

Gender, Alcohol and Culture: An International Study



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GENACIS Workshop, Stavanger, Norway

The 2012 GENACIS Workshop was held at the University of Stavanger, Stavanger, Norway, in conjunction with the 38th Annual Symposium of the Kjetil Bruun Society for Social and Epidemiological Research on Alcohol. The 2013 KBS Symposium will be held in Kampala, Uganda, June 3-7, 2013.

21ST ANNUAL GENACIS GROUP DINNER

Please join us for the 21st Annual GENACIS Group Dinner in Kampala. GENACIS members and friends will meet for a group dinner (self-pay) at the Nyanja Restaurant at the Speke Conference Center at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4. Due to previously scheduled concurrent paper sessions on June 4, a GENACIS Workshop will not be held this year. The GENACIS group dinner will be an important opportunity to visit with your GENACIS friends over a casual dinner and a soft drink or glass of wine.



Congratulations, Professor Karin Bergmark

On January 31, the Vice-Chancellor of Stockholm University appointed GENACIS member Professor Karin Bergmark to the position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Humanities and Social Sciences and also Chair of the Board of Humanities, Law and Social Sciences.

Prior to this appointment, Karin was the Chair of the Department of Sociology. She received overwhelming support from her colleagues in the Humanities and Social Sciences in her election to the post.

“It is a great honor, I am proud to be nominated for and then elected to office. I will do my utmost to live up to that trust - an exciting and, I believe, also multidimensional task,” Karin remarked shortly after the Vice-Chancellor made the decision. “I want Stockholm University to continue to be the great university it is today. Areas that I believe will be increasingly important are internationalization and visibility in the surrounding world, for example, working with our alumni networks.”

On behalf of GENACIS, we congratulate Karin on this accomplishment and wish her all the best in her new positions as Stockholm University’s Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Humanities and Social Sciences and Chair of the Board of Humanities, Law and Social Sciences.



Research Workshop to be held in Uganda

GENACIS members Kim Bloomfield, Nazarius Tumwesigye, and Monica Swahn have developed a three-day workshop, Research Methods in Alcohol and Drug Studies, that will take place June 8-10, after the 39th Annual KBS Symposium in Kampala. The workshop is funded by grants from the International Order of Good Templars (IOGT) and FORUT, which will provide full stipends for 15 students. Course development for the workshop was supported in part by the GENACIS R01 grant from the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

Instructors, who are donating their time, include Tom Babor, Franca Beccaria, Kerstin Stenius, and GENACIS members Robin Room and Marja Holmila. Nazarius’ colleagues Fred Makumbi, Stella Neema, and Lynn Atuyambe will assist in lab sessions during which students and mentors will conduct data analyses and write research reports. Kim’s PhD student Abdu Kedir, from Ethiopia (pictured above), will help with the quantitative methods lab sessions.

The workshop grew out of a concern voiced by Kim at a GENACIS meeting following the November 2010 KBS thematic meeting in Kampala. Kim stated, “there is a growing need for social and epidemiological research on alcohol and drug use in lower- and middle-income countries. Alcohol and drug abuse are on the rise and international alcohol beverages are increasingly being marketed in these regions. Yet there is little or no research to feed policy development and intervention to fight abuse. Development of skills in alcohol and drug research is one way of augmenting WHO efforts to reduce harmful use of alcohol and drugs.” Engaging researchers is one of the key recommendations highlighted in the May 2010 World Health Assembly Report.

It is hoped that the workshop, in addition to addressing critical research skills to carry out quality research in the alcohol and drug field, especially in African countries, will also prove to be a rewarding and stimulating experience for all involved.



KBS Latin America Thematic Meeting, Rio de Janeiro

GENACIS members Florence Kerr-Corrêa, Analice Gigliotti, and Marcos Zaleski were the organizers of the KBS Latin America Thematic Meeting held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on November 30 and December 1, 2012. The theme of the meeting was “Gender, Alcohol and Violence.” Featured speakers were Raul Caetano, Kathryn Graham, Kenneth Leonard, and Sharon Wilsnack.

The KBS Thematic Meeting was held in conjunction with the Latin America Tobacco and Other Drugs Conference. Simultaneous translation in English and Portuguese was available during the sessions.

Thirty-five registered participants attended the KBS thematic sessions, as well as a number of additional Brazilian guests. In addition to four plenary presentations, eighteen papers were presented followed by discussant remarks and comments from the audience.

The conference was deemed a success by organizers and participants. Florence and colleagues hope to host the KBS Symposium in Brazil in the near future.



European GENACIS Members Meet in Alicante, Spain

A group of GENACIS members who had directed GENACIS surveys in Europe met in Alicante, Spain, on December 13 and 14, 2012. The meeting was hosted by Antonio Vidal and colleagues and was supported by the Spanish Society of Drug Addiction and the Department of Health of Valencia, Spain. Antonio and Dr. Juan Carlos Valderrama were study directors of the 2002 GENACIS survey in Spain. The purpose of the Alicante meeting was to discuss possible directions and funding sources for future GENACIS activities in Europe.

Meeting participants were Karin Bergmark (Sweden), Kim Bloomfield (Denmark), Sandra Kuntsche (Switzerland), Moira Plant (Scotland), Dag Rekve (WHO Geneva), Dike van de Mheen (Netherlands), Richard Wilsnack (USA), and Sharon Wilsnack (USA).

Potential future projects discussed by the group included establishing a Europe-wide network of researchers interested in gender-related and cultural influences on alcohol consumption. The network could explore sources of funding for new surveys that would provide follow-up data for comparison with the original GENACIS surveys as well as asking new questions about alcohol-related harms to persons other than the drinker. Such surveys could provide valuable European data for comparison with findings from GENACIS/ Harms to Others surveys planned or underway in other world regions.

On December 14, meeting participants gave research presentations at a workshop titled “Alcohol Abuse from Gender and Culture Perspectives,” attended by members of the Spanish Society of Drug Addiction and other interested substance abuse researchers and clinicians.



KBS Thematic Meeting participants, November, 2010.



One of many gardens at the Speke Conference Center.

Uganda Welcomes 2013 KBS Symposium

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 Speke Conference Center and 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. Because of the enthusiasm generated during that meeting and the hard work of the Makerere organizing team, KBS members voted to accept Nazarius' invitation to host the 2013 KBS Symposium.

Several GENACIS members attended the 2010 thematic meeting and are now planning a return visit for the 2013 KBS Symposium. The photos here were taken at the KBS thematic meeting and following the meeting on a wildlife safari in Murchison Falls National Park.

We look forward to seeing your pictures in next year's GENACIS Newsletter.



GENACIS members on safari after the 2010 thematic meeting.



Up close and personal with nature.

KBS PAPERS BY GENACIS MEMBERS

GENACIS members and friends will present a number of papers at KBS 2013. This list gives the titles and presentation times for papers authored by GENACIS members and friends (bold type).

Monday, June 3

9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Plenary-Speke Ball Room

From practice to knowledge: Building an international evidence base on the implementation of alcohol market

Robin Room

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Track A: Speke Ball Room

Age, period, and cohort effects on time trends in alcohol consumption in the Swedish adult population

Ludwig Kraus

Track B: Jacaranda Hall

The big night out: What happens on the last big drinking occasion amongst a group of young Victorian risky drinkers?

Paul Dietze

Towards a typology of drinking occasions – Latent classes of drinking

Pia Makela

Track C: Acacia Hall

Alcohol consumption before sex and HIV seropositivity in a nationwide study

Nazarius Mbona Tumwesigye

2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Track C: Acacia Hall

HIV status among vulnerable youth in Kampala, Uganda: A closer look at alcohol and drug use and drinking prior to sexual activity

Monica Swahn

Track D: Ebony Hall

Lessons learnt from other countries on law and alcohol policies and role of civil society

Rogers Kasirye

4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Track B: Jacaranda Hall

A prospective study of peer influence on alcohol use among northern Nigerian youth

Mufutau Yunusa

Tuesday, June 4

9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Plenary-Speke Ball Room

Alcohol policies and contextual factors changing alcohol consumption in Europe

Allaman Allamani

Hard times: Does support for alcohol control policies change in a recession?

Ann Hope

Tuesday, June 4 (continued)

9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Plenary-Speke Ball Room

From public domain to private sphere: The changing social response to the alcohol question in Sri Lanka

Siri Hettige

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Track A: Speke Ball Room

Household consumer expenditure surveys in India, What can it inform us about alcohol consumption?

Anita Chopra

Track B: Jacaranda Hall

Implications of alcohol use and gender issues among crack users

Adriana Marcassa Tucci

Gender inequality, aggressive behaviour and alcohol – A country-level view

Giora Rahav

Track D: Ebony Hall

Alcoholic beverage companies' Talent Hunt Programmes and undergraduates' drinking behaviours in Nigeria.

Olufunke Chenube

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Track A: Speke Ball Room

Examining the distribution of drinking in Australia – Do stable overall trends hide important shifts?

Michael Livingston

Underage youths' primary and alternative modes of access to alcohol in Switzerland: A mixed method study

Hervé Kuendig

Track B: Jacaranda Hall

Perceptions of "the addict" in the print press from four European countries

Franca Beccaria

Track C: Acacia Hall

Purchases of benzodiazepines by mothers who misuse alcohol and drugs: Register-based study of mothers of small children

Kisimarja Raitasalo

Tuesday, June 4 (continued)

4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Track A, Speke Ball Room

Measuring volume of drinking among young men by means of different instruments -- More is not better

Gerhard Gmel

Track F: Acacia Hall

A retrospective study of health hazard of alcohol use in a Muslim dominant society

Mufutau Yunusa

Track E: Ebony Hall

Living with addiction in Nigeria: The experience of family members

Akanidomo J. Ibanga

Thursday, June 6

8:55 – 10:30 a.m., Plenary-Speke Ball Room

Obituary: Professor Kaye Middleton Fillmore

Sharon Wilsnack

Intimate partner violence and use of alcohol: Qualitative Comparative Study

Marja Holmila

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Track F: Acacia Hall

Changes in alcohol consumption in Denmark: A comparison of national surveys from 2003 and 2011

Kim Bloomfield

Thursday, June 4 (continued)

2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Track A: Speke Ball Room

Prevalence and sociocultural factors of psychoactive substance use among university students in northwestern Nigeria

Mufutau Yunusa

Track B: Jacaranda Hall

Parental interventions to prevent adolescent substance use – A systematic literature review

Sandra Kuntsche

Track E: Acacia Hall

Your drinking is my problem: Recording alcohol's harm to others in Nigeria

Isidore Obot

IPV, alcohol and drugs in Uruguay

Raquel Magri

Track D: Ebony Hall

International Alcohol Control (IAC) Study in Thailand: What do we find from the first wave survey?

Surasak Chaiyasong

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Track D: Ebony Hall

Gender, alcohol and culture: 20 years of multinational collaboration

Sharon Wilsnack



KBS 2014 in Torino

The 40th Annual Kettil Bruun Society Symposium will be held in Torino, Italy, June 9 - 13, 2014. The symposium dates are one week later than usual because June 2 is a national holiday in Italy.



GENACIS Group Dinner

GENACIS members and the H2O-Thai Health group will meet for dinner on Tuesday, June 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nyanja Restaurant. The restaurant is located above the conference meeting rooms (see red arrow) and adjacent to the Terrace Bar. The dinner is served buffet style at a cost of \$20.00 USD (self-pay). We hope that you will be able to join us for a relaxing evening.

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 is periodically updated and the most current statement is always available 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.

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WEBSITES

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

GENACIS site at Addiction Info Switzerland:
<http://www.genacis.org/index.php>

KBS website:
<http://www.kettilbruun.org/>

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