

KBS Members Business Meeting, 2nd June, 2006

The meeting was held at the University of Maastricht, The Netherlands and chaired by current KBS President Tim Stockwell.

Agenda

1. Approval of agenda
 2. Approval of minutes of the 2005 Business Meeting in Riverside
 3. Report on the KBS 2006 from local organizer (Paul Lemmens)
 4. Report from KBS treasurer (Elin Bye)
 5. Approval of new members
 6. Implementation of the *KBS early career award*
 7. Workshop reports
 - a. IRGAA/GENACIS (Sharon Wilsnack)
 - b. Car crashes (Alicia Rodriguez-Matros)
 - c. Qualitative methods (Harold Klingemann)
 - d. Nordic Tax Group (Robin Room)
 8. Recent thematic meetings
 - a. Alcohol-related injuries and emergency rooms, Berkeley, October 2005 (Cheryl Cherpitel)
 9. Future thematic meetings
 - a. Population Level studies on alcohol consumption and harm, Toronto, October 2006 (Norman Giesbrecht)
 10. Future annual meetings
 - a. 2007 Budapest (Zsuzsanna Elekes)
 - b. 2008 Victoria (Scott Macdonald)
 11. Report on progress with alcohol and other drug database (Andrea Mitchell)
 12. Other business
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1. The **agenda** was approved.
 2. **Minutes of the 2005** Business Meeting in Riverside, California was approved. (Proposed by Tom Greenfield and seconded by Martin Plant)
 3. The **report on the 2006 KBS Maastricht Meeting** was given by Paul Lemmens on behalf of the local organising committee. The week started with the pre-conference workshops on GENACIS, car crashes and qualitative methodology. During the main KBS conference 110 papers were presented. The programme ran smoothly although changes were necessary to facilitate some people. Similar to last year, a CD of the papers will be produced and distributed following the meeting. Paul was impressed by the high quality of the papers which made for a very good conference and thanked all those who participated. A special thanks was given to Carmen for her excellent work in the conference administration. KBS was thanked for their travel support budget (\$10,000) which supported the attendance of 10/12 people. However, the local organising committee requested that clearer criteria for travel support be provided by the KBS committee. The provision of cheap housing also helped some students. Paul said that a lot of work is required getting all the information together. Tim suggested the local organizing committee could review the KBS template on Guidelines for Organising Conferences and update if appropriate. Certificate of Attendance is provided as

well as a substantive report on the KBS meeting to the news column of Addiction. Harold suggested that the conference dinner cost could be included in the registration fee to allow those getting travel assistance to attend the dinner. However, organisers may need to keep funding separate for administration purposes. Robin congratulated both the matching of the papers with discussants and the very good quality of the discussants comments. He recommended an upper limit of three parallel sessions rather than four. He was also worried about losing Friday and favoured moving the business meeting to an evening. Paul stated that Friday this year was most troublesome, originally five good papers but then down to one. Important to emphasise that participants are expected to attend for the full four and half days. Kim suggested a strong Friday programme and stressed the importance of getting papers a week before conference. Martin suggested that all in attendance at the conference should have some role even if not presenting a paper themselves. Paul and this organising committee were thanked for their hard work and for the success of the conference.

4. The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Elin Bye. There are 19 new members, mainly recruited at Riverside, giving a total membership of 192 from 33 different countries. Membership fees are paid either for a few years ahead or each year. After Riverside in 2005 there was a balance of \$20,869 USD. The KBS fund provided \$10,000 to the local organisers as travel assistance for Maastricht 2006. For next year's KBS the treasurer suggested \$8,000 as travel assistance. Adoption of the Treasurers' report was proposed by Moira Plant and seconded by Robin Room.
5. Approval of **new members** to co-ordinating committee. The nominating committee **consists of** Sturla Nordlund (chair), Norman Giesbrecht and Ien van de Goor. The timetable for nominations was scheduled for the end of October 31st 2006 **and these** should be sent to Sturla (sn@sirus.no). Ballot papers will be sent out early in 2007 and the return date is March 2007. All members are encouraged to vote. Elected members will take office starting 2007 for 4 years on the committee and 2 years for President and Vic-president. Nominees for the committee are: G Borges, W Kerr, K Kypri, P Makela, D van de Mheen, P Nygaard, K Okulicz-Kozaryn, H Pape, M Ramstedt and S Wells. Nominees for President and Vic-president are: K Bloomfield, H Klingemann, P. Lemmings and K Stenius. The option of voting by email was discussed and agreed (Proposed by Tom Greenfield and seconded by Ann Hope). Therefore members can now vote by paper or email.
6. There were five applications for **KBS early career award**. People were nominated by others or nominated themselves. The prize is \$250 plus two years membership or extension of membership. Evaluation is based on written paper and presentation of paper at KBS symposium. The winner was announced at Conference dinner. This inaugural presentation of the award went to Drs Emmanuel Kuntsch (SIPA, Switzerland) and Evelien Poelen (Behavioural Science Institute, Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands). Announcement for nominations should be made at the same time as call for conference papers. Encourage young researchers to apply. Guidelines should include 2 years post PhD and cut-off is 1st May for paper.

7. Workshop Reports

- a. IRGAA/GENACIS: Sharon Wilsnack reported on the many products and publications including several papers, the EU Report, Special issue of Alcohol and Alcoholism and a planned PAHO book. Twenty five people attended the workshop.
 - b. Qualitative research: Harold Klingemann reported there were ten participants. There are plans to organise it again next year.
 - c. Car crashes: Alicia Rodriguez-Matros reported a small group in attendance. Presentations from Canada, Spain and USA were given and provided useful debate on the opportunities and challenges for intervention with DUI offenders. She is happy to continue this workshop.
 - d. Nordic Tax Group: Robin Room reported that this group held a number of meetings during the conference.
8. Recent **thematic meetings**
- a. Alcohol-related injuries and emergency rooms, Berkeley, Fall 2005 (Cheryl Cherpitel): Fifty people attended this conference which was well supported by NIAA, CDC and WHO. There is a book in preparation to be published by WHO.
9. Future thematic meetings
- a. Population Level studies on alcohol consumption and harm, Toronto, October 2006 (Norman Giesbrecht). The meeting was moved to October and about 40 people are expected. All sessions are plenary followed by discussions

10. Future annual meetings

- a. **2007 Budapest** (Zsuzsanna Elekes): The KBS 2007 will be held from 4th to 8th June in Budapest, Hungary. The workshops will be held prior to the conference as usual. The conference will be hosted by Corvinus University of Budapest. The site of the conference is the Gellert Hotel where the 1989 conference was held. Lovely hotel with thermal waters and swimming pool, which is free to hotel guests. Plenary room is reserved which holds 150-200 people plus 2 other meeting rooms (capacity 50 people) for parallel sessions. The cost of hotel rooms will be €70 basic single, €100 single with bath, double €160. A local organising committee has been set up which includes Gabor Kelemen and Mitel Aria. A conference organising company will help with technical issues. It is anticipated that the cost of the conference will be covered by the registration fee.
- b. **2008 Victoria** (Scott Macdonald): The Centre for Addiction Research in BC would like to host the 2008 KBS meeting. Victoria is a major tourist city with lots of attractions. It is serviced by 9 flights per day from Central Europe. Accommodation at high quality local hotels is possible with a cost of \$70-120 per night. Inexpensive motels range from \$30-60 per night. University of Victoria (bus ride away) is also possible. The organisers have extensive experiences in organising conferences. They are confident of getting \$10,000 for support from Ministry of Health and other sources to host the conference. (Proposed by Richard Wilsnack and seconded by Tom Greenfield, agreed by all)

11. Report on progress with alcohol and other drug **database** (Andrea Mitchell)
Andrea stated that big funding was needed given the demises of ETOH funding. She asked for any suggestions where funding may be available and for KBS researchers to support the funding application.

12. Other business:

- It was noted that Sharon Wilsnack was Chairing the Jellinek Nominating Committee for the Epidemiology Award.
- For information, a major EU Report was published today *Alcohol in Europe: a public health perspective*.
- Special thanks to Carmen for all her work before and during the conference. The meeting was adjourned.