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Coordinators of the WHO component of GENACIS, Maristela Monteiro (next to right) and Isidore Obot (far right), at a Washington, DC, conference on stigma and global health. Others, from left to right, are IRGGA members Sharon Wilsnack (USA) and Shoshana Weiss (Israel); Luis Caris (Chile); and Leonard Perez (Switzerland).

Upcoming Meetings

1. GENACIS Steering Committee meeting, November 8, 2003, Berlin, Germany.
2. 4th Semi-Annual GENACIS Working Meeting (Steering Committee, Work Area Leaders, and Study Leaders), November 9 – 12, 2003, Berlin, Germany.

Please attend the IRGGA meeting, Tuesday, June 3, 16:00 - 17:30

All members of the International Research Group on Gender and Alcohol (IRGGA) are invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday, June 3, from 16:00 to 17:30, the time set aside for KBS workshops. The Tuesday meeting will deal with issues and plans not directly related to the GENACIS project. Topics will include updating IRGGA membership information, a summary of the 2002 IRGGA qualitative research workshop held in Paris, a discussion of further qualitative research activities in IRGGA/GENACIS, and plans for future IRGGA activities in addition to GENACIS.

Sharon Wilsnack
IRGGA Coordinator

NOT EVERYONE WILL BE IN KRAKOW

Because many GENACIS partners will be attending the GENACIS workshop and KBS symposium in Krakow, this issue of the GENACIS newsletter deals almost entirely with details of these meetings. However, there are members who for various reasons will be unable to be in Krakow.

To those of you who will not be at the Krakow meetings, please know that we regret that you cannot attend and that we will miss you! As soon as possible after the meetings, we will send a summary of the GENACIS workshop. We will circulate this information via the IRGGANET list serve and will post it on the IRGGA/GENACIS website (<http://www.medicine.nodak.edu/irgga>). In addition, the next GENACIS newsletter will contain summaries of important activities and decisions from the Krakow meetings.

Looking ahead, the June 2004 GENACIS and KBS meetings will be held in Helsinki, Finland. We will send information about these and other future meetings as plans develop.

With best wishes,

Sharon Wilsnack Kim Bloomfield
(GENACIS Co-Coordinators)

GENACIS group dinner in Krakow on Friday evening, May 30th, at 7 p.m.

During our first meeting day, Friday, May 30, Stephanie Kramer and Ulrike Grittner will distribute dinner vouchers to all participants who registered for the Friday night dinner.

Please be ready to give Stephanie or Ulrike 100 Zloty for the cost of the dinner.

AGENDA
11th Annual Workshop, International Research Group on Gender and Alcohol (IRGGA)
and
GENACIS Third Semi-Annual Working Meeting
May 30–June 1, 2003
Collegium Medicum of the Jagiellonian University, Sw. Anny Str. 12, Krakow, POLAND

THURSDAY, May 29, 2003

17:00-19:00 Steering Committee meeting

FRIDAY, May 30, 2003 (Room: Aula Nowodworska, 1st floor)

09:00-10:30 Introductions and overview
 (Sharon Wilsnack and Kim Bloomfield)
 Overview of data centralisation
 (Gerhard Gmel)
 Timeline and tasks
 (Sharon Wilsnack and Kim Bloomfield)

10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00-12:30 Theoretical perspectives relevant to GENACIS

- Sidsel Eriksen: Historical and theoretical perspectives on gender and alcohol
- Andrée Demers: Social inequality, gender and alcohol

12:30-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-15:30 Drinking patterns and contexts
 (EU workpackage 2)
 (final EU chapter report and individual proposals)
Co-chairs: Pia Mäkelä and Tom Greenfield

15:30-16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00-17:30 Alcohol-related problems
 (EU workpackage 3)
 (final EU chapter report and individual proposals)
Co-chairs: Ronald Knibbe and Isidore Obot

19:00 Group Dinner: Tetmajerowska, 34 Rynek Glowny

SATURDAY, May 31, 2003 (Room: Aula Nowodworska, 1st floor) (Workshops will be held in Aula Nowodworska and Sala Senecka, 1st floor)

09:00-10:30 Plenary: Global alcohol database and country profiles
 - Global alcohol database
Chair: Isidore Obot
 - Country profiles
Co-Chairs: Irmgard Eisenbach-Stangl and Allaman Allamani

SATURDAY, May 31, 2003

10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00-12:30 Parallel workshop sessions:

Alcohol-related violence and sexual violence (EU workpackage 4)

Co-chairs: Karin Helmersson Bergmark and Kate Graham

WHO/developing countries (others welcome)

Chair: Isidore Obot

12:30-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-15:30 Parallel workshop sessions:

Sexuality and intimacy

Co-chairs: Louise Nadeau and Marja Holmila

Social inequality and social roles (EU workpackage 5)

Co-chairs: Kim Bloomfield, Gerhard Gmel and Andrée Demers

15:30-16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00-17:30 Parallel workshop sessions:

Health and lifestyle

Co-Chairs: Moira Plant and Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm

Societal-level predictors

Co-Chairs: Giora Rahav and Richard Wilsnack

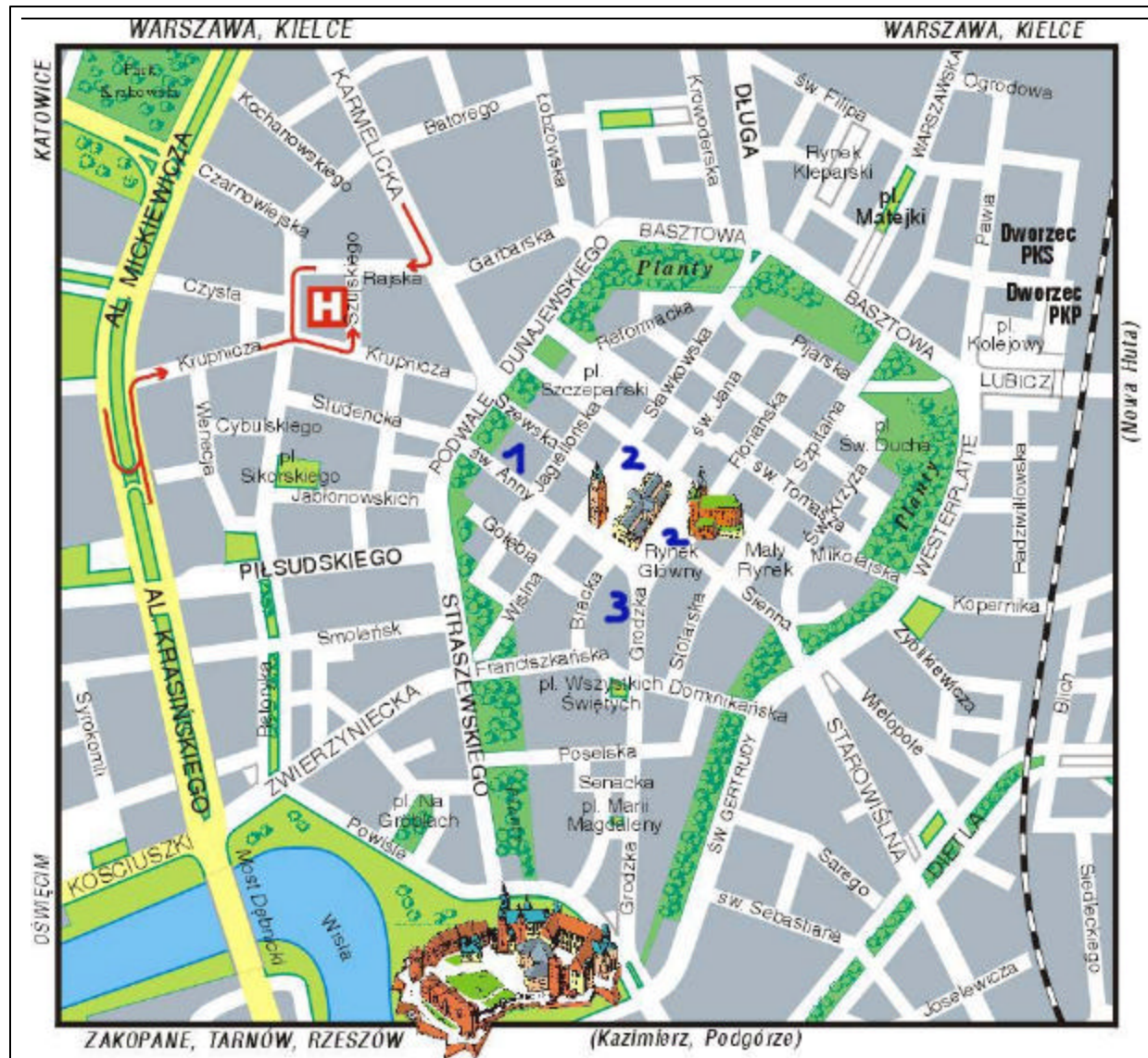
SUNDAY, June 1, 2003 (Room: Aula Nowodworska, 1st floor)

09:00-09:30 GENACIS Steering Committee meeting

09:30-10:30 Meeting of Steering Committee and Work Package Leaders

10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00-13:30 Wrap-up session: all groups



1 = Pre-KBS GENACIS workshop at the Collegium Medicum of the Jagiellonian University, located in the Krakow Old City, Sw. Anny str. 12.

2 = This is the Main Market Square, where the group dinner will be at the Restaurant „Tetmajerowska” (upstairs in Hawelka Restaurant) on Friday, May 30, at 7 p.m. The restaurant is located on 34 Rynek Główny (Main Market Square).

3 = Steering Committee meeting at room No. 40 at the Hotel Rezydent on Thursday, May 29, at 5 p.m.; located on Grodzka 9.

Here is some information about tourism aspects of your stay in Krakow:

This is a link to a **small pocket guide of Krakow** (it is a pdf-file and you can download it and print it out):

<http://inyourpocket.com/instant/krakow-instant-guide.pdf>

Exchange rate to Polish Zloty (as of May 13, 2003): 100 Zloty = 26,61 US \$ (approx.) 100 Zloty = 23,03 € (approx.)

Automated teller machines on Rynek Główny (Main Market Square)

1. BPH - Rynek Główny (Main Market Square) 47
2. EURONET - Rynek Główny 23 ("u Sł siada" Restaurant)
3. EURONET - Rynek Główny 41 (ORBIS)
4. PKO BP S.A. - Rynek Główny 21
5. PeKaO S.A. - ul. Rynek Główny (Main Market Square) 31
6. WBK BZ - Rynek Główny (Main Market Square) 30

Please enjoy the following tips, which are extracted from www.krakow-info.com and <http://www.inyourpocket.com/poland/krakow/en/> and <http://www.krakow.pl/en/>

About tipping in Krakow: Tipping etiquette in Poland can be confusing for foreigners. While in other civilised countries it is normal to say thanks when a waiter collects the money, you'll be horrified to learn that in Poland uttering the word "dziękuję" (thank you) is the sign that you won't be wanting any change back. This cultural slip-up can get very expensive. What's more, the waiter will do his or her best to make you feel deeply embarrassed if you try to get anything back after realizing what happened. If you don't want to leave a tip we advise you to use the word "prosze" only, or else to leave your wallet clearly exposed on the table, to stare hard at the remainder of your beer and stubbornly ignore the waiter. At least that will get you your change back.

Tip the hotel staff as you are used to doing it in your own country. Besides waiters, hairdressers, manicurists, and their likes expect to be tipped, but hardly anyone else.

Taxi-drivers will anticipate your gratitude in cash for some really special favor (e.g., carrying you upstairs in his arms).

About communication in Krakow: Your foreign GSM cell phone should work in Krakow as it does in the rest of Europe outside your own town. When operational, keep your cell phone turned off in restaurants, museums, theatres, churches, and so on, even if it appears that others don't mind.

The Polish telephone system is in the throes of a major privatisation process entailing network, number and prefix changes which make calling all the more exciting. You can call home from the canary-yellow **public telephone booths** dotted all over town or from the Telepunkt or the post office. Almost all public phone booths are card-operated phones. Clunky old zeton-operated phones are slowly becoming museum pieces but can still be admired at the Telepunkt. Telekomunikacja Polska is currently upgrading the public card phones, switching from magnetic strip cards to chip cards. Both types of telephone cards (karty telefoniczne), worth 25, 50 and 100 units, are sold at kiosks for 12, 21 and 38zł. The smiling staff at Telepunkt sell the same cards slightly cheaper, for 11.30, 20.40 and 37.20zł respectively. Remember to tear off the corner when using the old magnetic strip card. On most phones you can get explanations in Polish, English, German, French, Italian or Russian by pressing the flag button. If you don't come across a multi-lingual phone, just pick up the receiver and follow the instructions given by the pleasant Polish woman's voice: "wait (prosze czekac), insert the card (wloz karte) and dial (wybierz numer)." For follow-on calls press the button marked 'FC'. To redial press 'RD'. Phones in most booths accept incoming calls (number marked in the booth).

Don't guess Polish pronunciation from the spelling -- it's simple but different. "Keep the rest" in Polish is "Reszty nie trzeba" in writing, and "Raeshy nye chaeba" in English phonetic transcription.

All Poles are literate. Write in block letters Polish addresses and names you want to inquire about. When inquiring about directions, ask another person to confirm from an independent source what you heard from the person giving directions. People often have better intention than information or better information than intention.

The following are the locations of some Internet c@fé's in Krakow.

Centrum Internetowe

Rynek Główny 9 (Main Market Square; Pasaż, Bielaka),
phone/fax: 431 2184,
open 24/7;
PLN 2/15 min, PLN 3/30 min, PLN 5/30-60 min

Club u Louisa

Rynek Główny [Main Market Square] 13,
phone: 421 8092,
open 11 am-11 pm; PLN 2/15 min,
PLN 3/30 min, PLN 5/1 h

Internet Club

ul. Floriańska 30,
phone: 422 0319,
open 10-24; PLN 2/15 min, PLN 3/30min,
PLN 5/1 h

Cafe Looz

ul. Mikołajska 13,
phone:/ fax: 428 4210,
open 10 am-12 am; 10 am-8 am next day on Fri, Sat;
PLN 2/15 min, PLN 4/30 min, PLN 5/45min

Cafe Internet

ul. Szpitalna 34,
phone: 429 4014,
open 10 am-10pm;
PLN 2/15 min, PLN 3/30 min, PLN 5/1 h/, PLN 9/2 h

Club Orlik Rotunda

ul. Oleandry 1,
phone: 634 3412,
open 11 am-10 pm;
PLN 2/15 min, PLN 3/30 min, PLN 5/1 h

Request for interesting articles and news:

Dear GENACIS members,

We would again like to ask you to send your comments and suggestions for the newsletter to Louise Diers at UND (ldiers@medicine.nodak.edu) or Friederike Fröhner at FU Berlin (friederike.froehner@medizin.fu-berlin.de). They will be highly welcome!

Also, please contact us if you wish to announce newly published papers or if you want to contribute an article or interesting news. These items will be included in future newsletters.

Thank you.

WEB SITES

IRGGA/GENACIS project:

(<http://www.medicine.nodak.edu/irgga>).

EU-project website:

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

GENACIS site at SIPA:

<http://www.sfa-ispa.ch/genacis/intro.htm>

KBS website:

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