

Minutes for KBS Coordinating Committee *Online (Helsinki)* Meeting 2021

Sunday, 30 May 2021

Helsinki Time 3pm

Location: Virtual Zoom

1. Welcome (3:00-3:05)

- a) Invited: Jenny Cisneros Örnberg (JC, outgoing 2021); Guilherme Luiz Guimaraes Borges (GB, outgoing), Orratai Waleewong (OW, outgoing), Sandra Kuntsche (Secretary); Petra Meier (PM, President elect); Gerhard Gmel (GG, outgoing), Florian Labhart (FL, continuing and Webmaster), Henk Garretsen (HG, outgoing Vice President), Anne-Marie Laslett (AML, President Elect outgoing), Elin Bye (EB, Treasurer), Neo Morojele (NM, outgoing), Kate Karriker-Jaffe (KKJ, continuing), Robin Room (RR, life member), Taisia Huckle (TH, continuing), Colin Angus (CA, continuing), Nazarius Mbona Tumwesigye (NMT, continuing).
- b) Apologies:
- c) Present/Introductions:
- d) Guests: Justyna Klingemann (KBS Warsaw Organiser, Institute of Psychiatry and Neurology) and Katarzyna Okulicz-Kozaryn (KBS Warsaw Organiser, State Agency of Solving Alcohol Problems); Matilda Hellman (KBS Helsinki Organizer); others?

General thanks to new and outgoing members

2. Approval of Co-Com meeting minutes 2019 (3:05)

- Approved (RR), Seconded (PM)

3. Online Helsinki 2021 Report (3:05-3:15) PM

- a) Submission of abstracts, program pressure, poster sessions
144 abstracts, presented 127, participants 202, paid 169, 79 membership fee, 11 scholarships (no registration), 10 are participating, 1 had to cancel, four parallel sessions but Wednesday is a full day. Short format sessions were offered and about 50% were willing to take this up, no quality differences and posters were not requested
- b) Attendance, payments, financial penalties
suggestions: only paying participants were entered in the program and this helped a lot to not have multiple issues with program planning (fewer versions than normally), 10 people were not uploading papers due to confidentiality or having it currently under revision with a journal
- c) Scholarships
- d) Other issues?
Budget surplus at the moment 45K available, spending 32K but final budget will need to be looked at before possibly handing money back)

Thanks from AML for the great organisation

4. Future Symposia Warsaw 2022: (Justyna Klingemann and colleagues) *(3:15-20) JK

- a) Venue, fees, welcome reception, social tours, budget, accommodation are organised. Budget was circulated earlier. At this time meeting is planned face-to-face but

options will be discussed later, presentation was given on the planned venue and social activities. The Venue is Novotel Warszawa Centrum and the lower costs will result in the same fees as promised when organising the meeting in 2020, premeeting rooms and up to five parallel rooms for conference sessions will be reserved, current price for venue hotel is around 100 Euro with cheaper options very close by. Apartment rental might be another very cheap option for those who like to share. 50K Euros already promised with scholarships available

b) In person; virtual; hybrid options?

Hybrid solution is preferred but not no one has yet participated in one. Check for technical solutions to make online participation as lively as possible if KBS decides on going hybrid. PM time zones may make the hybrid solution very difficult, and the experience may vary for participants when online or participating live. To facilitate the program would link payment to participation fees. JK will consider moving final payment deadline but thinks early bird will encourage enough people to pay early. She is willing to look into options, possibly check in December if travel is allowed as a hybrid option will be like organising two conferences. PM suggests to make a definite decision early; decision will be made in December

5. Future Symposia 2023-24 (3:20-3:25)

a) USA (Kate Karriker-Jaffe) Venue, Fees, welcome reception, social tours, budget, accommodation?

Proposed site is North Carolina as KKJ changed organisations and the headquarters are located there. The site can host the meeting at acceptable costs (usual for KBS), presentation will be given to the membership on Friday. NIH and NIAAA will be asked for support.

b) South Africa (Neo Morojele) Venue, Fees, welcome reception, social tours, budget, accommodation potential?

Johannesburg is a likely location for the meeting and the city is very supportive. Three venues are currently being looked at and possibilities are being discussed. Low-cost accommodation is available too. Social Dinner and social tour options are being looked at and there are several possibilities 350 to 400 Euro should be enough to cover conference costs.

c) Other hosts?
none

6. Changes to future symposia (3:25-3:30)

a) Virtual modes/hybrid modes

7. Thematic meetings completed or planned (3:30-3:35)

- a) Declining Youth Drinking, Stockholm 2021 (John Holmes/Colin?)
Nothing to report
- b) COVID 19 Virtual Thematic Meeting (Robin, Petra, Taisia)
Put on hold at the moment due to other commitments
No additional thematic meetings

8. Workshops at KBS (3:35-3:40)

No virtual workshops will be hosted at this year's KBS. . One satellite event linked to WHO was held: Webinar: Evidence into action: building a SAFER WHO European Region, free

from harms due to alcohol. On Friday June 4 at 13:45 – 15:45 EEST, the WHO European Office will organise a webinar about evidence-based alcohol action in the WHO European Region. Although the event is not a part of the KBS conference, it is targeted especially to the KBS membership and the KBS conference participants. This is a free online event, but registration is required:
<https://who.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0rfuqtrz0sHdAMq59pClz34L82dEZZINBY>. The link is also provided in a flyer of the webinar attached in this email. “

9. Treasurer’s report (Elin Bye) (See attached)

34K in account, KBS is losing members: currently 130 paying members down from 200 about 10 years ago.

10. Approval of new KBS members (See attached – check for COIs)

19 new members (without possible conflict)

EB informs the CoCom that Ingeborg Rossow has also access to the accounts in case she is not available

11. O-J Skog award committee for 2020 (3:40-3:45)

- a) 2021 members TH (Chair, outgoing); Ilana Pinski (Year 2); Amy Pennay (Year 1); Jonas Raninen (Year 1); Rob Pryce (Year 2)

Winner established and will be announced later in the week, new committee members needed, TH suggest not limiting it to members only, three members are outgoing, one of the new CoCom-members should join to ensure continuity and connection with the CoCom, Gillian Shorter volunteered so did Surasak Chaiyasong

- b) Discuss whether O-J Skog prize open to members only

12. Alcohol Industry Conflict of Interest Working Group (see email correspondence – document forwarded on the 26/May) (3:45-3:55)

AML presents the situation that occurred in preparation for the Helsinki meeting. Pia Mäkelä, PM, AML and JK and Kim Bloomfield were discussing options. The proposal was shared via email with all current members of the CoCom.

RR not sure whether it is appropriate to stop them from attending, maybe present a paper, as bylaws 8 and 9 do not define conflict of interest clearly enough. PM encourages that industry should not participate or present as KBS research is often unpublished and the conference should be a safe space to present work in progress and discuss policy work. The current proposal only addresses presenting not attending but this may require further discussion and adjustment. PM suggest bringing to suggestions to the membership: presenting (1) and presenting and attending (2). AML suggests sharing the proposed changes with the membership before the business meeting on Friday. RR ask to look at the bylaws at the same time as they may require changing. AML asks him to join the working group that will propose a draft to the membership (over the next two days) and present at the business meeting on Friday. A definition of conflict of interest should be presented at the same time to come to a firm definition as the current list of potential conflicts is not specific enough to allow exclusion or declaration of all level of conflict.

13. KBS-IJADR proposal (AM, Neo) (3:55-4:05)

- a) New E-i-Cs AM and Neo appointed

Two proposed bylaws are presented, general a positive vote with one abstention and one negative vote, suggestion to change wording slightly (allowing not only co-editorship)

- b) Business Plan (pre-circulated)

14. ICARA membership:

NM confirmed as the representing member for KBS

15. Website and Social Media (WSM) Working Group: (Need volunteer) (4:05-4:10)

CoCom is trying to find an incoming member to volunteer for this task but the question will also be raised with membership

- a) Twitter hashtag; assoc with conference convenor(?)
 - b) Facebook group created in Utrecht
 - c) Digitization (RR),
 - Digitisation of KBS materials: RR, Trisha, Paul Lemmens and Kim Bloomfield.
- Nothing has been done so far

16. Co-Com Scholarship Subcommittee report (OW, NMT) (4:10-4:15)

11 were awarded, no additional report, question from JK who is chairing the committee next year, KKJ was on the committee this year OW is coming of the committee at the end of her term and will be replaced by Catherine Paradis

17. Updating of KBS guidelines for conferences (JK)

- a) Scholarship recommendations
- b) Dinner costs – should be kept to a minimal cost to increase attendance
- c) Minimal amount of alcohol included in guidelines for dinner or preferably cash bar.

Justyna updated the guidelines after Sheffield and is happy to share them with the CoCom and future organisers.

18. Webmaster report (FL) (4:15-4:20)

19. New KBS Award (RR, NM) (4:20-4:25)

advancement of international research RR is outgoing and Franca Beccaria, Guilherme Borges and Kate Graham will form the new committee, a new chair will be discussed between the ongoing members (GB and NM)

20. Nominations Committee and results (4:25-4:30)

The actual numbers will be shared with the committee and members will be welcomed. Online voting seems to have worked smoothly, but the pool of candidates is very small, FL volunteers for another round in the nominations committee if required.

21. Other business

GB thanks AML for the great job she has done during her presidency.

22. Thank you and farewell

AML thanks everyone as she finishes her presidency with this meeting and thanks everyone for the support

23. For those who can stay on, rotating zoom social chat (4:30 onwards)