

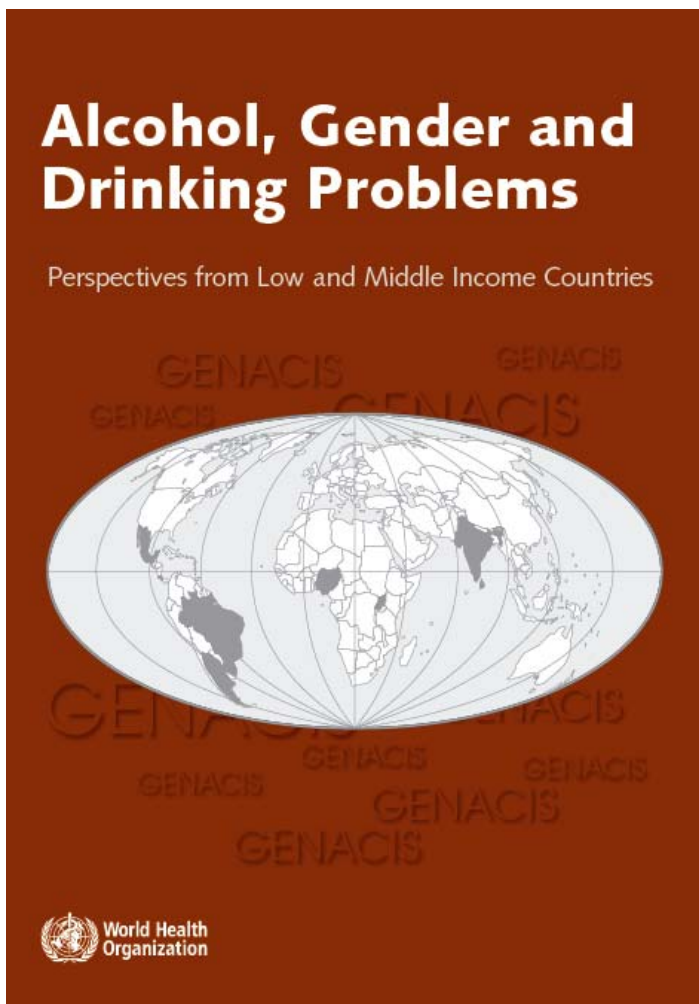
Gender, Alcohol and Culture: An International Study



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WHO/GENACIS members, from left to right: Akanidomo Ibanga, Martha Romero, Sharon Wilsnack, Myriam Munné, Vivek Benegal, Richard Wilsnack, Gerhard Gmel, Raquel Magri, and Robin Room.



GENACIS PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE OF ICELAND

Alcohol, Gender and Drinking Problems - Perspectives from Low and Middle Income Countries, edited by Isidore Obot and Robin Room, has been published by WHO. The book contains chapters reporting findings from GENACIS surveys in the WHO-funded countries. Congratulations to Isidore, Robin, and all the GENACIS study leaders who contributed chapters to the book. The book is available as a PDF file on the WHO website (http://www.who.int/substance_abuse/en/) under RECENT PUBLICATIONS. Isidore hopes to distribute copies to all GENACIS members in Maastricht.

On September 9, 2005, Hildigunnur Ólafsdóttir gave a presentation on the GENACIS project at a symposium of the Public Health Institute of Iceland. Hildigunnur provided a history and an overview of the GENACIS project and the project's aims. She also presented her work on informal controls on drinking to illustrate the kind of collaborative spirit that exists in GENACIS. Hildigunnur explained that globalization has made participation in international research projects more relevant. She pointed out that aspects of life styles, such as drinking patterns, are diffused from one culture to another and that decisions made in international forums on health and commodities have an impact on Icelandic alcohol policy.



IRGGA/GENACIS Meetings Maastricht, Netherlands Preliminary Agenda

Friday, May 26, 2006

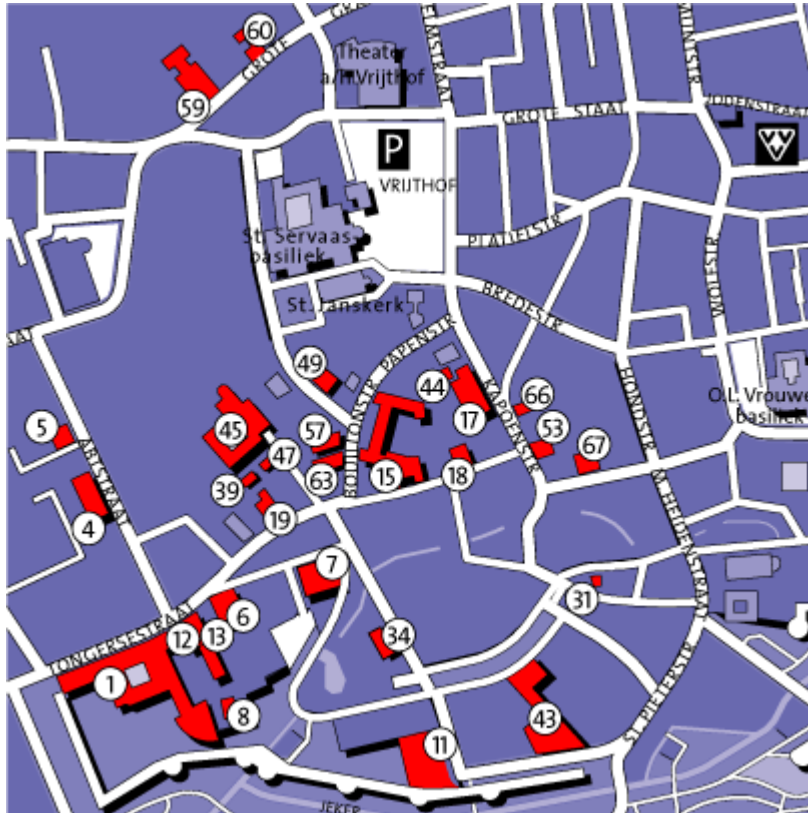
**Meeting location: Perroen-Pallierter Café-Restaurant
Vrijthof 34-35 (in the centre of Maastricht)**

9:00 – 09:45	Steering Committee Meeting		
9:45 – 10:00	GENACIS Plenary Welcome and introductions Discussion of agenda		
10:00 – 10:45	Updates: EU, WHO, PAHO, UND Format of future GENACIS workshops		
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break		
11:00 – 11:45	Plenary discussion: GENACIS Participation Guidelines		
11:45 – 12:30	Knowledge Transfer/ Capacity Building	Social Inequalities	
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break		
14:00 – 15:30	Drinking Patterns		
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break		
16:00 – 17:30	Drinking Problems		
17:30 – 19:30	Steering Committee Meeting		
Saturday, May 27, 2006			
09:00 – 10:30	Drinking Patterns	Violence	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break		
11:00 – 12:30	Partner Aggression (PAHO Book)	Societal-level Predictors	Intimacy/Sexuality
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break		
14:00 – 15:30	Drinking Problems	Health & Lifestyle	
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break		
16:00 – 17:30	GENACIS Plenary (wrap-up)		
18:30	Unofficial GENACIS group dinner (“on your own”)		
Sunday, May 28, 2006			
No GENACIS sessions			
Tuesday, May 30, 2006			
16:00 – 17:30	IRGGA Plenary (Maastricht University)		
17:30 – 19:00	Steering Committee Meeting (tentative)		

DIRECTIONS TO GENACIS WORKSHOP

May 26 – 27, 2006
Maastricht, Netherlands

The GENACIS workshop will be held at "Perroen-Pallietier Café Restaurant" at the Vrijthof 34-35 in the centre of Maastricht. The Vrijthof is the largest square right in the middle of the centre of Maastricht. As shown on the map below, the Perroen-Pallietier is on the same side of the Vrijthof as the basiliek Sint Servaas. Another relevant location is nr. 1 "Tongerse straat" where, starting Sunday, the KBS Symposium will take place. A map of Maastricht can be found at <http://www.unimaas.nl/kbs2006/images/plan%20Maastricht%20KBS.2.pdf>. Because May 26-28 is a holiday weekend in the Netherlands the university will be closed. Our thanks to Ronald Knibbe for finding this alternative site for the GENACIS workshop. For information about interesting places to visit while in Maastricht check out <http://www.vvvmaastricht.nl>.



Locations Downtown

- 01 Tongersestraat 53
- 04 Abtstraat 4
- 05 Abtstraat 2A
- 06 Tongersestraat 43
- 07 Bonnefantenstraat 2
- 08 Bonnefantenstraat 40
- 11 Zwingelput 4
- 12 Tongersestraat 51
- 13 Tongersestraat 49
- 15 Bouillonstraat 1-3
- 17 Kapoenstraat 2
- 18 Lenculenstraat 14
- 19 Tongersestraat 6
- 31 Tafelstraat 13
- 34 Looiersgracht 12
- 39 Minderbroedersberg 8
- 43 Gr. Looiersstr/Nieuwenh.str. 17
- 44 St. Jacobsstraat 14
- 45 Minderbroedersberg 4-6
- 47 Minderbroedersberg 6A
- 49 St. Servaasklooster 39
- 53 Kapoenstraat 23
- 57 Bouillonstraat 6
- 59 Grote Gracht 90-92
- 60 Grote Gracht 82
- 63 Bouillonstraat 8-10
- 66 Kapoenstraat 7
- 67 Witmakersstraat 10



FLORENCE KERR-CORRÊA AND COLLEAGUES RECEIVE AWARD

The paper, "Differences in Drinking vs Abstinence between Men and Women in Two Communities of São Paulo State, Brazil " by Florence Kerr-Corrêa, Andrea Hegedus, Adriana Tucci, Luzia Trinca, Ligia Regina Sansigolo Kerr-Pontes, Tricia Feitosa Floripes, and Janaina Barbosa Oliveira, received the Brazilian Alcohol and Drugs Association Award at the XVII ABEADD Congress in Ouro Preto, Minas Gerais, in September. On behalf of all GENACIS members, we congratulate our Brazilian colleagues on this prestigious award.

LUDEK KUBICKA SYMPOSIUM PAPERS PUBLISHED

The papers presented at the 2003 KBS symposium honoring Ludek Kubicka (**Social Change and Gendered Drinking: A Symposium in Honour of Ludek Kubicka**) were published in the December, 2005, issue of *Addiction*. They included an introduction by Sharon Wilsnack (**Honouring Ludek Kubicka: An introduction to the symposium**); papers by Marja Holmila and Kirsimarja Raitasalo (**Gender differences in drinking: Why do they still exist?**), Kim Bloomfield and colleagues (**Developments in alcohol consumption in reunited Germany**), Jacek Moskalewicz and colleagues (**Gender-specific mortality associated with alcohol consumption in Poland in transition**), and Myriam Munné (**Alcohol and the economic crisis in Argentina: Recent findings**); and discussant comments by Robin Room (**Social change and gendered drinking: Learning from differential changes in times of crisis**). Ludek expressed his pleasure and appreciation when the papers were published.

GENACIS PAPER SCHEDULE

GENACIS members will present a number of papers at KBS 2006. This list gives the titles and presentation times for papers authored or co-authored by GENACIS members. For papers with multiple authors, only the GENACIS member's name is given. Many of these papers use GENACIS data.

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2006:

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Ronald Knibbe: Differences between France and the Netherlands in the association of adolescent substance use with peer group and deviancy.

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Guillermina Natera: Methodological challenges to be considered when proposing an intervention for indigenous families.

Marja Holmila: Studying community action projects: research approaches and the role of researchers in three major projects in Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Hervé Kuendig: Risk relationship between alcohol use and type and severity of trauma.

Moira Plant: Marriage, cohabitation, and alcohol consumption: An international exploration.

Sandra Kuntsche: Gender and cultural differences in the link between social roles and alcohol use patterns in industrialized countries.

Alexjandro Lobo: Research and practice: Who cross the bridge first? The relevance and need of professional prevention practitioners in Latin America.

Siri Hettige: Science, religion and alcohol control in Sri Lanka.

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl: Alcohol and drug policy as generation policy.

Ann Hope: Changes in Irish drinking patterns: Has the penny dropped?

Zofia Mielecka-Kubien: Estimation of life tables parameters for alcoholics based on standardized mortality ratio.

Salme Ahlström: Substance abuse among elderly women: A review of the literature.

Giora Rahav: Gender differences in alcohol consumption and in personality: A country level comparison.

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Robin Room: Contexts of drinking in different Nordic areas, and the effects on them of changes in availability.

Pia Mäkelä: Changes in volume of drinking after changes in alcohol taxes and travellers' allowances: Results from a panel study.

Myriam Munné: Alcohol in Argentinian newspapers: A case of public concern?

IRGGA/GENACIS PAPER SCHEDULE (continued)

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2006:

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Jason Bond: Changes in drinking among emerging adults (ages 18-25) in the US from 1995 to 2005.

Tom Greenfield: Revisiting self-report measures of intoxication and so-called binge drinking: Results from the 2005 U.S. national alcohol survey (NAS11).

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Kim Bloomfield: The relationship of social capital to risky drinking in the Danish general population.

Jan Joosten: The association between separation or divorce and partner violence: A multi-national gender comparison.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2006:

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Zsuzsanna Elekes: What do we think about drinking?

Sturla Nordlund: What is alcohol abuse?

Maria Abrahamson: Two Swedish generations' social representations of alcohol and drugs.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2006:

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Paula Dias: Looking for alcohol expectancies and beliefs among college students.

Ludwig Kraus: The relationship of alcohol expectancies to patterns of alcohol consumption in drinkers of the German general population.

Meir Teichman: 'Ego identity' of adolescent children of alcoholics.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2006 (continued):

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Sharon Wilsnack, Kim Bloomfield (Tonda Hughes, presenter): Sexual orientation and alcohol use: A multi-national perspective.

Elin Bye: Drinking pattern and alcohol related aggression among adolescents: A comparative analysis.

Ladislav Csémy: Alcohol consumption and mental health in Prague university students.

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Alexandra Bogren, Arlinda Kristjanson, Sharon Wilsnack: The relationship between sexuality-related alcohol expectancies and drinking across cultures.

Karin Helmersson Bergmark: Pleasures of drinking – a cross-cultural perspective.

Heli Mustonen: Associations between perceptions of alcohol-related risks, drinking pattern, and negative experiences of own alcohol use.

Irmgard Vogt: Alcoholic mothers and their feelings toward their children.

Raquel Magri: Alcohol and other drugs consumption during pregnancy.

Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm (Jeff Holm, presenter): Drinking patterns, tobacco use, and health outcomes in Northern Plains American Indians.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2006:

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Kate Graham: Gender, alcohol consumption and partner aggression: A cross-national comparison.

Sharon Bernards: The association between separation or divorce and partner violence: A multi-national gender comparison.

Adrianna Tucci: Partner aggression, alcohol consumption, and gender: An analysis of the first 462 respondents from the GENACIS project, Brazil.

Rogers Kasirye: Gender disparities: Alcohol consumption and its consequences. A case of Uganda.

WEBSITES

IRGGA/GENACIS project:

(<http://www.med.und.nodak.edu/depts/irgga/>).

GENACIS site at SIPA:

<http://www.genacis.org>

KBS website:

<http://www.arg.org/kbs>

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