

**Meeting of Coordinating Committee**

**CaixaForum (Room 3), Barcelona  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 19:45-21:15**

**MINUTES**

## 1. Welcome and apologies

Dag Rekve apologizes for not joining. Nick Heather comments that Vladimir Poznyak commented on the possibility of involving Nico Clark instead but nothing has been said since that conversation. It is agreed to contact them again on this.

## 2. Notes of previous meeting by Elluminate, 5-7-2011

No matters arising from the notes.

## 3. Matters arising

Nick Heather reminds everyone of his decision to retire.

## 4. President's report

Nick Heather comments that:

- Boston Conference was a great success.
- Google group is a useful tool to talk to each other between conferences.
- The expansion strategy was a good step forward. There has been good progress on the membership in USA, after Boston, and in Brazil, due to INEBRIA Latina but having members from non English speaking countries and from Asia and Africa is still a challenge. In addition to that there are still some actions to be taken, especially in the area of having thematic meetings, the consolidation of South America by organizing another conference in Uruguay, Chile or Argentina and the journal.

Toni Gual reminds those present that the idea to have a journal was already explored before and that it was discarded due to the costs. The idea of publishing in an open access journal was considered instead but authors should pay themselves and INEBRIA could negotiate proper fees.

Nick Heather comments that at least INEBRIA should pursue having thematic series in a peer reviewed journal. The idea of merging with a journal and INEBRIA being associated with particular journals was also discussed as a useful way forward.

#### 5. Report of the Treasurer and the Secretariat

Lidia Segura comments that more than 150 new members' applications have been received from US and from Brazil and that we need to formally accept them during the AGM on Friday. She also comments that INEBRIA covered the expenses of the participation of INEBRIA in the WHO consultation meeting in Geneva last December and that the profit from Boston has still not been received.

Richard Saitz comments that the money will be transferred later in the year.

#### 6. Barcelona Conference

Joan Colom comments that everything is more or less under control. The main problems faced have been the very low levels of , registration from local professionals due to the economic crisis. He comments that no profit is expected (CC members and others have been waived fee) but that expenses will be covered, especially due to having facilities for free.

There is mention of the need to agree some general ideas on waiving fees for CC members for future conferences. Richard Saitz comments that CC members, especially those that have funding, should pledge not to accept support from local organizers.

Lidia Segura comments that after the problems arising during this year, it is of great importance to structure better the abstract revision process from now on. Nick Heather comments that INEBRIA members should have the right to present their work but the selection process should be clear if there are too many.

It is agreed that for next year onwards we need a working group to address abstract selection criteria and also to consider the possibility of submitting papers in Spanish and Portuguese.

#### 7. Rotation of CC members

Nick Heather reminds the meeting that he is retiring and that Jim McCambridge's period of office as a CC member is also ending.

#### 8. Plans for 2013 conference in Rome

Piero Struzzo comments that some money has been raised to organize it and they will try to contract a company to help them with the logistics. He also comments that it is a very sensitive period to get money in Italy

because there will be elections in April but they have contacted with several institutions and authorities like the President of the council of the ministries and the General Director of the antidrug policy.

It is agreed that there is no problem in liaising with the pharmaceutical industry.

Emanuele Scafato comments that they are looking into the possibility to combine the INEBRIA meeting with the National Alcohol Prevention Day and that some institutions won't provide money but will help by providing some services.

They aim for 2 and ½ days and 200 participants and they expect to have some locals.

#### 9. Expansion strategy – Jim McCambridge

Jim McCambridge comments briefly that he will review what has been done to expand the network, mainly in the area of getting new members and in the google group as part of a formal evaluation of the strategy..

Nick Heather comments that the evaluation of the expansion strategy will be the first priority for the new president.

#### 10. Any other business

None

#### 11. Date and time of next meeting

12<sup>th</sup> of December, 13h (GMT + 1)