

## KBS Business meeting, Kampala 2013

Sunday, June 7, 2012

11:20 am to 12:30 pm

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Due to the absence of the new president (Kim Bloomfield) and the vice president (Henk Garretsen) former president (Franca Beccaria) welcomes the membership

### 1) Approval of Agenda

### 2) New president and new CoCom members

The new President, Vice President and CoCom members are announced (list below). Former President, Vice President and CoCom members as well as the nomination committee for 2013 election are thanked for their work in the past years.

Vote was held in February 2013: 90 votes (response rate of 46%)

For president/vice president: Kim Bloomfield / Henk Garretsen

For Co-com: Norman Giesbrecht, Claire Wilkinson, Myriam Munné, Robert Parker

New Co-com: *with terms running until June 2017*: Norman Giesbrecht

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*Members whose terms are ending*: Franca Beccaria, president; Mats Ramstedt, vice president; Sandra Kuntsche, Kypros Kypri, Jakob Demant, Sylvia Kairouz (Co-Com)

### 3) Approval of minutes of the meeting in Stavanger 2012 (Robin Room 1st; Allaman Allamani 2nd)

### 4) Treasurer's report

Treasurer's report was presented by Franca Beccaria. In the past year, the organizers from Stavanger returned 8,000 Euro; membership fees received were 7925 Euro. Expenditures: gifts and bank fees = 1700 Euro, O-J Skog award = 250 Euro, and support for Kampala was 11,000 Euro. The expected balance after the conference is 30,600 Euro. The society has 194 members in total, but only 146 have paid their membership fee for 2012 (48 members have missed to pay the fee); 23 members resigned.

### 5) OJ Skog award

Kypros Kypri reported about this year's award: 14 papers had been submitted, but most papers arrived after having extended the deadline. The extension was necessary as only two candidates submitted before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. He stressed that clear instructions about paper submissions are needed, including information on writing criteria (authorship, etc.), maximum page numbers. A submission sheet should be developed including all necessary detail. The committee for next year's award will be the same as this year.

### 6) Conflict of interest

With reference to the minutes of last year's business meeting, the CoCom had a lively discussion during its meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> regarding the possibility to introduce a disclosure of conflict of interests. Two statements were proposed for discussion: Two positions were discussed: (A) disqualification (or non-acceptance) of researchers who have received funds from the alcohol industry even if this funding is indirect, (B) the disclosure of sources of funding and potential

conflicts of interests for each presentation. This was followed by an open discussion with exchange of the different points of view. The issue will be left to the CoCom to make suggestions upon which the membership will vote. This was approved by members present (one vote against). In the meantime, it was decided to include a declaration of interest in the abstract with the upcoming meeting in Torino.

#### **7) Report from the local organizers, KBS 2013**

The meeting had about 180 participants, about 140 abstracts were included in the program; 28 people received financial support regarding travel, accommodation or registration fee. Similar to other years, a substantial proportion of delegates did not submit their papers on time. The number of cancellations was comparable to former meetings.

#### **8) Workshop reports**

GenACIS consortium meeting (Sharon Wilsnack): meeting on Saturday and Sunday working on an application for further funding to be submitted in October.

International Alcohol Control Study (as Sally Caswell had to leave early, report was given by Michael Livingston): seven or eight countries presented their progress, a few countries expressed interest to participate and will clarify funding.

Workshop on Publishing Addiction Science (Kerstin Stenius and Tom Babor): workshop will take place between 2 to 5 p.m. on Friday; aim is to open the black box on how journals function; it is still open for more participants (about 20 already registered) and designated for people who haven't published much yet.

International Group for Studies on Harm to Other (IGSHOR) (Robin Room): 29 people attended, a short summary will be written and distributed to interested researchers.

Training Workshop on research methods in alcohol and drug studies (Nazarius Tumwesigye): will be held on Saturday/Sunday and was jointly organized by Kim Bloomfield, Nazarius Tumwesigye and Monica Swahn with affiliation of KBS and Makerere University; numerous KBS members are presenting during the two day workshop; 16 participants registered.

#### **9) Report from thematic meetings**

Addiction - what is the value added to the concept today? (Colloquium of the University of Helsinki Centre for Research on Addictions, Control and Governance (CEACG), and Thematic Meeting of the Kettil Bruun Society; Helsinki, Finland October 14-17, 2012; Local organizers: Pekka Sulkunen and Matilda Hellman): The meeting gathered 33 researchers (10 countries) from different disciplines to discuss the ways in which the phenomenon can be understood in view of the knowledge available. The participants of the conference are planning a thematic publication (thematic journal issue) on the basis of the presentations and papers of the meeting.

Gender, Alcohol and Violence (XV. International symposium on Tobacco, Alcohol, and Other Drugs; KBS Thematic meeting in association with the Brazilian Association on Studies of Alcohol and other Drugs, Rio de Janeiro, November 29 -December 1, 2012; Organizer: Florence Kerr-Correa): There were 818 registered participants of which 783 attended the Symposium on Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs only and 35 attended both meetings (XV. International Symposium on Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drugs and KBS Thematic on Gender, Violence and Alcohol.

Alcohol Policy - AP16 (KBS had decided to be a sponsor for this meeting). 120 researchers attended the biannual meeting in Washington DC, U.S.

#### **10) Upcoming annual meeting in Torino, Italy (introduced by Mats Ramstedt and presented by Franca Beccaria)**

Meeting dates are changed to the second week of June (9-13. June 2014). Pre-meetings will be held on June 7/8, 2014 and should be announced as soon as possible to the local organizers. Franca Beccaria gave a short report about the progress of the local organizers (limited possibilities of sponsorship, local organizing committee was named, accommodation will be within short walking distance to the venue).

## **11) Future annual meetings**

At present two candidates declared their interest in organizing the annual meeting in 2015:

- 1<sup>st</sup> candidate Munich, Germany presented by Ludwig Kraus
- 2<sup>nd</sup> candidate Seoul, South Korea by Michael E. Welch. Conference will be hosted by Korean Institute for Alcohol Problems (KIAP)

Questions raised by the membership regarding the costs of accommodation and flights to South Korea. Accommodation costs range from 60 – 150 US dollars and flights are quite cheap compared to flights to other transcontinental destinations.

As at the moment none of the candidates could present an assured funding, it was suggested to leave the final decision about the meeting place in 2015 to the CoCom. The preference of the membership was asked. Three voting options were proposed: Germany, Korea or both. Results were as follows:

- Munich, Germany: 3
- Seoul, South-Korea: 15
- Both: 20

It was decided that the CoCom will be in contact with both candidates about the funding situation and come back to the membership for a final decision about the location in early 2014.

## **12) Future thematic meeting**

International Alcohol Policy Research meeting proposed by Robin Room and Turning Point (in collaboration with Kypros Kypri and Peter Miller): a four day meeting in September 2014 (dates to be announced).

## **13) Update on the International Journal of Drug and Alcohol Research**

A short update on the International Journal of Drug and Alcohol Research about issues published and in progress was given. So far there is a great response from new and established researchers submitting high quality manuscripts. The journal is currently moving to use Scholar One to simplify the review process as the current website has had some technical problems. The editorial board currently discussed possibilities to secure ongoing permanent funding or explore other publishing options in order to support the journal financially (e.g., page charges for authors who have institutional or grant resources to pay) are under discussion. There is a need for additional qualified researchers to serve as editors, mentors and other roles on the journal as the journal continues to grow.

## **14) ICARA meeting (see agenda)**

Kerstin Stenius summarized the results of the last International Confederation of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Research Associations (ICARA) meeting. Several groups were constituted to work on the gathering, analyzing, and formalizing of guidelines for work with the industry and to set up the website. Kim Bloomfield in her role as president of the society will participate in ICARA for the next two years. Kerstin Stenius suggests that active members should stay longer than only two years in ICARA and wishes that Franca Beccaria may continue her contribution as she is part of one of the above-mentioned groups. As participation up to now is linked to the presidency of KBS this will be discussed by the CoCom.

## **15) Website of the Society**

The current host of the KBS website(SIRUS, Norway) is unable add a paper archive. Franca Beccaria has been in contact with a web-designer at the University of Torino who will take care of

the website and archives. Thus, the society's website will move to Eclectica, Franca's research institute, at the end of June. Uploading of the papers to the archive will start as soon as possible.

**16) Other topics to be discussed**

Hands for Franca Beccaria for presidency and her suggestions on the website.