

# Minutes of KBS Business meeting Johannesburg, South Africa 2023

Friday, 9th June 2023

11:00 – 12:30

Chair: Justyna Klingemann (JK) Co-Chair: Petra Meier (PM) Minutes: Anne-Marie Laslett (AML)

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KKJ Kate Karriker-Jaffe; KB Kim Bloomfield; ML Michael Livingston; JMc Jim McCambridge; NM Neo Morojele; JH John Holmes; PD Paul Dietze; ChP Charles Parry; GS Gillian Shorter; NF Niamh Fitzgerald; CV Carmen Voogt; RR Robin Room; CP Catherin Paradis

## Actions / Votes

### 1. Welcome 11.00-11.05

JK welcomed all friends and colleagues, thanked Neo and team for wonderful time all had in Johannesburg. Every detail thought of so carefully.

Attendees: 7 online; 46 in person; Apologies: Kate Graham

### 2. Approvals 11.05-11.10

- **Agenda 2023** approved (KKJ), second (KB )
- **Business meeting minutes 2022** approved (ML), second (JMc )

### 4. Johannesburg symposium report (Neo Morojele) (see slides) 11.10-11.20

- a. **Registrations:** Total accounts created on website = 208; Attended conference = 136; Non-attendees and withdrawals with reasons: funding, visa, other commitments; **Abstracts:** Submitted = 142; Papers to be presented = 136; submitted on website = 96 (by 4 June 2023). **Sessions:** Plenaries = 5; Parallel sessions = 34; Workshops = 5 (Sunday, Tuesday, Friday). **Participants:** Great spread over continents and countries: 38% Europe, 20% Africa, 15% Asia; 13% Australasia; 35% LMIC; Australians and South Africans 21 each; 9-15 from Norway, Netherlands, USA and UK; 7 from Thailand; 5 from India
- b. **Sponsors:** US\$100K from: Johannesburg Convention Bureau; SA National Convention Bureau; KBS Seed Funding; Movendi Bursary Scholarships (LMIC Scholarships); SAMRC Scholarships; University of Johannesburg (Economics and Psychology)
- c. **Finances:** Registrations USD\$34,683 (bit less than usual; 2/3 funds external; 1/3 from registrations) Spending is about equal with the funds received; Spent just under \$100,000
- d. **Scholarships:** were paid to 17 of 47 who applied, mainly ECRs and students (total attributed costs were around US\$15K// Allocated USD15,000 received USD13,000)
- e. **Other issues:** Short lead time; no professional organiser/conf organising company but handled by staff within the department; so, incl. some senior academics and others; took a lot of local organising committee's (LOC) time; procurement; withdrawals and no shows
- f. **Successes:** Generous funding; LOC, Uni support, Florian, Elin, Kim, Petra and Justyna
- g. **Neo thanked:** Organising Committee; OJS Committee; Program Committee; Financial Aid Scholarship Committee; Fundraising Committee; Social Program Committee

KB: Income from registration was low, number of people were relying on full financial support. For LMIC future organisers it is important that more support funds are made available. Please add this to conference organiser handbook to enable local participants to attend in LMICs.

JK thanked NM and team again and for at short notice organising the conference to perfection.

**Action for NM: Please update conf handbook and send budget and tips to next year's organisers (ML)**

## **5. Next year Symposium: Perth 27-31 May 2024 (Michael Livingston ML) 11.20-11.25**

- a. ML Very Excited to be hosting, despite high bar set by this year's KBS organisers. 2024 LOC team will include ML, Paul Dietze, Nic, others. Will include an advisory committee e.g., AML
- b. KBS 2024 will be hosted by National Drug Research Institute (NDRI) of Curtin University, which is based in Perth with a satellite office in Melbourne. NDRI was directed by Tim Stockwell, has fantastic admin support and lots of experience hosting conferences.
- c. Site: Fremantle – 20km south of Perth, historic port city; on unceded lands of the Whadjuk (Noongar speaking) people of Walyalup. Venue: Notre Dame University in centre of Fremantle (affordable, great rooms, easy access to town centre). According to Time magazine 1 of 50th greatest places of 2022. Temperature: 13-20 °C. Hang out and Sunday meeting spaces and dinner to be organized/confirmed. Has great range of food and cafes.
- d. Financial: Western Australian Mental Health Commission are partners (paying for admin). \$500 for early bird KBS members (lower for LMIC). Rough budget is presented for 130 paying and 20 funded participants.
- e. Travel (more expensive): Options direct flight from London; via Sydney or Melbourne from US; via Dubai/Qatar. Hotels: \$120-250 +.
- f. One challenge: Dinner to Wednesday and tours on Thursday due to exam scheduling.
- g. Social tours: Rottnest Island with quokkas; walking tours; football match; wildlife park. Pre-post KBS beyond Freo: Margaret River; South-west; North-west, incl. Ningaloo Reef and Broome - with whale sharks, dolphins
- h. Market to Australians and OS regulars and other alcohol research groups across Australia
- i. PD: Also note First Nations' stream – encourage other FN groups in Canada, US, NZ, etc.

### Questions and Answers

JH: Airport to Fremantle? A: Can arrive by train, buses, taxis//ChP: free bus service? LOC to investigate//CP: GAPC also holding indigenous meeting – so CP will advertise there! **Action: ML to send ChP slides for presentation at GAPC// JK: Action for Freo LOC - Please find Budget accom; please try to get extra funding for scholarships**

## **6. Future symposia 2025/2026 11.25-11.40**

a. **Stirling/U.Glasgow** combined potential bid in Scotland for 2025: (Niamh Fitzgerald) – looking into possibility of hosting and institutional support; likely based in Glasgow; plenty of accommodation options and conference venue options; several charities likely to fund and Scottish government supportive (just post elections); love to welcome us all and want to give back to KBS; investigating details and **Action: NF will send proposal to Co-com in 6 weeks.** Note: more anxious about three years vs two years' time for KBS 2026 but not impossible.

b. **Tilburg, The Netherlands** (Dike van de Mheen); Combined bid by Tanser and Maastricht Universities; on campus or venue in city; government likely to support; Tilburg team very enthusiastic; **Dike will go back and prepare a 3-page proposal in 6 weeks' time** and submit to the co-com// more anxious about KBS in three years vs two years' time also but not impossible

**VOTE: Majority agree Co-com will take decision for 2025; vote unanimous**

## 2026

- a. *Kaunas, Lithuania: Lithuanian Health Sciences and Vytautas Magnus Universities: middle of Lithuania; has an airport, connections from Vilnius airport by train or bus. Vytautas Magnus University would provide free premises in the city centre, near hotels and restaurants. Can garner support.*
- b. *Bengaluru/Bangalore, India a possibility, to be based at National Institute for Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) – will check with Director and potentially present bid at Perth next year (Vivek Benegal, Girish N Rao and Arun Kandasamy)*
- c. *Sao Paolo, Brazil (Zila Sanchez)*
- d. *Boston, USA (Ziming Xuan, in the future)*

*JK thanked all those who generously offered possibilities for future meetings*

## 7. Brief reports

**11.40-12.00**

### 7.1 Treasurer's report & growth of membership (Elin Bye)

- a. *EB now treasurer for 20 years (loud and long applause)*
- b. *Less member fees but likely due to people paying for several years last year; collected EU3600 in membership in 2022/23; More costs than usual: Johannesburg received slightly more than other KBS conferences (Euro 10K), USD2250 for IJADR*
- c. *Memberships are only 118 so it would be great to get more members, currently a balance of Euro 20K (23000 USD) now; 16 new members but usually they are temporary*

*EB: SUMMARY: Spending more than we collect – MORE PEOPLE SHOULD JOIN and PAY! Conferences can pay back funding if amount not needed*

*KB: like APHA – add an option to donate (could be a way to invest in scholarships for the future, e.g., \$20)? **Approved!!** ACTION: Ask Florian to add option to donate to the website!*

*Sebastian Penu: To increase finances - promote IJADR so then it can in long-term support society?!*

*Naz: Elin to make announcements at more plenaries*

### 7.2 O-J Skog award committee (Gillian Shorter)

#### a. Award committee work

*9 applicants, 4 not eligible, 5 remaining, only submitted papers were assessed. Used criteria and applied to papers*

*Committee: Sebe, Jonas, Michael, Sarah and Surasak: Gabriella Lopez the winner: (USA); all papers excellent (cracking) papers; thank you*

**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.*

**7.3 KBS award (Anne-Marie Laslett/ Neo Morojele)**

*Call for KBS Award for 2024 (not one in 2023, but it is not an annual award). Kate Graham is still on the committee, Gillian, Anne-Marie, Taisia and Naz volunteered for the committee and will organise a chair. Please send nominations to AML/KG by 15 Dec.*

**Action: AML to send info on nature of award (from by-laws) ASAP**

**7.4 KBS Journal IJADR (Anne-Marie Laslett/ Neo Morojele)**

*Approved as official KBS journal; changes made to bylaws; increased size and diversity of IJADR Board and Senior Editorial team; KBS journal financially strong but needs more submissions.*

*Special issue on LMIC policy and research underway led by Monica Swahn; papers due August 31<sup>st</sup>.*

*New KBS 2023 issue; led by Rachel O'Donnel, with Jack and Nic (NDRI); papers due???*

*Please submit to regular issues as well – low-cost open access (Gold?) US\$750; NO fees for LMIC countries; HIC (and all) students' fees also waived on request if funding unavailable.*

**7.5 KBS Elections 2023 (Colin Angus)**

*Confession- elections are overdue/email system less effective for corralling candidates:*

**Four presidential candidates:** *Tim Stockwell (Canada); Emmanuel Kuntsche (Australia); Claire Wilkinson (Australia); Gillian Shorter (Northern Ireland)*

**11 for Co-Co-com:** *Ziming Xuan (USA); Aleksandra Snowdon (USA); Sarah Callinan (Australia); Charles Parry (South Africa); Joanna Loy (Germany); Jessica Storbjork (Sweden); Karin Schellermann-Offermans (Netherlands); Arun Kandasamy (India); Niamh Fitzgerald (Scotland); Nic Taylor (Australia); Rose Kiiru (Kenya); Koen Smit (Australia)*

**Move proposal that all current members stay in until the election. Moved (RR); seconded (JH); vote to membership unanimous**

**7.6 ICARA activities (Niamh Fitzgerald/President: Isabelle Uny)**

*50 members. Actions planned include: raising awareness on COI; building LMIC capacity; starting to plan to develop an international research organisation on commercial determinants of health.*

*Three workshops: COI; commercial determinants- an international approach; capacity building.*

*Contact new President of ICARA, Isabelle Uny, for more information.*

**8. Workshops at KBS 2023 – brief reports**

**12.00-12.05**

- a. *AML: GENACIS-IGSAHO-GENAHTO workshop: well attended by 29 people including from India, Norway, Netherlands, Australia, Northern Ireland, USA, Switzerland, Uganda, Germany and South Africa; Discussed current research and may make plans for a KBS thematic on Women and drinking and harm*

- b. JH: Low and no alcohol drinking group of 15-10 people with number of research projects ongoing, will consider a thematic in future and hold a workshop in 2024

## 9. Alcohol Industry Conflict of Interest report (Niamh Fitzgerald)

12.15-12.25

*Between 3 - 6 members advise the Co-Com on matters of transparency and matters of COI ensuring KBS does not include any Alcohol Industry (AI) actors. Currently one vacancy as Joe Reynolds stepped down but up to the CoCom to nominate or encourage another member. Lot of work since last year – new bylaws consultation questions with members; prepared a response to Franca and encouraged response from membership. 30 members responded to the consultation with overwhelming support (83%) for changes to CoI bylaws. 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. Note new guidelines need to be operationalised into current practice for registration, abstracts and presentations. For this year, abstracts 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.*

**NF led DISCUSSION of COIs of current members:** *Should we/when should we look at current members' COIs? Given COIs are same as per conference attendance, could stream, i.e., review only new members and renewing members? What about declarations – should they be online anywhere?*

*KKJ: take advantage of this year's meeting declarations for this year. PM: pragmatic – who will monitor? Is that for the COI committee? When should declarations be made? Don't need to be live online. COI committee to manage these rather than putting on website. Small organisation so we should try to limit tasks? Happy to wait? Use KBS conference and then at least every three years? Update by conference each year?*

*Add box on website: I will give notice if I receive funding after renewing/joining KBS?*

**CONSENSUS:** *Use conference and renewing memberships as basis and add box to website, acknowledging that members will self-disclose any future COIs.*

**Other issue:** *need a way to make sure emails for KBS members are up to date. Google forms to be introduced by Florian that will enable updates to emails.*

## 10. Future of the “KBS” list serve

12.05-12.15

NF/JK:

- a. *What to do with KBS listserve? Keep or retain? General feeling KBS listserve is underutilised because unsure of who is on it and related anxiety. Could try to change the name of the existing list-serve? Remove the link to it on the KBS website?*
- b. *There is a need to set up a forum for KBS members on our website and ensure safety and stability*
  - *RR: existing listserve is an anomaly; opposed to it being shut down – don't own the name KBS; PM: yet on the listserve affiliation to KBS is outlined – need to work out what to do when its problematic, not moderated at all, and who we could contact if needed. JH acknowledges it is an anomaly but it would be destroying something worth having. TS: have felt inhibited*

- *JH: Need KBS infrastructure to support communication strategy among members.*
- *JH suggestion that we turn to Twitter? OR we have two lists: use existing list if you are not worried; use new list for members only or members plus conference attendees*
- **VOTE new list to include members plus conference attendees - unanimous**
- **VOTE: Leave old KBS listserve but with caveat that it is not controlled? Unanimous yes**
- *Thanks to all, especially those who responded.*
- **Action: Florian to develop new communication strategy; add caveat on website**

## 11. Any other business

*NF/GS/CP: There was discussion about whether we are creating a **safe space at KBS**? Some were concerned by public criticism. Concern surrounded some senior members' discussion of other senior members' work but both parties were surprised by response and did not feel the need to take this further. There was a sense that KBS members were judicious about level of criticism applied. There was consensus that feedback should be balanced and in spirit of KBS. JH noted that there is existing facility to increase discussion between discussants and authors by way of emails. Discussant process is core to KBS and should be supportive. SC: we know that we give feedback based on the level of the researcher. Chair of OJS will act as a sounding board, providing counsel in consultation with the president for anyone who has concerns about the discussant process.*

*NF: Perhaps should ask ECRs and first attendees to see what they have experienced? A few questions might be included in KBS evaluation by conference organisers in a small survey of participants*

*RR/JMc: Separate issue is that **papers are not sent to discussants beforehand** and this is an increasing problem. JMc: Do we need to formalise a later deadline? Discussed whether discussants could make prior comments on papers but noted that this will increase the burden.*

*JH: Working group has looked at many aspects of the discussant process already when Kyp was President. Facility currently exists to contact the discussant – can develop relationship and offer support but suggest discussant process is sound. **Action for ML: Elaborate on the discussion guidelines at next KBS.***

**John's motion: Vote not to change process; but to send papers 2-3 weeks ahead of time - approved by consensus.**

*Florian: has updated the bylaws and OJS winner is updated and will think through management email and communication system to enable communication, updating of emails and COI updates.*

**12.25-12.30**

## 12. Thank you and farewell

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