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Sharon Wilsnack presents a thank-you gift to Ulrike Grittner at the Goodbye/Get-Together Celebration in Berlin. Other Berlin team members pictured are (l-r) Stephanie Kramer, Kim Bloomfield, and Friederike Fröhner.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

Because the three-year funding cycle of the EU GENACIS contract ended December 31, it was necessary to say goodbye to the Berlin-based GENACIS staff. This was done at a festive "Goodbye/Get-Together Celebration" during the November workshop in Berlin. Although the Berlin staff will be departing, Kim Bloomfield (coordinator of the EU component) and other GENACIS members from EU countries will continue their participation in the project.

On behalf of the entire GENACIS membership, we want to send warm goodbye and good luck wishes to the Berlin EU/GENACIS staff. Stephanie, Friederike, Ulrike, and Jürgen, thank you for all your hard work and commitment to the GENACIS project. We hope that your future employment and education activities will bring you much success and personal fulfillment.

Auf Wiedersehen, GENACIS...

The end of the EU funding unfortunately means that it is time for us --Stephanie, Jürgen and Friederike -- to say good-bye for now to the GENACIS project and to the many wonderful people we had the pleasure of meeting over the past three years. Whether in Krakow, Paris, Helsinki or at home in Berlin, we accompanied the project from its inception as "just an idea" in Toronto to a full-blown multi-national study with over 55 members. It was a great experience to have played a part in getting the GENACIS project off the ground and to watch it grow by leaps and bounds. At every meeting it seemed GENACIS got a little bit bigger: dozens more paper groups; several more members; a few new countries; and from time to time an honorary member of the "Next GENACIS Generation" (see baby photos!). This growth was occasionally a challenge for the organization, but it was a welcome one. The kindness of the group and the level of interest in the alcohol research field were impressive and made working with the GENACIS group a pleasure. We wish you all the best!

Stephanie & Jürgen & Friederike



GENACIS members participate in a plenary session at the November 2004 GENACIS workshop in Berlin.

Articles from GENACIS Analyses (as of 25 January 2005)

The following is a list of articles in progress and proposed at the GENACIS workshops. Where lead authors have been determined, their names have been underlined. Please send any additions or corrections to this list to Louise Diers at ldiers@medicine.nodak.edu or Arlinda Kristjanson at akristja@medicine.nodak.edu.

Drinking Patterns (Pia Mäkelä, Tom Greenfield, UND group)

1. European drinking patterns/descriptive. Pia Mäkelä, Francois Beck & Stephane Legleye, Gerhard Gmel, Ulrike Grittner, Ronald Knibbe, Giora Rahav, Hervé Kuendig, Sandra Kuntsche, Ludek Kubicka
2. EU drinking patterns and contexts. Salme Ahlström, Heli Mustonen, Zsuzsanna Elekes, Ronald Knibbe, Pia Mäkelä, Tom Greenfield, Gerhard Gmel, Allaman Allamani
3. GENACIS drinking patterns and contexts. Tom Greenfield, Sylvia Kairouz, Sandra Kuntsche, Maristela Monteiro, Zsuzsanna Elekes, Allaman Allamani, Moira Plant
 - a. Descriptive paper on sociolocational contexts
 - b. Who is drinking with whom? Tom Greenfield, Sylvia Kairouz, Hervé Kuendig
 - c. Culture and the temporal dimension of drinking: Day/night & weekday/weekend. Robin Room, Richard Wilsnack, Sandra Kuntsche, Raquel Magri, Tom Greenfield, Heli Mustonen, Vivek Benegal, Pia Mäkelä, Peter Martus
 - d. Meta-analysis. Tom Greenfield, Sylvia Kairouz, Giora Rahav
 - e. Methodological analysis: How well does frequency of context inform about drinking pattern? Tom Greenfield, Gerhard Gmel
4. Gender and alcohol in the 21st century: Patterns from the multinational GENACIS project. Sharon Wilsnack, and the UND group for the GENACIS project (all members to be listed). (A final draft of this paper will be ready for discussion in Riverside.)
5. Methodological comparison of drinking measures (GF vs. QF) (Do measures produce different results by gender and age?). Gerhard Gmel, Kate Graham, Ronald Knibbe, Ludwig Kraus, Sylvia Kairouz, Andrée Demers, Hervé Kuendig, Peter Martus, Ludek Kubicka
6. Methodological issues in measuring and interpreting drinking contexts. Tom Greenfield, Andrée Demers, Sylvia Kairouz, Ronald Knibbe, Heli Mustonen, Robin Room, Juan Carlos Valderrama, Gerhard Gmel
7. Between- and within-country variation in drinking. Tom Greenfield, Ladislav Csemy, Giora Rahav, Richard Wilsnack, Sandra Kuntsche, Peter Martus, Ludek Kubicka
8. Positive experiences of drinking.
 - a. The European context. Karin Helmersson Bergmark, Moira Plant, Hervé Kuendig
 - b. The "WHO-funded countries" context. Gonzalo Haro, Miguel Castellano, Julio Bejarano, Myriam Munné, Martha Romero, Nazarius M. Tumwesigye
 - c. (Later paper) Comparative, theoretically-oriented paper based on (a) and (b). Gonzalo Haro, Juan Carlos Valderrama, Myriam Munné, Karin H. Bergmark
9. Abstinence.
 - a. Mapping abstinence at the individual level. Florence Kerr-Correa, Myriam Munné, Ladislav Csemy, Robin Room, Richard Wilsnack, Ludwig Kraus, Hervé Kuendig
 - b. Predicting abstinence rates in a society. Richard Wilsnack
10. How much drinking is OK? Myriam Munné, Karin Helmersson-Bergmark, Stephanie Kramer, Moira Plant, Tom Greenfield, Shimizu Shinji, Gonzalo Haro, Bartolomé Pérez, Gerhard Gmel, Ludek Kubicka
11. Reasons for abstaining. Kate Graham, Siri Hettige, Akanidomo Ibanga, Myriam Munné, Isidore Obot, Bedel Sarbayev, Sandra Kuntsche, Sharon Wilsnack, Arlinda Kristjanson, Edvin Zvartau, Marina Tsoy
12. Intoxication (later paper). Karin Helmersson Bergmark
13. Distribution of alcohol consumption. Zofia Mielecka-Kubien
14. Predicting acute and chronic heavy drinking from drinking locations: A European perspective. Gerhard Gmel, Pia Mäkelä
15. Descriptive multi-level analysis of drinking contexts in GENACIS countries. Sylvia Kairouz, Tom Greenfield, Sandra Kuntsche, Maristela Monteiro, Moira Plant, Zsuzanna Elekes, Allaman Allamani, Antonio Vidal, Andrée Demers, Hervé Kuendig
16. Positive experiences of drinking. Hervé Kuendig, Antonio Vidal, Robin Room, Karin Helmersson Bergmark, Moira Plant
17. Situational drinking norms. Myriam Munné, Stephanie Kramer, Robin Room, Antonio Vidal, Gerhard Gmel, others

18. Gender roles and situational norms (preliminary title). Myriam Munné, Stephanie Kramer, Robin Room, Antonio Vidal, Sharon Wilsnack
19. Gender, social inequality, and abstinence. Andre Demers, Hervé Kuendig, Ladislav Csemy, Ludwig Kraus, Robin Room, Richard Wilsnack

Drinking Problems (Ronald Knibbe and Isidore Obot)

1. Alcohol consumption and problems. Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm, Isidore Obot, Maristela Monteiro, Robin Room, Ronald Knibbe, Hildigunnur Olafsdottir, Kate Graham, Sandra Kuntsche
2. Lucky drinker.
 - a. Untitled. Andrea Hegedus, Zofia Mielecka-Kubien, Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm, Ludwig Kraus, Hervé Kuendig, Martin Plant, Gerhard Gmel.
 - b. What protects drinkers from negative consequences? Ludwig Kraus, Andrea Hegedus, Martin Plant, Hervé Kuendig, Zofia Mielecka, Florence Kerr-Correa, Heli Mustonen, Ronald Kinne
3. Informal controls/pressure. Marja Holmila, Ronald Knibbe, Robin Room, Myriam Munne, Moira Plant, Akanidomo Ibanga, Sandra Kuntsche, Stephanie Kramer
 - a. Country variations in overall pressuring. Marja Holmila, Kirsimarja Raitasalo, Tom Greenfield, Ronald Knibbe, Theresa Reitan, Klara Selin
 - b. Cultural differences in the threshold of others pressuring one to cut down on drinking. Ronald Knibbe, Jan Joosten, Klara Selin, Kirsimarja Raitasalo, Tom Greenfield
 - c. Pressures to drink more. Robin Room, Sandra Kuntsche, Akanidomo Ibanga, Marja Holmila, Klara Selin
 - d. The workplace and pressures to drink more or less. Sandra Kuntsche, Stephanie Kramer
 - e. Who is pressing whom to drink less (respondent pressing). Myriam Munné, Moira Plant, Robin Room, Ronald Knibbe
 - f. Pressure from/on spouse to drink less/more. Klara Selin, Marja Holmila, Kirsimarja Raitasalo, Ronald Knibbe.
 - g. Informal control and formal treatment: Hildigunner Olafsdottir, Kirsimarja Raitasalo, Allaman Allamani, Tom Greenfield.
4. Psychometrics of alcohol-related problems. Sylvia Kairouz, Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm, Kate Graham, Ludwig Kraus, Gerhard Gmel, Isabella Hager, Ronald Knibbe, Sharon Wilsnack
5. Hazardous Drinking Score. Robin Room, Zofia Mielecka, Vivek Benegal, Isidore Obot, Tom Greenfield, Kate Graham, Gerhard Gmel.
 - a. HDS as used in WHO's CRA/GBD. Gerhard Gmel, Kate Graham, Giora Rahav, Tom Greenfield, Robin Room, Hildigunnur Olafsdottir, Isidore Obot (paper is almost finished: see paper from Gmel et al. presented in Helsinki, 2004)
 - b. Fit between existing HDS and problems measured in GENACIS. Gerhard Gmel (to be integrated with (d)?)
 - c. How to weight men and women in the Hazardous Drinking Score. To be integrated with (g).
 - d. Problems and HDS by gender at individual and aggregate level. Kate Graham, Tom Greenfield, Hildigunnur Olafsdottir, Richard Wilsnack, Zofia Mielecka-Kubien, Gerhard Gmel, Robin Room, Irmgard Vogt, Giora Rahav
 - e. Predicting rates of problems at the aggregate level. Giora Rahav, Tom Greenfield, Zofia Mielecka-Kubien, Richard Wilsnack, Robin Room, Gerhard Gmel.
 - f. Family of hazard scores: Can fewer than 6 items do as well? Tom Greenfield, Kate Graham, Isidore Obot, Peter Martus, Ludek Kubicka(?), Ronald Knibbe
 - g. Who owns drinking culture? (how to weight men and women in hazardous drinking scores/conceptual issues; relation to ethnographic literature). Robin Room, Irmgard Vogt, Ronald Knibbe, Tom Greenfield
6. AUDIT in an international comparative context. Ronald Knibbe, Isidore Obot, Maristela Monteiro, Sandra Kuntsche, Florence Kerr-Correa, Dohn Soo Kim.
7. AUDIT internationally: Prevalence of problem drinking. Isidore Obot, Martha Romero, Vivek Benegal
8. AUDIT: Assessing the cultural sensitivity of the AUDIT with the GENACIS core questionnaire. Kim Bloomfield, Ronald Knibbe, Sandra Kuntsche, Tom Greenfield, Sylvia Kairouz(?) (This paper will focus on the extent to which the AUDIT enables us to distinguish between problem and non-problem drinkers; problem drinkers will be defined by the instrument Sylvia Kairouz et al. will formulate on the basis of a psychometric analysis including (almost) all problem items of the GENACIS questionnaire.)
9. Interest group on mental health. Florence Kerr-Correa, Andrea Hegedus, Moira Plant, UND group.

10. The predictive value of different measures for alcohol-related consequences. Nazarius M Tumwesigye, Gerhard Gmel, Hervé Kuendig
11. Type of beverage and drinking problems. Tom Greenfield, Isidore Obot, Robin Room, Nazarius M. Tumwesigye, Hervé Kuendig

Alcohol-Related Violence (Karin Helmersson Bergmark and Kate Graham)

1. EU chapter. Karin Helmersson Bergmark, Kate Graham (completed).
2. Cross-national and gender comparisons of prevalence of “aggression when drinking” and “gotten into a fight while drinking” (includes prediction of aggression by drinking pattern). Karin Helmersson Bergmark, Ingeborg Rossow, Elin Bye, Kate Graham, and others?
3. Cross-national and gender comparisons of prevalence and characteristics of partner aggression. (Characteristics will include nature of aggression, whether aggression involved alcohol, severity of aggression, fear felt by respondent, and prediction of partner aggression by drinking pattern of respondent and partner.) Karin Helmersson Bergmark, Kate Graham, Akanidomo Ibanga, Myriam Munné, Moira Plant, Giora Rahav, Martha Romero Mendoza, Sharon Wilsnack, Arlinda Kristjanson, Shinji Shimizu, Francois Beck, Julio Bejarano, Ingeborg Rossow, Florence Kerr-Correa, Dohnsoo Kim, Adriana Tucci, Siri Hettige, Nazarius M. Tumwesigye, Raquel Magri, Vivek Benegal, Sharon Bernards.
4. Bivariate correlations of aggression with other problems (replaces “aggression as a constellation of problems” formerly proposed and now merged with psychometric paper in alcohol problems work area). Karin Helmersson Bergmark, Kate Graham, Ingeborg Rossow, Sharon Wilsnack, and others?
5. Comparison of Asian and Western countries on partner aggression and other variables. Shinji Shimizu, Dohnsoo Kim, Siri Hettige, Bedel Sarbayev, Vivek Benegal, Zofia Mielecka-Kubien
6. Comparisons among Latin-Hispanic countries. Antonio Vidal, Tom Greenfield, Myriam Munné, Bartolomé Pérez, Julio Bejarano, Maristela Monteiro, Sharon Wilsnack
7. Prevalence of CSA by country and demographic correlates; CSA as predictor of drinking outcomes. Jillian Fleming, Akanidomo Ibanga, Dohnsoo Kim, Myriam Munné, Moira Plant, Martha Romero, Bedel Sarbayev, Sharon Wilsnack, Arlinda Kristjanson, Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm, Rogers Kasirye
8. Relationship of CSA to adult sexual aggression and partner aggression. Akanidomo Ibanga

Sexuality and Intimacy (Louise Nadeau and Marja Holmila)

1. Relationship quality and drinking patterns of partner and respondent. Louise Nadeau and Sharon Wilsnack
2. Similarity and divergence in couples’ drinking. Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm and Robin Room
 - a. Female’s drinking as predicted by male’s drinking. Andrée Demers, Sandra Kuntsche
 - b. Proportion of times respondent and spouse drink together and frequency of each. Robin Room, Andrée Demers
3. Expectancies of alcohol’s effect on sexuality—connections to heavy drinking, drinking-related problems, relationship quality, and childhood sexual history. Jillian Fleming, Sharon Wilsnack, Moira Plant, Arlinda Kristjanson, Alexandra Bogren
4. Social support and drinking patterns and problems. Louise Nadeau, Marja Holmila, Sharon Wilsnack, Jillian Fleming, Zsuzsanna Elekes
5. Primary networks: Cross-cultural comparison of alcohol problems in primary networks. Martin Plant, Moira Plant, Marja Holmila, Robin Room, Nazarius M. Tumwesigye, Louise Nadeau, Sharon Wilsnack
6. Protective factors: Are work for men and confidantes for women equally protective? Louise Nadeau
7. Loneliness and drinking. Louise Nadeau, Marja Holmila, Jillian Fleming, Sharon Wilsnack, Zsuzsanna Elekes

Social Inequality and Social Roles (Kim Bloomfield, Gerhard Gmel and Andrée Demers)

1. EU chapter report on social inequality.
2. EU chapter report on social roles.
3. Alcohol consumption and marital status in middle-aged men and women. Part I: Theoretical considerations (literature review, to be completed by January 2005). Part II: (analyses will be finished in April 2005). Martha Romero, Andrée Demers, Salme Ahlström, Ladislav Csemy, Gerhard Gmel, Siri Hettige, Florence Kerr-Correa, Maria Elena Medina-Mora, Giora Rahav, Bedel Sarbayev, Hervé Kuendig
4. Social inequalities in drinking: Within and between country variation (a multi-level analysis). Ulrike Grittner, Sandra Kuntsche, Andrée Demers.
5. Assessing differences in alcohol consumption patterns using a social status index. Ulrike Grittner, Jürgen Eckloff, Kim Bloomfield, Stephanie Kramer, Andrea Stroux, Isabella Hager, Sandra Kuntsche, Gerhard Gmel, Martha Romero, Maria Elena Medina-Mora

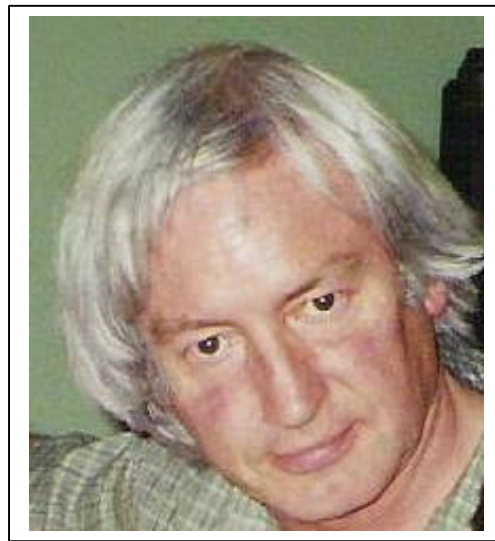
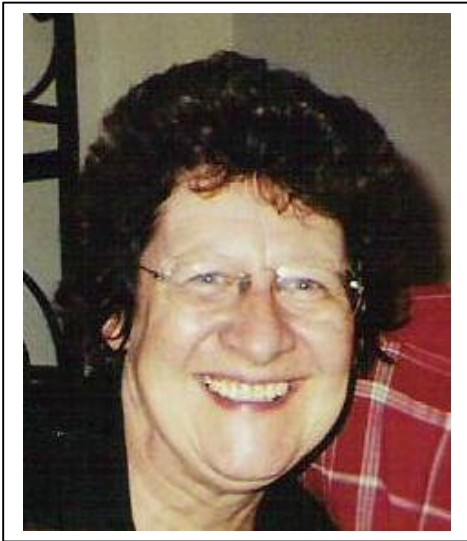
6. Social inequalities, gender and health: Between and within country variations. Andrée Demers, Kim Bloomfield, Moira Plant, Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm, Gerhard Gmel, Andrea Hegedus, Sharon Wilsnack

Health and Lifestyle (Moira Plant and Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm)

1. Prevalence of health and lifestyle factors and their association with alcohol consumption. Moira Plant and Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm, UND group, Andrea Hegedus, Bedel Sarbayev, Isidore Obot
2. Health status and the role of drinking. Moira Plant, Martin Plant, Patrick Miller, Siri Hettige, Nazarius M. Tumwesigye, Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm
3. Excessive behaviours and relation to drinking. Jillian Fleming, Moira Plant, Sharon Wilsnack, Arlinda Kristjanson
4. Associations between sexual violence and mental health. Florence Kerr-Corrêa, Moira Plant, Sylvia Kairouz, Louise Nadeau, Julio Bejarano, Jillian Fleming.
5. Use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Isidore Obot, Sharon Wilsnack, Florence Kerr-Correa, Bedel Sarbayev, Allaman Allamani, Francois Beck.
6. Cultural and gender differences in the rate of mental-emotional health/asking for help. Gonzalo Haro, Miguel Castellano, Juan Carlos Valderrama

Societal-Level Predictors (Giora Rahav and Richard Wilsnack)

1. EU final chapter (descriptive, bivariate analyses)
2. Economic development, inequality and alcohol consumption patterns. Zofia Mielecka-Kubien
3. Inequality and welfare policy as moderators between consumption and problems.
4. Influence of welfare and informal controls on alcohol-related violence and family problems.



ISLE OF MAN JOINS GENACIS

GENACIS members Moira Plant and Martin Plant (pictured above) have just received funding to carry out a GENACIS survey in the Isle of Man. The survey, which will use the expanded core questionnaire, is funded by the Isle of Man Medical Research Council and the University of the West of England, Bristol. Fieldwork will be completed by June 2005. The Isle of Man has a high rate of adolescent alcohol use, and the adult survey will be an interesting addition to the multinational GENACIS data set. Congratulations and thank-you to Martin and Moira for undertaking this new survey.

Acknowledgements Statements for GENACIS Publications

As discussed at the November 2004 meeting in Berlin, all publications using GENACIS data should include the acknowledgements paragraph printed below. In addition, publications should acknowledge the funding sources for each country whose data are used in that paper. The list below includes all funding sources sent to UND by January 31. **Please look carefully at your country's funding source and send any corrections as soon as possible to Louise Diers (ldiers@medicine.nodak.edu).** Send any general questions about acknowledgements to Sharon Wilsnack (swilsnac@medicine.nodak.edu). The finalized list of country funding sources will be posted on the UND GENACIS website.

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Finland 1

National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health (STAKES)

France 1

National Institute of Prevention and Health Education (INPES)

Germany 1

German Federal Ministry of Health and Social Security (BMGS)

Hungary

Ministry of Youth and Sport

Iceland

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Council, Public Health Institute of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland

Ireland

Department of Health and Children (HPU)

Isle of Man

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Israel

Anti Drugs Authority of Israel

Italy 1

Centro Alcologico, Florence Health Agency, Regional Health Agency of Tuscany

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The Netherlands

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Norway

Norwegian Institute for Alcohol and Drug Research

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WELCOME, LATIN AMERICAN COLLEAGUES!

A new GENACIS-related project has recently begun in Latin America. It is the Multicentric Study on Gender, Alcohol and Harm, funded by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and coordinated by Maristela Monteiro and Jurgen Rehm. The first meeting of this project was held November 29 - December 1, 2004, in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The meeting was attended by study directors from both the existing GENACIS countries in Latin America (Myriam Munne/Argentina, Florence Kerr-Correa/Brazil, Francisco Jimenez representing Julio Bejarano/Costa Rica, Martha Romero/Mexico, and Raquel Magri/Uruguay) and the countries in which new GENACIS surveys will be conducted (Belize, Brazil, Nicaragua, and Peru). Sharon Wilsnack participated in the meeting as the liaison between the Multicentric Study and the larger GENACIS project. Other GENACIS members collaborating on the PAHO study are Kate Graham (Canada) and Tom Greenfield (USA).

Fieldwork for the new surveys, which will use the GENACIS expanded core questionnaire, will begin in March and end by August, 2005. Comparative analyses of the Multicentric Study will include both the "old" and the new Latin American countries plus the Alcohol Research Group's U.S. national survey and the new Canadian national survey. The new Latin American surveys will also be made available to the larger GENACIS project for integration with other GENACIS surveys in the SIPA data base.

New GENACIS colleagues from the PAHO project are:

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Leon, Nicaragua

Ronaldo Laranjeira
Federal University of Sao Paulo
Sao Paulo, Brazil

Marina Piazza Ferrand
Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia
Lima, Peru

The Multicentric Study will generate important new information about gender and alcohol use in Latin America and will further increase the richness and diversity of the GENACIS data base. We are very happy to welcome our new Latin American colleagues and look forward to working with them on the GENACIS project.

WEBSITES

IRGGA/GENACIS project:

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

EU-project website:

<http://www.medizin.fu-berlin.de/statistik/Gender&Alcohol/>

GENACIS site at SIPA:

<http://www.genacis.org>

KBS website:

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

GENACIS WORKSHOP IN RIVERSIDE

The next GENACIS workshop will be held May 27-29, 2005, in Riverside, California, preceding the KBS Symposium May 30 - June 3. GENACIS members are encouraged to request support for travel to Riverside from the KBS organizers. All persons receiving KBS travel support must submit an abstract of a paper to be presented at KBS. We encourage you to present papers that use GENACIS data. If the GENACIS team at UND can be of any assistance as you request KBS travel support, please contact Arlinda Kristjanson (akristja@medicine.nodak.edu) or Sharon Wilsnack (swilsnac@medicine.nodak.edu).

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