Minutes for KBS Business meeting Warsaw 2022

Friday, 3rd June 2022 11:00am –12:30pm
Chair: Petra Meier (PM)
Minutes: Anne-Marie Laslett (AM)

1. Welcome **11.00-11.05**

2. Approvals **11.05-11.10**
Agenda 2022 Approved (John Holmes), second (Justyna Klingemann)

3. Business meeting minutes 2021 Approved (John Holmes), second (Justyna Klingemann)

4. Warsaw symposium report **11.10-11.20**

- Justyna Klingemann (JK) thanked Jacek Moskalewicz and wonderful team for programming, mentorship, support, especially Monika Kulak and Michael
- 249 participants registered but only 150 attended due to pandemic and war
- Attendees from 27 countries, with 2/3 female
- 154 abstracts submitted: 4 rejected (1 for COI, one for only two lines with no attention to format, two not alcohol-related)
- 99 abstracts at the end
- Full text papers were not all uploaded (only 65 uploaded prior; members, please add in future years)
- 43 scholarships requested – 27 allocated but only 18 taken because of late bookings, changes of mind and visas (partly due to Polish visa system)
- JK noted that the time between announcement and allocation was too short for organizing
- Some did not reply, this meant others missed out
- Question to membership: should we pull timelines back for scholarship applications? - Consensus that this would be good
- Q (Kim Bloomfield -KB): what do full scholarships entail? and partial? A (JK): Full included travel, accommodation, dinner and per diem

5. Next year Symposium: Johannesburg 5-9 June 2023 (Neo Morojele - NM) **11.20-11.25**

NM reported that with moving forward of the dates from 2024 to 2023 – not as organized as could be – but KBS should have faith, NM has leant a lot from wonderful conference in Poland. Will be working with KB as co-organizer.

- Conference venue: The Capital on the Park (in Sandton, nice area)
    - Self-contained area so should allay security concerns
- Other hotels close by
- Cocktail welcome reception at Constitution Hill
- Dinner at reception centre available as a back up (Other options still being explored)
- Budget: have commitments for sponsorship by the Johannesburg National Convention Bureau (seeking additional funding also with KB)
- KBS funds for scholarships
- Exhibitor fees being investigated
- Registration around 300 Euro and 360 for non-members (check late non-member category typo)

- Detailed budget available University supportive
- Letters of support circulated
- Transportation
    - Secure transportation from airport to the venue
    - Shuttle bus to pick people up from surrounding accommodation venues
- Flight cost to Europe: 10,000 Rand 600-700 Euros (off peak)
- Q (Tim Stockwell -TS): Football stadium? A (NM): available within compound – Mushroom Park"
    - Also have running track of 3km and park within the compound
- Exciting excursion itineraries available
    Mine tours, game park, Soweto, Mandela's house
- Packages for tourist packages afterwards (e.g., Kruger National Park, Cape town)
- GAPC and KBS in same year but in different cities, not much overlap in participants

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6. Future symposia 2024/5 **11.25-11.40**

- Preliminary interest from Lithuania (Ilona Tamutiene)
- Germany – Munich/Berlin? (Ludwig Kraus, but in Germany relatively recently)
- Australia: Brisbane – University of Queensland a maybe but not able to confirm for a few months and could be no, and more likely in 2025 (Jason Ferris)/ Uluru (Cass Wright) and Peter Miller (Geelong) also indefinite possibilities
- Norway: maybe 2025?? (Elin Bye)
- USA: trying to re-boot Boston or California or North Carolina possibly (Kate Karriker-Jaffe)
- Uganda available (Nazarius Tumwesigye) if other options are unavailable as hesitancy about two KBS in Africa in a row
- Co-com delegated responsibility to make decision on 2024 site due to urgency of planning

7. Brief reports

11.40-12.00

Treasurer's report (Elin Bye)

- KBS spent no money
- Helsinki brought in 4000 Euros
- Warsaw only asked for 2000 Euro from KBS
- So KBS Could support other scholarships for Johannesburg meeting? Other support also?
- Membership stagnant need to grow membership
    - 123 members (PLEASE PAY TO INCREASE NUMBERS)
    - Follow up email to those attended
- Conference organisers/website controller should make it clear on registering, that you can apply for membership (and it makes conference fees cheaper)
- Q (KB): Reduce fees for early career researchers? PM: Indication that this was previously discussed and is largely solved by Scholarship support (some ECRs have generous research funding/fellowships, others need support)

O-J Skog award committee (Gillian Shorter)

- Only two applicants (unusually few this year with COVID etc.)
- Encourage your ECRs to apply – suggestion to give them a little more time to submit by calling for abstracts earlier?
- Discussed requesting ECRs to self-identify on registering so that they receive extra follow up emails – "consider applying for ….!!"

KBS award (Neo Morojele)

- Reminder winners were Anne-Marie Laslett and Maristela Monteiro (MM)
- Committee: Franca Beccaria (retiring), Gui Borges (retiring), Kate Graham (chair), NM (continuing)
- NM will invite people as new KBS Award Committee members and will be ratified by PM on behalf of the co-com
- Will announce call for Award nominations earlier, in October 2022
- NM to approach MM and others [AM available if others not, but is already Chair of the Jellinek Award for 2023]

KBS Journal IJADR (Anne-Marie Laslett)

- AM gave report
- Business plan on track
- Publication costs low
- AM gave an overview of publications over the year
- Acknowledged funding received from KBS
- Kim suggested reduced publication fees for members – but committee felt that this may not be a good idea as the membership fees are low already
- AM noted that Editors in chief are receptive to requests for fee reductions for those in financial hardship, particularly ECRs and publication fees are always waived for authors from low- and middle-income countries
- Robin suggested an online Newsletter on the website which could be tied to the journal
- Jacek – his university can pay for publication fees but not for journals without an impact factor (catch 22) AM Response: trying to get impact factor

KBS Elections 2023 (Florian Labhart - FL, Colin Angus - CA)

- Florian and Colin have created a list of potential members
    - Hopefully easier to get acceptances this year as we move back to FTF but not easy, particularly for presidential candidates
- Election in January
- Staggered entry for committee members (4 then 5 or 5 then 4?)

Newsletter (Florian Labhart)

- FH seeking volunteers: CA
- Other volunteers – KB, AM, Robin Room (RR)
- Connect newsletter to IJADR?
- Include
    - Notices
    - President's report
    - Awards
- KB suggested GENACIS-like newsletters as a model
- Could working with IJADR on this
- John Holmes (JH) suggested Blog spots in the UK – linking with papers might be more useful

Tweet Hashtag asked about and suggested to be added to the conference info

- JK: Was part of #KBSconf information
- Promote more next year?

- Need a twitter expert – Colin Angus was volunteered

8. 2022 thematic meetings/workshops & proposals for future meetings 12.00-12.10

- Two pre-meetings
    - successful but poorly attended
    - Register for pre-meeting as well at time of registration, need to confirm RSVPs earlier
- Five workshops run on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon
    - all successful
    - GENAHTO, IGSAHO and GENACIS meeting – 9 attendees + 1 virtual attendee – plan to follow up with virtual meeting
    - Risk perception and Alcohol Policy 17 people attended– follow up virtual meeting – considering pre-symposium meeting?

- Thematics: Youth drinking and decline beginning of October in Skarpo Stockholm (Jonas, Michael, Jonas and? - encouraging attendees – information on KBS website

9. Alcohol Industry Conflict of Interest (CoI) report (Niamh Fitzgerald) 12.10-12.25

- NF reporting (Pete Miller is the chair; 6 people on CoI committee) (see attached notes)
- Discussion emerged around some members' concerns that the society should be open to everyone and that society is becoming exclusionary
- Not going to reconsider the CoI principles discussed last year – i.e., that there are people who should be excluded, i.e., those working directly for Industry
- Seeking to stay true to these and yet align with members' decision regarding a stronger desire to ensure industry actors do not have benefits from access to KBS
- Apparently CoIs not as evident as perceived by individual members and KBS in general
- Hoping to clarify who we do and do not mean?
    - e.g., do not want to exclude those working casually in a bar
    - Yet do not want those with significant industry roles
- Researchers who have industry funding are currently not excluded but their funding needs to be declared
- Work on wording required as there are some inconsistencies
    - Currently by-laws require everything to be declared ever in one section and for three and five years in others
    - Suggestion to limit declarations for three years consistently
    - Add a caveat to require declarations of substantial and potentially embarrassing CoIs for longer period
- Consider requiring declaration of all funding pertaining to presented work
- Appointed as a CoI working group but now referred to as committee (make consistent)
- CoI committee's role is to guide co-com, need to ensure there is an avenue for discussing and deciding on CoI risks (CoI committee to discuss but decisions are made by the Co-Com)

Some comments from the floor to COI:

- Jim Mc Cambridge: Very impressed with the direction of travel taken by the CoI committee (Discussed with Tom Babor) discussion: receipt of industry funding vs being an industry actor
- But need to define who is an industry actor – suggested wording "Actor who acts in a role for, or on behalf of, the alcohol industry versus those who are in receipt of funding from the Alcohol Industry …"
- John Holmes suggests we should positively frame/include who is included/ able to attend. "Researchers who have received funding from the alcohol industry are welcome/ not excluded but have to declare these funds from within the last three years."
- Receiving funding to carry out research differs from being paid to put industry position forward
- NF described similar working definition from Spectrum on what constitutes and alcohol industry organization
- John Holmes suggested a consultation stage prior to vote, and this supported by Jim McCambridge
- John: What about in-kind support, e.g., "research support – data costs and other things
- Colin: declaring everything vs declaring what is problematic? declaring everything is very time consuming and can lead to burying of crucial funding
- Jim suggests declaring funding in one place and CoI in another
- Google forms was identified as a good process for running such consultations. Jim cautions that members contributing to consultation should declare COIs

Next steps

- CoI Committee will continue to liaise with the Cocom over the next three months, trying to draft guiding principles for consultation with membership, followed by an online vote

10. Any other business **12.25-12.30**

None

11. Thank you and farewell - meeting

Profound thank you to Justyna and Jacek for hosting us in Warsaw

Response from Justyna and Jacek - delighted to have hosted us in their hometown.

Finished 12:23