

**Coordinating Committee
Ribeirão Preto****Notes****9th October**

Participants: Tom Babor, Preben Bendtsen Joan Colom, Erikson Furtado, Antoni Gual, Nick Heather, Eileen Kaner and Lidia Segura.

Excused: Peter Anderson, Kaija Seppä and Dag Rekve.

Antoni Gual, acting as president, due to the absence of Peter Anderson, proposes shortening the CC meeting and just having an overview of the following issues:

- Matters arising from the current conference
- Rotation of the coordinating committee
- Plans for 2009 and 2010 meetings
- Plans for the planned AGM for tomorrow
- Any other matter

It is agreed by the participants.

Antoni excuses the absence of Peter Anderson.

1. Matters arising from the current conference

- Antoni Gual on behalf of all the CC starts by congratulating to Erikson Furtado for the great conference organization and for having brought Inebria Latina to life.
- Erikson comments on the initial difficulties in raising funding and how they were finally solved. He mentions the support received by PAHO and other Brazilian institutions that finally approved support for the conference.
- He adds that owing to VISA problems, a group of USA experts were not able to attend and that unfortunately a whole planned symposium had to be cancelled at the last minute.
- He also comments that the number of participants who have finally shown up is around 250.
- Erikson also emphasizes that the Conference is also considered as the first meeting of the Inebria Latina Network that comes under the umbrella of the Inebria Network.
- Lidia comments on the approval of new requests for membership during AGM. She reminds the CC that Inebria Latina members will also have to be approved.

CC agrees to allow participants to register as members of Inebria Latina by filling in the membership forms and to approve all new requests during the AGM.

2. Rotation of coordinating Committee

-Antoni comments that CC rotation is highly recommended but difficult. He says that only Preben Bendtsen was nominated in the call for open nominations and that Kaija Seppä will drop out of the CC.

-Nick Heather comments that he won't mind being nominated again.

-Antoni Gual welcomes this idea but there is no need to nominate him now since he is participating during this year as representative of the local organizing committee.

-He also proposes nominating Joan Colom as treasurer, to facilitate management of the Inebria budget, and nominating Maristela as Inebria official but only if she accepts and if there is no incompatibility for WHO officers (Dag and Maristela) to be on the CC of the network at the same time.

-CC agrees :

- to nominate Maristela and that Antoni Gual should approach her before the AGM

-to emphasize during AGM the importance of CC rotation

3. Plans for 2009, 2010 and subsequent meetings

Newcastle 2009

Nick Heather comments that he will give a short presentation on Newcastle Conference before the Conference closing ceremony. In summary: Conference will take place from the 8th-9th of October with a pre-conference on the 7th, Nick will be the conference chair, the scientific committee has been set up, Eileen Kaner's staff will be the scientific secretary, the venue has been decided (Baltic Center), 15,000 pounds have been raised and they have done some calculations (max 250 participants – registration fee =100 pounds) in order to fix the registration fee and make sure that there won't be any loss.

Eileen Kaner comments that they plan to focus on alcohol but to broaden the agenda to other issues.

Nick Heather comments that the committee has already meet twice and that they plan to meet again after the conference.

Goteborg 2010

Preben Bendtsen comments that they have started to look for venues in Goteborg for the beginning of September 2010 and the conference topic will be Gender Differences. He also adds that they would like to have the flyer ready for the 2009 Conference in Newcastle in order to be able to announce it properly.

Lidia Segura also adds that the permanent Secretary can support both local organizing committees on all matters related with communication, website contents, flyer edition and printing, etc.

Subsequent conferences

Antoni Gual comments that the plans for the meeting in USA had to be cancelled. He suggests that Tom Babor look at options for 2011 but if this option is not feasible it is suggested to look at the possibility of holding the conference in Australasia.

CC agrees to Antoni Gual's proposal.

4. Any other business

Antoni Gual comments that the Annual General Meeting cannot compete with other symposiums and proposes holding it from 13:30 to 14:30 after the lunch break.

Nick Heather welcomes the Inebria Latina concept and suggests supporting other regional developments. He also adds that Inebria is doing a great job but the potential of the network is higher. He comments on having additional workshops, communication tools, etc.

Tom Babor comments on the initiative of some USA colleagues to develop a virtual clearinghouse inventory on BI to gather together thought an active search all the relevant documents from all the dissemination projects running in the states and he suggests to explore options for Inebria to collaborate with him, developing a concept and making a proposal for funding from different organizations.

CC agrees that Tom Babor will contact *them* and put him in touch with Lidia Segura. He will also provide an example of protocol to be developed.

Antoni Gual finishes by thanking Erikson Furtado for inviting the CC to lunch.