

**Meeting of Coordinating Committee
15 December**

**17 CET (Europe) / 16 GMT (UK) / 11 EST (NY) / 10 CST (Mexico) / 11 CLST (Chile)
/ 21:30 IST (India) / 8:00 PST (WA, USA) / 12:00 BRT (Sao Paulo/Brazil)**

Teleconference**NOTES**

Participants: Gallus Bischof (GB), Pablo Norambuena (PN), Jeremy Bray (JB), Abhijit Nadkarni (AN), Jennifer McNeely (JM), Maria Lucia Formigoni (MF), Dorothy Newbury-Birch (DN- chair), Antoni Gual (AG), Marcela Tiburcio (MT), Zarnie Khadjesari (ZK), Lidia Segura (LS) and Ariadna Sánchez (AS).

Apologies: Dag Rekke, Erica Hilario, Amy O'Donnell and Joan Colom.

1. Opening

There are no comments on the last meeting's notes.

2. Approval of new members

LS exposes her concern around people who ask to join Inebria and their real interest is not clear since they are affiliated to an organization apparently not related to SBI or similar. There is no protocol on what to do. DT suggests to include this as well in the statutes.

Since screen sharing did not work, LS will circulate the list of new members to approve by e-mail. Most of the new applications come from Latin America.

Action: LS will circulate the list to review and send their concerns.

They agree on work in some kind of protocol for the unclear member's petitions. DNB/AO and JB to discuss in relation to revised statutes they are working on

3. Acceptance - Katharine Bradley stepped down

DT informs that Katherine Bradley has stepped down from the group.

4. 2021 Conference plans

Despite the uncertainty, AN informs that the venue remains booked since there may be chances of local people to travel within India if the situation remains the same.

He informs that the communication plan is already activated and they will try to write to people already registered to explore their will to consider travelling to India for the conference and to get some sense on how they should go ahead. Depending on the answers, they will go ahead with the regular conference, or go for a hybrid conference: a mix of people coming to the venue and other joining remotely. If none of the options are possible, they will do an on-line conference.

In sanitary terms, AN comments that the official numbers report a decrease in the numbers since September, but the problem is to know if this situation will be sustained. In addition, he is not sure if the numbers are trustable.

JM points out that most institutions around the world have banned any work related travel for a while and it will take longer to know what the restrictions are going to be. TG comments that is good to ask people but they may provide wishful thinking and the situation does not depend on us. He is organizing a conference in Barcelona and they decided to go for the hybrid option no matter what, 50% face-to-face and 50% hybrid being aware that percentages may change so in this way they can start planning and adapt depending on how the situation evolves. This format opens up lots of possibilities, the only concern will be the time zone. AN comments it is a good idea.

GB expresses his concern on the budget issue since it relays on the income of the attendance and in a hybrid conference you cannot charge regular fees. It will require a different budget plan since in a hybrid conference there are other costs involved a part from the venue. AN informs they are working on it at the moment, when you pay for a conference you pay for the content and he does not see why the fee should be different. Some disagree since the fees normally goes to cover meals, coffee breaks, venue and people won't pay for something they cannot take advantage of. DN asks AN to join his organizing team. GB is concerned about the difficulties to find funding to travel if the conference is a hybrid one.

TG points out that the main challenge is to organize a hybrid conference in such a way that both keep interest for participants and therefore people will still travel. The idea is to have a single meeting in what the virtual content potentiates the face-to-face one and vice versa. It takes time to properly organize it and he suggests taking into account the complexity of the situation and the hybrid option, decide the route to take and not going into detail.

They suggest to think about and discuss it later, early January but AN comments they will take Toni's suggestion as a starting point to plan.

Action: AN will go for a hybrid option for the Goa conference and they will discuss it further in January. DT will join the organizing conference team

5. SIG developments

a. Virtual meetings: eSIG, ORBITAL and pregnancy

eSIG: TG informs they have planned a fully virtual meeting for February 17th with 2 plenary sessions and then break into groups to discuss the role map which is already been prepared.

Pregnancy: LS informs they were not progressing in this group since Lela McKnight took over COVID matters. Now she is no longer leading this group and LS took the responsibility. They are now trying to identify new members because they are very few and they are planning a small gathering, partly presentations and partly discussing the future of the group by April, after Easter.

ORBITAL

JB comments that they have a paper in review in JSAD as well as three other papers published. It has come to light that information from the final paper has been submitted for publication in another journal which is problematic. It was agreed to suggest that the relevant appendix is removed. JB inform that now they will wait on the JSAD response and notify the authorship team on this issue.

This publication was not mentioned to the SIG and this needs to be explained to all members and made clear that until the final paper is published others should not be. Also as part of the SIG that members need to inform the SIG of any work related to the topic. MT has also been working on a piece of work related and the SIG were not aware of this.

JM suggests a publications committee who establish a terms of reference for the SIG. TG suggests all the CC members come to the next meeting with recommendations so the CC in the next meeting can adjust it. All agree.

Action: MT will contact relevant INEBRIA member copying JB and DN and send her paper to JB and DN for its revision.

All CC members will think on any solutions or recommendations to control scientifically non acceptable behaviours among the SIGs.

b. **New youth SIG:** DN reported on it and explains Stacy is leading it. Stacy sent out a survey about it and 48 people answered to that. Stacy is doing

some more work around that and she will come back to report on how is going.

LS explains that at least one member of the CC should take part in this group to guide the process. DN will do.

Action: DN will join the youth SIG.

6. Revision of statutes

JB reports that they had a brief meeting with DT and AO and he is being going through the Inebria statues updating and is making sure there is consistency from one section to the next. He hopes for the next CC to have a more final version but there is a lot of work to do.

7. WHO consultation

DN informs they were asked to comment on a WHO document. Just one person sent their comments.

8. ICARA

DN informs MF and herself joined the ICARA meeting. They suggested them to send something brief to circulate among members of what ICARA is and how Inebria can be involved. DT informs ICARA will organize some on-line sessions.

GB was also there and he explains they will arrange some webinars, not necessary associated with COVID, so it might be an opportunity to present some finding on BI to the community of addiction research who is not familiarized with the topic.

TG explains ICARA is an umbrella organization of four organizations and he does not see the point on having webinars with them, instead it would be better to do the webinars on ourselves. DT suggests to contact them when we have an event rather than do them for ICARA. MF comments, sometimes there are simultaneous meetings in different societies and it could be interesting for making some arrangements to avoid.

Action: it is agreed that INEBRIA Secretariat will contact ICARA on the INEBRIA's future events.

9. Holiday season mailing to all members (contents, etc)

LS informs that a holiday email will be sent from from Inebria which will update on some issues and informing on the plans for next year. She asks AN to write a small text to include in it on the Goa plans. She will send the message to DN and MF to approve before circulating it.

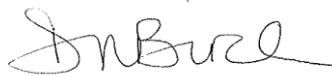
Action: AN will send a small text on the Goa plans to LS. LS will send the final version of the message to MF and DT to approve it.

10.AOB

Everyone wishes Merry Christmas.



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