

MINUTES
Annual business meeting of KBS members, June 8, 2007.

The meeting was held at Gellert Hotel, Budapest with approximately 60 KBS members in attendance

1. The agenda was approved
2. The minutes from the Maastricht meeting last year were approved.
3. Zsuzsanna Elekes reported on the arrangements for the 2007 meeting in Budapest. Financial support for the meeting was provided by the Hungarian Ministry of Health (USD 5000) and NIAAA (USD 5000), facilitated by Debra Dawson, and USD 8000 from KBS - altogether 18 000 USD. 25 participants received some financial support to attend the meeting this year. Those supported came from many countries including Brazil, Nigeria, Romania, Russia, Israel, Hungary and Canada. The attendance this year was very high with 184 participants from 33 countries.

KBS members provided suggestions for improvements of the conference next year as follows:

- session chair should introduce the speakers with their name, affiliation and country.
- Those providing comments on the presentation should first get their name and country before giving the question or providing a comment.
- Given the large number of papers and growing attendance at KBS, it was suggested that poster sessions may be offered as an alternative.
- An extension of the meeting to Friday afternoon was not regarded a good solution
- It was thought to be good to keep a plenary session every morning
- A podium should be available for presenters.

4. Elin Bye reported on the financial situation of KBS. Currently there is a surplus of about \$28,700. A large proportion of the surplus was due to a profit at Maastricht meeting. Between Maastricht and Budapest 14 new members have signed up, 11 members have resigned- and there are now a total of 186 members. The treasury report was moved to be approved by Robin Room and seconded by and Moira Plant.

5. Kerstin Stenius was voted president and Paul Lemmens was voted vice president for the next two years. In addition new members were voted to the coordinating committee: Bill Kerr, Pia Mäkelä, Mats Ramstedt and Dike van de Mheen and Zsuzsanna Elekes reelected of the outgoing members.

7. Update on workshops

a) Kate Graham and Robin room reported on the Genacis project. A report with papers from South America will be published in the near future. New funding for the next five years has been obtained and there is a possibility of a second round of surveys. Kate commented that the group will be soon coming out with a monograph.

b) Geoffrey Hunt reported on the qualitative research workshop. There were two sessions, one half day and one shorter, and the second session had 22 people in attendance. A qualitative network will be established and a full-day session will be planned for next year.

c) Gerhard Gmel reported on the alcohol expectancies and motives workshop. Representatives from two countries, Switzerland and Norway, were in attendance and the discussions were good.

d) The Images - theories and images of addiction workshop project had only a few participants this year, but will continue to meet and present papers on this topic.

e) Jacek Moskalewicz reported on the alcohol policy and the industry workshop. There were 16 participants from nine countries. Discussion surrounded issues on experiences of and guidelines for cooperation between research and the industry. Experiences from KBS members will be collected with an inquiry during the year. The group suggested a panel discussion in Victoria and hope to start some research next year.

f. The Nordic alcohol tax group convened as well as presented papers at the general sessions.

8. Report of thematic meetings in the past year

a) Norman Giesbrecht reported on the alcohol control policies meeting Toronto. There were papers from people from 20 countries. It was funded mainly by health Canada and CAMH with a small donation from KBS. Most papers will be published in Contemporary Drug Problems.

b) Tim Stockwell reported on the alcohol and drug monitoring project in Victoria. The conference addressed issues around aggregate data and methods of monitoring and surveillance of both alcohol and drug use patterns and consequences.

9. The future thematic meetings.

- a) Robin Room proposed a 4-days meeting around alcohol and violence Melbourne next year, possibly before the end of March. The meeting will consider both street violence and domestic violence, epidemiology,

excuse values and social reactions. A call for papers will be sent out soon. Kate Graham will be on the organising committee.

- b) Tom Greenfield is considering a conference on long-term trends of alcohol consumption.

9. Annual meetings

2008: Scott Macdonald presented information on arrangements for the conference next year in Victoria, B.C. Arrangements for hotel and dinner have been made. Logistical issues around getting to the site and some highlights of Victoria were presented.

2009: Options were discussed for the 2009 KBS meeting location. There were three possibilities for the meeting in 2009: Melbourne, Stavanger (Norway), and Copenhagen. The issue of costs was raised regarding the Melbourne site but a show of hands by the assembly indicated that the vast authority would consider going to Melbourne. Final approval has not been received from the host institution to have the conference in Copenhagen, but it seems fairly possible. A full to place vote on which places the assembly would prefer for 2009 gave almost equal support for Stavanger and Copenhagen with Melbourne on the third place.

Decision: The results of the vote and the discussion will be taken into consideration by the coordinating committee for recommendation of the 2009 meeting. The aim is to reach a final decision about the venue by end of September, early October.

11. Sally Caswell suggested that the society should seriously consider the options of virtual meetings with teleconferencing, for environmental reasons. The meeting agreed this aspect will have to be taken into account in the future.

12. Andrea Mitchell presented new information about the problematic the state of affairs for addictions related libraries in the world. She drafted a resolution to guarantee library resources which was **approved** by the meeting. Martin Plant suggested that the resolution be e-mailed to you journal editors in the addictions field and further disseminations plans were discussed.

13. Kim Bloomfield proposed that the KBS Early Career Award be renamed to the Ole-Jørgen Skog Award. The proposal was **approved** with acclamation.

14. Other issues: Tim Stockwell reported that the European Addiction Research has offered a 70% discount on subscriptions to KBS members (€80 per year). Other journals will be approached to provide value added features to KBS membership.

Martin Plant noted that many people do not know the history of Kettil Bruun. It was suggested that the history of Kettil Bruun could be posted on the website by SIRUS.

Tom Greenfield informed the KBS society members that the name of the site has been stolen by the Korean Broadcasts Society. He is considering legal measures to see if the society can get the site back and will meanwhile as an alternative register a new name, www.kettilbruun.org.

Elin reported that KBS website will now move from ARG to SIRUS in Norway.