

Annual General Meeting Brussels 2007

Minutes

Tuesday 20th November
12.30-13.30

1. Notes of the AGM meeting Lisbon 2006

Matters arising from the notes

No matters arose from the minutes in Lisbon.

2. President's report (Peter Anderson)

Peter Anderson announced that he has decided to step down from the CC at the time of the Brazil meeting.

3. Rotation of coordinating Committee (Peter Anderson)

Dr. Anderson reminded the AGM that the current members of the Co-ordinating Committee (CC), with the exception of Lidia Segura and Joan Colom from GENCAT and Dag Rekve from WHO, will have to step down before or during the Brazil meeting in October 2008. The CC members can put themselves forward for re-election to the CC if they so wish.

Dr. Anderson also explained that the CC proposed that before the end of June 2008 a note will be sent to all INEBRIA members asking for nominations for the CC. After that, a voting system will be established and the CC members nominated will have to organize positions internally.

4. Secretary's report (Lidia Segura)

Lidia Segura updated on the activities carried out by the Secretariat in Barcelona

- Maintenance of the website
- Edition of electronic and printed flyers for the Conference
- Dissemination of INEBRIA and mailing to members and non members
- Preparation of the official agreement between INEBRIA and GENCAT to host the Secretary
- Reception of membership forms

She added that the official number of members is 71 and that 7 new membership forms have been received during this year:

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Membership form received: 18/09/2007

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Membership form received: 18/09/2007

Dr. Celia Maria Franco
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Membership form received: 27/10/2006

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Membership form received: 06/08/2007

Dr. Maria Paula Medeiros
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Membership form received: 27/10/2006

Dr. Philippe Michaud
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Membership form received: 27/10/2006

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Membership form received: 27/10/2006

All proposed members were accepted in the AGM vote.

5. Financial report (Ralf Demmel)

Peter Anderson announced the resignation of Ralf Demmel as treasurer of the INEBRIA Association due to his responsibilities in the reorganization of his institution.

He also presented the figures Dr. Demmel provided to the CC on the current status of the INEBRIA account and the decision from the CC to transfer the money to an account in Barcelona managed by the secretary until the new treasurer is nominated.

2006 meeting, money on account: 1.118,99 EURO

- Account maintenance charges 2006/07: 36,00 EURO

2007 meeting, money on account: 1.082,99 Euro

The idea will be to increase the money by putting it under interest conditions. The idea is not to use it but to allow it to grow if possible.

6. INEBRIA Journal (Antoni Gual)

Dr. Gual explained the actions he has carried out exploring the possibilities for an INEBRIA journal as a result of the decisions made in the meeting in Lisbon.

13 members responded to his e-mail and questionnaire and it was decided to explore the possibilities for an on-line journal, free of charge, easy available and indexed.

Biomedcentral was contacted and their response was that due to the lack of enough EIBI publications they recommended looking for an agreement with another journal on drugs. They also clarified that publication costs are €1000 and have to be covered by the authors.

Following the information from Erikson Furtado, the appropriateness of "Cielo", where journals are free of charge but not indexed, was also considered.

Dr. Gual mentioned that maybe INEBRIA is not in the position to go ahead with the journal now. The best way will be to wait for a while and meanwhile circulate among members a regular bulletin with the latest papers published in EIBI.

Some alternatives were raised during the discussion:

- Contact with Drug and Alcohol Review – to propose a special issue on BI.
- Richard Saitz suggested contacting the Journal on Substance Abuse – indexed in Medline- that also recently published in the 3rd and 4th Volume 2007 a special issue on EIBI – Editor Mark Gallanter.
- Nick Heather suggested editing an INEBRIA Booklet with the papers of the annual meeting once a year and look for someone to edit it.
- Eileen Kaner suggested collecting abstracts from the Conference and asking a sympathetic journal to take the body of abstracts from the conference and publish it.

Peter Anderson proposed to go for the magazine as starting point. The secretariat will circulate an invitation to everyone to submit papers in the INEBRIA booklet and magazine and check the number of interested members. If there are enough interested members we will look for an ISBN and put it out as publication. It will be also explored the receptiveness of journals and the willingness of members to submit proposals and act as a reviewers.

Frederick Spak commented on the possibility of opening INEBRIA to other health issues and to look for collaboration with other professionals, but was reminded that this was an old discussion and the decision was always to restrict the activity to alcohol and drugs.

7. Plans for Brazil meeting 8th-10th October 2008 (Erickson Furtado)

Erickson Furtado described the INEBRIA Latina initiative launched as a result of a suggestion of Maristella Monteiro from PAHO.

It consists of a network of interested professionals, from Latin-American countries or working with Latin-American communities, created under the umbrella of INEBRIA with a website and a forum as main communication tools. It is agreed that members of the

INEBRIA Latina will immediately be members of INEBRIA International. Erikson Furtado invites everyone to visit the website that is under construction:
www.INEBRIALatina.org

Erikson Furtado also explained the plan for the Brazil meeting. It will take place from the 8th to 10th of October 2008 in "Casa Grande Hotel" located in a very beautiful city of the Coast of Sao Paulo State. The place is 1hr from an International Airport and prices have been already arranged with the hotel to host the INEBRIA members. He also explained that the Conference will be supported by the Ministry of Health and also by the Health Department of the Sao Paulo State.

It was also said that more information will be circulated to everyone before the end of the year.

The president congratulated Erikson Furtado and the Brazil colleagues for the INEBRIA Latina initiative and for the excellent conference plans.

8. Plans for 2009 and subsequent meetings

Peter Anderson mentioned that INEBRIA is an international association open to host meetings everywhere and opened the floor to discuss plans for the meeting in 2009.

After exploring the possibilities for a meeting in USA (Conference or specialized meeting), it was agreed that Silvia Shallenberg, Richard Saitz and Dan Hungerford would meet with Lidia Segura and discuss about it during the coffee break.

Leo Pas asked the WHO representative about plans for other regions thinking of the possibility of meeting in Asian countries during 2010 or 2011.

Dag Rekve agreed on that possibility since there have been positive developments in the regions with the elaboration of regional strategies that include treatment and EIBI strategies. It was agreed that this is something that has to be explored in subsequent meetings.

Frederik Spak and Preben Bendtsen offered to host the next European meeting in Sweden.

John Cunnigham proposed that at least every two years the Conference should take place in Europe.

Nick Heather reminded members that the UK INEBRIA branch can also go for a specialized meeting.

9. Any other business

Leo Pas suggested organizing a commission of committed members to set INEBRIA common standards (outcome variables, BI components, etc.) to be able to develop joint projects and to compare results and to present them in future workshops.

Erikson Furtado also suggested building up some commissions within the INEBRIA Association to work on the different topics and to develop for example a glossary of terms.

Peter Anderson suggested both formulate a plan and send it to the Secretary for comment by the coordinating committee and circulation among members to see if there is sufficient interest.

Nick Heather suggested setting up a chat-room on the website or a mailing to distribute mails and exchange information between us. Peter Anderson commented that it is a tremendous idea and that the Secretary will look for options and get back to him.

Peter Anderson finished by acknowledging the work done by the local organizers (Leo, Bart and Annemie) and inviting participants to give feedback on the lessons learnt during the Brussels meeting.

Leo Pas remarked on the need to have more time for discussion between presenters and was proposed that maybe a ratio of 1 to 1 presentation time and discussion time could be appropriate.

Maria Luisa Souza suggested giving space for poster sessions.

Richard Saitz appreciated the level of the INEBRIA participants and the valuable discussions.

Eileen Kaner suggested trying to include more qualitative research and data.