, Pia Rosenqvist, Ingeborg Rossow, Judith Rosta, Hildegunn Sagvaag, Christoffer Tigerstedt, Karen Trocki, Dike van de Mheen, Claire Wilkinson (+ two members whose names were not legible on list)

1. Approval of agenda

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

2. Approval of minutes of the 2007 meeting in Budapest and

The minutes of the 2007 meeting were approved. Moved by Norman Giesbrecht, seconded by Ann Hope

APPROVED

3. Future meetings

a) KBS 2009 Copenhagen 1-5 June 2009

Presentation by local organisers Jakob Demant, Kim Bloomfield and Karen Elmeland. Local funding to support the meeting has been procured, the hotel rooms booked. Travel and tourism information was presented. Continuing efforts to gain extra support for overseas members and students.

b) Lausanne, June 2010?

Presentation by Sandra Kuntsche of SIFA of the available facilities at the University which would host the meeting as well as local accommodation and tourism opportunities.

c) Melbourne, June 2010?

Robin Room presented the case for hosting the meeting during the southern hemisphere winter in Melbourne. The possibility of pre and/or post meetings in Sri Lanka and Hawaii were mentioned. Siri Hettige offered to host a summer school in Sri Lanka before afterwards. Temperatures in Melbourne about the same if not warmer than Victoria that same time of year.

A vote was taken: 23 for Lausanne and 19 for Melbourne. The coordinating committee will consider this further.

d) Stavanger, 2011?

Local interest in hosting the KBS in three years has been expressed but no one was available to present at this stage (a presentation from 2007 still valid).

4. Report on KBS 2008 from local organizer (Scott Macdonald)

Scott reported there were 196 participants, a record including 61 Canadians, 28 from USA, 15 Sweden, 14 Norway and 10 Australia. Funding support was provided to 21 people from 13 countries. Funds were provided by the BC Ministry of Health (\$11,000), The Social Sciences and Health Research Council (\$13,000), \$8,000 from the Kettil Bruun Society and \$49,000 in registration fees. The Centre for Addictions Research of BC which hosted the meeting subsidised in many ways by providing staff and volunteers. They were 180 abstracts presented and 139 papers were uploaded to the website and burned on the conference CD. Scott mentioned that creating the website was a lot of work and recommended it be transferred to the next organisers, there was general approval for this. Scott acknowledged contributions from Sylvia Karouz in designing the programme and giving advice throughout as well as the support team from CARBC. Scott received a standing ovation from the members.

Discussion from the floor covered topics such as whether to have one open session for discussions on the programme (panel), whether poster sessions were a good idea, whether papers accepted for publication or recently published could be presented at the conference and how strictly deadlines for submission of papers should be enforced. One of the poster presenters said it was a good experience and it was recommended by others the posters are the whole time somewhere where they are easily seen. People were reminded of the necessity of submitting the full written paper well in advance to assist organisers and discussants alike. Most people favoured restricting papers presented to those not yet published though a few people also favoured high quality recently published papers.

5. Nominations

The nomination committee (Tom Greenfield, Tim Stockwell and Pia Rosenqvist) reported that the following persons had been nominated by them for election of president – vice president: Ludwig Krauz (Ger), Kathryn Graham (Can), Christoffer Tigerstedt (Fin) and Robert parker (US), and for coordination committee: Sylvia Kairouz (Can), Sirir hettige (Sri Lanka), Guillermina Natera (Mex), Sandra Kuntsche (Ch), Kypro Kypri (Austr.), Agnieska Piscarska (Pol), Miriam Munné (Arg.), Jakob demant (den) and Samantha Wells (Can.)
Members will be invited during the autumn to nominate further candidates

6. Ole-Jorgen Skog Award Committee

Jacek Moskalewiz. Bill Kerr, Mats Ramstedt and Florenece Kerr-Correa were voted to form the committee the following year.

7. Report from KBS treasurer (presented by Paul Lemmens for Elin Bye)

Only 110 members had paid up to the end of 2007 leaving many memberships unpaid. It was agreed to publish a list of all members who had paid up as a means of reminding people to renew. A balance was reported of 27,500 US dollars at the present time. A motion to accept the financial report was moved by Robin Room and accepted by Kypros Kypri and unanimously approved.

A motion to convert the KBS account from US dollars to euros was approved. A motion to raise the annual member fees to €25 for an individual and €75 for an institutional membership was approved. A motion to reduce conference registration fees by €40 for members was moved by Tom Greenfield, seconded by Kim Bloomfield and unanimously approved.

8. Report on workshops

a) Nordic tax project

This is a research project working group concerning the impact of price changes in three Nordic countries.

b) Qualitative Workshop

Jakob Demant reported this was a successful meeting though attendance was low. It was suggested that more promotion of the workshops would help.

c) Drinking and Pregnancy Workshop

Maira Plant reported that eight people from five countries attended and that more people would be welcome to join the group.

d) Personality Factors

No one was present a report on this workshop

e) New drinking practices by young people

No one was present a report on this workshop

9. Upcoming thematic meetings

a) Alcohol and Violence, 23-26 March 2009 Melbourne

Robin room capitalised that is hosting this meeting which will be concerned with relationships between upper and violence, causality and policy

implications. Abstracts are due by November 1.

b) Treatment Systems, Stockholm University, October 7-9 2009
Kerstin Stenius advised this would be hosted by the Nordic Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research together with SoRAD and possibly other sponsors. The focus will be on theories and models of treatment systems.

c) Binge Drinking and Adolescence, Nijmegen, Holland October 2009
Paul Lemmens will host this meeting which will have a comprehensive scope exploring theory, history, research methods, determinants, negative effects, prevention, policy and overall reflection. New papers not yet submitted for publication will be encouraged and reviews of existing research will be invited.

10. Alcohol and Trauma/Causalties- scholarship

Norman Giesbrecht advised that some royalties worth \$250 from a publication edited by him on alcohol and trauma/causalties will be offered to a graduate student, preferably from a developing country, writing on this subject as a bursary for the next KBS meeting. The award will be announced with the call for papers, the paper should be submitted by May 1st and the winner will be adjudicated by him, the president and vice president. The meeting thanked Norman for this generous gift.

11. Other business

a) proposal to archive and digitise proceedings of previous KBS meetings
This was proposed by Paul Lemmens as a means of preserving the material that has been collected down the years so that future scholars may research historical patterns of debate about alcohol. It was agreed that it would not be possible to put uncorrected prepublication drafts of papers in a public website but that a membership portal would be ideal providing a significant membership benefit. It was clarified that existing electronic and web-based papers would be the first to be added to such an archive. Robin Room suggested it would be good to have this going back to 1975. Paul agreed to get a cost for the proposal to bring back to the membership in 2009.

b) A question was asked about redirecting visitors to the old website now hijacked by the Korean broadcasting Society (!) to the new website. Tom Greenfield confirmed persons visiting the old website hosted by the Alcohol Research Group are indeed redirected to www.ketilbruun.org.

c) Virtual meetings: Kyp Kyri enquired whether any plans had materialised regarding introducing at a distance meetings. The problem of major time differences was mentioned and it was agreed to leave this to local organisers. A trial with the new technique could be undertaken at the Thematic meeting in Australia

d) Member Benefits

Kerstin Stenius advised that European Addiction Journal has offered a reduced subscription for members, which was gratefully acknowledged. It will be announced on the website. Other addiction journals will be approached to provide produced personal subscriptions to KBS members.

This will involve providing lists of current members (names only, not e-mail addresses) to these journals.