

KBS meeting coordinating committee, May 28 2006, Maastricht

Present: Tim Stockwell (president), Tom Greenfield, Elin Bye (treasurer), Deborah Dawson, Ronald Knibbe, Henk Garretsen (vice-president), Ann Hope, Zsusanna Elekes. Notes taken by Ronald Knibbe.

1. The agenda was approved
2. Minutes of the 2005 business meeting, Riverside approved
3. Report on the kbs 2006 from local organizer (Paul Lemmens): will be given Friday, June 2 at Business Meeting
4. Report from treasurer (Elin Bye): new members are presented on a list. There are 192 paying members. In 2005 there were 7 resignations. At present there is about US\$20,000 in the account. For next year's (2008) Symposium it may not be possible to contribute US\$10,000 to the local organisation. Tim Stockwell remarked that the usual amount has been US\$6,000. During the conference a list will be at the front desk showing who has paid and who are new members. Concerning new members the question is discussed whether the by-laws should be changed to be able to exclude members with questionable interest. It is decided there is no need for that. It is decided that for next year's annual symposium in Budapest US\$8,000 will be reserved. Around Christmas 2006 it will be known whether it is possible to reserve an additional US\$2,000 for next year's symposium.
5. New members: the new members are accepted. In the future new members will be reported to the coordinating committee. Discussion about granting membership will be held only at the initiative of one of the members of the coordinating committee.
6. Early career scientist award. Kate Graham, Deborah Dawson and Tim Stockwell were the jury and have read all relevant papers. There were 5 applications. Being a member of the KBS is not a criterion to be selected by the jury. It is a criterion that the paper will be presented at the annual symposium. The evaluation of the jury will be based on the paper. At the conference dinner, Thursday, June 1, the winner(s) will be announced.
7. GENACIS pre-symposium meeting. The pre-symposium meeting has been held on May 26 and May 27 in Maastricht. Due to closing of the university the meeting was held in a restaurant in the centre of Maastricht. The meetings were productive and went well. Two other pre-symposium meetings have been held on Sunday May 28: the topics of these meetings were Qualitative Methods and Alcohol Related Car Crashes. These will be reported in the Friday business meeting.
8. Recent thematic meetings: Tom Greenfield reports that the thematic meeting about alcohol related injuries in fall 2005 went very well. The product of this meeting will be coming out soon.
9. Future thematic meetings: Norman Giesbrecht has planned in October 2006 a meeting on population level studies on alcohol consumption and harm in Toronto. Tim Stockwell plans to organize a thematic meeting in April/May in Vancouver with the theme National monitoring and surveillance system of alcohol and drugs. A proposal will be sent.
10. Future annual meetings. The 2007 annual meeting is planned to be in Budapest. Zsusanna Elekes reports that not the university but Hotel Gellert is chosen as conference venue. Reservations have been made for a room for

plenary sessions (150 persons) and 2 rooms were parallel sessions can be held. There has been made reservations for rooms at the Hotel Gellert and at other hotels. There will be also offers for cheap accommodation. Zsusanna Elekes will be supported by a local conference bureau.

Concerning sponsors, there is a chance that the Ministry of Health will be interested. Zsusanne thinks of having a registration fee of 200-220 euro.

Because of the uncertain financial situation the coordinating committee advised to put the registration fee at euro 250.

The coordinating committee approved that next years annual meeting will be held in Budapest.

For the 2008 annual meeting Victoria, BC, Canada will be proposed. Scott Macdonald will present Victoria at the business meeting on Friday, June 2.

There is uncertainty whether Fredrik Spak still proposes Goteborg as a place for the annual symposium. Contact will be sought with Fredrik Spak and he will be asked to present a proposal.

11. Other business: Coming Friday an EU-report on alcohol and alcohol policy will be coming out