

**Annual General Meeting****Meeting Minutes****Aula Minor, Roma****Friday, 20th September 2013, 12:15-13h.****1. Welcome**

Jim McCambridge welcomes everybody to the AGM 2013 and reminds everybody the importance of filling in the evaluation questionnaire. He also reminds the audience that after covering the administrative matters there will be a second part to cover the industry and BI issues.

2. Review of notes of the AGM meeting in Barcelona 2012

He says that the agenda and the notes of the AGM 2012 in Barcelona had been circulated in advance. The notes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising

No matters arising from the notes of last year.

4. President's report

Jim McCambridge reminds the audience about the changes that occurred during the year, especially the change of president and the revision of the objective to include drugs. He also informed them on the growth of the membership. He informs the audience about the intention of the CC to revise the statutes, since there are issues that are not well covered or reflected there. He mentions that INEBRIA has no criteria to keep an appropriate distance with the industry and that the type of relationship we want with the alcohol and pharmaceutical industry has been extensively discussed in the CC meetings. He comments that the CC has agreed that INEBRIA should preserve distance with the Industry but it is not clear what to do and how to do it.

He says that INEBRIA has from the beginning tried to keep away from the industry but the fact is that one poster funded by DIAGEO was presented in Newcastle and that some research presentations in all conferences are directly or indirectly related with the industry. He comments that the interest of the industry in BI has grown in the last years and at least DIAGEO has an initiative on this matter and that in Scotland the industry is using BI evidence as an alternative to counteract the pressure to increase prices and taxes. He

comments that since this is a very complex matter, the CC has proposed the organization of an informal meeting to listen to the opinion of the INEBRIA membership after the usual AGM issues are covered and in addition to that the possibility of organizing a working group to specify what INEBRIA should do.

He finishes by commenting that there has been a close collaboration between INEBRIA and the International Society of Behavioural Medicine during the holding of their last conference in August and that INEBRIA seeks to increase this type of collaboration with other institutions.

He stresses the importance of submitting papers presented at the conference for open access publication before the 15th of December since the fees have been waived.

He finishes by inviting members to become more involved in the network.

5. Secretary's and treasurer's reports

Lidia Segura reports on the work done by the Secretariat during the last year and she emphasizes the importance of participating in the google group (see [Secretariat's report presentation](#)). A total of 93 new members, listed in slides 6-13, were approved.

6. Strategic plans for the expansion of the network

On the expansion of the network, he mentions the importance of increasing the size of the CC by two members and allocating specific roles for all CC members. He also comments that the CC will work on developing the web-based database of references and on how to expand the google group. In addition, he comments that the CC will devote more time to helping the strategic planning of the conferences. He emphasizes the need to raise the profile of the network by co-sponsoring different events, publishing conference papers and abstracts and of seeking more funding.

7. Changes to the operation of the Coordinating Committee and election of President-Elect one year in advance of taking office

He comments that the CC proposes that the next president should join the CC one year in advance of taking the position in order to get use to its functioning. He asks the audience if there is anyone against this and there were no votes against therefore it was agreed to put it in place during next year's election.

8. Election of Office-bearers

He adds that there is need to expand the CC to more members (12 in total) in order to increase the capacity to do more work. He asks the audience if there is anyone against this and there were no votes against therefore it was agreed to put it in place during next year's election.

9. Plans for 2014 conference in Warsaw

The Polish colleagues from PARPA presented their audiovisual on the next conference plans and invited everyone to join them in Warsaw.

Jim McCambridge comments that the CC has been discussing with colleagues in USA and Sweden the organization of future INEBRIA conferences.

10. Any other business

As a result of the informal discussion on the industry matter it was agreed that the most sensible way to proceed is to propose the creation of a working group to write a position statement on this matter. All members, except for those with a clear connection with the industry, will be invited to join the working group. It was agreed that the CC should discuss this further and organize it in the best way.