

Coordinating Committee

Newcastle

Notes

Thursday, 8th October 2009

Level 1 room at 12:30 during the lunch time

Participants: Peter Anderson, Antoni Gual, Lidia Segura, Preben Bendtsen, Erikson Furtado, Fredrik Spak (2010 local organising committee) and Nick Heather (current conference organising committee)

Apologies: Joan Colom, Tom Babor, Dag Rekve and Maristella Monteiro

1. Notes of the AGM meeting in Ribeirao Preto 2008

Lidia Segura comments that nothing has been done on the initiative on the BI clearinghouse proposed by Tom Babor last year.

Peter Anderson congratulated Erikson for the meeting in Ribeirao. Erikson comments on the bilateral collaboration between PAHO and AFRO region that resulted in a meeting on BI that took place in South Africa this year and also announces the plans they have to meet again in Africa in May next year. They have the support by WHO Africa but still do not have the money to do it. He adds that help and support from INEBRIA is needed and welcomed.

Lidia Segura also comments that the Secretariat has not followed up the list of commitments that were made last year during the AGM meeting.

Peter Anderson suggests being realistic and finishing the meetings with a list of things that really can be done.

2. President's report

Peter Anderson congratulates Nick Heather for all the work done to organize the conference in Newcastle.

Peter invites Nick and Fredrik to talk about the results of the Inebria Europe meeting that took place the day before. Nick Heather comments that the model proposed for Inebria Latina does not apply yet in any way for Europe and that it has been decided to hold the idea in reserve. The main reason is that Inebria is still mainly composed of European professionals. Only if Inebria

really takes off in the near future with lot of members from USA and other sites will Inebria Europe make sense. Fredrik agreed with this.

3. Rotation of Coordinating Committee

Peter adds that he has not been able to do much during the previous year, that he ended up doing the minimum and that's the main reason why he has decided to step down as President of the CC of Inebria. He comments that Nick Heather has been proposed as president and that Nick has accepted the nomination, so Nick will be proposed as president during the AGM.

He also comments that Tom Babor has decided to step down too and that Jim McCambridge has been proposed and nominated by another Inebria member.

Peter Anderson also explains that there have been three other proposals coming from other members but nobody has nominated them: Paul Seale (USA), Janie Sheridan (NZ) and Niahm Fitzgerald (UK). Peter says that Niahm and Janie have been contacted to thank them for their interest in supporting the network and telling them that they will be kept in mind for future occasions. Peter says that Janie has been approached to ask her to help with organizing the 2011 meeting in Bangkok (Southwestern Pacific) and it looks like that there has been a positive reaction. Everyone agrees that it might be interesting to get away from North America and Europe.

Preben Bendtsen raises the importance of having someone in the CC from the USA but since there is no possibility to have another member in the CC, according to statutes, it is proposed to have any such person as a co-opted member of Inebria.

Preben Bendtsen also says that there is a need to describe better the tasks of the CC of Inebria and that he has not done anything because it was not clear to him what he had to do. Lidia mentions that tasks are described in the statutes.

4. Secretary's report

Lidia mentions that the Secretariat has given support to the organization of the conference, maintained the website and the e-mail address. Two new newsletters were edited and she has been indexing articles. Lidia agrees that not much else has been done.

The importance is again mentioned of organizing activities between meetings and that those who want to do so can do it with the help of the CC. Nick finishes saying that he commits himself to doing something between meetings.

Preben raises again the idea of the mailing list modeled on the KBS one and Toni mentions that we need to explore the best way to do it, continuously or through internet, ie, a digest once a week or once a month.

It is agreed to provide a better deal for Inebria members at annual conferences, eg, a 10% reduction in the cost of registration.

5. Plans for Sweden Conference

Fredrik says that the main aspects have been organized and agreed and that the announcement flyer has been edited. He adds that the conference will focus on large scale institutionalization of EIBI after pilot studies. It will also have a pre-conference event.

It is agreed to set up the website in January 2010 and allow 240 registered participants.

6. Plans for 2011 and subsequent conferences

Peter says that it is very important to meet in Bangkok in 2011 and that there are no other alternatives.

7. Any other business

Peter reminds participants that Inebria is committed to contributing to the WHO global strategy by producing two technical documents: one from the clinical point of view and one from the implementation point of view. Peter adds that he is mainly interested in producing 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.

The meeting closed at 13:30.