

# ICBEN Business Meeting 2017

Wednesday, June 21, 6:00 pm

Zurich, Switzerland

## Invitees:

Officers	Mathias Basner (President), Mark Brink (Vice President), Sabine Janssen (Secretary), Stephen Stansfeld (Past President)
Team chairs and co-chairs	David Welch, Malgorzata Pawlaczyk-Luszczynska (Team 1: Noise-induced hearing loss) Chantal Laroche, Anthony Brammer (Team 2 - Noise and communication) Toshihito Matsui, Yvonne de Kluzenaar (Team 3 - Non-auditory effects of noise) Andreas Liebl, Helena Jahncke (Team 4 - Effects of noise on performance and behaviour) Gunn-Marit Aasvang, Sarah McGuire (Team 5 - Effects of noise on sleep) Sabine Janssen, Jiyoung Hong (Team 6 - Community response to noise) Adrian Fuente, Tony Leroux (Team 8 - Interactions with other agents and contextual factors) Truls Gjestland, Abigail Bristow (Team 9 - Noise policy and economics)
Members at Large	Irene van Kamp, Lex Brown, Larry Finegold, Christian Giguere
Past Presidents	Gerd Jansen, Jerry Tobias, Brigitta Berglund, Barbara Griefahn, Soames Job

## Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Election of Officers (Lex Brown)
5. Report on 2017 Conference in Zurich (Mark Brink)
6. Report on past and planned activities (Mathias Basner)
7. Website (Mark Brink)
8. Discussion of possible changes to Team structure (Mathias Basner)
9. Discussion of necessity of conference proceedings. Motion to change the constitution from "ARTICLE VI. Meetings: Section 1. Congress. The ICBEN shall sponsor and conduct a Congress every third year. The proceedings of the Congress shall be published." to "ARTICLE VI. Meetings: Section 1. Congress. The ICBEN shall sponsor and conduct a Congress every third year. The organizing committee of each Congress shall decide on whether proceedings of the Congress are published or not." (Mathias Basner)
10. Discussion of flexibility of conference timing. Motion to change the constitution from "ARTICLE VI. Meetings: Section 1. Congress. The ICBEN shall sponsor and conduct a Congress every third year." to "ARTICLE VI. Meetings: Section 1. Congress. The ICBEN shall sponsor and conduct a Congress every third year. This period can be extended to 5 years by ICBEN Officers if the search for a meeting sponsor is unsuccessful." (Mathias Basner)
11. Proposal(s) for 2020 Meeting (Mathias Basner)
12. Any Other Business

## Minutes ICBEN 2017 Business Meeting (generated by Secretary Sabine Janssen)

1. Absent: Helena Jahncke, Jiyoung Hong, Tony Leroux, Larry Finegold, Christian Giguere  
Also absent: Past presidents (except for Stephen Stansfeld and Barbara Griefahn)  
Present: all of the other invitees, plus Norm Broner, Maria Albin and Jenny Selander
2. Minutes of the last meeting: no comments
3. Matters arising from the Minutes: no issues
4. Election of Officers: Mathias Basner, Mark Brink and Sabine Janssen are re-elected as President, Vice-president and Secretary (respectively) of ICBEN for the period 2017-2020  
New members at large: Norm Broner, Peter Lercher, Anthony Brammer

The ICBEN Team chairs elected for 2017-2020 are:

Team 1 (NIHL) David Welch (chair), will contact others as potential co-chair

Team 2 (COM) Annelies Bockstael (chair) & Sarah Verhulst (co-chair)

Team 3 (NONAUD) Kerstin Persson Waye (chair) & Elise van Kempen (co-chair)

Team 4 (COGN) Sabine Schlittmeier (chair) & John Marsh (co-chair)

Team 5 (SLEEP) Gunn Marit Aasvang (chair) & Sarah McGuire (co-chair)

Team 6 (ANNOY) Dirk Schreckenber (chair) & Jiyoung Hong (co-chair)

Team 7 (NOISE & ANIMALS) still in hibernation (one abstract by Guillaume Dutilleux)

Team 8 (COMB) Mikael Ögren (chair) & Adrian Fuente (co-chair)

Team 9 (POLICY) Truls Gjestland (chair) & Natalia Sizov (co-chair)

5. Report on 2017 Conference in Zurich (Mark Brink)

- Highlights of congress:
- Support by BAFU
  - SGA/SSA as official hosting organisation
  - Michiko So Finegold Memory trust: 25000 USD
  - Leftover from Nara ICBEN 2014 conference
  - Sponsors: SNF, Sonova, others
  - Low congress fees
  - ETH Zürich cooperation, low rental fees for lecture theatre
  - Great job by Organizers Switzerland Ltd (PCO)
  - Good response from scientific community
  - Congress manages to break-even, leftover to next congress
- Smaller problems:
- Zürich pricy due to overvalued Swiss Franc
  - Devil is in the details
  - 5% withdrawal from speakers
  - Copyright issues
- Recommendations:
- Announce registration deadline for paper submissions
  - Force people to hand in word document rather than pdf

Well done, applause for Mark by attendants!

Some comments:

Lex: 15 min presentations put too much emphasis on methods, too little time for results/discussion, advise speakers to use less slides, focus on outcome/recommendations

Yvonne: Poster blitz of 1-2 min a bit too short, maybe 3 min would be better? Also, some guidance or instructions on how to provide most important points may be helpful

Abigail: Formalize poster session itself, also provide more space in between posters

6. Report on past and planned activities (Mathias Basner)

WHO efforts showed standardization on health effects is quite bad, plan next 3 years:

- Recommendation paper(s) from IC BEN team activities
- Reviewed by all team (co)chairs, thus receiving IC BEN logo
- Based on positive response, inform the rest through E-mail

7. Website (Mark Brink)

The website did not change very much, however new proceedings papers are included

A new page will be created to contain the activities of the present congress

8. Discussion of possible changes to Team structure (Mathias Basner)

No changes, except for proposal of new team for Low frequency noise effects

9. Discussion of necessity of conference proceedings

Proposal is to change the constitution to be more flexible to choose for (extended) abstracts instead of full proceedings paper (e.g. in light of copyright issues).

With 15 votes for, and 5 against, the motion to change is accepted.

10. Discussion of flexibility of conference timing

Proposal is to change the text "The IC BEN shall sponsor and conduct a Congress every third year" to "The IC BEN shall sponsor and conduct a Congress every third year. In

exceptional circumstances, this period may be varied by IC BEN officers to a maximum of 5 years". With all votes for, and none against, this motion to change is accepted.

11. Proposal(s) for 2020 Meeting (Mathias Basner)

Maria Albin, Jenny Selander (Karolinska Institutet) with proposal IC BEN 2020 in Stockholm

13<sup>th</sup> IC BEN Congress on lifelong exposure to multiple outcomes - assessing the impacts

Organizers:

- Institute of Environmental Medicine (IMM)
- Centre Environmental and Occupational Medicine (CAMM)
- Co-organized by Nordic Network
- Joint event IC BEN-EPICOH (share research council money) (ICOH= Committee of Epidemiology in occupational health)
- Reduced price for both conferences
- End August (or last part of June) 2020
- Four parallel sessions, 3 days IC BEN with 1 day overlap
- Venue: Stockholm Waterfront
- Social program: boat tour, City Hall diner
- External speed session with stakeholders
- Proposal: scientific board with many Nordic researchers

Comments:

Irene: Four parallel sessions too much, not in line with identity of IC BEN

Mathias: Could the two conferences also be running in parallel? Four days instead of three?

Lex: Parallel sessions possible, as long as occupational IC BEN teams/EPICOH do not overlap

Barbara: Contact Birgitta Berglund, who already organized IC BEN conference in Stockholm

Sabine: Title of conference should be: IC BEN conference on noise as a public health problem

Proposal is accepted (and welcomed) on premise of receiving a written proposal by end of Sept 2017, to be decided on by the officers. Announced can be made in closing ceremony.

IC BEN 2023: Norm Broner proposes to (help) organize the conference in Australia or Israel.

End of Business meeting.