

MINUTES KBS Coordinating Committee, May 31,2009

Present: Kerstin Stenius (Chair), Elin Bye (Treasurer), Scott Macdonald (Secretary), Pia Makela, Bill Kerr, Gerhard Gmel, Deborah Dawson, Ann Hope, Paul Lemmens, Pia Makela, Mats Ramstedt, Dike Van de Mheen, and guests Kate Graham (next president), Sandra Kuntsche, Claire Wilkinson, Kim Bloomfield, and Jakob Demant

Regrets: Borje Olsson, Zsuzanna Elekes

1. Sandra Kuntsche presented details about next year's KBS meeting planned for Lausanne, Switzerland. She has reserved a hotel that can accommodate 220 people in the plenary plus 3 meeting rooms. In addition, the hotel has 195 rooms for guests. She has the help of 7 others to arrange the conference. She has been looking for sources of additional funding. One agency has agreed to provide funds under the condition that the papers be available on the WWW. Most people felt it is acceptable to have the abstracts available but reservations were expressed about having the papers available, since most of them are working papers and dissemination in this format could reduce the likelihood of revised papers being published.
2. The agenda and minutes were approved.
3. Claire Wilkinson presented on the possibility of having KBS 2011 in Melbourne, AUS. They don't have solid funding sources but can look at possible sources. They would like to change the month from June to March, when the weather is better. Some expressed possible conflicts for professors, who usually teach in March. Most felt it would be good to have KBS in another continent and a vote will be conducted at the business meeting.
4. Kim Bloomfield and Jakob Demant presented on this year's meeting in Copenhagen. There are 243 delegates and 180 abstracts. There are 8 workshops on Tues afternoon. They noted most people did not submit their papers in time. They provided suggestion on possible changes to the format: the size of the meeting has outgrown the format, perhaps the conference should be shorter, and that organizers could be more selective in reviewing abstracts. A discussion ensued with no clear resolutions. Possible approaches included rejecting late papers, including poster sessions, and accepting only people with papers or KBS members. Local organizers have considerable discretion, depending on the circumstances.
5. Treasurer's report by Elin Bye. KBS has a balance of 19,400 Euro. There are 16 new members and 7 resigned and a total of 172 who are fully paid.
6. New members. The 16 applicants were reviewed and all were accepted.

7. Special circumstance funding for Melbourne. Since travel costs are higher the group discussed possible extra funds for Melbourne. This will be decided in future meetings.
8. Membership benefits were discussed. It was agreed that KBS members should get a reduced registration fee for conference attendance.
9. Mats Ramstedt will chair the O-J Skog award committee. Members suggested for inclusion were Dike van den Heen, Franca Beccaria and Jukka Törrönen.
10. Upcoming thematic meetings. There are several meetings planned. The meeting organized by Paul Lemmens in Maastricht is going forward; Kerstin is looking for more abstracts; and the violence meeting in Australia has been delayed one year.
11. New guidelines for thematic meetings. A draft document describing guidelines for KBS thematic meetings was submitted by Robin Room and Norman Giesbrecht. The group discussed the guidelines briefly and found them generally suitable and helpful. They extended thanks to Robin and Norman and suggested that the guidelines be posted on the KBS website for comment.
12. Paul Lemmens presented on the creation of an archive of KBS papers and will be working on this.
13. Other issues – the idea of invited speakers at KBS was discussed and it was agreed that this issue should be raised at the business meeting.