

## KBS Coordinating Committee meeting, Stavanger 2012

Sunday, June 3, 2012

4 pm to 7pm

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### In attendance:

Franca Beccaria (President), Mats Ramstedt (Vice president), Elin Bye (Treasurer), Scott Macdonald (Secretary), Jason Bond, Jakob Demant, Sandra Kuntsche, Matilda Hellman, Nazarius Mbona Tumwesigye.

### Regrets:

Sylvia Kairouz, Kypros Kypri, Michael Livingstone, Petra Meier (on maternity leave)

**Invited guests:** Hildegunn Sagvaag (Organizer of Stavanger meeting), Kate Graham (KBS journal editor)

### Invited guests with regrets:

Robin Room (Honorary president), Paul Lemmens (Archive editor)

### Agenda

1. The agenda was approved
2. The minutes were approved (Sandra 1st, Jason 2nd)
3. Kate Graham was invited to provide an update on The International Journal of Alcohol and Drug Research, a KBS Journal. A description of the terms of reference for the Journal was distributed (see attachment). The Journal welcomes suggestions for special themes, specializing on a particular topic. Three special issues have been approved: (1) fetal alcohol syndrome, (2) traffic safety and alcohol, and (3) international perspectives on alcohol control policies. The Journal would be pleased to publish abstracts of the KBS conference and it was agreed that a vote on this issue would be requested at the business meeting. The Journal will be on-line and has a web site at [www.ijadr.org/](http://www.ijadr.org/)
4. The Stavanger conference organizers (Hildegunn Sagvaag, Sverre Nesvag, Elizabeth, Rammus Sand) were invited to update on any issues in preparing for the current conference. The preparation has been going well. About 170 papers were submitted, 216 registered and 29 registrants received travel support. Similar to other years, a substantial proportion of delegates did not submit their papers on time and about 10% cancellations. In response to a question, they indicated that they were required by the University to use a new web site format, which caused difficulties for some delegates in finding material, such as the papers. The organizers were able to obtain more financial institutional support than originally anticipated and therefore have a profit. They inquired about how profits should be handled and used for a future thematic meeting. The Co-com agreed that the money should be given back to the KBS treasurer. It was also raised that many papers exceeded the normal 16 page maximum and the committee discussed approaches to ensure papers were a reasonable length. Sandra indicated she will inquire about the possibility of incorporating an automatic program that would not accept any papers exceeding this page limit. Jakob argued that it could be relevant to give some slack in paper length in order to accommodate qualitative papers.
5. Nazarius Mbona Tumwesigye reported on developments in preparation for the 2013 conference in Kampala. Several institutions have indicated interest in providing financial

support. Several committees are being planned for organizing the event. Sandra, Jacob and Pia Makela are providing guidance for the next meeting.

The program committee has already set up: Michael Livingstone, Jakob Demant , Sandra Kuntsche, Pia Makela, Tom Greenfield, Isidore Obot, Sharon Wilsnack, Monica Shoan

It has been discussed the need to find other ways to involve other people, such as people working in the field. One possibility could be to organize a parallel meeting for practitioners to meet, or a thematic round table open to non participants.

It has been decided to organize skype meetings in order to support Nazarius.

6. Treasurer's report by Elin Bye was approved (Matilda 1<sup>st</sup> , Sandra 2<sup>nd</sup>).
7. All new members were unanimously approved. As well, the group decided that since the fees are very low that all those wishing to become a member would be required to pay the fees.
8. Nominations Committee – Ingeborg Rossow, Maria Holmila and Moira Plant are seeking out potential candidates for the co-com president, vice-president and members for the election next year.
9. O-J Skog award committee – New members are needed, with expertise in both quantitative and qualitative methods. Matilida Hellman, Jakob Demant and Gerhard Gmel have agreed to be new members.
10. The ISAJE award during the banquet was unanimously agreed for this year.
11. KBS and Alcohol industry relationship – A proposal by Tom Babor to restrict representatives of the alcohol industry from presenting and becoming KBS members was discussed by the group. The group felt that logistical difficulties in restricting the participation at the meetings and the philosophical principles for open communication of science should be given greater importance than the potential benefits of restricting membership. Therefore the group unanimously agreed against restricting participation of industry representatives at the kbs meetings.  
According the by-laws memberships is limited to “scientists working on problems related to social and epidemiological research on alcohol” (art. 5), so that the industry representatives or no scientists cannot be member.  
It has been decided that in the next year the Co-com will work on the possibility to introduce the disclosure of conflict of interests.
12. Guidelines for thematic meetings, sponsorship and partnership were distributed and unanimously approved and should be published on the KBS website
13. Honorary president rules – It was unanimously decided that if a honorary president or other title is put forward, the co-com committee will first vote on the person and then request the larger membership to vote with a majority being necessary at the business meeting .
14. Franca Beccaria will attend the next ICARA (International Confederation of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Research Associations) meetings.
15. KBS archive – Papers of prior KBS meetings from 1990 to present have been assembled by Paul Lemmens. It was unanimously approved to archive these years only, using the most economical approach. The papers should be available to KBS members on a web site that can be accessed by KBS members and is password protected.
16. Website and other communication issues – Elin will be updating the web site.
17. Thematic meetings – Three are being planned for next year and will be presented at the business meeting.
18. Only one candidate exists for next year's KBS symposium (Torino) which will be put to a vote at the next business meeting.

19. Scott Macdonald resigned as the KBS secretary, and Sandra Kuntsche agreed to be the new secretary. This is an appointed position with no defined term.
20. By-laws update  
Franca Beccaria asked the co-com evaluate in the next months if it could be useful to update the by-laws and to submit the variation to the business meeting in 2013.
21. Other issues: no other issues.