

# Gender, Alcohol and Culture: An International Study



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## GOOD NEWS FROM PAHO



In December 2003 GENACIS partner Maristela Monteiro, formerly with the World Health Organization in Geneva, became the regional advisor on alcohol and substance abuse at the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in Washington, DC. Maristela has recently won an internal award from PAHO to undertake a multicentric study of gender, alcohol, culture, and harm in the Americas.

The study will bring together eleven countries in the region, seven of which have already participated in the GENACIS project (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Mexico, Uruguay, and the U.S.) and four new countries (Belize, Nicaragua, Paraguay, and Peru). The four new countries will receive support to conduct regional or national surveys using the GENACIS questionnaire. The data will be used to undertake a comparative analysis of the relationships between alcohol consumption, gender roles, culture, socioeconomic development, and alcohol-related harms in the Americas. The new datasets will also be available for global analysis with

other GENACIS surveys. The multicentric study surveys will provide the most detailed information yet available about gender and alcohol use in Latin America, thus contributing to a better understanding of the relationships among gender, alcohol, and culture worldwide.

The first meeting of the Multicentric Study will be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, November 29–December 1, 2004. In addition to Maristela and the directors of the four new surveys, a number of current GENACIS members will participate. They include Miriam Munné (Argentina), Florence Kerr Correa (Brazil), Julio Bejarano (Costa Rica), Martha Romero (Mexico), Raquel Magri (Uruguay), and Sharon Wilsnack (USA). Other GENACIS members involved in the Multicentric Study are Kate Graham (Canada) and Tom Greenfield (USA).



GENACIS members working on a book describing the WHO-funded GENACIS surveys take a break during their meeting in Helsinki. From left to right are Akan Ibanga (Nigeria), Martha Romero (Mexico), Sharon Wilsnack (USA), Myriam Munne (Argentina), Vivek Benegal (India), Richard Wilsnack (USA), Gerhard Gmel (Switzerland), Raquel Magri (Uruguay), and Robin Room (Sweden).



GENACIS members discuss progress and priorities of the project during a plenary session at the annual pre-KBS GENACIS meeting in Helsinki in June, 2004.



### GENACIS LOGO CONTEST WINNER

At the GENACIS workshop in Helsinki, plans were announced for a contest to select a logo for the GENACIS project. Subsequently eleven logo entries were submitted by eight individuals or groups.

At a July 2004 meeting in Vancouver to plan a GENACIS grant application, planning committee members whose groups had not entered the contest reviewed all entries. The winning logo appears above. It is a combination of the world map previously used by the UND group for the IRGGA/GENACIS membership list with lettering in the style of the entry submitted by the Berlin group. Thus the contest had two winners -- UND and Berlin!

The Vancouver "judges" felt that all entries in the contest were creative and attractive, and therefore it was decided to award a prize to each group that had entered. The prizes will be presented at the November GENACIS meeting in Berlin. Thank you to everyone who entered the logo contest.

### PLEASE SEND FUNDING SOURCES FOR COUNTRY SURVEYS

Each publication that uses GENACIS data will list the general funding sources for the project (EU, WHO, UND/NIAAA) and the individual sources of funding for all country surveys included in that publication. We will prepare a list of funding sources for all country surveys and post this on the UND GENACIS website.

So that the funding sources can be acknowledged accurately, we are asking that each study director list the source or sources of funding for his/her country survey **exactly as you would like it to appear in the acknowledgements footnote**. This should include the exact name of the organization or agency providing the funding, the grant or contract number (if there is one), and, if applicable, any other information that the funding source has requested be included.

Please bring this information with you to Berlin and give it to Sharon Wilsnack or Arlinda Kristjanson. You may also send it by email to Louise Diers at UND ([ldiers@medicine.nodak.edu](mailto:ldiers@medicine.nodak.edu)). Thank you for helping us to acknowledge accurately the organizations that have supported our surveys.

### GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR FURTHER GENACIS FUNDING

On October 1, a major grant application was submitted by a group of GENACIS partners to the U.S. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). NIAAA has provided three years of support (through December 2005) to the University of North Dakota team for development and coordination of the GENACIS project.

The new application requests five more years of funding for further analyses of the multinational GENACIS data base. The planning group that prepared the application included Sharon Wilsnack (principal investigator) and co-investigators Kim Bloomfield, Gerhard Gmel, Kate Graham, Tom Greenfield, Robin Room, and Richard Wilsnack. The project's advisory committee consists of Vivek Benegal, Andrée Demers, Ronald Knibbe, Pia Mäkelä, and Isidore Obot. The application proposes to hold an international conference in the fourth year of the grant, at which findings from the GENACIS project will be reported and for which current GENACIS study directors and other GENACIS members will be invited to serve as presenters and discussants.

The application will be reviewed for scientific-technical merit in the spring of 2005. If approved, the earliest possible funding date would be December 2005.

**GENACIS November Meeting – Preliminary Agenda**  
 (updated October 12, 2004)  
 Mercure Hotel Berlin an der Charité (Formerly Dorint Hotel)  
 Invalidenstrasse 38  
 10115 Berlin

**Friday, November 12, 2004 (EU partners and non-EU work area leaders only)**  
**(WHO meeting parallel)**

**Meeting Rooms: Sinus/Cosinus (EU), Tangens (WHO)**

09:00 – 10:30	Introduction Presentation WP 3, WP 4	Ronald, Karin (discussants: WP 3: Gerhard, WP 4: Salme)
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:00 – 12:30	Presentation WP 2: patterns, contexts	Salme, Pia (discussant: Moira)
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	
14:00 – 15:30	Presentation WP 1, WP 5	Gerhard, Kim (discussant: Pia)
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
16:00 – 17:30	Presentation WP 6, Country Profiles	Giora, Irmgard and Allaman (discussants: WP 6: Ronald, CP: Giora)
17:30 – 18:00	Wrap-up of EU report chapters	

**Saturday, November 13, 2004 ALL GENACIS Plenary Session (Room: Sinus/Cosinus/Tangens)**

09:00 – 10:30	GENACIS plenary	
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:00 – 12:30	Paper groups	
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	Paper groups	
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
16:00 -	<b>Steering Committee meeting</b>	

**Sunday, November 14, 2004**

09:00 – 10:30	GENACIS paper groups	
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:00 – 12:30	GENACIS paper groups	
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	
14:00 – 15:30	GENACIS paper groups	
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
16:00 – 17:30	GENACIS paper groups	

**Monday, November 15, 2004**

09:00 – 10:30	GENACIS paper groups	
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:00 – 12:30	GENACIS paper groups	
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	
14:00 – 15:30	GENACIS paper groups	
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
16:00 – 17:30	GENACIS paper groups	
<b>19:30-</b>	<b>Reception/Get together</b>	

**Tuesday, November 16, 2004 Plenary Session (Room: Sinus/Cosinus/Tangens)**

09:00 – 10:30	GENACIS plenary	
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:00 – 12:30	GENACIS plenary	
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	
<b>14:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>Steering Committee meeting</b>	

6th Semi-Annual EU/GENACIS Meeting, Berlin, November 12-16, 2004

General Information

Address of hotel and conference site:

**Mercure Hotel Berlin an der Charité** (or Dorint an der Charité; the name was changed recently)

Invalidenstrasse. 38  
10115 Berlin  
Deutschland  
Tel.: (49) 0 30/ 30 82 69 15  
Fax: (49) 0 30/ 30 82 61 00

<http://www.dorint.com/berlin-mitte/uk/home.html>

[http://www.accorhotels.com/accorhotels/fichehotel/gb/mer/5341/fiche\\_hotel.shtml](http://www.accorhotels.com/accorhotels/fichehotel/gb/mer/5341/fiche_hotel.shtml)

Breakfast at the hotel is included in the price of your room.  
Single room: 80 Euros, Double room: 103 Euros (Charité flat rate).





## Arrival by plane:

### Tegel Airport:

**Taxi to the hotel:** approx. 20 €

**Public transportation:** 2.00 €(one ride ticket):

**Bus 128** (direction U Osloer Str.). Take to “U Kurt-Schumacher-Platz”. Change to the U-train: **U 6** (direction Alt-Mariendorf) and get off at “**Zinnowitzer Straße**”. The hotel is approximately a 5-minute walk from the station (see map), approximately 40 minutes total from airport to hotel.

### Schönefeld Airport:

**Taxi to the hotel:** approx. 30 €

**Public transportation:** 2.00 €(one ride ticket):

At the “**S**”-train station “Flughafen Berlin-Schönefeld” take S-train **S 9** (direction Grunewald) to S + U station “**Friedrichstraße**”, change to the U-train **U 6** (direction Alt-Tegel) and get off at “**Zinnowitzer Straße**”. From there you have a 5-minute walk to the hotel (see map); approximately 60 minutes total from airport to hotel.

### Tempelhof Airport:

**Taxi to the hotel:** approx. 12 €

**Public transportation:** 2.00 €(one ride ticket):

Take the U-train **U 6** (direction Alt-Tegel) from station “Platz der Luftbrücke” and get off at “**Zinnowitzer Straße**”. From there you have a 5-minute walk to the hotel (see map); approximately 30 minutes total from airport to hotel.

Website of the **Berlin Tourist Office:** <http://www.btm.de/index.html.en>

### **DETAILED PAPER LIST AVAILABLE**

At the conclusion of the Helsinki workshop, more than 80 GENACIS papers had been proposed; many were underway, and some were completed or near completion. This level of productivity is impressive. However, the paper list has now become too long to include in every newsletter. The current paper list will be available at the Berlin meeting. It can also be accessed on the UND GENACIS website or obtained from Stephanie Kramer ([Stephanie.Kramer@charite.de](mailto:Stephanie.Kramer@charite.de)).

### **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.genacis.org>

**KBS website:**

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

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**Best wishes to everyone for a very happy holiday season!**