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Minutes - draft

7 March 12:00 – 13:00

Present: Karine Kålsås, Frode Forland, Turid Austin Wæhler, Elin Y. Dvergsdal, Stine H. Braathen, Bente E. Moen, Gunhild Koldal (ref)

### **09/18 Approval of agenda**

*Agenda approved*

### **10/18 Approval of minutes from 22 January (Attachment 1)**

Re. Evt: 08/18: FESTMIH:

*Forum has requested information from the FESTMIH secretariat about organizing details for their conference. Not received yet. If the conference is held in Norway, Forum should be organizer rather than Global Health Norway, since Forum is the member of FESTMIH.*

*Karine informs that the planned Globvac conference in 2019 might be moved to 2020, and held as a closing conference for the Globvac programme. She will let us know as soon as a decision is made.*

*Minutes approved.*

### **11/18 Future of the Forum – plan for General Assembly (Revised mandate Attachment 2)**

The Board should present the new structure and mandate at the General Assembly in Oslo 11 April. The new mandate is attached. We suggest that the new Forum is launched when we elect a new Board. That will be in March 2019. That gives us some time to prepare. The secretariat works on a registry for the Forum.

At the General Assembly (GA) the Board needs to explain our relation to Global Health Norway.

Any other issues for discussion in the GA?

*Revised mandate:*

*We must put in a verb in Article II – first bullet point. No further comments to the revised text.*

*The next election is in 2019. We suggest that any changes to the board happens then, even if the revised statutes are approved by the General Assembly in 2018.*

*The General Assembly will be held on Wednesday April 11, at the end of the Forum conference, after lunch. The secretariat will soon send out information about time.*

### **12/18 The Quota Scheme**

Our Parliament (Stortinget) has decided to have an evaluation of the ended Quota Scheme, and the Ministry of Education and Research (MER) is responsible. MER has delegated the evaluation to Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education (SIU). No plan for the evaluation has appeared yet. Forum should work for influencing this process.



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A working group is needed; two volunteers are needed to work together with Bente on the issue.

*The working group will consist of Bente, Elin and one person from University of Oslo who has experience with quota students.*

*The evaluation does not mean that the Quota programme will be reinstated. The group can come up with other ideas to fill the void in addition to the NORPART programme.*

## **13/18 Updated activity plan for 2018 (Attachment 3)**

Focus on the SDG part of the plan. In Tromsø we agreed to choose some specific SDGs and/or targets to work on, but did not decide which ones. Suggestions are welcome.

*Each institution should bring a suggestion for our next meeting in Oslo. Forum can support two writing contests and one arrangement. Choose a specific target to focus on.*

## **14/18 Information to the Board**

- **The Research School (Elisabeth Darj)**

*Elin: There is a lot of activity in the Research School:*

*-Allocation of grants for participation in international conferences and research*

*-Planning supervisor seminar for local supervisors in Uganda – 40 people are invited*

*-They work on visibility through social media: [Facebook](#), [blog](#), Instagram and Twitter*

*-The PhD-conference following the Forum conference in April: **Topic: Scientific writing.***

*About 50 phd-candidates have signed up. They have all sent in abstracts and will send in draft manuscripts.*

- **The Forum Conference (Frode Forland/Johanne Sundby)**

*Frode: The committee has received many good proposals for panels and symposia. The programme will be ready and put online this week. About 100 have signed up for the conference so far, 40 have submitted poster proposals.*

*The dinner will be an informal tapas meal, and there will be music. Still some logistics to work out regarding the venue.*

*Frode will follow up on the question of poster price.*

- **Short news message from each participant in the meeting**

*Turid: the global health environment in Tromsø is small, they will try to reorganize to make it more robust*

*Elin: New professor employed: Jon Øyvind Odland – this will strengthen the scientific environment in Trondheim. Date for Global Health Day is October 24, topic: Climate, environment and health consequences. All are welcome to attend.*

*Karine: This Globvac call has received 58 applications. The programme committee is working towards a joint Nordic EDCTP call for 2019. Nothing is decided yet.*

*Stine: Has worked on Globvac applications– works on projects, among them on hearing aid technology and screening in Tanzania*



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**Bente: At Bergen Resource Centre:** meeting on the political situation in Ethiopia. UiB has many projects in the country. So far, our researchers have not had any problems. CISMALC (SFF) is trying out webinars for partners all over the world, this works very well technically, and it helps reduce travelling.

**Frode:** had worked on Globvac applications. FHI arranges Nordic meeting in Stockholm. Has met with WHO on implementation of health/disease control. Prepares ministers going on a visit to China. Receives visits from Palestine - on preparedness and disease monitoring. Arctic environments – interested in collaboration with Tromsø.

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