

## MINUTES

### KBS Coordinating Committee Meeting 2025

Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2025, 4-6pm (2 hrs)

Chair: Justyna Klingemann Minutes : Anne-Marie Laslett

Location: [The Clarice Pears Building](#)

The Clarice Pears Building, University of Glasgow, 90 Byres Road, Western Site, Glasgow, G12 8TB

	Invited		Apologies	
<b>Officers</b>	1	Justyna Klingemann	President	
	2	Gillian Shorter	President-elect	
	3	Claire Wilkinson	Vice President	
	4	Anne-Marie Laslett	Secretary	
	5	Elin Bye	Treasurer	
	6	Florian Labhart	Data manager	Apology
	7	Robin Room	Honorary President	
<b>Co-Com</b>	8	Surasak Chaiyasong	Elected in 2021	Apology
	9	Pia Mäkelä		
	10	Catherine Paradis		Apology
	11	Sarah Callinan	Elected in 2023	
	12	Niamh Fitzgerald		
	13	Charles Parry		Apology
	14	Karen Schelleman-Offermans		
	15	Jessica Storbjörk		
	16	Rose Kiiru*		
<b>Others</b>	18	Tom Babor	ASDN	

Item	Person	Action	Report	Time Allotted
<b>A. Procedural matters</b>				
1. Apologies: Ilona Tamutiene (Kaunas 2026); Ulrike Grittner (Berlin 2027); FL, SC, CP, CP; Present: JK SC JS EB GS KO CW PM AM RR. Others: Kim Bloomfield, Tom Babor	Anne-Marie	Noting		1 min
2. Welcome	Justyna	Noting	No	1 min
3. Minutes of previous co-com meeting: PM motioned CW seconded	Justyna	Approval	Yes	1 min
4. Matters arising and business carried forward (Reflection, COI settled, biggest challenge organising coming symposia and elections, not as competitive a process to host. Institutional stability and research support a wider challenge. Lithuania ready and keen and happy; Kim here to speak to Berlin bid. More difficult to attract co-com members. Following US situation, censorship and defunding, freezing of grants and threats to academic freedom. What does this do to us a society? Should we support US as a society or as individual researchers?. Equal and democratically welcoming regardless of politics? Yet contradicts core values of KBS, Tom Babor to run a workshop Thursday morning. Membership growing. Lastly, warm regards from Ingeborg Rossow. KBS symposia very important part of my worklife (Ask JK for text). Very heavy heart cannot attend. Congratulations to all on 50 years. GS, JK and all pass love back to IR.	Justyna	Noting	Yes	7 mins

**B. Annual Symposium****2. Report for Glasgow 2025**

Inclusive of LMICs with visa support and scholarships, ECRs welcome, 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Conducting orchestra of organising team – So grateful: especially calm Jack and Aileen. Many small parts make symphony, a joy to work with all. Aileen administers everything; Gemma visa work. Sponsorship tricky and tough \$3000 IAS (vs 30,000 previously); City reception. Elin KBS notional amount for bursaries – provided flexibility. WHO paid for workshop. 238 people from 33 countries + local practitioners and NHS and own team. Included almost all abstracts (except rat based and incomprehensible abstracts) Range of countries – 18 from USA but lost a few from NIH whose funding was pulled. Awarded 8 full bursaries. Partial bursaries not as useful. Lost one awardee. Re-awarded this. Visas still a problem and UK depressingly declined one person from Malawi without cause. Don't seem to manage visas in an order. Started early but still had problems. Had to take risk. Chose 8 from 60 applications. Looked at repeat declined applications and sustained interest in applying. Budget: Will break even so will give back likely profit (4000 pounds) back to KBS. Early registrations worked – knew had at least 140 paid regs and increased certainty. Still nearly 100 late regs allowed us to provide lunches, tea/coffee at breakfast, anniversary surprises. Program was later than usual in May. Main venue James McCune Smith Learning Hub. Biggest issue – fee waivers meant WHO issues (?). Glasgow City Chambers Reception. Conference Dinner at Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery. Good to include dinner in ticket as made this more inclusive. Social tours. Fees as indicated previously. 12 workshops and 3 side events (important focus). Packed agenda, sometimes 30 min lunch. Recognise Stirling's strong contribution. Q: Are the early deadlines the new norm? Worked for conf team. Early vs standard abstract or Round 1 or 2 dates? In favour? Program late bc reg date was very late. Match decision with reg date? Soft deadline for registrations? Email accepted and ask for reg at that time. Early programs a waste of time.

Niamh

Noting

TBC

10 mins

Q: Online program updates. Good to notify of changes - people affected were emailed. Very few changes from written one published Friday. ISSDP clash. 100people did not attend/refused to present on Friday.				
3. 2026 Symposium Lithuania Link – wonderful planned presentation via video. Reassurance that Lithuania is part of NATO. Q - all tours walking based? Still being settled.Include a tour out of town (non-walking option)	Justyna / Ilona	Noting	Yes	7 mins
4. 2027 Symposium Berlin & future symposia Langenbeck-Virchow-Haus Central Berlin Multiple tour options Dinner/reception with good acoustics 1st week of June 2027 Funding: German government orgs and Movendi, FORUT and Blauerkreutz Expensive? Very excited! To be voted on at Business meeting on Friday. Get previous business plans/handbook/info from previous organisers JK – Prior day workshops for clinicians that could increase funding NF: Speak to Jack Martin – organising conferences became part of his role – has list of sponsors. Publishers, scientific companies? Stands and exhibitions? JK City of Berlin – all small funding orgs add up; Rooms as part of City welcome? Hotel deals? Charite has conference office.	Kim Bloomfield	Noting	Yes	10 mins
<b>C. Other</b>				
5. Nominations Committee Have nominations, voting open, was hard to get presidential candidates, institutional security an issue. Late voting. Need to start nominations before KBS 2026. Encourage them to nominate – could nominate themselves? President elect role – Presidential shadowing useful.	Claire + Gillian	Approval	Yes	10 mins
6. Thematic Meetings None this year	All	Noting	TBC	3 mins
7. Treasurers Report: Healthy Account balance 25th May: €27 220	Elin	Noting	Yes	5 mins
8. Approval of new KBS members: All approved , no COIs declared or noted. 25 new members - and an increase from 119 to 152 members.	Elin	Approval	Yes	5 mins
9. OJ Skog Award 8 applicants – 2 from Aus, 3 from UK, Canada, Spain, Previous winner applied – not in by-laws.	Karen	Noting	TBC	10 mins

Motion to change by-laws – make official motion, agree on wording at meeting, Change eligibility criteria for Award.				
10. KBS Award 2024/2025: 2 outstanding applications and 2 awardees – Sally Casswell and Tonda Hughes. No financial support, only framed awards this year.	Anne-Marie	Noting	TBC	7 mins
11. ICARA Activities Noone represented	Niamh	Noting	TBC	5 mins
12. Addiction Science Defense Network (USA) Problem extends beyond US. In Geneva, WHO affected and reorganising due to Trump admin decisions. Hoping for input from KBS. Q: What can we do together to pushback? Moved against science at NIH. Reversal of policies on DIE- attacked research in underserved minorities. Exec orders, bureaucracy following through. Merging NIAAA and NIDA – being put in place. Funding cut for next year 20-40% for sci research in general yet already cut by terminating grants. Search engine identifies key words and grants are terminated. Committee across US sharing info and collecting ideas. First action: Clarion call via 28 Addiction journal editors. Number in US reluctant bc of authoritarian approach, would make themselves, individuals or orgs vulnerable. Clarion call reprinted by four journals, incl. IJADR. Statement of concern written to all members of congress, with personal letters identifying the effects in their state (targeting members with family who have addiction problems). Recruited 32 orgs, representing 32,000 scientists or practitioners. Drawing from this network, providing weekly reports, creating working groups to get economists to produce economic impact statements. Another paper ready soon on gender ideology and how admin censorship and attack on journals could be dealt with by rational discourse. Or could compile major accomplishments of addiction studies to present to legislature to advocate for desistance. WHO HIV action. Looking for a solution, perhaps massive demonstrations? Moved quickly and cruelly. Tom to speak at Friday Business meeting. Hopefully we can get advice on what can we do. Gathering more info on impact. RR Q: Amalgamation may change balance of NIDA and NIAAA and leave international programs at greater risk. PM: What can we do? TB: Epidemiologists could prepare reports on the dimension of AOD harm, reducing cost. AOD field should organise support for WHO. Even if illegal	Tom Babor	Noting	TBC	10 ins

have already cut funds. Set up joint working groups on economics and impacts.				
13. IJADR Report: Healthy financial situation (\$15,650 USD); 3 issues & 18 papers published; new special issue funded by EU WHO ECR network; Indexed in Scopus with cite score of 2.4 (Q2 journal just; ranked 181/371 in Health [Social Science]); Indexed in Web of Science; Directory of Open Access Journals; listed by ISAJE; Second round medline rejected will try again. Follow up EBSCO Medline Ultimate agreement.;IJADR Editorial supporting diversity and inclusion and research in the Addiction field summarising Babor et al., (2025) clarion call. could commission journals to publish arguments and evidence and act.	Anne-Marie	Noting	Yes	7 mins
<b>14. Webmaster report</b> Listserve -remove mentions from website please "not supported or controlled" (DONE) New one to be set up but has not happened yet was voted for. (?) GS to push forward Social Media in her team Action Bluesky KBS 2020 account Notify Listserve that it will be de-emphasised Need to implement actions (SEE BM meeting - DONE?)	Anne-Marie/ Florian	Noting	Yes	3 mins
<b>15. Scholarship committee</b> <b>See Niamh report above</b> All costs covered - moving away from partial scholarships. Concern that high-income countries were awarded these scholarships. JK: Support both? Procedural: criterion - confusing Q - have applied for other institutional report? Is there other funding - is this a negative or positive assessment? Now yes get an extra point, not minus a point. Not to be used as another score. Rank ordering better. Reappointment of Scholarship committee? Add Lithuanian member but increases burden on organisers? Find reports on process and justification. Institutional knowledge in KBS guide? Report from scholarship committee? (GS to organise finding this in her term - ask Kate/ and incorporate into the guide - needs to be a separate one?) GS pulling together a google folder. Not written down	Sarah	Noting	TBC	5 mins
<b>16. Other Business</b> OJ Skog find other members: Karen Offerman (chair),	All	Noting	TBC	13 mins
<b>17. Meeting Closed</b> 6:23pm	Justyna			0