

Co-ordinating Committee Meeting Brussels 2007

Minutes

Monday 19th November
12.30-13.30

1. Notes of the Coordinating Committee meeting Lisbon 2006

Matters arising from the notes

It was noted that Joan did attend the Lisbon CC meeting.

2. Rotation of coordinating Committee (Peter Anderson)

Dr. Anderson announced his decision to step down as President during the Brazil meeting. Dr. Anderson reminded members of the rotation system established in the statutes. He reminded them that no one has asked to drop out from the CC until now but the CC, with the exception of Lidia Segura, Joan Colom from GENCAT and Dag Rekke from WHO, will have to rotate before or during the Brazil meeting in October 2008.

Dr. Anderson suggested sending a reminder sometime around June 2008 to members asking for nominations for the CC. After that a voting system will be established and the CC members nominated will have to organize the structure internally.

3. Secretary's report (Lidia Segura)

Lidia Segura updated members on the activities carried out by the Secretariat in Barcelona

- Maintenance of the website
- Edition of electronic and printed flyers for the Conference
- Dissemination of INEBRIA and mailing to members and non members
- Preparation of the official agreement between INEBRIA and GENCAT to host the Secretary
- Reception of membership forms

She added that the official number of members is 71 and that 7 new membership forms have been received during this year:

4. Financial report (Ralf Demmel)

Peter Anderson announced the resignation of Ralf Demmel as treasurer of the INEBRIA Association due to his responsibilities in the reorganization of his institution.

There are around €1000 in the INEBRIA bank account and it is agreed to transfer the money to an account in Barcelona managed by the secretary until the new treasurer is nominated.

5. INEBRIA Journal (Antoni Gual)

Dr. Gual explained the actions he had carried out exploring the possibilities for an INEBRIA journal as a result of the decisions made in the meeting in Lisbon.

Biomedcentral was contacted and their response was that due to the lack of enough EIBI publications they recommended looking for an agreement with Alcohol and Drugs Policy Journal. They also clarified that publications costs are €1000 and have to be covered by the authors but they provide all the infrastructure, free access and immediate indexing.

Following information from Erikson Furtado, the appropriateness of "Cielo", where journals are free of charge, but not indexed, was also explored but it was discarded.

The option of launching a regular bulletin was also discussed but it was noted that voluntary candidates would have to take responsibility for such a bulletin.

6. Plans for Brazil meeting 8-10 October 2008 (Erickson Furtado)

Erikson Furtado described the INEBRIA Latina initiative launched as a result of a suggestion from Maristella Monteiro from PAHO. The network of interested professionals already has 10-12 members. It has been created under the umbrella of INEBRIA with a website and a forum as main communication tools. It is agreed that members of Inebria Latina will immediately be members of Inebria International. Erikson Furtado invited everyone to visit the website that is under construction: www.inebrialatina.org and will be launched in December after the translation (in Spanish and Portuguese) problems are solved.

Erikson Furtado introduced the plan for the Brazil meeting. It will take place from the 8 to 10 of October 2008 in "Casa Grande Hotel" located in a very beautiful city of the Coast of Sao Paulo State and the hotel has offered organizers low-season prices. The place is 1hr from an International Airport and prices have been already arranged with the hotel to host the INEBRIA members. He also explained that the Conference will be supported by PAHO, the Ministry of Health, the National Secretary fighting against drugs and also by the Health Department of the Sao Paulo State. The funding figures are not clear yet. The estimated costs for the meeting are \$60,000 taking into account that the local organizers will have to cover the pre-booking with the hotel.

7. Plans for 2009 and subsequent meetings

Peter Anderson explained that Peter Miller has dropped the idea to organize the meeting in South Carolina. It was agreed to approach US colleagues to explore possibilities to have the 2009 meeting in USA.

The plan will be to come back to Europe in 2010 and then move to the east.

8. Any other business

No other matters were raised.