

**Annual General Meeting**  
**Liberty Hotel, Boston**  
**Ballroom**

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2011, 11.00am to 12.15pm**

**Notes**

**1. Welcome**

Nick Heather welcomes everybody to the AGM 2011. He says that the agenda and the notes of the AGM 2010 in Gothenburg ad been circulated in advance. The notes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

**2. Review of notes of the AGM meeting in Gothenburg 2010**

No matters arising from the notes of last year.

**3. President's report**

Nick Heather reports on the main achievements of the year including the setting up of the google group (see presentation attached). He also makes clear that he will not be seeking re-election when his 3-year term of office expires next year.

**4& 5. Secretary's and treasurer's reports**

Lidia Segura reports on the work done by the Secretariat during the last year and also on the main figures in the accounts of the network on behalf of the Treasurer (Joan Colom). She emphasizes the importance of participating in the google group and in the bulletin (see presentations attached).

The following 58 colleagues were approved as members:

• Adkins, Rita , USA	• Noonan, Ian UK	• Karen Ingersoll, USA
• Assanangkornchai, Sawitri Thailand	• Oakley, William USA	• Dorren McMahon, Ireland
• Bertholet, Nicolas, Switzerland	• Osborne, Victoria USA	• Brian Segal, USA
• Breannaman, Laura USA	• Palfai, Tibor USA	• Caki Alves, USA
• Brown, Sally UK	• Pechey, Laura UK	• Arnold Hill, Canada
• Crunivel, Erica Brasil	• Petra, Megan USA	• Litzy Wu, USA
• Dugan, Mary USA	• Raistrick, Duncan UK	• Arina Tyurina, Russia
• Fonseca, Vince UK	• Reinholdz, Hanna Sweden	• Barbara Herbert, USA
• Gelberg, Lillian USA	• Scott, Niall UK	• Lisa Merlo,
• Gould, Sheryl USA	• Segal, Brian	
• Haren, Kriss USA		
• Higgins-Biddle, John USA		
• Hile, Matthew USA		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Johnson, Natalie Australia</li> <li>• Jung, Koo Young South Korea</li> <li>• Keehn, Barbara USA</li> <li>• Khan, Natasha S UK</li> <li>• Kypri, Kypros Australia</li> <li>• Lessem, Roslyn USA</li> <li>• Macqueen, Rod Australia</li> <li>• Madson, Michael USA</li> <li>• McGrath, Carroll USA</li> <li>• McQueen, Jean UK</li> <li>• Nehlin Gordh, Cristina Sweden</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strausburg, Jeannie USA</li> <li>• Tait, Robert Australia</li> <li>• Towers, Andy New Zealand</li> <li>• Vangsness Frisch, Jane USA</li> <li>• Veach, Laura USA</li> <li>• Wahlin, Sven Sweden</li> <li>• Yates, Rowdy Scotland, UK</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunter Woodall, USA</li> <li>• Alexis Trillo, USA</li> <li>• Craig Field, USA</li> <li>• Kirk von Sternberg, USA</li> <li>• Elisabeth Pace, USA</li> <li>• Carla Gebara, Brazil</li> <li>• Dana Seale, USA</li> <li>• Cate Whitresca, UK</li> </ul>
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#### 4 Election of Office-bearers

Nick Heather explains that, except Jim McCambridge and himself, the terms of office of CC members, have expired and that they should seek re-election if they wish to. Also Dag Rekve, Joan Colom and Lidia Segura are permanent representatives of WHO and GENCAT. He adds that Erikson Furtado and Preben Bendtsen do not wish to continue but the others would like to continue. Toni Gual is nominated as Vice-president by Leo Pas and seconded by Piero Struzzo. He is elected *nem con*.

Maristela Monteiro is nominated by Eileen Kaner and seconded by Bart Garmyn Rich Saitz is nominated by Jim McCambridge and seconded by Gallus Bischoff Niamh Fitzgerald is nominated by Jim McCambridge and seconded by Amy Alawad. They are all elected *nem con*.

#### 5 Motion to change name of network to International Network on Brief Interventions for Alcohol and Other Drug Problems (INEBRIAD)

The motion is presented and discussed before voting. Richard Saitz comments on the possibility of dropping “problems” from the name to provide a broader perspective and Eileen Kaner supports this idea

Nick Heather comments that the idea to expand to other drugs comes from the recent developments on EIBI in drugs, the ambition of INEBRIA to be able to produce our own journal, and the commonalities among alcohol and other drugs.

Paul Seale comments on the importance of clarifying if the new proposal includes tobacco and John Cunningham points out that adding tobacco would

change the acronym to INEBRIATED. This suggestion is not well received due to the inappropriateness of the resulting acronym.

Fredrik Spak comments that he has no interest in opening it to drugs and tobacco but proposes to leave it as other problems to be able to include EIBI in lifestyles. This idea is supported by Eileen Kaner.

Marko Kolsek comments that expanding to drugs will risk the logistics of conferences, making it much more difficult to manage the large number of abstract submissions.

Allaman Allamani suggests opening it to other substances instead of other problems.

Joan Colom supports the idea to keep the name (acronym) but covering other drugs only and not tobacco.

It is finally agreed that the issue be left to the CC to decide the exact wording with the approval of the members.

#### **NOTE**

**The CC, during a Skype meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December, finally agreed the following wording:**

- **International Network on Brief Interventions for Alcohol and Other Drugs**
- **The acronym will remain the same INEBRIA**
- **Logo has been changed accordingly**



This motion is accepted with no votes against.

#### **6 Motion to revise Aims and Objectives**

The revised aims and objectives (see below) are presented and Nick Heather clarifies that harmful use covers dependence.

#### **AIM**

To provide global leadership in the development, evaluation and implementation of evidence-based practice in the area of early identification and brief intervention for hazardous and harmful substance use.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

1. To share information, experiences, research findings and expertise in the area of early identification and brief intervention for hazardous and harmful substance use.
2. To promote best practice in and encourage the development of guidelines for the wide dissemination and implementation of evidence-based early identification and brief intervention for hazardous and harmful substance use.
3. To identify gaps and needs for research in the field of early identification and brief intervention for hazardous and harmful substance use, promote international research co-operation and set standards for research.
4. To promote the integration of the study of brief interventions for hazardous and harmful substance use with the wider context of measures to prevent and reduce substance-related harm.

The motion is accepted with no votes against.

### **7 Plans for 2012 conference in Barcelona**

Joan Colom presented the main elements of the conference planned in Barcelona for 26-28 of September 2012 (see also presentation).

### **8 Expansion strategy**

Jim McCambrige presented the main elements of the strategy prepared by the CC in the previous months (see also presentation).

Niamh Fitzgerald comments that it is important that every member should take part in the expansion work by spreading the word in their countries.

### **9 Any other business**

No other business.

Nick Heather closes by congratulating Rich and Amy for the significant development and landmark that the Boston conference represents for INEBRIA. He emphasizes the high quality and standards of science of all presentations.