

Gender, Alcohol and Culture: An International Study



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2009 GENACIS Workshop, Copenhagen, Denmark

The 2009 GENACIS Workshop in Copenhagen was a very interesting and well-attended meeting. We hope that you will join us in Lausanne, Switzerland, to see old friends and meet new colleagues. Help us create another memorable GENACIS group photo!

18TH ANNUAL GENACIS WORKSHOP

Please join us for the 18th Annual GENACIS Workshop in Lausanne, Switzerland, May 29-30, 2010, at the Hotel Alpha Palmiers (Rue du Petit-Chêne 34, CH-1003 Lausanne).



In Memory of Martin Plant 1946 -2010

We were all saddened to learn of Martin Plant's passing on March 16, 2010. His memorial service was on March 25. At the suggestion of his loving wife Moira, many GENACIS members and friends met in outdoor settings to remember Martin at the exact time of his service in Bristol, UK.

Moira asked that there not be a KBS memorial for Martin until next year at the 2011 KBS meeting in Melbourne, Australia. Her wishes are being respected. However, informally several GENACIS members have expressed the desire to take a few minutes at the GENACIS workshop in Lausanne to share memories of Martin and send warm thoughts and love to Moira in Bristol. If you would like to share memories or photographs of Martin, please bring them with you or send them to Arlinda Kristjanson at akristja@medicine.nodak.edu. We will include them in a PowerPoint presentation and give the pictures and messages to Moira and Emma, their daughter.



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SOCIAL AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL RESEARCH ON ALCOHOL

INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON ALCOHOL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND POLICY

*"Alcohol Epidemiology and Evidence - based Policy : Translating
Research into Effective Prevention, Treatment and Policy"*

November 15 - 18, 2010
Kampala, Uganda



Information: <http://kbsthematic2010.musph.ac.ug>
Location: Speke Resort Munyonyo
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: July 15th, 2010



KBS Thematic Meeting to be held in Kampala, Uganda

We are proud and excited that GENACIS members Nazarius M. Tumwesigye, Rogers Kasirye, and their colleagues at Makerere University School of Public Health have organized a KBS Thematic Meeting on alcohol epidemiology and policy to be held November 15-18, 2010. The meeting will be held at the Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort, on the shores of Lake Victoria near Kampala. The meeting will be the first-ever inter-continental alcohol research conference held in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The program will include opening remarks by the Prime Minister of Uganda, Apolo Nsibambi, and invited presentations by Thomas Babor and Isidore Obot. GENACIS is a co-sponsor of the meeting, and members of the GENACIS R01 Consortium (Sharon Wilsnack, Kim Bloomfield, Gerhard Gmel, Kathryn Graham, Thomas Greenfield, Robin Room, and Richard Wilsnack) will present several papers in a November 17 plenary session. The deadline for abstracts is July 15. Information on registration, accommodations, and tourist information can be found at:
<http://kbsthematic2010.musph.ac.ug>

You may want to consider spending a few extra days in Uganda to see the mountain gorillas or to go whitewater rafting on the Nile. There are many other tours available, including a three-day visit to Queen Elizabeth National Park.

KBS PAPERS BY GENACIS MEMBERS

GENACIS members and friends will present a number of papers at KBS 2010. This list gives the titles and presentation times for papers authored or co-authored by GENACIS members and friends (bold type). Many of these papers use GENACIS data.

Monday, 31 May 2010

11:30 – 13:00

Track A1 - Bambou

Environmental risk factors associated with barroom "hotspots." **Kathryn Graham, Sharon Bernards, D. Wayne Osgood, Samantha Wells**

The Alcohol and Assault Comparative Research Project: Availability and assault in Ireland and the United States. Robert Nash Parker, **Ann Hope**, Norman Giesbrecht

Track B - Matterhorn

Do motives predict drinking or does drinking predict motives? A crossed-lagged longitudinal structural equation model of drinking motives and adolescent alcohol use. Karen Schelleman- Offermans, **Ronald Knibbe**, Emmanuel Kuntsche

Track C2 - Monte Rosa

Prevention alcohol policies and unplanned determinants related to alcohol consumption changes in Europe (1960s-2000s). **Allaman Allamani**, Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl, Zsuzsanna Elekes, **Gerhard Gmel**, Beatrice Annaheim, Toni Gual

Track D - Eiger

Alcohol screening in older males: Population-based survey in metropolitan São Paulo, Brazil. Janaina B. Oliveira, Jair L.F. Santos, **Florence Kerr-Corrêa, Maria C.P. Lima**

Senior drug dependents in Germany: Review of their life situation. **Irmgard Vogt**

Alcohol and generations: Italian and Finnish drinking culture as a paradigm of drinking changes. **Franca Beccaria**, Sara Rolando, Christoffer Tigerstedt, Jukka Törrönen, Franco Prina

Alcohol related mortality and morbidity among elderly Finnish population. A growing alcohol problem? **Salme Ahlström, Pia Mäkelä**

14:30 – 16:00

Track A1 - Monte Rosa

A multi-country study of variation in the relationship between alcohol consumption and alcohol-related problems: Results from the GENACIS Project. **Jason Bond, Thomas Greenfield**

Adverse consequences of drinking: A country-level analysis. **Giora Rahav**

Perceptions of addictions in relation to other societal problems in Canada, Sweden, Finland and Russia. Kari Holma, **Kirsimarja Raitasalo**, John Cunningham, Jan Blomqvist, Irina Pervova, Anja Koski-Jännes

Track D - Bambou

Alcohol outlet density, levels of drinking and alcohol-related harm in New Zealand: A national study. **Jenny Connor, Kypros Kypri**, Melanie Bell, Kimberly Cousins

Monday (continued)

16:30 – 18:00

Track A1 - Monte Rosa

Tobacco and alcohol consumption during pregnancy. Survey and a third biomark. **Raquel Magri**, Monica Suarez, Hugo Miguez, Joseph Jones, Rosemarie Rios, Hector Suarez

Track C2 - Matterhorn

"Please drink responsibly"- A comparison of social drinking indicators and low-risk drinking guidelines. Norman Giesbrecht, Samantha Cukier, **Thomas K. Greenfield**

The basis for Canada's new low risk drinking guidelines: A relative risk approach to estimating hazardous levels of patterns of alcohol use. Tim Stockwell, Peter Butt, Doug Beirness, Louis Glickman, **Florence Kellner**, Catherine Paradis

Track D - Eiger

Attitudes to drinking among abstainers, frequent and heavy episodic drinkers: findings from the Australian GENACIS study. **Sharon Matthews, Paul Dietze, Robin Room**, Damien Jolley, Tanya Chikritzhs

Tuesday, 1 June 2010

9:00 – 10:30

Plenary - Bambou

Has the boozing Finn been tamed? Changes in the relationship between drinking, intoxication and alcohol-related harm in Finland in the past 40 years. **Pia Mäkelä**

10:30 – 12:00

Track A2 - Eiger

Gender, alcohol and psychotropics in the Swedish media: A discourse analysis of newspaper debate from the 21st century. **Alexandra Bogren**

Track B - Matterhorn

Prevalence of hazardous alcohol use (binge drinking) among high school students of a Brazilian town. Daniel Costa, **Maria Christina Lima, José Manoel Bertolote, Florence Kerr-Corrêa**

Changes in hospital admissions for alcoholic intoxications after restricting hours of off-premise sales in the canton of Geneva, Switzerland. **Matthias Wicki, Gerhard Gmel**

Track C1 - Monte Rosa

Collaboration between addiction treatment and child welfare fields: A Canadian context. **Laurie Drabble, Nancy Poole**

13:30 – 15:00

Track A1 - Matterhorn

Per capita alcohol consumption and IHD mortality in a panel of US states from 1950 to 2002. William Kerr, **Yu Ye**, Meenakshi Subbaraman

Track C2 - Monte Rosa

The intricate of alcohol marketing in a developing world: A case for Uganda. **Kasirye Rogers**

Tuesday (continued)

15:30 – 17:00

Track B - Matterhorn

Co-occurring substance use: An analysis of risk profiles among university students. **Sylvia Kairouz, Louise Nadeau, Tsevelina Mihaylova, Marc-Antoine Côté-Marcil**

Track C2 - Monte Rosa

Did recent tobacco control efforts in Germany have an effect on smoking behaviour? **Stephanie Müller, Daniela Piontek, Ludwig Kraus, Alexander Pabst**

Track D - Eiger

Alcohol consumption and social inequality at individual and country level: Results from the GENACIS study. **Ulrike Grittner, Sandra Kuntsche, Kim Bloomfield**

Wednesday, 2 June 2010

8:30 – 10:00

Track A1 - Matterhorn

CSA severity as a potential factor in heightened risk for hazardous drinking: A comparison of lesbian and heterosexual women. **Tonda Hughes, Sharon Wilsnack, Arlinda Kristjanson**

A cross-national comparison of sexual victimization, alcohol consumption and partner aggression. **Akanidomo Ibanga, Sharon Wilsnack, Sharon Bernards, Kathryn Graham, Myriam Munné**

Track D - Bambou

Alcohol harms, pressures to drink less and considering seeking help: A cross-national multilevel GENACIS analysis. **Thomas K. Greenfield, Jason Bond, Ronald Knibbe, Robin Room, Hildigunnur Ólafsdóttir, Madhabika B. Nayak, Sarah C. M. Roberts**

Patterns of informal pressure to drink less or more: A crossnational comparison. **Robin Room, Thomas Greenfield, Jason Bond, Jason Ferris, Marja Holmila**

Who suggests drinking less? Demographic and national differences in informal social controls on drinking. **Paul Dietze, Robin Room, Jason Ferris**

10:30 – 12:00

Track A2 - Bambou

Cluster effects in alcohol consumption models. **Nazarius Mbona Tumwesigye**

How do drinkers rationalize and control their drinking? **Petri Huhtanen, Kirsimarja Raitasalo**

Wednesday (continued)

10:30 – 12:00

Track B - Monte Rosa

Enforcement of regional bans on tobacco sales to minors in Switzerland - Example of missed opportunity? **Hervé Keundig**

Thursday, 3 June 2010

8:30 – 10:00

Plenary - Bambou

Early onset of heavy episodic drinking and elevated risks of psycho-social problems in young adulthood. **Ingeborg Rossow, Paul Lemmens, Emmanuel Kuntsche**

10:30 – 12:00

Track A1 - Matterhorn

Gateway revisited - Testing the effects of antecedent cannabis use on tobacco and risky alcohol use in Danish Longitudinal Study. **Matthias Wicki, Kim Bloomfield, Gerhard Gmel**

Track B - Bambou

Invisible victims or competent agents: Opinions and ways of coping among children of problem drinking parents. **Marja Holmila, Maritta Itäpuisto, Minna Ilva**

Track D - Monte Rosa

Utilization of alcohol use disorders identification test (AUDIT) among Chinese populations: A literature review. **Qing Li, Xiaoming Li, Xinguang Chen, Bonita Stanton**

Relationship of age and gender with alcohol use disorders and high risk drinking patterns in the developed and developing countries: A neglected issue? **Prasanth De Silva, Thomas K. Greenfield**

Public policy and alcohol in Sri Lanka: Rhetoric and reality. **Siri Hettige**

13:30 – 15:00

Track D - Bambou

Drinking cultures and social occasions: Alcohol harms in the context of major public holidays, sporting and cultural events. **Belinda Lloyd, Michael Livingston, Sharon Matthews**

15:30 – 17:00

Track A2 - Bambou

Missed and misclassification - 30 day versus 12-month alcohol consumption measures: Results from the 2005 US National Alcohol Survey. **Lorraine Midanik, Yu Ye, Thomas Greenfield, William Kerr**

Track D - Monte Rosa

Internet gambling and alcohol use among university students: The case of poker players. **Tsvetelina Mihaylova, Sylvia Kairouz**

Co-occurring drinking and gambling practices in the population of undergraduate university students. **Louise Nadeau, Sylvia Kairouz, Tsvetelina Mihaylova, Marc-Antoine Côté-Marcil**

Friday, 4 June 2010

10:00 - 11:00

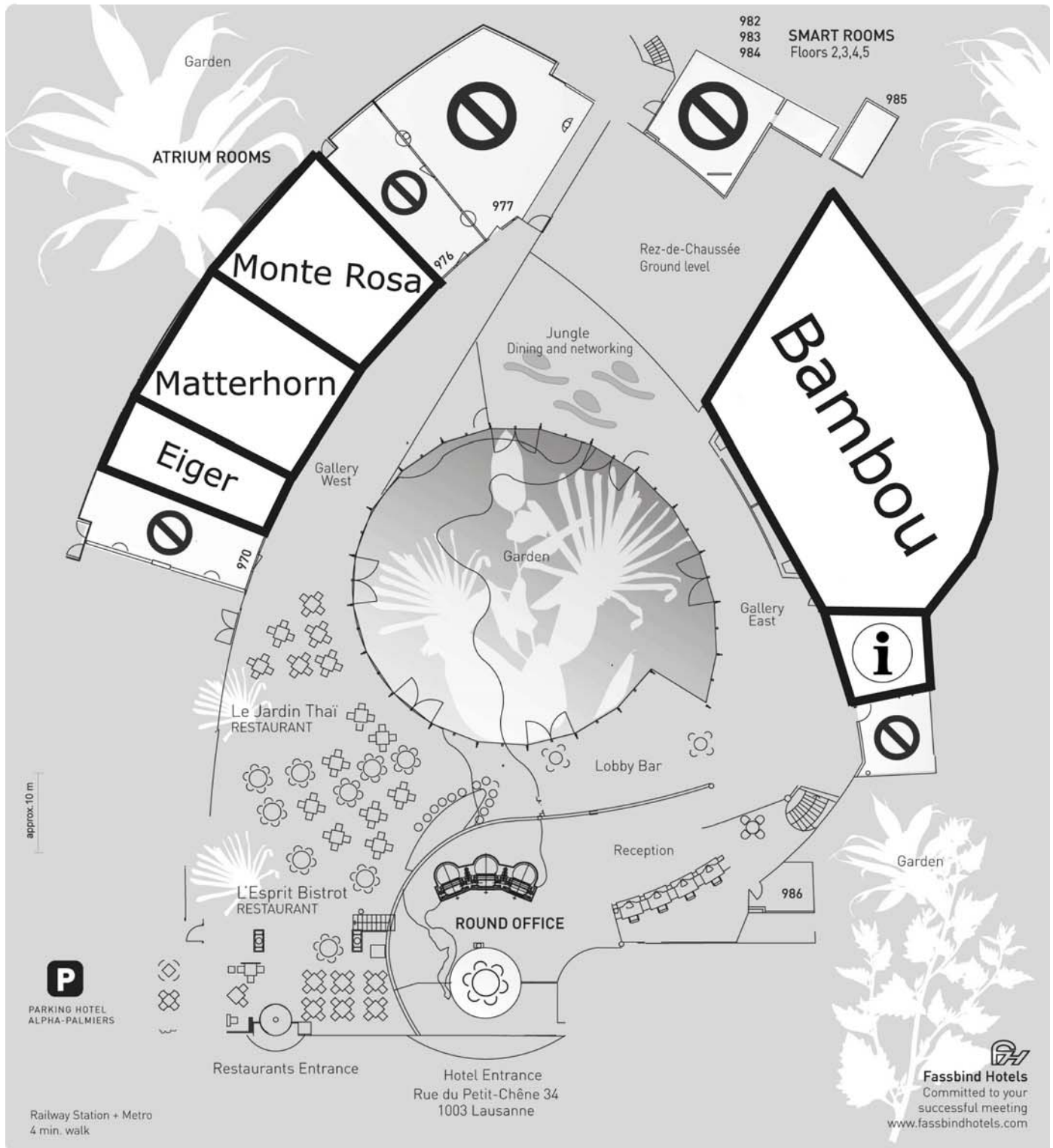
Plenary - Bambou

Does simply answering questions on drinking behaviour introduce bias in trials? A systematic review. **Jim McCambridge, Kypros Kypri**

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2010 GENACIS Workshop

Lausanne, Switzerland

Preliminary Agenda

Saturday, May 29 – Hotel Alpha Palmiers (Matterhorn Meeting Room)
Rue du Petit-Chêne 34, CH-1003 Lausanne

09:00 – 10:30	Plenary 1 Welcome and introductions (Sharon Wilsnack) GENACIS database update (Sandra Kuntsche, Gerhard Gmel) PAHO/GENACIS Valencia Project (Maristela Monteiro) Tribute to Martin Plant: GENACIS remembers Martin
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Plenary 2: GENACIS Produces Recent GENACIS publications (Sharon Wilsnack) Recommended aggregate-level variables (Matthias Wicki & Ulrike Grittner) Problem consequences by gender and country (Kathryn Graham) Use of GENACIS data by outside organizations (Gerhard Gmel)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 14:45	Plenary 3: WHO Global Alcohol Strategy (Maristela Monteiro)
14:45 - 15:30	Paper Groups “Challenges and rewards” paper group (2009 presenters & Isidore Obot) Informal social control/Drinking contexts (Robin Room/Tom Greenfield) Predicting aggregate-level alcohol problems (Giora Rahav et al.)
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	Paper Groups (continued)
19:00	GENACIS group dinner Café Romand Place Saint-François 2, 1003 Lausanne

Sunday, May 30 – Hotel Alpha Palmiers

09:00 – 10:30	Plenary 4 The Nordic Tax Study: Overview and Implications (Robin Room, Pia Mäkelä, Gerhard Gmel)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Plenary 5: Wrap-up and future directions
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 16:00	R01 Consortium Meeting
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:30	R01 Consortium Meeting (continued)

Tuesday, June 1 – Hotel Alpha Palmiers

17:30 – 19:00	IRGGA/GENACIS Plenary
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Vivek Benegal, Julio Bejarano, and Martha Romero discuss results from their collaborative paper in Copenhagen.

“Challenges and Rewards” Paper Group to Meet in Lausanne

Last year’s GENACIS workshop in Copenhagen featured presentations by members from Africa, Asia, and Latin America who discussed their experiences conducting GENACIS surveys. They described some of the special challenges they confronted, solutions they discovered, and lessons learned for future research. The presentations were very interesting, and presenters and audience members agreed that the material presented would make a good publication. At this year’s workshop in Lausanne, the “challenges and rewards” group will meet to further develop plans for the publication. Isidore Obot has agreed to work with the group on this paper. Isidore’s extensive publishing experience, including his position as Editor-in-Chief of the African Journal of Drug and Alcohol Studies, make him an ideal advisor and collaborator for this project. Isidore commented, “Not only will a publication of this nature benefit the GENACIS group as a whole, it will be of immense value to other struggling researchers in less-developed countries in particular.” Other members collaborating on the paper are Julio Bejarano, Vivek Benegal, Akan Ibanga, Rogers Kasirye, Florence Kerr-Corrêa, Maria Lima, Raquel Magri, Myriam Munné, Martha Romero, and Nazarius Tumwesigye.

Lausanne Workshop to Include Overview of Nordic Tax Study

In 2003 and 2004 taxes were reduced on alcohol purchases in Denmark and Finland, and alcohol availability increased in the Nordic EU member states as travellers’ limits on alcohol imports were abolished. Since 2001 Robin Room and colleagues (including GENACIS members Kim Bloomfield, Pia Mäkelä, Matthias Wicki, and Gerhard Gmel) have investigated how alcohol consumption and related problems in Denmark, Finland, and southern Sweden were affected by these changes, using northern Sweden as a control site for comparisons. The data for the Nordic Tax Study came from annual cross-sectional surveys conducted in Denmark, Finland, and Sweden from 2003 to 2006. During the Sunday morning plenary session of the GENACIS workshop, Robin, Pia, and Gerhard will present an overview of the study and will discuss how and why observed changes in reported alcohol consumption and problems differed from the expected effects of easier access to alcohol at lower prices.

Interested in more information about the Nordic Tax Study?

For workshop participants wanting more background on the Nordic Tax Study, recent articles are:

P. Mäkelä et al. (2007). Changes in volume of drinking after changes in alcohol taxes and travellers’ allowances. Addiction, Vol. 103, pp. 181-191.

R. Room et al. (2009). Explaining change and stasis in alcohol consumption. Addiction Research and Theory, Vol. 17, pp. 562-576.

K. Bloomfield et al. (2010). Changes in alcohol-related problems after alcohol policy changes in Denmark, Finland, and Sweden. Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs, Vol. 71, pp. 32-40.

Important Reminder to Paper Authors

Please remember that first authors of all GENACIS papers must send a draft of that paper, prior to submission for publication, to all survey leaders whose data are used in that paper. Survey leaders will have one month to review the paper and send any comments to the first author. Should any disagreements arise that cannot be resolved by the paper authors and survey directors, these should be brought to the GENACIS R01 Consortium for discussion. Significant disagreements may be mentioned in a footnote in the paper. Please review frequently these and other authorship guidelines, which are posted on the UND GENACIS website (<http://www.med.und.nodak.edu/depts/irgga>).

Maristela Monteiro to Report on PAHO-Valencia Project

The government of Valencia, Spain, has provided funding to PAHO for new alcohol research and policy development in six Latin American countries: Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama. Maristela will present an overview of the PAHO-Valencia Project at a Saturday morning plenary session in Lausanne. GENACIS involvement in the project to date includes development of a GENACIS Tips manual (authored by Gerhard Gmel, Sandra Kuntsche, and Mariana Astudillo, assisted by Arlinda and Sharon) that offers guidelines for conducting GENACIS surveys, based on experience gained in earlier surveys. The Tips manual was used in a training workshop in Miami, Florida, in September 2009 for representatives from the Dominican Republic and Panama. Maristela led the workshop, assisted by Sharon, Arlinda, Myriam Munné, and Ben Taylor of CAMH. Sharon, Ben, and Arlinda provided training for the Guyana GENACIS survey at workshops in Georgetown, Guyana, in November 2009 and April 2010. Myriam will conduct interviewer training for the Dominican Republic GENACIS survey later this summer.

Upper right: Miami Training Workshop, September 9-11, 2009.

Lower right: Guyana Interviewer Training Workshop, April, 7-8, 2010.



PLEASE USE UPDATED ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS STATEMENT

It is important that we all use the standard GENACIS acknowledgements statement in our publications, so that all major funding sources for the GENACIS project are accurately acknowledged. The acknowledgements statement was updated about one year ago, and the updated statement is on the UND GENACIS website. There is an MS Word version of the statement that can be copied directly from the website. You can access the statement through a link on the home page of the GENACIS website. There is also a link to a list of study directors and funding sources so that you can acknowledge these for each country used in your analyses.

If there are any questions about the acknowledgements statement, please contact Arlinda or Sharon.

GENACIS Acknowledgements Statement

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Lausanne is scenically located on the shores of Lake Geneva.

LAUSANNE ATTRACTIONS

There are many things to see and do in Lausanne. Here are links from the KBS 2010 website for restaurants to visit, sightseeing suggestions, and entertainment spots for gathering with friends. The last link provides a brief history of Lausanne.

<http://www.kbs2010.ch/docs/restaurants.pdf>

<http://www.kbs2010.ch/docs/sightseeing.pdf>

<http://www.kbs2010.ch/docs/sightseeing.pdf>

<http://wikitravel.org/en/Lausanne>



Lausanne is built on the hillside, so don't forget to bring comfortable walking shoes.

GENACIS GROUP DINNER SATURDAY, MAY 29

The annual GENACIS group dinner will be at Café Romand (<http://www.caferomand.com/>) at 7:00 p.m. Saturday. The restaurant, located in the city centre, is well-known and serves traditional Swiss dishes. As usual, the dinner will be informal and financed “on-your-own.” Thank you to Sandra Kuntsche for arranging the dinner reservation!



Café Romand
Place Saint-François 2, 1003 Lausanne

WEBSITES

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

GENACIS site at SIPA:
<http://www.genacis.org>

KBS website:
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