



## Meeting of the Coordinating Committee Wednesday September 25th, 2019

15:00-18:00

Haus der Kaufmannschaft

### Notes

**Participants:** Dorothy Newbury-Birch, Sven Andreasson, Toni Gual, Gallus Bischof, Amy O'Donnell, Jennifer McNeely, Marcela Tiburcio and Lidia Segura

**Excused:** Joan Colom, Pablo Norambuena, Zarnie Khadjesari, Marcin Wojnar and Dag Rekve

#### 1. Opening

Sven Andreasson welcomes everybody.

#### 2. Notes from previous meeting

LS comments that all pending matters are listed as topics in the agenda.

#### 3. Lübeck conference – update (registration, participation, etc)

GB explains that there are around 120 registered participants and that they do not foresee any relevant problem and he expects a positive economic balance. He explains that in order to get the money, the Secretariat should prepare an invoice detailing all the activities that we have been doing. He finalizes saying that everything is ready. SA congratulates him for all the work done.

#### 4. Scholarships and mentoring system

LS comments that this year it was decided to offer only 4 and not 5 scholarships trying to keep some money for scholarships for India and Scotland. She adds that one of the 4 awarded recipients finally decided not to accept it claiming that the amount of money was not sufficient. The CC agrees that we need to keep the bureaucracy low but it is agreed that the members of the committee should explore any possibility to adapt the amount a bit better to the needs of the candidates. It is also agreed to clarify in the call that the scholarship is for early career professionals. LS comments that the mentoring activities are only for the conference time but it is agreed to try to clarify this better in future conferences.

## 5. Membership – approval of new members

LS comments that the Secretariat does not foresee any problem with the 21 new candidates and adds that for very first time there are candidates from Ethiopia, South Africa and Hong Kong.



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## 6. President, secretary and treasurer report

SA emphasizes the importance of the SIGs and the fact that we managed to go to LMIC with the conference last year in Chile and the one in Goa next year. LS comments that INEBRIA has a total of 890 members but of course the numbers of active members are much lower (see secretary report for more information). LS comments that there are 12.009 euros in the INEBRIA account and expenses were mainly, scholarships, trips and taxes. LS comments that there is finally a surplus of around 7.500 euros from Chile conference and that PN has already transferred to our bank account but still money has not arrived.

## 7. President and CC election

SA comments that there were three final candidates but Steve Ondersma declined leaving it to Malu Formigoni and Dorothy Newbury-Birch. DN is asked to leave the room when discussing the management of the election during the AGM. It is agreed to ask to both candidates to introduce themselves and explain shortly their plans for INEBRIA to the audience and to hold a secret ballot during the AGM to choose the president. MT and JM will act as vote counters. GB will manage to get a ballot box.

The CC meets again on Friday morning to discuss how to manage the tie result of the secret ballot. It is agreed to propose a shared presidency to the AGM, with Malu Formigoni and Dorothy Newbury-Birch as co-presidents, and furthermore ask the AGM 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.

## 8. 2020 conference in Goa – progress

Abhi and Urbita explain the last developments about the dates 24-25 September, the venue (NH Hotel in Goa), the scientific committee (mix between Indian and international experts). Everything is going as expected and the CC subcommittee supporting the organizers will follow properly next steps. It is agreed to do an effort to improve the participation and welcome of early career professionals. LS comments the conversations with ZK on mobilization. LS comments to Abhi the need to emphasize during the presentation to the AGM that the call for abstracts will start earlier than previous years in order to ensure that participants have enough time to get their VISAs before travelling (apparently the VISA procedure is much simple now). DN comments that she is travelling to India in March and offers the possibility to meet with the organizers. SA comments that the CC should decide on the INEBRIA Nick Heather lecture speaker.

## 9. 2021 Yearly conference (Edinburgh) and onwards

DN comments that plans are going ahead. She will follow with AH in the coming months. LS comments that the venue has already been booked.

## 10. Feedback from SIG

### a. eSIG

TG comments that the pre-conference eSIG meeting has been a success, the group meets regularly during the year, that they have been working on a roadmap by collecting opinions

from members through a survey. He thanks Paul Wallace for his work as chair of the group and comments that Helen Riper has taken over and is doing a great job.

b. ORBITAL

DN comments that the group has succeeded in finalizing the project and preparing some papers but that they have not been paying much attention to involving INEBRIA members and reporting to the network. There has been some coordination issues inside the SIG and in order to manage this, terms of reference for the SIG will be drafted.

c. Pregnancies

LS comments that the SIG on pregnancy will be launched during a meeting from 12 to 13 on Friday. That we got the interest from more or less 12 members and that they are planning to discuss the terms of reference of the group.

11. Communication: Website, google groups and social media

LS comments that we are failing on the communication side. The website is regularly updated but not the private part. Not many members (less than 70) are accessing the private part of the website. In addition, the google group is losing interest and we are not so active in twitter (only 174 followers). It is proposed to go back to producing two newsletters per year in order to communicate regularly with members and it is agreed to try to involve more people on the communication via twitter.

12. News from WHO

No news from WHO. LS comments that DR believes he should step down from the CC due to personal conflict of interests and that he will inform us on the decisions made.

13. AOB

No other business was discussed.