

KBS Business Meeting, April 15, 2011 Melbourne, Australia

1. The agenda was approved.
2. The minutes of the 2010 meeting in Lausanne were approved.
3. New Cocom members were announced: Franca Beccaria (President), Mads Ramsted (Vice president), and new members Jason Bond, Matilda Hellman, Michael Livingstone, Nazarius Mbona Tumwesigye, Petra Meier.
4. The minutes of 2008 Business meeting were approved.
5. Treasurer's report by Elin Bye. KBS has a balance of 26,000 Euro. There are 234 members with 172 who have fully paid current dues.
6. Jason Ferris and Anne Marie Laslett presented an on this year's meeting in Melbourne. There were 189 delegates from 21 Countries with 41 delegates receiving some conference support funds. There were 195 submitted abstracts but 30 dropped out prior to printing and another 15 dropped out after printing. People agreed that any approaches to reduce the number of dropouts should be encouraged. Discussion sessions were re-introduced this year and those who attended them gave a favourable response. Jason recommended that the website be passed on to the following conference organizers. 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.
7. Workshops:
 - Robin Room presented on Alcohol and harm to others group, a collaborative international effort.
 - Robert Parker presented on alcohol and assaults – 6 people attended this project. They are planning a volume in the next 12-18 months.
 - Kerstein Stenius reported on the Treatment Approaches group. They will be developing focus for next year.
 - Kim Bloomfield presented on Genesis: they had several meetings with a special emphasis on unrecorded alcohol consumption this year.
 - Sally Caswell discussed the Alcohol Control Strategy project, a longitudinal study in numerous Countries, designed to assess culture, economic conditions and other factors in relation to alcohol consumption.
 - Allaman Allamani presented on WP5 Amphora project meeting.
8. Two thematic meetings occurred last year including ones at Kampala and Washington:

Alcohol Epidemiology and Evidence-based Policy: Translating Research into Effective Prevention, Treatment and Policy (Kampala, Uganda, 15-18 November 2010) (Nazarius Mbona Tumwesigye)

Policies for Reducing Problems Associated with Alcohol Availability (Washington, USA, 5-7 December 2010) (Tom Greenfield)

9. O-J Skog award. Kypros Kypris and Moria Plant have agreed to be new members next year. The jury: Dike van de Mheen, Sylvia Kairouz, Kypros Kypri, Moira Plant.
10. The 2012 conference will be held in Stavanger, Norway. Hildegun Sagvaag and Sveinung Dybvig presented on activities for next year. They are looking at keeping expenses down, as they recognize that Norway is an expensive country.
11. 2013 General Meeting. Presentations were made by two venues: Kampala, Uganda and Torino, Italy. A vote was taken with approximately 40 in favour of Uganda and 7 in favour of Italy. The Co-com committee will monitor progress of the meeting.
12. 2014 General Meeting. Two delegates expressed interest in hosting the conference: Franca in Italy and Sungsoo Chun in South Korea.
13. Future thematic meetings are being considered in Rio de Janeiro (as a place where it is possible to host any thematic meeting), "Addiction - what is the added value of the combined approach today?" by Peka Sulkenun, and "Period, cohort and age effect" by Tom Greenfield.
14. Alcohol Industry and KBS. Last year, T Babor has raised at the co-com 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. It was agreed that in the next year the new co-com will work on a proposal.
15. Bill Kerr and colleagues have archived most KBS papers in the past 15 years. Guidelines are needed on the dissemination of these papers.