

Annual General Meeting

Newcastle, UK,

Notes

9th October 2009, 09:00

Peter starts by thanking the local organizers for a successful conference.

1. Notes of the AGM meeting in Ribeirao Preto 2008

Peter says that the points of the last AGM were not followed up but that the list of actions agreed will be followed up from now on. There were no other matters arising from the notes of last year.

2. President's report

Peter says that there is nothing he wants to report.

3. Rotation of Coordinating Committee

Peter says that he is stepping down as president and member of the CC and adds that Nick Heather has been proposed as president. Peter says that Nick has the understanding, the knowledge and the capacity to do it. His nomination is seconded by several AGM members with no opposition and he takes over the role of president.

Nick says that Inebria is close to his heart and that he will do his best for the network.

Nick also mentions that Tom Babor is stepping down and that Jim McCambridge has been nominated. His nomination is seconded by Preben Bendtsen and Antoni Gual. Jim is then elected as member of CC.

Nick adds that in order to keep a US representative on the CC it has been proposed that Paul Seale be a co-opted member with no voting rights.

The new Co-ordinating Committee is therefore:

Nick Heather (President)

Antoni Gual (Vice-president)

Lidia Segura (Secretary)

Joan Colom (Treasurer)

Maristela Monteiro

Dag Rekve

Erikson Furtado

Preben Bendtsen

Jim McCambridge

Fredrik Spak (Local organizer)

Paul Seale (Co-opted USA representative)

4. Secretary's report

Lidia says (see secretary's final report) that the Secretariat has given support to the organization of the conference, maintained the website and the communication with members. The secretariat has also prepared an on-line membership form tool. She adds that two new newsletters were edited and that the Secretariat has been collecting indexed articles on Brief Interventions with the help of Antoni Gual. Regarding membership application, 11 new applications had been received, 3 from participants in the current conference. The list is presented and nobody opposes their acceptance. They are approved as new members.

- **Mr. Enid Watson** - Institute for Health and Recovery
- **Dr. David Brown** - University of British of Columbia
- **Dr. Lauren Broyles** - Center for Health Equity Research & Promotion
- **Ms Cathy Munro** - NHS Kirkless
- **Ms. Nicola Kerrison** - South West Essex NHS
- **Dr. Malcolm Thomas** - Effective Professional Interactions
- **Dr. Michaela Bitarello Amaral-Sabadini** - Universidade Federal de Sao Paulo
- **Mrs. Debra Carpenter** – North East Council on Addictions
- **Mrs. Bridgette Maree Bewick** – Leeds Institute of Health Sciences, University of Leeds
- **Mrs. Sarah McHardy** – Oxfordshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team

Nick thanks GENCAT for the continuing support received to maintain the Secretariat.

5. Inebria Europe (Pierluigi Struzzo)

Nick reports that the idea of Inebria Europe was proposed in Prague by some partners of the Phepa project following the initiative of Inebria Latina. He invites Pierluigi Struzzo to comment on the results of the Inebria Europe meeting that took place the day before.

Piero says that the idea was suggested in order to keep European members working together in between the Annual conference. However, it was decided, after some discussion, to leave the idea for the future, to propose instead the creation of some working commissions on specific issues and to organize a survey on-line to gather members' interests in Inebria policy options (research, education, website development, etc).

Nick concludes that the ideas proposed will be taken into consideration by the new CC and proposals will follow the conference.

6. Plans for Sweden Conference

Fredrik says that the dates have been fixed and that main aspects have been organized and agreed. He invites everyone to have a look at the announcement flyer that has been edited. He reminds participants that he will talk on the plans for the Sweden conference that later in the Conference program.

7. Plans for 2011 and subsequent conferences

Nick starts by saying that during the CC meeting the importance was discussed of becoming a global network and the importance of supporting middle- and low-income countries in implementing BI. He adds that it has been proposed to go to Bangkok in 2011 and the organization of the meeting will be in collaboration with professionals in New Zealand. He adds that some conversations have taken place already between Peter Anderson and Jane Sheridan and that CC is happy to proceed with this. The idea is supported by the AGM participants.

Nick ends by saying that, even though previous attempts failed, the CC looks to the USA to organize the meeting in 2012 and that again the US members will be approached in order to encourage this plan..

8. Any other business

Nick says that Inebria organizes good conferences but is not doing much between conferences. He adds that some ideas have arisen, like the organization of a survey among members, the development of a mailing list, etc. He finishes by saying that CC is aware of the fact that there is a need to do more and will try to do so.

Nick opens the floor to any other business and Peter reminds participants that Inebria (as a society on BI) is committed (by a Statement of Inebria to a WHO consultation with NGOs last year) to contributing to the WHO global strategy by producing two technical documents on the activities of the Health Care Sector: one from the clinical point of view (screening, guidelines, supporting materials) and one from the implementation point of view (why and how and benefits of implementing EIBI). Peter offers himself to work on the implementation one and maybe Nick can look for others to produce the clinical one. He finishes by saying that they would have to be ready by June 2010 to offer them to WHO as a guidance tool for low-income countries. Nick agrees and requests Peter's help to do them.

Nick finishes by saying that this will be a major contribution from Inebria and all present agrees with that.

The meeting closed at 09:45.