

International Network on Brief Interventions for Alcohol & Other Drugs



Annual General Meeting

Thursday, September 26th, 2019 12:00-13:30 Radisson Blu Senator Hotel Lübeck

Notes

1. Welcome

SA welcomes all 51 participants.

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

No matters arising.

3. President's report

SA comments that INEBRIA is a healthy association with a growing membership. He is glad that the conference next year will be in Goa (India). He says that this together with last conference that took place in Chile represent a good step forward to the expansion to other parts of the world. He adds that the launch of a new Special Interest Group on SBI and pregnancies is a very good development since SIG:s are important for the future of INEBRIA. He comments that he would also like to see regular thematic meetings but that these are difficult to finance.

4. Secretary's and treasurer's report

See documents attached.

5. Special Interest groups feedback

eSIG

Toni Gual thanks Paul Wallace for his excellent work in chairing the group and welcomes Helen Riper as new chair. He informs that the group is meeting regularly throughout the year; members have been invited to respond to a road map survey and he comments that the pre-

conference meeting was a success. He invites everyone to get in touch with the group and expresses the SIG commitment to report regularly to INEBRIA on their developments.

Orbital SIG

DN comments that the group has succeeded in finalizing the project they got granted and writing scientific papers but they now need to increase their efforts to involve INEBRIA members and reporting to the network. The next step is to draft terms of reference for the SIG.

- SIG-pregnancies

Lela McKnight-Eily informs that there is some people interested in joining the SIG and invites everyone to join the launch meeting that will take place on Friday.

6. President and CC election

SA summarizes the work done by the election committee and thanks Jim McCambridge for chairing it. Two candidates remained: Prof. Dorothy Newbury-Birch and Prof. Malu Formigoni. Both candidates introduced themselves and explained their plans for INEBRIA, where upon a secret ballot followed.

The vote counting resulted in 25 votes for DNB and 25 votes for MF. SA proposed that a second AGM session should be convened the next day, Sep 27, and that the CC should consider options for how to manage the election result.

On the second AGM session, on Sep 27, SA, following the recommendations made by the CC, proposed that the presidency of INEBRIA should be shared by DNB and MF. This was decided unanimously by the AGM.

Furthermore, the AGM was asked to give the CC the mandate during the coming year to work out how this shared presidency shall be organised, before the official transfer of the presidency in 2020. This was also decided unanimously by the AGM

To replace Marcin Wojnar who had decided to leave the CC, Katharine Bradley was nominated by the election committee. Jeremy Bray was nominated by Dorothy Newbury-Birch. SA proposed that the AGM should elect Katharine Bradley to the CC as a regular member, and that JB be co-opted to the CC. This was decided unanimously by the AGM.

7. Communication: website, google groups and social media

LS comments that the network is not so active in google group and social media. She comments that CC is considering closing down the google group but RS comments that before closing down it is important to analyze better where the problem is. It is agreed that the CC will explore better what to do on the communication and social media tools.

8. Plans for 2020 – Goa (India) and onwards

Abhijit Nadkarni invites everyone to join the conference next year. He comments that they have already decided the venue in Goa (India), that they are working together with the CC on the scientific program. He comments that the abstract submission call will be done earlier in the year to make sure that everybody can get their VISA to get to India.

9. AOB

LS finalizes inviting members to tweet on the conference using the hashtag #INEBRIA2019 (29 tweets were made in total)

SA thanked everyone for attending the AGM and closed the meeting.