

**Meeting of Coordinating Committee****Warsaw****Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014, 16:00-18:00**

Room 128

Medical University of Warsaw; Żwirki i Wigury 61, 02-091 Warsaw, Poland

<http://goo.gl/maps/m1meJ>1<sup>st</sup> floor (one above the ground floor)**Participants:**

Toni Gual (TG) (chair), Jim McCambridge (JMC), Lidia Segura (LS), Jean Bernard Daepfen (JBD), Niamh Fitzgerald (NF), Marcin Wojnar (MW), Paul Seale (PS), Annie Biers (AB), Shannon Murray (SM), Joan Colom and Richard Saitz (via skype).

**NOTES**Part A: Business meeting (to end not later than 17.00)

1. Welcome and apologies

TG welcomes everybody. MM and DR sent apologies.

2. Notes of previous meeting: approval and matters arising

No matters arising. Notes approved

3. Report of the President, Treasurer and the Secretariat

See slides attached.

4. Warsaw conference

Marcin Wojnar comments that everything relating to the technical programme is more or less sorted out. However He comments that PARPA colleagues are a bit concerned about the budget since from the 120 registered participants only 86 have paid the fee. LS adds that due to the limited budget the welcome reception had to be cancelled.

5. Atlanta conference

PS comments that Mercer University has already agreed to support the conference organization but the funding from CDC is not certain yet. He adds that they will try to get funding from NIDA and NIAAA GRANTS. He adds that PAHO has agreed to support the travel costs for some members of INEBRIA Latina. He explains that the conference will take place in the Marriott Buckhead on Thursday and Friday with a pre-conference the day before (Wednesday). He adds that there is a direct metro connection from Airport to the venue.

The social event is planned to be hold at the Carter Center. Some preliminary thoughts on recruitment of plenary speakers and agenda schedule are discussed.

#### 6. Election of new CC members

JM reminds CC that in the last AGM it was agreed to invite the future president of INEBRIA to join the CC one year in advance as President-Elect. He comments that he has discussed with, and will propose Sven Andreasson to take over the role, and that Sven has agreed to be nominated.

In addition, JM comments that it was agreed to expand the CC with two new members and he suggests proposing Gallus Bischof and Emily Williams, both from the group that has been working on the alcohol industry statement, to join the CC. Informal discussions with both indicate that they are happy to be nominated.

#### 7. ICARA meeting feedback

NF explained briefly her participation in the ICARA meeting representing INEBRIA. She commented that it was quite interesting and that both organizations have common areas of interest. She suggested that it might be a good idea for INEBRIA to become a member of ICARA.

#### 8. Website password protection of internal documents

It is agreed that Secretariat will investigate how best to do this, and make a proposal to CC on the best way to deal with this matter

#### 9. Any other business

JM comments that he took part in the ICBM 2014 on behalf of INEBRIA, co-sponsoring and co-chairing the Addictive Behaviors track. Despite requests for submissions, there were few abstracts from INEBRIA members. He however insisted that it is important to form closer relationships with societies such as ICBM and ICARA.

### Part B: Strategic discussions

#### 10. INEBRIA'S relationship with the alcohol industry

- Consideration of the working group report and recommendations
- Implementation decisions for CC
- AGM preparations

JM comments that a key recommendation from the working group is to avoid ("hands off") industry funding. It is agreed to present the position statement previously circulated during the AGM and ask members only (non-members will be asked to leave) to vote in support of adoption of it. It is clarified that if 2/3 of the members present will need to vote in favour of any change to the statutes as proposed. It is agreed that if it is passed, the exact wording used will have to be included in the statutes.

#### 11. INEBRIA'S relationship with the pharmaceutical industry. It was agreed to defer addressing this issue until the relationship with the alcohol industry was resolved.

#### 12. Any other strategic issues for discussion None.