

# Agenda for KBS Business meeting Glasgow, Scotland 2025

Friday, 13th June 2025 11:00 – 12:30 hours Room 438

Chair: Gillian Shorter

Minutes: Anne-Marie Laslett

Item	Speaker	Action	Paper/Slides
1. Apologies Ingeborg Rossow	Chair/ Secretary	Noting	No
2. Welcomes - Thanked members past and present for past 50 years of science, friendship, and collaboration. - Thanked the full organisation team at Glasgow and Stirling Universities for an exceptional 50 <sup>th</sup> year celebration - Thanked the outgoing President Justyna Klingemann for her leadership and Vice-President Claire Wilkinson for staying in post until the elections have concluded.	Chair	Noting	No
3. Minutes of previous business meeting: - 9 June 2023 Niamh Fitzgerald Proposed - Justyna Klingemann Seconded	Chair	Approval	Yes
4. Matters arising and business carried forward - Remove listserve mention (completed by Florian) - Create a formal comms officer position on the Co-Com	Chair	Noting	Yes
5. Report from Glasgow 2025 Aims, to be inclusive, welcome ECRs, create memorable 50 <sup>th</sup> looking back and forward, were achieved. Thank you! Been a joy. Sponsors made a big difference - 238 people from 33 countries; inequities in getting here, 8 people fully funded via scholarships committee, one visa declined at last minute; Budget likely profit of around 4000 pounds. Two abstract deadlines worked well. As Uni had to underpin any potential loss, could reassure on break even numbers of 140-150 early with others paid later. Recommend bring May deadline back. Keep first early date. Main venue - thanking Jim Lewsey for access to James McCune Smith learning hub- beautiful venue. And Glasgow City council and Glasgow City chambers. Recommend including dinner in ticket- more financially secure and early career researchers can afford it. Organising was not as difficult as you might think due to huge helping team, enthusiasm meant included many people along for ride. What a ride it's been. Debate on bursaries: Noting decision process is independent of organisers via scholarship committee. Discussions included whether to allocate full bursaries vs registration & cheap accom. Flights were biggest expense. Isa Uny highlighted inequity – someone had to take a loan to come. Reflected that we should increase budget as much as possible – 20000 pounds in bursaries incl KBS support). Sarah Callinan/Justyna Klingemann are going to manualise with lessons learned from previous years to support bursaries going forward. Noted that KBS membership fee is	Niamh	Noting/Up date Guideline s	Yes

a major source of support. Thanked Florian for all his help and responsiveness! Thank him so much. Any ideas on scholarships and supporting attendance to email Justyna Klingemann.

6. 2026 Symposium – Lithuania

Daumantas Noting Slides

Happy to announce next KBS will be in Kaunas, Lithuania 1-5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

On the map, in Kaunas, hotels are even cheaper in than in Vilnius, member of NATO, EU, Lithuanian language, Euro currency, Mean temp 15.7 celsius, check govt page re visa <https://keliauk.urm.lt/en>. Two airports Kaunas smaller with some direct flights but most flights via Vilnius. Then direct bus or train. Fees should be around 350 Euro for members, Social dinner of 75 Euro included in this price. Conference main venue: Vytautas Magnus University. Many hotels in walking distance 74-159 Euros. Some deals with VM Uni so org comm will update us, e.g. Best Western art 85 Euro down to 55 EUR Welcome Reception: where was this? Dinner at Sala restaurant or Hotel Victoria – to be finalised in September. Tours: Old Town, walking tours, Trakai, Vilnius (both one hour drive). Suggest two extra days in Vilnius. Partial and full support to be made available. Research Council (etc, AM to check with DS) of Lithuania.

7. 2027 Symposium – Berlin

Ulrike/Kim Voting Slides

Berlin The Charite – largest university hospital in Germany, Langenbeck-Virchow-Haue adjacent or on campus in historical rooms. Social tours: Charite historical tour; Boat trip through Berlin; Castle and Park Sansouci Potsdam, Street Art Tour/Berlin Wall tour; More ideas? Berlin has own airport. Train within Europe. Venue close to main station; Many hotels; economy options 60euros. Berlin – will apply to all usual authorities for sponsorship Health Ministry, Health Promotion and PH; NGOs – especially for travel funding.

Vote – unanimous yes!!

8. 2028 Proposal – Halifax, Nova Scotia, Eastern Canada and others?

Kara Thompson Discussion Yes

Kara: bid developed this week, not in Canada since 2008 – that was West coast – now East Coast. Co-host Dalhousie and St Francis Xavier Unis. Halifax in capital of province, on water. Weather 11-20 in June. Average 15. International airport. 20 min from city by taxi or shuttles or buses. Direct flights from Europe across US. Halifax Convention Centre. (use part of it). At bottom hill 17 hotels downtown. Booking hotels with better rates? Social tours: Peggy’s cave with lighthouse; Tall ships from water; Lunenburg (ships seaside town, lobster season, wine tours e.g. Wolfville wine tour). Will do recon! Discussions about flight times, noted faster to get to Europe than West Coast Canada

Gillian requested any additional proposals from the membership for years beyond 2027.

**A. Brief Reports**

9. Treasurer's report & growth of membership Elin Noting Slide

Acknowledged Elin now a lifetime member for 20 years of dedicated service to KBS (awarded at the Conference Dinner)

This year 6000 in fees; 8000 back from Perth; Balance: 27,220 Discuss increasing scholarships. Members increased from 119 to 152.

Will send reminders and please pay up as soon as you can! Will mean more people from Low- and Middle-Income Countries can attend.

Members and soon to be members encouraged to respond to Elin in a timely way regarding membership fees.

10. O-J Skog award committee Karen Discussion No

5 committee members:

8 applicants from 5 different countries Australia Canada, US, Spain, and UK

Emma Vieira from Curtin University, Melbourne, Australia "*Investigating Gender Convergence in Young Adults' (18-29) Drinking in Australia*"

Changes to committee – will reach out to new co-com members and KBS members for new committee members in due course

11. KBS Award for Advancement of International Research Collaboration Anne-Marie Noting No

2 outstanding applications and awarded to both Sally Casswell, Massey University, New Zealand Tonda Hughes, Columbia University, USA

Current members: Anne-Marie (Chair), Taisia, Naz, Gillian. Ulrike keen to join committee

12. KBS Journal IJADR Anne-Marie/ Neo Noting Slide

Neo: 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 incl IJADR to publish arguments and evidence and act. 2 regular/KBS issues (12/12/2024; 04/06/2025\*). Special Issues: Monica Swahn led Policy LMIC SI (30/05/24\*; 17/08/24). KBS 2023 and 2024 Issues led by Rachel O'Donnel. Nic Taylor to lead KBS 2025 issue. Neumann & Rehm leading EU WHO ECR SI. Thanks to editors, reviewers, authors, readers & supporters. Rachel: recognised work of Neo and AM and Christine. Kim Bloomfield noted that NAD no longer funded (awful)

13. KBS Elections Gillian & Claire Noting No

Explained roles of Co-com and put forward

Noting geographic requirements in the by-laws

Voting is open now – the email and information was shown on screen with biographies in the PDF to read prior to the vote. Thank you to Justyna Klingemann for coordinating voting, and to Monika Kania for independent organisation of the vote.

All nominees were thanked for putting themselves forward for the co-ordinating committee

Some did not receive emails. Please email Elin to check your membership is correct. Any issues contact Gillian or Elin. Still time to become a member and vote.

14. ICARA activities - No report given	Andrea Mohan	Noting	No
15. Scholarship Committee	Sarah	Noting	Report

Covered by Niamh in the Glasgow report

**B. Other**

16. Workshops (14 in total) Thanks to all the workshop organisers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluating multi-component alcohol policies (Sun) - Maria</li> <li>• ECR welcome and Networking (WHO) - Maria</li> <li>• <b>First-timers welcome – Claire/Karen</b></li> </ul>	Chair	All for Noting	No
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Around 50 people attended. Explained origin of society, traditions during the week, and heard from KBS members with a range of length of time in the society. Interactive elements were great, and good to meet new and long-standing researchers in the field and hear their thoughts on topics of interest and questions. Will add networking tips to the plan for next year but worked well.

- No-low international networking – John
- Alcohol labelling - Maria
- New-Directions in Study of Alcohol – Wulf/Trevor
- Maximising policy impact – IAS
- *Scientific publishing in the alcohol research field – Robin/Paul*
- Alcohol licencing systems – James
- Gender, alcohol, harm and harm to others (GENACIS-GENAHTO-IGSAHO) – Anne-Marie
- Global advocacy for addiction science and practice –Tom
- Research impact and social impact- Richard
- Research methods for interdisciplinary collaboration – Joel
- MUP learning from Scotland – Grant
- Reviving KBS tradition of cross-national research - Laura

17. Webmaster & Co-com communication officer position	Florian	Noting	Yes
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Few tasks each year – need to add awardees- archiving pictures; removed listserve mention.

New communications officer

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John Holmes: Contact IAS – Jem Roberts from IAS makes videos on alcohol related issues.

Anyone willing to volunteer? Volunteer now – see the involve and change bylaws next year.

John Holmes: What are we trying to communicate?

Promote journal, Publicise conference, What else?

Social media – make more visible

New KBS BlueSky account was mentioned

kettilbruunsociety.bsky.social

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#### 18. Any other business

Tom Babor:

1. Current events – International Premiere of “**Unmasking Influence**” documentary on Commercial Determinants of Health in Dublin- will be available soon on YouTube (40% is about alcohol and the alcohol industry).
2. Alcohol Forum Ireland have launched - iMARK for academic researchers keen to establish themselves as independent from alcohol industry actors and arm’s length bodies. Originated in Ireland in response to alcohol industry involvement in health initiatives e.g. Industry involvement in education of 17,000 children in Ireland, now stopped. To join the initiative as a researcher and affirm your commitment, contact Alcohol Forum Ireland through the membership form available:  
<https://alcoholforum.org/i-mark/>
3. Addiction Science Defence Network;  
<https://www.npscoalition.org/projects/addiction-science-defense-network> Number of individuals and organisations, trying to resist anti-science policies, concerned about withdrawal of support and funding throughout Africa, withdrawal of US Aid and WHO funding and support amongst other issues. Concerns about lack of funding for important global partnerships. Members are encouraged to look up the work and join the network if they feel able to contribute. ASDN is looking for volunteers to develop webpages, and write position pieces, for now or the future. Grateful for KBS support. There is a ASDN Statement of Concern, and individuals or organisations can endorse this statement.

Gillian Shorter

4. Will be developing a membership survey to bring KBS into the next 50 years. Ethics in Fall 2025, survey in Winter/Spring 2025, present findings at KBS 2026 in Lithuania
  5. Will be developing a KBS Wikipedia page: any volunteers are welcome, and will be calling on long term members for historical context, advice, and editing.
  6. Will take forward Communications Post as action over the next year, noting comments above.
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Encouraging all eligible to vote in the elections, or to  
join/rejoin and vote in the elections – deadline is June 25,  
2025

Queries and questions: please email relevant individual(s)  
Gillian (President), Claire (Vice-President), Anne-Marie  
(Secretary), Elin (Treasurer)

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