

# Minutes of KBS Coordinating Committee Johannesburg Meeting 2023

Sunday, 4 June 2023

Johannesburg Time 16.00-18.00

Location: Capital on the Park

1. Welcome (16:00-16:05)
  - a. Invited: Petra Meier (President); Justyna Klingemann (President Elect); Neo Morojele (Vice President), Florian Labhart (Webmaster), Sandra Kuntsche (Secretary); Anne-Marie Laslett (Deputy Secretary), Elin Bye (Treasurer), Kate Karriker-Jaffe (continuing), Robin Room (life member), Taisia Huckle (continuing), Colin Angus (continuing), Nazarius Mbona Tumwesigye (continuing), Surasak Chaiyasong (continuing); Pia Makela (continuing), Catherine Paradis (continuing), Gillian Shorter (continuing), Kim Bloomfield (Johannesburg organisation team), Niamh Fitzgerald (Col committee).
  - b. Apologies:
2. Approval of Co-Com meeting minutes 2022 (Petra Meier)(16:05)

Approved (Colin), Seconded (Gilian)
3. **Johannesburg 2023 Report (16:05-16:20) (Neo Morojele)**
  - a. **Submission of abstracts, program pressure**

Accounts created on website 208, attending: 179; withdrawal 37, submitted 142, papers 136 submitted on website 96; 5 workshops (1 Sunday, 1 Friday, else Tuesday)  
Great spread over countries
  - b. **Attendance, payments, financial penalties**
  - c. **Sponsors**

US\$100K Tourism Department of Joburg and national, University of Johannesburg, Movendi International for LMCI Scholarship, spending is about equal with the funds received
  - d. **Other issues?**

Scholarships were 17 of 47 who applied, mainly ECRs and students (total attributed costs were around US\$15K), no professional organiser but handle by staff within the department

Kate: assessed abstract for quality and suitability with extra points for ECRs / students, no institutional support, staying for the duration, most received partial scholarships to allow more people to attend

Kim: income from registration is rather low, number of people were relying on financial support, for LMCI future organisers it would be important to have more support funds available, encouraged to add this to conference organiser handbook
4. **Future Symposia: Perth 27-31 May 2024 (Nick on behalf of NDRI) \*(16:20-16:30)**
  - a. **Venue, Fees, welcome reception, social tours, budget, accommodation**

Freemantle (20K north of Perth) 27-31 May, 2024, experience and big team that will assist, WA Mental Health commission and NDRI board, many differently priced options for accommodation, hosted in Notre Dame University (due to lower charge and larger rooms) with easy access in town centre, rough budget is presented for

130 paying and 20 funded, Thursday afternoon venue not available so move social tours to Thursday and dinner to Wednesday, social tour options are presented

**b. Options**

**5. Future Symposia 2025 (Petra Meier) (16:30-16:40)**

- a. Strategy to identify potential other hosts
  - i. US? Kate: previously plans have not been followed up for Boston but there were no available or the ones available were too expensive
  - ii. Germany?
  - iii. Stirling? Niamh: cannot host due to limited hotel space around the campus, campus is not located centrally, otherwise the university is interested but the team would need to be consulted
  - iv. Scandinavia? Denmark might be an option – talk to Kim.
  - v. Lithuania not while the Ukrainian / Russian war is on.

Justyna will talk to delegates of different countries and take the lead on finding a 2025 host.  
AML suggests to talk to India (Vivek), Pia: if possible try to find candidates for two to three years;  
Catherine: maybe talk to the team at Victoria University (Canada)

**6. Thematic meetings completed or planned & strategy going forward (Petra Meier) (16:40-16:50)**

Youth drinking– successfully held in Sweden in November 2022

AML will talk to Thai Health (Orratai) regarding a Harm to Other from a gendered perspective

Catherine: Updating low drinking guidelines in Canada – working with various countries who recently did it and those who are in the process. A meeting to prepare strategies against alcohol industry campaigning.

**7. Workshops at KBS 2023 (16:50-17:00)**

- a. GENACIS-IGSAHO-GENAHTO workshop:
- b. Today's workshop – check  
About 10 people attending with lively discussions
- c. Check the workshops on the program

**8. Treasurer's report (Elin Bye) (See attached) (17:00-17:05)**

Less member fees but likely due to people paying for several years, Johannesburg received slightly more (Euro 10K), membership are only 118 so it would be great to get more members, currently a balance of Euro 20K, 16 new members but usually they are temporary

**9. Approval of new KBS members (See attached – check for COIs) (17:05-17:10)**

16 new member requests, Niamh it would be good to present the list to the COI committee beforehand so it can be assessed against the new bylaws. Justyna: adapt the online form for new members so it reflects the changed bylaws – they pay when they register and their request goes to the COI committee for approval (based on trust in self-reporting of applicant. Justyna and Niamh will be in charge of the change and consult with Florian.

**10. O-J Skog award committee report for 2023 (Gillian Shorter) (17:10-17:15)**

- a. Award committee work

9 applicants, 4 not eligible, 5 remaining, only submitted papers were assessed.

**b. Any need for /suggestions for new members?**

No Americans on the committee and they would be welcomed. Process is a bit less structured, and Gillian will be staying on, so will be the other members.

**11. KBS Award 2024 (general discussion) (17:25-17:28)**

**a. Proposal for changes? Nominators KBS Members?**

This year there will not be one in 2023, but it is not an annual award. Kate Graham is still on the committee, Gillian, Tasia, Naz and AM volunteered for the committee.

**12. ICARA activities report (Niamh Fitzgerald) (17:28-17:30)**

Three workshops: COI, commercial determinants in an international approach, capacity building. Person to best report on ICARA Isabelle Uny.

**13. KBS-IJADR report (Anne Marie Laslett, Neo Morojele) (17:30-17:35)**

**a) Allocation for 2023**

KBS support appreciated, one issue published last year, one in 2023 with another issue and a special issue in planning, board and editorial team had been extended, journal is currently in good financial position for 2023 so no funds are requested but this may change in future years. Team is working on the task list as outlined in the business report.

**14. Conflict of Interest Working Group Report (Niamh Fitzgerald) (17:35-17:45)**

Between 3 - 6 members and provide advice to the CoCom, currently one vacancy as Joe Reynolds stepped down but up to the CoCom to nominate or encourage another member, 30 members responded to the consultation with overwhelming support (83%). Every single comment submitted was assessed and responded to even if not all proposed changes were enacted. Final drafts were put to vote and accepted with 46 people voting and a 100% support. No they need to be operationalised in current practice for registration, abstract and presentation. For this year, abstract were accepted before COI committee has seen the submitted statements. The bylaw on membership does not reflect the revised by-laws and this has implications also for existing members not only new members.

**15. Future of the "KBS" list serve (Florian Labhart) (17:00-17:10)**

This also links to the KBS list as it is a KBS activity but isn't monitored and this would be in conflict with agreed change in by-laws.

Petra: KBS List serve is actually not a KBS tool and is larger than the membership and most active members are not KBS members. It is currently still in North Dakota but there is no real manager.

Petra: Ask Florian how we can change the name to make the distinction clearer. Robin: just leave it; Pia: better to let it go as no one in North Dakota is running it and drawing attention may shut it down; Kate: can we find other internal solutions for open discussion within the membership; Tasia: maybe start a new list for members only; Petra: put it to the membership to see if there is interest to start a new list serve that is owned and monitored by KBS. Petra: Ask on Friday if someone is interested in taking this over with an email beforehand to see if it is possible and if he is interested.

**16. Webmaster report (Florian Labhart) (17:45-16:50)**

Website is up and running

**17. Website and Social Media (WSM) Working Group: (still needs volunteer) (17:45-17:48)**

Ask at the Business meeting on Friday if someone is interested and volunteers. Catherine: given that we have limited interest in other areas is this needed; do we need to speak on behalf of KBS.

**18. CoCom Scholarship Subcommittee report (Kate Karriker-Jaffe) (17:48-17:50)**

Given before (see 3.)

**19. Nominations Committee and results – if relevant (Florian Labhart) (17:50-18:05)**

Difficult to find candidates for president, with a list of possible candidates for membership, so we do not have a list of nominations and thus no vote. Thus, we do not have a functional CoCom by Thursday. CoCom will propose that the existing committee stays on until a defined date to allow the committee to continue. It is possible for CoCom members to be re-elected.

**20. Other business – with a bit of time for “overrun” (18:05-18:20)**

Sandra is stepping down as secretary. Anne-Marie is stepping into the role.

Memoria for Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl by Petra

Hybrid business meeting (Justyna): Franca raised the issue of giving not attending members a chance to join. It could be organised, and online members could comment with chat option. Pia: worth trying. Neo: Jellinek Award will be given at the KBS dinner by Robin to Cheryl Cherpitel. She has chosen KBS to receive the award. Will be given after the ECR and football award.

**21. Finish (18:25)**