

**Annual General Meeting**

**15th September 2017**

**NOTES**

**Friday, 12:30PM**

**Room 905 at the Kimmel Center**

1. **Welcome**

SA welcomes all attendees. No comments regarding the agenda

1. **Review of notes and matters arising of the AGM meeting in Lausanne 2016**

No matters arising.

1. **President’s report**

SA briefly comments that Inebria is gradually becoming a society and because of this, there are more administrative and organization tasks to be done. He continues reporting on the main activities carried out this year.

SA comments that Inebria has been working on its global expansion increasing the membership from Latin America and organizing a thematic meeting in Bangalore (India). He comments the Bangalore meeting was very interesting and it was a success regardless of the complexity of its organization and the fact that only 2 members from other countries could travel there.

He adds that thematic meetings provide the opportunity to meet on site and that streaming options (as the Zoom system used in Bangalore) could be a long term solution on how to meet and to promote the attendance to the meetings.

He comments that INEBRIA has introduced scholarships for first time in order to support the travel costs and attendance to INEBRIA conferences of some professionals from LMI countries. He adds that this was possible thanks to the surplus from Atlanta but we cannot always count on that.

SA reports also that the CC has been working this year on drafting the INEBRIA vested interest policy on the pharma industry (following the position statement adopted 2 years ago on the alcohol industry) and that this will be discussed later in the session.

He informs that the CC has been collaborating with WHO in several matters:

* New ICD-11 addiction criteria (EW)
* New SBI training manual for WHO Europe (NF)
* International standards for the treatment of drug use disorders (NF)

He finishes by encouraging everyone to participate in Inebria activities and pointing out the need to increase the use of the google group as a communication tool among members since its activity has decreased during the last years.

1. **Secretary’s and treasurer’s report**

JC introduces the secretary and treasurer report. He informs Inebria nowadays has 725 members, with the new incorporations recently approved by the CC.

He points out the low participation in the different on-line platforms Inebria has (website, google group) and emphasizes that there is a clear need to work on that.

He also exposes the changes introduced in the membership form. He reminds that as part of the COI requirements new aspirants must declare if they are direct employees of the alcohol industry .

Finally, he presents the economic balance and the introduction of scholarships for the first time in order to promote the attendance from professionals from low-middle income countries. 5 people were awarded.

1. **Update on INEBRIA vested interest policies**

NF presents the new position statement on the pharma industry. She clarifies that new membership candidates must declare whether they are direct employees of the pharma industry. There will not be a total ban; the CC will have the final say. There will however be a ban for employees of the pharma industry to join the CC.

In the discussion comparisons were made to the policy previously adopted on the alcohol industry, where direct employment does disqualify for membership in Inebria. The majority opinion at the AGM however was that the two industries differ in important ways. The AGM therefore accepted the CC proposal to give the coordinating committee discretion to accept applications for membership on a case by case basis.

In the discussion some found the proposed position statement ambiguous and vague. A vote was taken, where a large majority voted for acceptance of the position statement. SA declares that while the decision taken was clear, there still remains a need to discuss the vested interests policies in forthcoming meetings of the CC and AGM.

1. **Election of office-bearers in 2017**

SA explains that NF, RS, MM and EW will not seek reelection and thanks them for the work done. AG, GB and DR are willing to continue JC and LS as well from the secretariat.

SA presents the new 4 candidates nominated to join the CC: Dorothy Newbury Birch, Marcin Wojnar, Jennifer McNeely, Marcela Tiburcio. All four were elected by the AGM. Amy O’Donnell was also nominated but not present at the meeting. There was agreement that she could be co-opted to the CC if she was willing to be so.

NF welcomes more candidates to the CC and reminds the meeting about the work to be done: put the procedures in Inebria vested interest policies in place, news updates and web updates, keep the organization active, google group and coordination with WHO.

1. **Special Interest groups**

SA explains Inebria has two SIGs, one on outcomes and one on digital interventions.

Jeremy reports the ORBIT SIG. He explains they will work on the elaboration of a report on the outcomes from the session in the conference, they carried on a systematic review and the next step will be stablish a formal process on identifying specific measures. They encourage Inebria members to give comments.

AG reports on the eBI SIG. He reports the work done in conjunction with the Maastricht University and the professionals involved. They have been collecting a lot of information on the area of eBI (existing apps, etc) and they would like to present it in the conference in Chile. They suggest having special sessions on technological aspects (alcohol sensors, gps), apps development and methodology to be used to test in eBI. PW comments that first results will be soon published on the Inebria website.

1. **ICARA report**

NF reminds that INEBRIA is a member of ICARA. She comments about the benefit from sharing experiences with other associations. She encourages members to search the ICARA website and to take a look to the digital library where lots of papers are available.

1. **Plans for 2018 and onwards**
   * Conference in Chile. The local organizers have started to organize it with the support of the CC.
   * Thematic meeting: no plans yet
2. **Any other business**

TG points out the need to decide soon on the conference location for 2019. SA thanks everyone.