2010 GENACIS Workshop, Lausanne, Switzerland

The 2010 GENACIS Workshop in Lausanne was another interesting and productive meeting, with about 40 participants attending. We hope that you can join us down-under in Melbourne, Australia, for the 2011 GENACIS workshop. Help us create another memorable GENACIS group photo!

19TH ANNUAL GENACIS WORKSHOP

Please join us for the 19th Annual GENACIS Workshop, in Melbourne, Australia. The GENACIS Workshop will be held at Turning Point Alcohol & Drug Centre, 54-62 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy, on Saturday, April 9. Please note that the workshop will not be held at the same location as the KBS Symposium which will be held at the CQ Functions Centre, 113 Queen Street, in Melbourne (see map on page 8).
KBS Thematic Meeting held in Kampala, Uganda

On November 15-18, 2010, GENACIS members Nazarius Tumwesigye, Rogers Kasirye, and their colleagues at Makerere University School of Public Health hosted a highly successful KBS thematic meeting. Held at the beautiful Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort on the shores of Lake Victoria near Kampala, the meeting was the first-ever intercontinental alcohol research conference held in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The conference – titled “Alcohol Epidemiology and Evidence-Based Policy: Translating Research into Effective Prevention, Treatment, and Policy” -- received funding from WHO Africa, Nordic foundations FORUT and IOGT, and GENACIS. The conference had 150 participants from 22 countries, with more than 100 participants from African countries. GENACIS members Kate Graham, Arlinda Kristjanson, Isidore Obot, Moira Plant, Robin Room, and Sharon Wilsnack served on the conference’s international advisory committee.

Plenary addresses were presented by Thomas Babor (on evidence-informed alcohol policies in the African context) and Isidore Obot (on alcohol and Africa in the 21st Century). Sharon Wilsnack moderated a plenary session on GENACIS research with papers by Kim Bloomfield, Kate Graham, Tom Greenfield, and Akan Ibanga. Moira Plant provided summary comments at the end of the session. Other GENACIS members presenting papers during the meeting were Sharon Bernards, Jason Bond, Marja Holmila, Pia Mäkelä, Myriam Munné, Robin Room, and Richard Wilsnack. Marja Holmila also presented a workshop on qualitative alcohol research (see story below).
GENACIS GROUP INVITED TO BARBECUE DINNER
WITH ROBIN AND GRETCHEN
FRIDAY, APRIL 8

On Friday night (5:30 p.m.) before the GENACIS workshop starting Saturday morning, Robin Room and Gretchen Thomas have invited the GENACIS group to a barbecue dinner -- or we should say “barbie”? That’s barbie with a lower-case b, as in “put another shrimp on the barbie.” The Greek-flavored barbecue will be cooked by Robin and Gretchen’s neighbor, a professional chef. The gathering will be held in Gary Owen Park (on Leicester Street), across from Robin and Gretchen’s home (see A above: Unit 5, 25-33 Rose Street, Fitzroy). Thank you to Robin and Gretchen for this kind invitation!

(Please see additional directions on page 9.)

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR IN STAVANGER!!

We are sorry that many long-term and active GENACIS members will not be able to attend the meetings in Melbourne. Some members can not attend due to competing academic commitments and several because of personal reasons. In addition, because three GENACIS/KBS meetings (Lausanne, Kampala, and Melbourne) were held during the same budget year of the GENACIS R01 grant, the grant was not able to offer the same level of travel support to Melbourne as in past years. We will miss all members who are unable to come to Melbourne, and we hope to see many of you next year in Stavanger, Norway.

CONGRATULATIONS,
PROFESSOR BLOOMFIELD!

Kim Bloomfield has been promoted to Full Professor at Aarhus University in Copenhagen. Her appointment as Full Professor began February 1, 2011. Kim will present her inaugural lecture on June 9. Congratulations, Professor Bloomfield!

ELECTIONS HELD FOR KBS OFFICERS
AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Congratulations to KBS President-elect Franca Beccaria and Vice President-elect Mats Ramstedt. They will take office at the business meeting of the KBS symposium in Melbourne. The out-going KBS President is GENACIS member Kathryn Graham and out-going Vice President is Christoffer Tigerstedt.

Congratulations to newly-elected Coordinating Committee members Matilda Hellman, Michael Livingstone, Petra Meier, and especially our own GENACIS members Jason Bond and Nazarius Mbona Tumwesigye. GENACIS members are proud to be so well represented on the KBS executive committee.
MARJA HOLMILA PRESENTS WORKSHOP IN KAMPALA

Marja Holmila presented a workshop titled “Qualitative Methods in Alcohol Research” at the KBS thematic meeting in Kampala, Uganda. The workshop was held on the afternoon of the last day of the conference, November 18.

The conference organizers invited Marja to give a general overview of the use of qualitative methods in the field of social alcohol research. Her presentation dealt with the paradigms and perspectives of qualitative research, including how to plan a study, aspects of obtaining funding, data collection, ethical considerations, analyzing data, and writing up the study.

The workshop was presented to a standing-room-only crowd of more than 30 people. Most participants had experience using qualitative methods and doing field research, particularly thematic interviewing. Many of the studies they conducted dealt with difficult issues such as violence, family relationships, and alcohol and drug use. The group spent three intensive hours discussing various aspects of qualitative research. Marja said, “The discussions were of extremely high quality. I loved the experience!”

DR. AKAN IBANGA PARTICIPATES IN KAMPALA MEETING

In October 2010 Akanidomo Ibanga successfully defended his doctoral dissertation in the School of Psychology, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK. A careful look at Akan’s nametag at the Kampala thematic meeting indicates that this may be the first time that “Dr.” Ibanga participated in a professional meeting.

Akan sent the following message to GENACIS members after the successful defense of his dissertation: “I just wanted you to know that I have finally come to that point where I have had my PhD viva and it went through successfully. I wanted to thank you and the members of GENACIS that have been a source of encouragement through this journey. As I did not imagine listing everyone by name in the acknowledgement, I did so as a group, and it read: “To members of the GENACIS group -- you are too many to mention by name -- our preconference meetings and phone calls in between have been very refreshing for me -- the support you have shown is greatly appreciated.”

Akan once described the long years and hard work toward his doctoral degree as a “marathon.” Warm congratulations, Dr. Ibanga, on successfully crossing the finish line!
KBS PAPERS BY GENACIS MEMBERS

GENACIS members and friends will present a number of papers at KBS 2011. 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, April 11**

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Stream 2 Room 303
Alcohol-Related Injury and Violence in Melbourne: From the Incident to the Hospital Bed - an Analysis of Ambulance, Emergency Room and Hospitalisation Data for the Years 2004-2008. **Jason Ferris**

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Stream 4 Room 302
From Boom to Bust: What Happens to Drinking Patterns in a Recession? Descriptive findings. **Ann Hope**

**Tuesday, April 12**

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Stream 2 Room 303
Parent’s Alcohol Use: Gender Differences in the Impact of Household and Family Chores. **Sandra Kuntsche, Ronald A. Knibbe, & Gerhard Gmel**

**Wednesday, April 13**

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Plenary Room
The Finnish Drinking Culture: Change and Continuity in the Past 40 Years. **Pia Mäkelä**

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Stream 5 Room 304
Alcohol Consumption Patterns and Violence Among Partners of Female Respondents in a National Survey. **Nazarius Mbona Tumwesigye**, Grace Bantebya Kyomuhendo, **Tom Greenfield**

**Wednesday (continued)**

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Stream 2 Room 303
Depression, Anxiety and Hazardous Drinking Among Sexual Minority Women: Examination of Self-Medication and Impaired-Functioning Hypotheses. **Tonda Hughes**, Timothy Johnson, Young Cho, Sharon Wilsnack

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Stream 3 Room 301
Alcohol Marketing and Promotion in Nigeria: Mapping Exposure and Assessing the Contents of Advertisements. **Isidore Obot**, Abayomi Okediji, Okokon Umoh

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Stream 2 Room 303
The Relationship Between Alcohol Use and Injecting Drug Use: Impacts on Health and Social Functioning. **Paul Dietze**

5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Parliament House
Drinking With Meals: Is it Protective or Just an Indicator of a Protective Drinking Pattern? **Gerhard Gmel**

7:45 p.m.
Parliament House
Solitary vs. Social Drinking: An Experimental Study on Effects of Social Exposures on in situ Alcohol Consumption: What’s Going on When Others Are Around? **Hervé Kuendig**, Emmanuel Kuntsche

**Thursday, April 14**

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Stream 2 Room 303

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Stream 3 Room 301
Gender, Age and Alcohol-Related Problems. **Akanidomo Ibanga**

3:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Stream 2 Room 303
A Comparison of Event-Based Daily Diary Reports with a Physiological Measure of Ethanol Consumption. **Jason Bond**
Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (continued)
Stream 3 Room 301
Individualised Control of Drinkers: Back to the Future? Robin Room

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Stream 2 Room 303

Drinking and Emotional Control Patterns Associated with Heavier Drinking Contexts. Karen Trocki

Stream 5 Room 304
Looking Beyond Youth Binge Drinking: “Baby Boomer” Drinking Trends Over Time. Sharon Matthews

Stream 5 Room 304
Alcohol Use among Elderly from São Paulo City: Data from Sabe Project. Maria Lima, R.J. Pinho, A.T.A. Ramos-Cerqueira, C.L. Mendes-Chiloff, Y.A.O. Duarte, M.L. Lebrão

Thursday (continued)
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Stream 3 Room 301
The Relationship between Alcohol Consumption, Tobacco Use, Body Mass Index, and Health Perceptions in Diverse Countries: International Comparisons from the GENACIS Project. Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm, Jeffrey Holm, Moira Plant, Arlinda Kristjanson, Richard Wilsnack, Sharon Wilsnack

International Differences in Health Inequalities and Alcohol Use. Kim Bloomfield, Ulrike Grittner

Stream 4 Room 302
The Alcohol Reform Bill: More Tinkering than Reform in Response to the NZ Public’s Demand for Better Liquor Laws. Kypros Kypri, Brett Maclellan, John D. Langley, Jennie L. Connor

Friday, April 15
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Stream 1 Plenary Room

Limits of Restrictive Alcohol Policy in Sri Lanka. Siri Hettige

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 within the last month, 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

The data used in this paper are from the project, Gender, Alcohol and Culture: An International Study (GENACIS). GENACIS is a collaborative international project affiliated with the Kettil Bruun Society for Social and Epidemiological Research on Alcohol and coordinated by GENACIS partners from the University of North Dakota, Aarhus University, the Alcohol Research Group/Public Health Institute, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, the University of Melbourne, and the Addiction Info Switzerland Research Institute. Support for aspects of the project comes from the World Health Organization, the Quality of Life and Management of Living Resources Programme of the European Commission (Concerted Action QLG4-CT-2001-0196), the U.S. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism/National Institutes of Health (Grants R21 AA012941 and R01 AA015775), the German Federal Ministry of Health, the Pan American Health Organization, and Swiss national funds. Support for individual country surveys was provided by government agencies and other national sources. The study leaders and funding sources for data sets used in this report are: [COUNTRY, STUDY LEADER, FUNDING SOURCE].
2011 GENACIS Workshop  
Fitzroy, Victoria, AUSTRALIA  
Preliminary Agenda

**Friday, April 8, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. – Barbecue with Robin and Gretchen**  
in Gary Owen Park across from Unit 5, 25-33 Rose Street, Fitzroy, Victoria

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**Saturday, April 9 – Turning Point Alcohol & Drug Centre**  
54-62 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy, Victoria 3065

| 9:30 – 10:30 | **Plenary 1**  
Welcome and introductions (Sharon Wilsnack)  
GENACIS Remembers Martin  
GENACIS data base update (Sandra Kuntsche, Gerhard Gmel)  
PAHO/GENACIS Valencia Project (Sharon Wilsnack)  
WHO Harms to Others Initiative (Robin Room) |
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| 11:00 – 12:30 | **Plenary 2: Unrecorded Alcohol Consumption**  
Current perspectives on unrecorded alcohol production and consumption: An overview of the literature (Richard Wilsnack)  
Locally produced alcoholic beverages in developing countries (Vivek Benegal, Siri Hettige, Nazarius Mbona Tumwesigye)  
Measures of unrecorded consumption in GENACIS data base (Jason Bond, Jason Ferris, Sandra Kuntsche)  
Locally produced beverages in Goa & preliminary analyses of GENACIS data from Karnataka (Jason Bond) |
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| 14:00 – 14:45 | **Plenary 3:**  
Challenges and rewards of conducting survey research in developing countries (Isidore Obot) |
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| 14:45 - 15:30 | **Plenary 4:**  
Report on Kampala Thematic Meeting (Nazarius Mbona Tumwesigye) |
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**Sunday, April 10 – Turning Point Alcohol & Drug Centre**

| 09:00 – 10:30 | GENACIS R01 Consortium Meeting (separately)  
GENACIS Advisory Committee Meeting (separately) |
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Walking instructions from (A) CQ Functions Centre to (B) Turning Point Alcohol & Drug Centre, and (C) Robin and Gretchen’s home. By tram, it is a 10-minute ride from the CQ Functions Centre to Turning Point.
**ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS**

**to**

Robin Room and Gretchen Thomas’ Home

#5 [on the laneway behind] 25-33 Rose St. and across Garyowen Park from 25 Leicester St.
Fitzroy 3065, Victoria, Australia

**Friday, 8 April 2011, 5:30 – 8:30 pm**

(It's a bit hard to find the first time, so bring these directions and map with you.)

**If you are coming from Turning Point or from the Quest Royal Gardens Apartments** walk the small distance east to Fitzroy St., and go left on it (north). When you reach Rose St., turn left on it. Turn right down the first laneway (northwards), and the park is down the laneway.

Or you can walk west to Nicholson St. and take tram 96 northward (you will need loose change to purchase a ticket on board) for nearly 1 km. Get off at Kay St. (the stop after Johnston St.) and turn right (eastward) into Leicester St.

**If you are in the downtown CBD rectangle**, take tram **96** on Bourke St. They are going east on those streets, but turn north at Spring St.

**If you’re on tram 96** on Bourke Street: you take the tram going north along Nicholson Street past the exhibition hall, Carlton Gardens, and a major cross-street called Johnston St. Get off at stop #16 *Kay Street* (next stop after Elgin-Johnston). [It’s #16 and called *Rose Street* if you’re going toward the south.] Look for Fernwood Women's Gym on the west side of Nicholson.

East of the tram stop are two side-streets: Rose St. and, further north, Leicester St. Walk east on Leicester St. (ignore that our post address says "Rose") ducking all the vines and Wednesday garbage bins. Half a block on the right is a small pocket park: Garyowen Park.

There are frequent one-way streets, changing block by block, near us. **If coming by taxi, or driving** the driver should go to the corner of Brunswick & Leicester Sts. in Fitzroy (at the plant nursery), then go west on Leicester St. for one and a half blocks to Garyowen Park. (Because Leicester is one-way going west from Fitzroy St. to Nicholson, so you can't turn onto it from Nicholson. If you’re coming along Nicholson, you can turn east on Rose, then turn up the laneway at the Major Graphics building (sign on their roof) to Garyowen Park.)

**Car parking can be found:**
- park on **Leicester** just in front of the park (only on the park [south] side). The other side is for residents only;
- or after 5:30 pm and anytime on the weekends use any of the four marked laneway places between Rose and the laneway that runs in front of our front door (definitely not in the one place between the corner and Leicester)
- or anyplace on **Rose** (but note the posted time limits) and then walk up the laneway beside the Major Graphics building (sign on their roof)
- if none of that works and you're desperate, try on Kay Street on the other side of Nicholson in the many parallel parking slots beside Fernwood Women's Gym.

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**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](http://www.med.und.nodak.edu/depts/irgga)).
LATE-BREAKING NEWS

We have just received news that Elin Bye has successfully defended her doctoral dissertation. Congratulations, Dr. Bye!

WEBSITES

IRGGA/GENACIS website at UND: (http://www.med.und.edu/depts/irgga/).

GENACIS site at Addiction Info Switzerland: http://www.genacis.org

KBS website: http://www.kettilbruen.org/

Please send suggestions for future issues to Arlinda Kristjanson (arlinda.kristjanson@med.und.edu) or Sharon Wilsnack (sharon.wilsnack@med.und.edu).

MELBOURNE SIGHTS

Here are a few websites for information about places to visit in the city of Melbourne, sightseeing within the state of Victoria, and points of interest throughout Australia.


Victoria: http://www.visitmelbourne.com/displayobject.cfm?objectid.0C87B211-7571-4281-844BFDBCE0D941F0/