

Minutes from the KBS Business Meeting, Torino 2014

Friday, June 13th 2014

11:00 – 12:30 hours

Location: Aule Magna, Campus Luigi Einaudi (CLE) of the University of Torino

1. Approval of agenda 2014: approved (Pia)
2. Approval of minutes 2013: approved
3. Treasurer's report
Presentation of the current financial situation. The organizers of the current meeting will refund 3'500 Euro to the KBS treasury as they received additional funding from external sources.
A raise of membership fees is proposed (raising the annual fee for individuals from 25 to 35 Euro and for institutions from 75 to 80 Euro) and discussed (implications for low income countries, higher increase for individuals than institutions); Membership voting was in favor (with one opponent) of the increase; details and implications should be discussed in the CoCom.
4. Report from Torino meeting by Franca Beccaria
241 participants; 270 abstracts were submitted at deadline, 211 of those registered for the conference.
55 applications for financial support of which 24 received funding (in total 9'362 Euro).
5. Report on preparations for Munich meeting 2015 by Ludwig Kraus
Munich June 1 – 5, 2015, Details on the venue, public transport, and possible social tours are given.
6. Candidates for future KBS symposia:
 - a. Stockholm, 2016 (Johan Erdman for Jenny Cisneros) presentation held about possible venue, social tours and accommodation etc. Membership vote: no opposition; questions about alternatives: KB explains the situation of former candidates (Seoul, Brazil). Both currently do not have the possibilities to organize a meeting.
 - b. Sheffield, 2017 (Petra Meier) presentation held about possible venue, social tours and accommodation etc. It is suggested to vote on the venue. Membership vote: in favor, one against.
 - c. Other candidates? none
7. Upcoming thematic meetings
 - a. Preparations for Melbourne, September 2014 (Robin Room): Four day meeting with about 50 attendees.
 - b. Other meetings? Robin Room mentions the interest of Thai Health to organize a meeting on Harm to Others, but there are not yet details .
8. Reports from Pre-KBS workshops 2014:
World Health Organization/Thai Health "Harm From Others' Drinking Project" (Orratai Waleewong): meeting of the working group to discuss progress and update members of the project regarding the quantitative part and planning the quantitative part of the project
GENACIS (Sharon Wilsnack): meeting on Sunday, 25 participants, 21th anniversary of IRGGA, updates on ongoing data collections and the grant submission to NIAAA.
IGSAHO – GENACIS meeting (Anne-Marie Laslett): Tuesday afternoon, about 50 participants of 24 countries. There was discussion of current progress in the different projects, future plans and possibilities of collaborations.
International Alcohol Control (IAC) Study (Sally Caswell): two-day meeting, 8 of 11 countries participating, first day on longitudinal survey, second day on alcohol environment protocol (joined by 5 African countries).
Qualitative workshop (Alexandra Bogren) not presented.

Alcohol use as it happens: Innovative methods for recruiting young adults and capturing in-the-event drinking behavior (Emmanuel Kuntsche): Tuesday afternoon, 15 participants discussion about possibilities on the assessment of alcohol use in public and private locations using new technologies.

9. Report from OJ Skog award committee 2014 including new committee members

6 applications in 2014, award winner is Daniel Moyo (paper: Daniel Moyo, Robin Purshouse, Abdallah Ally, Alan Brennan & Paul Norman: Individual-level computational modelling to predict population-level alcohol consumption trends in England) from University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK.

New members of the nomination committee are Anne-Marie Laslett, Siri Hettige, Petra Meier (chair), Hilde Pape (one more member is needed) of which two will serve for a single year the other three for two years. It is suggested to send out reminders to get more applications.

10. Proposed amendments to the by-laws

Kim gave the background and reasoning for proposing that the O-J Skog committee be incorporated into the by-laws. She also suggested that the post of secretary-treasurer, as described in the by-laws is outdated and is overdue for being brought up to date to reflect the current reality of the post. Voting on both proposals will take place in early 2015, along with the usual elections for new kbs officers.

a. O-J Skog committee

Purpose, functioning and election of the committee should be included in the by-laws. The following text is proposed:

THE OLE-JØRGEN SKOG AWARD AND AWARD COMMITTEE

16. The purpose of the Ole-Jørgen Skog Award for Early Career Scientists is to recognize the excellence of papers presented by early career scientists at the annual symposium. The award is a cash prize, two years of membership in the Kjetil Bruun Society and a certificate.

The best paper presented by an early career scientist (no more than 5 years in alcohol research) will be selected by the Ole-Jørgen Skog Award Committee and be based on its contribution to advancing knowledge in alcohol research and on its theoretical and methodological quality. Specific selection criteria, developed by the Committee, are available on each year's conference website.

The Ole-Jørgen Skog Award Committee shall consist of 5 members of the Society who represent both qualitative and quantitative methodological approaches. The Committee shall consist of a chairman and 4 regular members. Members shall serve terms of 2 years and shall be appointed by the Coordinating Committee. Memberships shall be staggered with 2 members appointed in one year and 3 members appointed in the following year. It is desirable that at least one member of the Committee come from a low or middle income country.

b. Separation of secretary and treasurer posts

Text suggestions are made:

19. The Secretary shall be elected every two years by a majority of Coordinating Committee members voting.

The Secretary is responsible for communicating Society activities and plans to the members (via the website or e-mail) no less often than once a year. These include the time and place, as well as the organizers of seminars and workshops sponsored by the Society.

20. The Treasurer shall be elected every fifth year by a majority of Coordinating Committee members voting.

As financial officer of the Society, Treasurer receives the dues of the members and makes disbursements under the supervision of the Coordinating Committee to which he/she presents an annual report, available on request to any member.

The Treasurer shall prepare a membership list to be used for election purposes and announcements of annual meetings/thematic meetings.

~~18. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected each two years by a majority of Coordinating Committee members voting.
The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for communicating Society activities and plans to the members no less often than once a year. These include the time and place, as well as the organizers of seminars and workshops sponsored by the Society.
As financial officer of the Society, the Secretary-Treasurer receives the dues of the members and makes disbursements under the supervision of the Coordinating Committee to which he/she presents an annual report, available on request to any member.
The Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare a membership list to be used for election purposes.
The Secretary-Treasurer shall announce to the membership the time and place of the Membership Meeting.~~

- c. Extension of presidential term with a president elect
To simplify the transition between two presidents and to increase their productivity within the two year office period, the CoCom suggested to introduce the position of a "president elect", while the offices of president and vice president remain. The president and vice president will serve two years, the president elect four years after election. The president elect will assist at two prior CoCom meetings before becoming president for two years. Every second year elections will be held for the president elect and the vice president. For the first round (2015) all three positions are up for election. The individual with the most votes becomes president, second highest president elect, third vice-president. The first and last serve for two years, the president elect for four.

All by-law changes need an email ballot. The propositions are discussed and will be submitted to an email ballot to the membership in early 2015.

11. Report from Nominations committee for 2015 election

- a. Terms ending June 2015: Jason Bond, Matilda Hellman, Michael Livingston, Nazarius Mbona Tumwesigye, Petra Meier, Kim Bloomfield, Henk Garretsen
b. Nomination committee for elections 2015 consisted of Kerstin Stenius, Ludwig Kraus, Alaman Alamani.

During the course of the conference the nominations committee was able to secure the acceptance of candidacy from the following members for the following positions:

For members of the Coordinating Committee: John Holmes (UK), Yang Meng (UK), Anne-Marie Laslett (AUS), William Pridemore (USA), Akanidomo Ibanga (NIG), Thaksaphon Tharangsi (THAI), Justyna Klingemann (PL), Sara Rolando (IT), Jonas Landberg (SWE), Ulrike Grittner (GER)

For President/president-elect/vice president: Sally Casswell (NZ), Dike van den Mheen (NL), Michael Livingston (AUS), Kypros Kiypri (AUS), Matilda Hellman (FIN)

12. Report on status of conflict of interest issue: working group established

Based on a proposal made by Tom Babor a working group was formed to report to the CoCom about their recommendations. Members from the co-com are Kim Bloomfield, Mathilda Hellman. After announcing the group at the business meeting, Nick Heather expressed to join at the business meeting.

Addendum: Later also Kypros Kypri and Jenny Connor joined with Kypros becoming chair of the working group.

13. Report from IJADR – International Journal of Alcohol and Drug Research by Kate Graham and Sandra Kuntsche

Report on published issues and work in progress. Start-up funding by NIDA ended after one year due to the economic crisis. Implementation of page charges (100 US Dollar per printed pages) in January 2014, since July 2013 transition to Scholar One to manage submissions and review process.

KB explains that the CoCom agreed on a one time support of 2'500 US Dollar. Furthermore, the membership is reminded of the possibility of non-financial support: submit your research, ask your university or institute to subscribe the journal in their electronic catalogue, volunteer as reviewer, mentor or editor

14. Report on status of relationship to International Confederation of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Research Associations (ICARA)

The background and suggestion that KBS join ICARA were presented by Kerstin Stenius and Tom Babor to the CoCom and will be discussed within the upcoming year. Sharon Wilsnack will represent the KBS informally at the ICARA meeting in Chicago in September, 2014

15. KBS website: New webmaster: Florian Labhart of Addiction Switzerland. Florian was thanked for volunteering for this post.

16. KBS Listserve – need for new manager and home!

Nancy Vogeltanz wants to resign but is willing to continue until a new person is found, at the latest, by the end of the year. Different possibilities are discussed (e.g. creation of an online forum). It is agreed that KB will proceed with Florian in finding a less demanding way to host the listserv.

17. Other issues: none