

# KBS Business minutes 4<sup>th</sup> September via zoom

*Chair: Anne-Marie Laslett*

*Facilitator: Susanne Newton*

## **1. Welcome**

Welcome to country. Susanne Newton welcomes people on behalf and AML joins and extends the welcomes and explains procedures including registration of the meeting

## **2. Approval of agenda 2020**

Approved (Henk) and Seconded (Justyna)

## **3. Approval of Annual Business Meeting in Utrecht Minutes 2019**

Approved (Justyna) and Seconded (Pia)

## **4. KBS 2020 Postponement decision (Justyna)**

Details and consequences for the postponement are presented; originally 218 abstracts were submitted with around 240 registrations; after discussions with the CoCom in May meeting was, after a first postponement to September, cancelled for 2020; financial losses due to the bankruptcy of the planned venue are likely; organisers thank all people that have supported them especially FI and AML.

## **5. Next year's symposium in Helsinki 2021 (Pia Mäkelä/Matilda Hellman).**

Saara Salmivaara presents the current status of organisation for Helsinki; conference dates: 31<sup>st</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021. It will be hosted at the University of Helsinki, Finish Institute for Health and Welfare, and others. Hotel options are presented, and accommodation arrangements are made. Pia presents some possible tour options. Travel situation due to COVID currently unknown.

Pia presents options for a Plan B if travel remains difficult due to COVID. Cancelling the venue will be without costs as it is hosted at the University. Different options are discussed and the organisers will remain in contact with the CoCom.

## **6. KBS 2022 symposium Warsaw, Poland (Justyna Klingemann)**

Warsaw is still interested in hosting the conference; a possible new venue is presented and centrally located. Conference dates: 30<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021; possible venues for the Welcome Reception, social dinner and tour options are presented. Financial support is likely to be continued as planned for 2020.

## **7. Future symposia 2023/2024**

- a. Johannesburg, South Africa (Neo)
- b. Berkeley, USA (Kate Karriker-Jaffe)

North Carolina is presented as a more affordable option than the California Bay options like Berkeley. Both options are discussed.

c. At Co-com 2020 Nazarius indicated that Uganda would happily provide a back-up plan if there were difficulties finding hosts in the future

## **8. Thematic meetings**

a. 30<sup>th</sup> Sept – 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2019: Public health and global governance of alcohol, Melbourne. (Robin)

La Trobe University and Melbourne University, with FARE and VicHealth sponsoring too. About 60 attendees and a large set of papers are published in the European Journal of Risk Regulation (n=8), DAR (n=3), JSAD (n=2)

b. October 2019: College drinking, Canada, **cancelled** (Catherin Paradis)

Due to a low number of registrations the meeting was cancelled. More active advertisement and communication via CoCom and KBS might help to overcome this problem (location of the meeting may always be an issue). Was turned into a one day symposium with interested attendees.

Invitation to a 90-minute virtual lunchtime meeting around Low Risk Drinking Guidelines and integrating social harms in the Canadian update of the guidelines. It will be a KBS specific meeting and electronic invitations will follow.

c. February 2020: Work life and substance use, Stavanger, **cancelled** (Hildegunn Sagvag)

d. March (?) 2021: Virtual Symposium the impact of COVID -19 on alcohol (Taisia)

e. May 2021: Decline in Youth Drinking, Systembolaget, Stockholm (John Holmes)

Still going ahead but updates will follow soon based on the COVID situation.

f. Scotland: interested to look at community interventions around availability etc. (Niamh)

## **9. Treasurer's report (Elin Bye)**

140 members including 11 new members paid for 2020, 45 for 2019

## **10. Webmaster report (Florian Labhart)**

The paper archive includes papers submitted to annual meetings form 1990 onward. Thematic meetings are less well documented and members with access to papers submitted to these meetings should get in contact with FL.

## **11. Proposal for by-law amendment to create position of data manager – related to European Privacy Laws (Discussion and vote), discussion and vote (Florian)**

Proposal is discussed with the membership and put up for vote. Accepted with 100% in favour.

## **12. Ole-Jorgen Skog committee report and Announcement of Winner (Annie Britton)**

Norman Giesbrecht presents the award to the winner Jennifer Boyd (Sheffield).

## **13. KBS elections to be organised by Nomination committee (Chair: Florian Labhart plus Henk Garretsen and TBC???)**

Sawitri from Thailand was added to the committee and contact with the proposed candidates will be made shortly via email.

- a. President and Vice President 2021-23
- b. Four Co-ordinating Committee members

**14. New KBS award (Robin, Neo and Kim): Discussion and proposal for vote of the membership to add award to by-laws**

Robin presents the idea for a new award (Kettil Bruun Society Award for Advancement of International Research Collaboration) and the proposed conditions. The options are discussed. Members note that other societies have comparable awards and nominations should take this into account. Nominations will come from the membership. The vote was accepted with 84%.

**15. Alcohol Industry Conflict of Industry working group (Jennie Connor)**

Jennie is retiring and a new head for the committee is required. Kim was a member of the original committee and she is willing to take part in the committee if there is a desire of the society to continue the work. Jennie raised the need of continuing the work and Kim will take her place looking for additional members.

**16. International Journal of Alcohol and Drug Research IJADR Update (Neo Morojele)**

The current situation of IJADR is presented, and the need for financial support from the membership is raised. Possibilities how this can be done are discussed and AML will continue the discussion with a smaller group and present options. Adding a small amount to the membership fee was raised.

**17. ICARA Membership (Neo Morojele and Niamh)**

Niamh is presenting the aim of ICARA and the newly developed guidelines which were launched in Oct 2019 at the Lisbon Addictions Conference. A workshop was hosted at CAPC 2020 in Dublin. Plans for 2020/21 focus on collecting details and publicising international addiction conferences from around the world. ICARA is also potentially curating COVID themed webinars and interest in twinning LMIC researchers with establish research networks or groups.

**18. Digitalisation of past KBS papers: sub-committee working group (Robin Room)**

A digital version of recent years is available but older physical paper archives need to be digitised and Robin is asking for support from the membership.

**19. Any other business?**

AML thanked the membership and the CoCom for the fast reaction and support for the submission to the consultation on the implementation of the WHO Global Strategy to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol by KBS. Also thanked everyone for their support during a difficult year.

**20. Thank you to all:**

AML concludes meeting at 12:24am