

**Annual General Meeting
24 Sep 2020**

**18:30 CEST (Europe) / 17:30 BST (UK) / 12:30 EDT (NY) /
11:30 CDT (Mexico) / 12:30 GMT (Chile) / 22:00 IST (India) /
9:30 PDT (WA, USA) / 13:30(PM) GMT (Sao Paulo/Brazil)**

Teleconference

Attendance:

CC members: Sven Andreasson (SA), Lidia Segura (LS), Dorothy Newbury-Birch (DN), Maria Lucia Formigoni (MF), Jeremy Bray (JB), Amy O'Donnell (AO), Abhijit Nadkarni (AN), Antoni Gual (AG), Pablo Norambuena (PN), Gallus Bischof (GB), Jennifer McNeely (JM), Marcela Tiburcio (MT)
55 Inebria members

NOTES**1. Welcome**

SA welcomes all 67 participants.

2. Review of notes and matters arising from the last AGM meeting

No matters arising.

3. President's report and take over by new Presidents

SA informs that this will be his last AGM as president since last year two were elected. As a reflection of this 5 past years, he reports on the organization and its current status. Inebria's main activity is to organize the yearly conferences and this year a virtual short one. Inebria also maintains a website with lots of information and a library of publications. In addition, Inebria has three special interest groups: one on digital approaches, a second on developing an outcome measures (ORBITAL group) and a third on pregnancy and maternal health.

SA explains the organization is led by a Coordinating Committee which meets four times per year, mostly phone meetings and now using Zoom. Over the years, Inebria has seen a static growth of membership and activity which LS will report on it later. After several years of discussion, it was agreed a couple of years ago on a vested interest policy for the organization covering the alcohol and the pharma

industry. He also informs Inebria has interaction also with WHO and it is affiliated with the journal called "Addiction Science and Clinical Practice".

SA comments Inebria is doing well and this is demonstrated by the yearly conferences, Inebria members are pursuing new lines of research questioning established positions. He highlights the important work of the Secretariat in supporting all processes and how unique is the support of the Catalan Health Department.

Something on major developments, he points out the expansion into low and middle income countries, Inebria organized a thematic meeting in Bangalore on 2016, the 2019 conference in Chile and the forthcoming yearly conference in Goa in 2021. Secondly, Inebria started a scholarship program for young researchers from these low resources countries. And the other major development has been the increased focus on digital approaches for prevention and treatment where Inebria has a very active special interest group.

On the future, he emphasises the work of the SIGs, Inebria is a network of researchers, practitioners and the SIGs go one step forward in finding colleagues within Inebria with the same interests. For the future, he suggests creating one for brief treatments to rethink some basic assumptions about SBI and Inebria started to do it in the last couple of years and how we could organize training in simple and effective tools for treatment is one of them. A second would be on low cost interventions in low and middle income countries.

Maria Lucia Formigoni and Dorothy Newbury-Birch take the lead as co-presidents. MF explains the process during this last year to become familiar with all the presidency tasks. The decisions and tasks will be shared and she will be responsible of the promotion of the Inebria Latina branch. DN adds she will lead the early career researchers and women into the group, the website development and social media.

a. Thanks to Sven from Nick Heather for his time as President

Nick Heather comments that Inebria has prospered during Sven Andreasson presidency and highlights all his works over the past five years.

4. Secretary's and treasurer's report

See documents attached.

5. CC elections (postponed)

DN informs about the idea of postponing the CC elections a part from MF and herself becoming presidents since it was decided last year. This will mean that the current CC will continue as it is until 2021.

The reasons for postponing it is that the statutes were not updated with what Inebria needed, like having two presidents elected. She informs JB and AO kindly volunteered to work on the statues and change them but since it was a massive job they did not have the time to discuss this. In order to make the decision, a poll is launched with the following questions "are you in favour of postponing the elections until next year?" and "are you in favour of the CC revising the statues to adjust the nomination and the election process?". Everybody agrees.

ACTION: General agreement on postponing the elections.

An election sub-committee will be set up to work on the 2021 CC elections.

6. Plans for 2021 and onwards

AN informs everything remains the same. The venue remains booked for next year and also the theme which is "Setting new directions for brief interventions". The speakers will have to reconfirm but the program will be the same.

The dissemination has been suspended and they will restart in November/December.

DN informs that the Edinburgh conference thus will be in 2022. Asha Holloway is leading its organization and said that everything is looking ok.

7. Special Interest groups developments

a. eSIG

AG reports that due this pandemic time everything gets more difficult but the eSIG has experienced some changes. Heleen Riper is now on board as co-chair since Paul Wallace resign the position. The main achievement has been the road map published and it shows the efforts done by the eSIG. They have already planned a workshop meeting in Goa and they are meeting next month virtually.

b. Orbital SIG

JB reports that the ORBITAL group which is focused on standardizing outcome measures for screen and brief interventions, nearly completed the main statement paper which will formally present the standard outcome measures or core outcome set. It is currently been reviewed. They want the US CDC affiliation on the paper. Once it's done, they will submit it for publication. The decision on what journal is still pending.

Other things they have been doing are extensions of the core outcome set like the economic measures extension. They had several meetings within the sub-group and they began writing a protocol document so they hope the

get it submitted. It was been reviewed. In addition, they have also the criminal justice working group and the implementation studies working group.

On the criminal justice, DN reports that they have not been able to do anything. It is a very small group so she encourages people to join by letting her know.

On the implementation group, AO reports that around 50 people expressed interest last year. The forthcoming tasks will be 2 separate systematic reviews to synthesize the findings: review of existing reviews of implementation outcome instruments been used in general health care and basing those on arrange of existing implementation science frameworks in models and a systematic reviewed specifically focused on alcohol implementation literature to identify how outcomes have been measured in that particular field. They will bring those as a starting point. Anne Berman comments the idea is to arrange a workshop in the next few months where to present their thinking and discuss next steps in more detail and see who is interested to work in.

c. SIG-pregnancies

LS informs that there has been no much progress in the last months. They plan to restart the work as soon as possible.

8. Communication: Buddy Scheme, website, google groups and social media

On the idea of creating a working group on communication issues, DN encourage people to let Inebria know if they are interested to join and think about how Inebria can do a better use of the digital tools to communicate.

9. AOB

PN informs about the Inebria Latina webinar taking place tomorrow. The event will be in Spanish. .

He uses the opportunity to thank PAHO and Maristela Monteiro for letting them use its WebEx account and the support of the technical team for the event. They have around 370 people registered.

DN thanks everyone for attending the AGM.