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2014 GENACIS and Harms to Others Workshop, Torino, Italy

The 2014 GENACIS/ IGSAHO (International Group for the Study of Alcohol's Harm to Others) workshop was held in conjunction with the 40th Annual Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society in Torino, Italy. The 2015 KBS Symposium will be held in Munich, Germany, June 1-5, 2015. The joint GENACIS-IGSAHO workshop will be on Tuesday, June 2.





We will miss you, Luděk!

Just before Christmas 2014, GENACIS members received the sad news that our friend and colleague Luděk Kubička of Prague died on December 14. A few months earlier, in September, Luděk had celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends.

A formal obituary for Luděk, written by Sharon Wilsnack and Luděk's friend and colleague Ladislav Csémy, has been published in *Addiction* (Vol. 110(6), June 2015), and a brief tribute will be given by Kim Bloomfield during the opening session of KBS 2015 on Monday, June 1. This less formal tribute to Luděk focuses on his important contributions to the GENACIS Project and features memories from many of his GENACIS friends.

Contact between Luděk and several GENACIS members began in the early 1980s, while Czechoslovakia was still under Communist rule. Luděk wrote to Sharon and Richard Wilsnack at the University of North Dakota shortly after they conducted their first national survey of U.S. women's drinking in 1981. He requested permission to translate the Wilsnack survey questionnaire into Czech for use in a study he was planning of drinking among women in Czechoslovakia. The collaboration between Luděk and the Wilsnack group soon expanded to include

Fredrik Spak of Göteborg, Sweden, who translated portions of the U.S. questionnaire for use in his study of alcohol dependent women in Göteborg. In the mid-1980s Sharon and the late Kaye Fillmore were involved in a bit of Cold War scientific politics that eventually succeeded in obtaining permission from Czechoslovakian government officials for Luděk to come to the U.S. for meetings of Kaye's international longitudinal collaborative project in San Francisco. KBS member and GENACIS friend Andrea Mitchell recalls how Luděk brought to the first meeting sandwiches made for him by his wife, which he had carried with him on the long flight from Prague to San Francisco. Ladislav Csémy admired Luděk's personal and scientific integrity during the difficult years of Communist rule in Czechoslovakia. In his funeral tribute to Luděk, Ladislav noted that "during the years of totalitarianism he never deviated from his high standards of scientific research and refused to reach any compromise with the communist regime for the sake of an easy life or special advantages."

After the 1989 "Velvet Revolution" that ended the 41-year Communist era in Czechoslovakia, Luděk had greater freedom to participate in international research activities. He became a member of KBS and in 1993 was a founding member of the International Research Group on Gender and Alcohol (IRGGA), which several years later launched the GENACIS Project. At the 2003 KBS symposium in Krakow, Poland, GENACIS members presented a plenary session in honor of Luděk's retirement from his academic position at the Psychiatric Research Institute in Prague. The session provided an overview of Luděk's pioneering research on the effects of social change on women's and men's drinking. Papers from the session were later published as a special journal section (Social change and gendered drinking: A symposium in honour of Luděk Kubička, *Addiction*, 100(12), 1760-1802). (Continued on Page 3)

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Due to health problems of his beloved wife Zdeňka, Luděk stopped traveling to GENACIS and KBS meetings around 2005. However, he continued to contribute to GENACIS for many years after this. At Kaye Fillmore's suggestion, the North Dakota research team invited Luděk to review and offer comments on several GENACIS-related papers and grant applications. The arrangement was very positive, both for Luděk, who enjoyed the continued involvement and chance to contribute, and for the paper and grant application authors, who benefited from Luděk's insightful critical comments on their work.

Upon receiving news of his death, many GENACIS members shared fond memories of Luděk. Kim Bloomfield recalled that "Luděk was an influential member of both EU projects on gender and alcohol . . . where his debates with Ronald Knibbe over [cross-culturally comparable] standard drink sizes will always be remembered." Nazarius Tumwesigye remembered that he was introduced to Luděk by another GENACIS member who is no longer with us, "our dear late Professor Martin Plant." Several members, including Julio Bejarano, Ronald Knibbe, Yunusa Mufutau, and Moira Plant, commented on Luděk's high scientific standards and numerous contributions to the alcohol research literature.



Ladislav Csémy, Sharon Wilsnack, Luděk, and Fredrik Spak

Tom Greenfield wrote, "I recall vividly an extraordinary walking tour of Prague that Luděk generously took me on during an ICAA meeting in the early 90s – cubist houses, royal buildings, defenestration, the synagogue and graveyard, and other remnants of various occupations—I got a unique perspective from his sense of place and history!" Members of the University of North Dakota research group remembered Luděk's impressive mastery of numerous languages, his modest and gracious personal style, and his subtle sense of wit and humor. Memories of enjoying his company at KBS and GENACIS dinners brought to mind his advice about

mixing various types of alcoholic beverages: "Wein auf Bier, keine Furcht hier. Bier auf Wein macht ein Schwein!"

On October 5, 2011, Luděk sent an email to Kaye Fillmore and Sharon Wilsnack. It read, in part: "Dear friends, a great celebration of American-Czech friendship took place today near the Prague main railroad station. A reconstructed statue of President Woodrow Wilson was made public, with the Czech President, the US ambassador Madelaine Albright, and other dignitaries present and speaking . . . The original Wilson statue, erected in 1928, was removed by the Nazis in 1941. American Friends of the Czech Republic sponsored the reconstructed statue. My generation remembers that the main railroad station was named Wilson Station, as an expression of thankfulness for Wilson's role in the founding of Czechoslovakia in 1918. The speakers today appreciated the collaboration of US and Czech scientists, artists, and others. Remembering, Kaye and Sharon, my collaboration with you, I somehow felt that we also were a (small) part of the US-Czech story. You must forgive such feelings to an old man. Best wishes, Luděk."

Luděk Kubička was much more than a "small part" of the GENACIS Project. As a member of the project from its beginning in 1993, Luděk's high scientific standards, wide-ranging scholarly and cultural interests, numerous contributions to research on gender and alcohol, and kind, gracious, and witty personal style make him a very special colleague and friend. Luděk lived a long and good life, and his memory will be cherished by all who knew him.

MULTINATIONAL GENACIS-H2O STUDY PROPOSED

On March 2, 2015, a group of GENACIS members submitted a research grant application to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), part of the U.S. National Institutes of Health. Titled “Alcohol’s Harm to Others: Multinational Cultural Contexts and Policy Implications,” the application proposes the first multinational study of drinking’s harms to persons other than the drinker (harms to others/H2O), examining how social and cultural contexts are related to the levels, types, and severity of H2O. NIAAA has funded two previous grants to the GENACIS Project (2002-2005 and 2007-2013).

The proposed study will use 21 GENACIS surveys and 16 surveys from other countries (many from the WHO-Thai Health International Collaborative Project on Alcohol’s Harm to Others). The GENACIS surveys provide detailed data on characteristics of drinkers who report *causing* harms to others, and the WHO-Thai Health surveys provide equally detailed data from the *victims* (both drinkers and nondrinkers) of alcohol-related harms from other heavy drinkers. Within a multi-level social ecological framework, these data will be used to test hypotheses about (1) individual and contextual factors associated with persons who report having experienced H2O as well as persons who report having caused H2O; (2) regional differences within countries that may modify individual risks of H2O; and (3) how regional variations in drinking cultures may interact with national alcohol policies to prevent or promote harms caused by heavier drinkers.

Principal investigators of the grant application are Kim Bloomfield, Tom Greenfield, and Sharon Wilsnack. Key personnel are located at six sites in five countries: (1) Alcohol Research Group (USA) (Tom Greenfield, Jason Bond, Kate Karriker-Jaffe); (2) University of North Dakota (USA) (Sharon Wilsnack, Richard Wilsnack, Arlinda Kristjanson); (3) Aarhus University (Denmark) (Kim Bloomfield, Ulrike Grittner); (4) Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (Canada) (Kate Graham, Sharon Bernards); (5) Addiction Switzerland Research Institute (Sandra Kuntsche, Gerhard Gmel); and (6) Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre (Australia) (Anne-Marie Laslett, Robin Room, Sarah Callinan). Major consultants are Vivek Benegal (India), Florence Kerr-Corrêa (Brazil), Isidore Obot (Nigeria), Sarah Roberts (USA), and Thaksaphon (Mek) Thamarangsi (Thailand).

The application will receive a scientific-technical review in late June and a policy review in September. If the application is funded, the 4-year study could begin December 1, 2015. In Munich, key personnel of the proposed study will hold a planning meeting on May 31, and Tom Greenfield will present a summary of the grant application at the joint GENACIS-IGSAHO workshop on June 2.



Robin, Jason, Kim, Tom, Sharon, and Richard work on the GENACIS-H2O research grant application.

KBS 2015 Conference Site

The 2015 KBS Symposium will be held at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Nussbaumstraße 7, Munich, Germany (see map on page 8).



Department of Psychiatry



Munich University



Munich city view

Memories of Torino



2014 KBS conference site in Torino, Italy



Italian tenor entertains at 2014 KBS reception



Moira, Akan, Sharon, and Richard enjoying the sunshine in Torino.

KBS PAPERS BY GENACIS MEMBERS

GENACIS members will present a number of papers at KBS 2015. This list gives the titles, first authors, and presentation times for papers authored by GENACIS members and friends.

Monday, June 1

9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Lecture Hall

Tribute to Ludek Kubicka

Kim Bloomfield

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Lecture Hall

A trend of alcohol attributable morbidity over 10 years in Korea

Kwang Kee Kim

Library (A201)

Come on, have a drink - prevalence and correlates of social pressure to drink more

Pia Mäkelä

Drinking and culture: Looking below the culture as a whole

Robin Room

2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Library (A201)

A multi-country study of harms to children because of others' drinking

Anne-Marie Laslett

4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Lecture Hall

Alcohol advertising in sport and non-sport TV in Australia, during children's viewing times

Kypros Kypri

A systematic investigation of marketing strategies used by alcohol brands and alcohol-related health promotion on Facebook and Twitter

Paul Dietze

Alzheimer Room (A301)

Work demands overshadow family obligations among parents of preschoolers: What effect on alcohol use?

Sandra Kuntsche

A325

Alcohol screening in health care settings: How does the public view it?

Ann Hope

Tuesday, June 2

9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Lecture Hall

Prevalence of substance use: A question of definition?

Ludwig Kraus

Internet addiction - the making of a new addiction

Karin Bergmark

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Lecture Hall

How do drinking cultures change? – Evidence of transitions in Denmark

Ulrike Grittner

The more you know, the better you drink: The renewed drinking culture in Italian wine production areas

Franca Beccaria

Library (A201)

Brief intervention for alcohol-related problems among college students and the correlation with anxiety in a public university in Brazil

Adriana Marcassa Tucci

A024/025

The influence of parents' alcohol drinking habits on in-school adolescents' present and future drinking

Olufunke Chenube

A325

Does use of alcohol relate to nurses' rank in alcohol tolerating and alcohol non-tolerating societies? – A case controlled study

Mufutau Yunusa

2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Lecture Hall

Some country-level correlates of the consequences of alcohol consumption

Giora Rahav

A024/025

Experiences of collecting data for African School Survey Project on Alcohol and other Drugs (ASPAD)

Salme Ahlström

A325

Are all crack users the same? An ethnographic study in Mexico City

Guillermina Natera

Tuesday, June 2 (continued)

4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Lecture Hall

Psycho-social interventions after hospital admission for alcoholic intoxication: A systematic review
Matthias Wicki

Alzheimer Room (A301)

Sick, criminal, poor or only adolescent? Addictive behaviours in the Hungarian media
Zsuzsanna Elekes

Substance use among Dutch homeless people, a follow-up study: Prevalence, pattern and housing status
Dike van de Mheen

A024/025

An examination of Random Breath Testing and alcohol-related traffic crash rates in Australia: 2000-2012
Jason Ferris

Wednesday, June 3

9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Lecture Hall

Forecasting the impact of the evidence-based alcohol policies on alcohol consumption and alcohol-related harm
Allaman Allamani

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Library (A201)

Women and alcohol-related problems: Treatment recommendations according to the German S3-guidelines
Irmgard Vogt

Beliefs and perceptions of alcohol use by women in Cape Verde: A qualitative study in Achada Fazenda
Maria Lima

A024/025

Meanings of a lapse among drug-addicts
Meir Teichman

Thursday, June 4

9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Lecture Hall

Examining geospatial features of alcohol advertisements across four slums in Kampala, Uganda: Developing an environmental scan protocol
Monica Swahn

Commercial cyclists (okada riders) and alcohol-related problems in Delta State, Nigeria
Florence Omumu

Thursday, June 4 (continued)

How strong is the relationship between alcohol consumption and injury among commercial motorcycle riders? Evidence from a matched case control study in Kampala
Nazarius Mbona Tumwesigye

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Lecture Hall

A taxonomy of alcohol harm countermeasures
Kypros Kypri

Library (A201)

Alcohol involvement in sexual behaviour and adverse sexual health outcomes in early middle age
Jennie Connor

2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Library (A201)

Harm to others by people under the influence of alcohol in São Paulo City, Brazil: Preliminary results
Florence Kerr-Correa

The experience of harm from other people's drinking: Data from a Nigeria sample
Akanidomo Ibanga

4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Lecture Hall

Alcohol affordability, per-capita consumption and mortality in Korea, 2000-2013
Kwang Kee Kim

Library (A201)

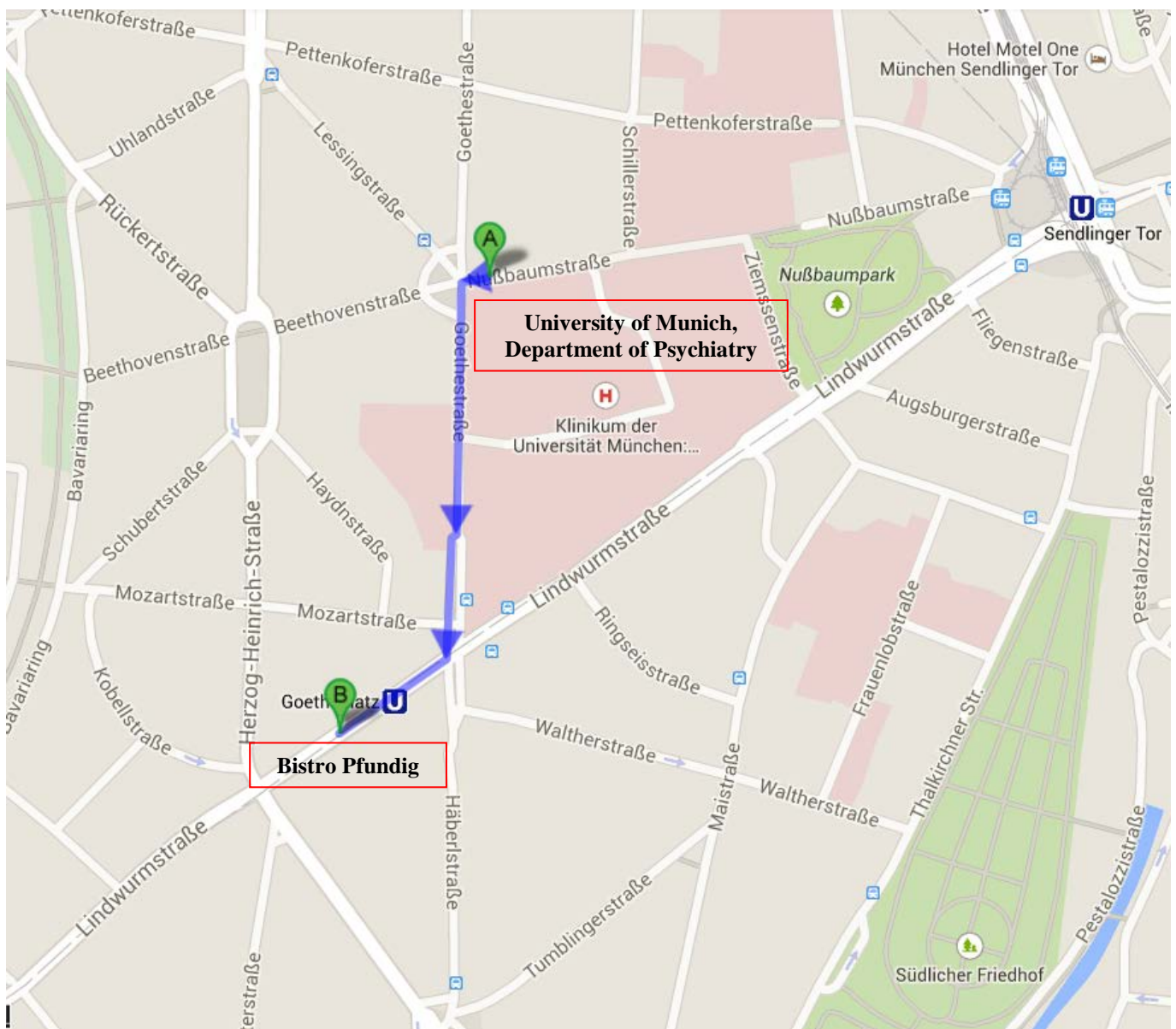
Disparities in alcohol use patterns and associated problems among American Indians and Alaskan Natives (AI/ANs) in the US: Three National Alcohol Surveys 2000-2010
Thomas Greenfield

Friday, June 5

9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Lecture Hall

International Alcohol Control (IAC) Study in Thailand: Differential acquiring, purchasing and drinking of alcohol across drinker types
Surasak Chaiyasong

Alcohol Environment Protocol – measuring the alcohol environment in the International Alcohol Control Study
Taisia Huckle



GENACIS/Harms to Others Group Dinner on June 2

The GENACIS and Harms to Others group dinner will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, June 2, at Bistro Pfundig Restaurant (<https://de-de.facebook.com/bistropfundig>), following the joint GENACIS-IGSAHO workshop. The restaurant is about a six-minute walk from the conference site. It is located at Lindwurmstraße 95A, 80337 Munich (see map). Please contact Anne-Marie Laslett (anne-mariel@turningpoint.org.au) or Sharon Wilsnack (sharon.wilsnack@med.und.edu) for reservations before June 1.



KBS 2016 in Stockholm

The 42nd Annual Kettil Bruun Society Symposium will be held in Stockholm, Sweden, May 30 – June 3, 2016. A GENACIS workshop will be held on May 28 and/or May 29, and a joint GENACIS-IGSAHO workshop will be held on May 31. More information will be provided in early 2016. We hope to see you in Stockholm!



KBS 2017 in Sheffield, England

As an aid to long-term planning, the 2017 KBS Symposium is likely to be held in Sheffield, England. The dates of the 2017 Symposium will be announced at the Friday morning business meeting in Munich.

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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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