

Gender, Alcohol and Culture: An International Study



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WHO in GENACIS

Early in the development of the GENACIS project, the World Health Organization (WHO) became a partner in planning and designing the international study. Maristela Monteiro, Coordinator of the Management of Substance Dependence Unit of WHO's Mental Health and Substance Dependence Department, attended several planning meetings for the new study and took on the responsibility of finding funding for developing countries to participate in the project. Among her many other contributions, Maristela first suggested the name and acronym for the project: Gender, Alcohol, and Culture: An International Study (GENACIS).

Through Maristela's efforts, WHO received a three-year grant from the government of Valencia, Spain, to support the participation of developing countries in GENACIS. The Valencia grant provided funds to conduct the country surveys and to assist the study directors in attending one GENACIS planning meeting prior to conducting their surveys. In January 2002 WHO recruited Isidore Obot of Nigeria, and GENACIS became one of his projects. In the first year of the grant, WHO was able to support GENACIS surveys in four countries: Argentina, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, and Sri Lanka. In the second year Costa Rica, India, and Uganda joined the study. Under Isidore's supervision, these seven WHO/GENACIS countries have completed their survey fieldwork and have prepared, or are currently preparing, country reports describing their surveys and initial findings. The survey directors will continue to collaborate with other GENACIS partners on the design of cross-national comparative data analyses and the preparation of publications reporting GENACIS findings.

Many international collaborative projects include primarily European and North American countries. WHO funding for the GENACIS project substantially increases the diversity of the countries and cultures represented, greatly enhancing the value of this unique international project. Maristela and Isidore hope that two or three additional countries will soon receive WHO funds for the third wave of WHO/GENACIS surveys.



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Argentina

The GENACIS study leader for Argentina is Myriam Munné. The survey was conducted in the city and province of Buenos Aires, Argentina. 1,000 women and men were interviewed. Data collection was completed in 2002 and the final report has been submitted to WHO.

Costa Rica

Julio Bejarano is the GENACIS study leader for Costa Rica. The project is based at the Fundación Vida y Sociedad (Life and Society Foundation) in San Jose, Costa Rica. 1,274 women and men were interviewed for the survey, which was conducted in the Greater Metropolitan Area of Costa Rica. Data collection was completed in October, 2003, and data cleaning has begun.

India

Vivek Benegal, Department of Psychiatry, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore, India, is the GENACIS study leader for India. The India survey was conducted in the state of Karnataka in southern India. A total of 2,910 men and women were interviewed. Data collection was completed in September, 2003, and data entry is currently in progress.

Kazakhstan

Bedel Sarbayev is the study leader for Kazakhstan. The project is located at the Kazakh Academy of Nutrition, Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan. 1,143 women and men living in east Kazakhstan were interviewed. Data collection was completed in 2002, and a final report has been submitted to WHO.

Nigeria

Akanidomo Ibanga is the study leader for Nigeria. The project is located at the Center for Research and Information on Substance Abuse, Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria. The survey was conducted in three central states and two eastern states in Nigeria. 2,099 women and men were interviewed. Data collection was completed in June, 2003, and a draft report has been submitted to WHO.

Sri Lanka

Siri Hettige is the Sri Lanka GENACIS study leader. The project is located in the Sociology Department of the University of Colombo, Colombo, Sri Lanka. 1,200 women and men living in 17 districts of Sri Lanka were interviewed. The project was completed in 2002, and the final report has been submitted to WHO.

Uganda

The GENACIS study leader for Uganda is Nazarius Mbona Tumwesigye. The project is located jointly at the Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL) and the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda. 1,479 women and men were interviewed representing four regions of Uganda. Data collection was completed in June, 2003, and a draft report has been submitted to WHO.

GENACIS Fourth Semi-Annual Meeting

**Hotel Albrechtshof, Albrechtstraße 8, 10117 Berlin
(Bankettsaal)**

**SUNDAY, 9 November 2003
Preliminary Agenda**

SUNDAY, 9 November 2003

09:00 - 10:30 WHO-funded members

10:30 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 WHO-funded members

12:00 – 13:30 LUNCH BREAK

13:30 – 18:00 **Work area groups (non-EU members) divide into article subgroups (articles showing most progress and/or greatest need for discussion):**

13:30 – 14:30 Drinking Patterns/Contexts (Tom Greenfield)

14:30 – 15:30 Drinking Problems (Isidore Obot)

15:30 – 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00 – 17:00 Alcohol-Related Violence (Kate Graham)
Social Inequality/Social Roles (Andrée Demers)

17:00 – 18:00 Sexuality and Intimacy (Marja Holmila & Louise Nadeau)
Health and Lifestyle (Moira Plant)

18:00 ADJOURN

EU/GENACIS (Gender and Alcohol: A Multi-national Study)

Fourth Semi-Annual Meeting: Mid-Term Review

**SUNDAY, 9 November 2003
Preliminary Agenda**

10:00 – 10:30 Introductions and Overview

10:30 – 10:45 Work Package 7 (Kim Bloomfield)

10:45 – 10:55 Discussion WP 7

10:55 – 11:20 Work Package 1 (Gerhard Gmel)

11:20 – 11:30 Discussion WP 1

11:30 – 12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 – 12:20 Work Package 2 (Pia Mäkelä, presented by Marja Holmila)

12:20 – 12:30 Discussion WP 2

12:30 – 12:50 Work Package 3 (Ronald Knibbe)

12:50 – 13:00 Discussion WP 3

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30 – 14:50 Work Package 4 (Karen Helmersson-Bergmark)

14:50 – 15:00 Discussion WP 4

15:00 – 15:20 Work Package 5 (Kim Bloomfield/Gerhard Gmel)

15:20 – 15:30 Discussion WP 5

15:30 – 15:50 Work Package 6 (Giora Rahav)

15:50 – 16:00 Discussion WP 6

16:00 – 16:30 Wrap up session / feedback from reviewers

**GENACIS/EU Fourth Semi-Annual Meeting
Preliminary Agenda**

**9 - 12 November 2003
Hotel Albrechtshof, Albrechtstraße 8, 10117 Berlin**

SUNDAY, 9 November 2003

EU mid-term review (room: Bankettsaal) and
WHO/GENACIS paper groups (rooms: Fliedner, Spener, Francke)

MONDAY, 10 November 2003

9:00-10:30

Plenary: Bankettsaal

Introductions (UND/WHO/EU)

Discussion of agenda

Timeline and tasks

Overview of data centralization

10:30-11:00

11:00-12:30

COFFEE BREAK

Plenary: Bankettsaal

Overview of progress: Work packages 2 (drinking patterns), 3 (drinking problems), 4 (alcohol & violence)

12:30-14:00

14:00-15:30

LUNCH

Parallel workshops and article working groups:

Drinking patterns (4 groups)

Social inequality (1 group)

15:30-16:00

16:00-17:30

COFFEE BREAK

Parallel workshops and article working groups:

Drinking patterns (4 groups)

Social inequality (1 group)

TUESDAY, 11 November 2003

9:00-10:30

Parallel workshops and article working groups:

Drinking problems (4 groups)

Societal-level predictors (1 group)

10:30-11:00

11:00-12:30

COFFEE BREAK

Parallel workshops and article working groups:

Drinking problems (4 groups)

Societal-level predictors (1 group)

12:30-14:00

14:00-15:30

LUNCH

Parallel workshops and article working groups:

Alcohol-related violence/sexual violence

Country profiles

15:30-16:00

16:00-17:30

COFFEE BREAK

Workshop and article working groups:

Alcohol-related violence/sexual violence

17:30-18:30

Meeting of Steering Committee and WP leaders

19:30

Group dinner

WEDNESDAY, 12 November 2003

9:00-10:30

Parallel workshops and article working groups:

Sexuality and intimacy

Health and lifestyle

10:30-11:00

11:00-12:30

COFFEE BREAK

Parallel workshops and article working groups:

Sexuality and intimacy

Health and lifestyle

12:30-14:00

14:00-16:00

LUNCH

Plenary: Spener-Fliedner

Plenary: all work areas

16:00

Adjourn

4th semi-annual EU/GENACIS meeting in Berlin – Nov 9-12, 2003

General Information

This general information sheet includes details on:

- Hotel
- Transportation (local)
- Restaurants/Sightseeing
- Miscellaneous information (e.g., tipping)

Address of hotel and conference site:

Hotel Albrechtshof
Albrechtstraße 8
10117 Berlin
Tel. +49-30-308 86-0
Fax +49-30-308 86 100
<http://www.hotel-albrechtshof.de/>

S + U train station: Friedrichstraße

Breakfast at the hotel is included in the price of your room.
Single room: 89 Euros, Double room: 105 Euros (FU flat rate).

Internet access in the hotel: The rooms have modem ports. If you wish access, please request it at the reservation desk so that it can be activated. You may surf by calling access via the German provider T-Online. Unfortunately, 0,30 Euros are charged for one minute, i.e., if you have internet access for 30 minutes you will have to pay 9 Euros (approx. 11 US \$!)

Internet access in the meeting rooms: This is possible, but the EU project has no funding for internet costs during a meeting; therefore each participant who wishes access has to pay at his or her own expense.

Internet café: Please find on the map below the location of the internet café “netlounge.” Prices are as follows:

First 30 minutes = 1,30 Euros

First 60 minutes = 2,50 Euros

Second hour = 2,40 Euros

Address: Auguststraße 89, 10117 Berlin, Tel. 030-24 34 25 97

Open hours: 12:00 – 24:00

Photocopies may be made at the hotel reception, price: 10 cent/each.

Arrival by train

Ostbahnhof:

Taxi to the hotel: costs approx. 10 €

Public transportation: costs 2.10 €(valid 2 hours)

Take the S-train **S 7** (direction Zoologischer Garten) or **S 5** (direction Friedrichstr.) or **S 75** (direction Spandau DB) to “**Friedrichstraße**” from there you have a 10 minute walk to the hotel (see map) - approx. 30 minutes total from train station to hotel

Bahnhof Zoologischer Garten:

Taxi to the hotel: costs approx. 12 €

Public transportation: costs 2.10 €(valid 2 hours)

Take the S-train **S 9** (direction Flughafen Berlin-Schönefeld) or **S 75** (direction Wartenberg) and get off at “**Friedrichstraße**” from there you have a 10 minute walk to the hotel (see map) - approx. 30 minutes total from train station to hotel

Arrival by plane

Tegel Airport:

Taxi to the hotel: approx. 20 €

Public transportation: 2.10 €(valid 2 hours)
TXL airport bus. Price: 2.10 €(if you have the words “BVG” and “VBB” printed on your ticket, the transportation is free)

1) **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 “**Friedrichstraße**”. The hotel is approximately a 10 minute walk from the station (see map)
-approx. 60 minutes total from airport to hotel

2) **TXL airport bus** (direction U Alexanderplatz). Take to “**Karlplatz**”. The hotel is approximately an 11 minute walk from there (see map) - approx. 50 minutes total from airport to hotel

Schönefeld Airport:

Taxi to the hotel: approx. 30 €

Public transportation: 2.10 €(valid 2 hours)

At the “**S**”-train station “Flughafen Berlin-Schönefeld” you take either

- 1) S-train **S 9** (direction Spandau DB) to S + U station “**Friedrichstraße**” from there you have a 10 minute walk to the hotel (see map) - approx. 60 minutes total from airport to hotel
or
- 2) **RE 5** train (direction Stralsund, Bahnhof FA) or **RE 4** train (direction Rostock) to “**Friedrichstraße**” from there you have a 10 minute walk to the hotel (see map) - approx. 45 minutes total from airport to hotel

Tempelhof Airport:

Taxi to the hotel: approx. 12 €

Public transportation: 2.10 €(valid 2 hours)

Take the U-train **U 6** (direction Alt-Tegel) from station “Platz der Luftbrücke” and get off at “**Friedrichstraße**” from there you have a 10 minute walk to the hotel (see map) - approx. 30 minutes total from airport to hotel

Tipping

Service is generally included in all prices in Germany, but it is customary to leave a modest tip in restaurants, taxis, bars, etc., of about 5-10%.

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

Weather in November in Berlin: chilly, could also be rainy, usually 0-8 degrees Celsius during daytime; sometimes it could snow. For exact information we recommend that you visit the above website link of the Berlin Tourist Office shortly before your departure to Berlin. You will find a weather forecast for Berlin in the frame on the right side.

GENACIS group dinner in Berlin on Tuesday evening, November 11, at 7:30 p.m.

During our first joint meeting day (on Nov 9 the EU-GENACIS members will meet separately), **Monday, November 10**, Friederike Fröhner, Jürgen Eckloff and/or Stephanie Kramer and Ulrike Grittner will distribute dinner vouchers to all participants who registered or would like to register for the Tuesday night dinner.

Please be ready to give Jürgen, Friederike, Ulrike and Stephanie 27 Euros for the cost of the dinner.

Restaurants, Bars, Nightlife

Restaurants, Snack Bars, Pubs, Bars:

The hotel is located on Albrechtstraße, in the heart of downtown Berlin (Berlin Mitte). There are countless restaurants and bars nearby, though the hotel itself has a restaurant and offers homemade bread, pasta and organically-grown products.

Other restaurants are only minutes away; some of them are famous, some of them inventive, some of them simply *gemütlich* or cozy. We have composed a little selection for you, but we are convinced that you will find many more and maybe even make a few discoveries of your own while walking through the neighbourhood around the hotel.

On Albrechtstraße and around the corner:

Café am Schiffbauerdamm, Albrechtstr. 13 (Café and Restaurant), Tel.: 28 38 40 49

Gasthaus zur Holzhütt'n, Albrechtstr. 9/10 (International food), Tel.: 28 04 66 19

Broker's Bier Börse, Schiffbauerdamm 8 (Pub), Tel.: 30 87 22 93

Engelbrecht, Schiffbauerdamm 6-7 (International food), Tel.: 28 59 85 85

Ganymed, Schiffbauerdamm 5 (International food), Tel.: 28 59 90 46

Ständige Vertretung, Schiffbauerdamm 8 (German food), Tel.: 282 39 65

BoeseBuebenBar, Marienstr. 18 (Bar and lunch buffet), Tel.: 27 59 69 09

Manzini (Mitte), Reinhardtstr. 14 (Bar, Snack Bar), Tel.: 28 04 55 10

Waati, Reinhardtstr. 30 (Pub, opens at 3 p.m.), Tel.: 283 57 42

Casino im Berliner Ensemble (staff canteen of the Berliner Ensemble Theatre, open to the public) Bertolt-Brecht-Platz 1 (opens at 9 a.m., Sundays at 3 p.m.)

Kosher Restaurant, No-smoking:

Beth-Café, Tucholskystr. 40 (Sunday – Thursday, 12 – 8 p.m.) Tel.: 281 31 35

Kosher Restaurant:

Oren, Oranienburger Str. 28, Tel.: 282 82 28

Vegetarian, No-smoking:

Samadhi, Wilhelmstrasse 77, Tel 22-48-88-50

Vegetarian restaurant, with specialities from Southeast Asia, not far from the Brandenburg Gate and down the street from the British Embassy.

Opera, Theater , etc.

The following sites are within walking distance:

- ❖ **Friedrichstadtpalast**, Friedrichstraße 107, Europe's biggest revue theater
- ❖ **Berliner Ensemble**, Berthold-Brecht-Platz 1, the theater of Berthold Brecht (and later Heiner Müller)
- ❖ **Deutsches Theater**, Schumannstr. 13a Berlin's oldest and most traditional theater
- ❖ **Staatsoper Unter den Linden** (National Opera), Unter den Linden 7
Berlin's oldest opera
- ❖ **Komische Oper**, Behrenstr. 55/57, wide repertoire, young ensemble, performances in German language
- ❖ **Konzerthaus Berlin**, Gendarmenmarkt 2 , Berlin Symphony Orchestra

(Unfortunately, the **museums** on the famous museum island and several others within walking distance are only open until 6 p.m.)

However, the **Jewish Museum Berlin** is open on Monday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. On the other days it is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. It is located on Lindenstr. 9-14, 10969 Berlin-Kreuzberg. (From Friedrichstraße you take the Underground U 6 direction Mariendorf, 5 minutes ride, take to „**Hallesches Tor**“ and you will have another 5 minutes' walk to the museum.)

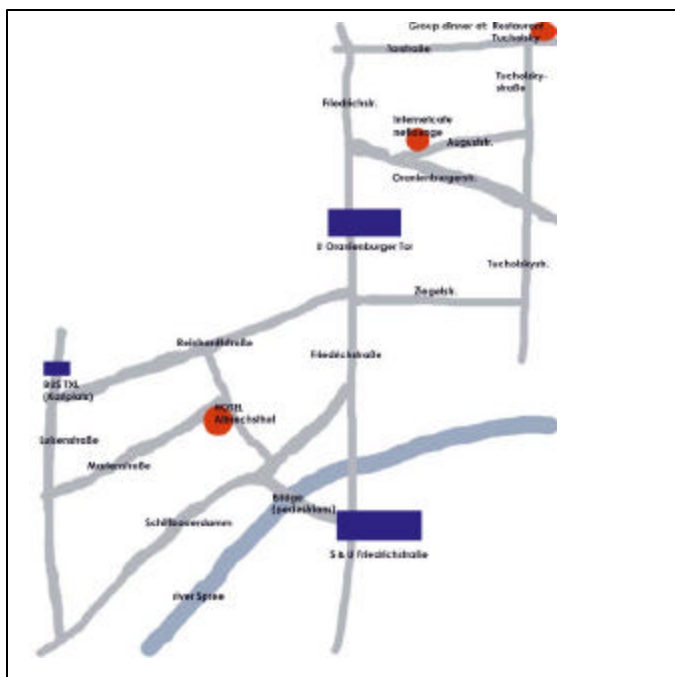
Request for interesting articles and news:

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-ispas.ch/genacis/intro.htm>

KBS website:

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

Upcoming Meetings

1. GENACIS Steering Committee meeting, February 2004, Berlin, Germany (dates to be announced).
2. Kettil Bruun Symposium, Helsinki, Finland, May 31 - June 4, 2004. The IRGGA/GENACIS meeting will precede the KBS meeting.