



Annual General Meeting

**Thursday 18th September 2014, 15:00- 16:30
Warsaw**

Notes

1. Welcome

JM welcomes everybody and explains that AGM is only for members (42 members in the room) and asks non-members to leave the room.

2. Review of notes of the AGM meeting in Roma 2013

Notes reviewed.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. President's report

The main elements of his report are highlighted in the attached presentation.

- Quarterly meetings, enlarged CC 2014-
JM comments that CC is meeting regularly every quarter and that an election for two new members to join the CC will take place today.
- Annual conferences planning & support
Developing support given to the planning of the conferences by local organisers both from the scientific and logistic perspective.
- Google group & website promotion
JM emphasized the efforts done in raising the profile of the network by promoting exchange of information and the involvement of the membership in different initiatives such as receiving reports from the working group on the alcohol industry.
- Updating of founding statutes
JM comments that minor changes were introduced in the title, goals and text in order to reflect the decisions taken in previous years.
- Relationship with WHO
JM comments that INEBRIA CC has been in touch with WHO in order to define a closer relationship but since the WHO process to define the criteria has slowed down it was agreed to place this process on hold until 2015 or 2016.
- First working group on the alcohol industry
JM also reminds audience on the formation of the Working Group to discuss the relationship with the industry and presents the main results and recommendations from the WG.
- Individual profile & activities
- Invitation for members to become involved in network

5. & 6. Secretary's and Treasure report

The main elements of her report are highlighted in the attached presentation:

- 41 new members requests (see list attached)
- All approved
- 467 google members and 222 debates
- 854 indexed articles in the database
- 9.324,67 € in the Bank Account

6. Election of Office-bearers

JM comments that everybody except himself and JbD have reached the end of their term of office. He explains to the audience that existing CC members are willing to be re-elected, and there are two new positions, so he asks for nominations and the support of the meeting for each candidate

Toni Gual is nominated by Gallus Bischof as vice-president and seconded by Nick Heather.

Joan Colom is nominated by Paul Wallace as treasurer and seconded by Anne Berman.

Lidia Segura is nominated by Bart Garmyn as secretary and seconded by Miranda Laurant.

Dag Rekve is nominated by Toni Gual as ordinary member (OM) and seconded by Joan Colom.

Richard Saitz is nominated by Niamh Fitzgerald as OM and seconded

Maristela Monteiro is nominated by Paul Seale as OM and seconded by Tom Defillet

Niamh Fitzgerald is nominated by Lidia Segura as OM and seconded by Marcin Wojnar

Sven Andreasson is nominated by Toni Gual as President elect and seconded by Joan Colom

Gallus Bischof is nominated by Niamh Fitzgerald as OM and seconded by Bart Garmyn

Emily Williams is nominated by Deborah Finnell as OM and seconded by Piero Struzzo

7. INEBRIA's relationship with the alcohol industry

JM comments that the creation of the WG was a decision made during last AGM. He thanks the members that joined it for their great contribution and he explains that few comments were received in the consultation with the membership on the documents developed by the WG.

He then explains that within the CC (June and September teleconferences) it was decided and agreed to construct a position statement (code of conduct) as a sensible tool to manage that issue. He explains that the support of the membership is essential before going ahead with this proposal, which would involve a change in the statutes.

Change to statutes votation

We got an Inebria position statement

Policy implications to be discussed in the next AGM

In favour of having a COI and acknowledge if it is supported

Members will be asked to sign the position statement and to declare the sources of funding to preserve the accuracy of the science.

A conflict of interest declaration is necessary if we have to vote this motion.

It is proposed that the position statement can be amended if the need to do so develops, as determined by the CC. He opens the floor for discussion

Right now the CC does not have a clear mandate (guidelines) on how to deal with this issue. JM congratulates the WG for the work done

The position statement is seen as good, and the definition of indirect engagement (people might be involved without even knowing that they are) was commented upon.

The need to have a definition of what exactly is research funding (from which organization e.g. social aspects) is commented upon.

Sven Andreasson comments says that he likes the statement and the bullet points. The industry is very smart in finding ways to influence and provide resources. There is an obvious conflict of interest with the industry. He supports the position statement as it stands.

Paul Seale thanks Maristela Monteiro and CC. He mentions that he was not previously aware of this matter and is concerned that it might discourage membership.

Possible issues:

- Limits of interpretation of the position statement
- Refusal of membership
- Abstracts can still be accepted if COI declared

It is suggested that the AGM delegates to the CC to decide on a case by case basis how to deal with difficult issues and to operationalize further developments.

It is noted that other organizations (e.g. ICARA) are following the INEBRIA process on this issue, and that this issue needs to be worked out carefully, as possible actions from the industry cannot be ruled out.

Nick Heather proposes to search for legal advice to have a look to the terms in order to avoid problems (what does "intention" means, etc) and confusion in the existing text.

Niamh Fitzgerald comments that it is important to establish some important principles in order to guide CC and the network on these matters.

Emily Williams comments that the position statement is too subjective; she suggests circulating it and giving time to get comments.

Paul Wallace comments that COI is a very important tool and we should have it.

Toni Gual suggests that further work on this proposal is needed and it is therefore premature to be incorporated into the statutes.

It is agreed to vote on the principle of a position statement now and to consult directly with membership on possible alterations to the text, for which comments and edits are welcomed

A vote is taken with the outcome as follows:

22 in favour

6 against

8. Plans for 2015 conference in Atlanta

Paul Seale invites everyone to join them in Atlanta and emphasized the opportunities that the city offers (baseball, coca cola museum, CDC, etc). He comments that the venue is well connected and located at walking distance from a nice shopping area.

Paul Seale comments that the main theme of the conference will be the "Interprofessional involvement" in order to recognize that not only physicians but nurses, dentists, psychologists, social workers etc. are doing SBI. He adds that the pre-conference will be devoted to SBI practice and ,therefore, the intention is to invite all professions to join them (nurses, social workers, etc). He finishes by thanking GENCAT, Mercer University and PAHO for their support to the conference.

9. Any other business

None.