



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Minutes

November 3, 2016, 13:00-17:00

Present:

Hans Hadders

Bente Moen

Jagrati Jani -Bølstad

Erik Anda

Ingvild Hope (Secretariat)

Observers and guests:

Rikke Moth (Student representative)

Elinor Bartle

Ingeborg Håvardsson (representing UiO)

Turid Wæhler (SAG)

The meeting started with a presentation of each of the participants.

As we knew that few of the actual board members could be present, Ingvild Hope had sent a special request on email earlier this week, asking for comments to the ones who did not plan to go to Tromsø. No comments were received.

41/16 Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved

42/16 Approval of minutes from September 30 (Attachment 1)

The minutes were approved

43/16 Budget for 2016: Use of funds

We have 500 000 NOK for 2016. Half of this amount is used to cover salary for the secretariat. In 2016 4 months of this was covered by the 2015 budget. This gives us some extra funding for 2016 of about 70 000 NOK (salary). We discussed the use this sum, and will give the following suggestion to the next board meeting:

- a) To hire a student for 1-2 weeks to update the web site/project descriptions
- b) To hire a designer to develop a 10-year anniversary pamphlet. The pamphlet must be mostly future oriented; less old history oriented.
One main purpose; recruitment of students. Information about the research school.
Tell about good story examples which are motivating.
Short presentation of the institutions in Forum.

44/17 Norwegian Institute for Global Health/Norsk institutt for global helse (NIGH)



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NIGH is established, and has received its mandate. The process of appointing people is ongoing (attachment 2 and 3).

Point for discussion. How can the Forum and NIGH work together? (The Forums statutes attachment 4)

Points/comments that the Forum will give to NIGH (either in written or in a joint meeting):

-It is great that the mandate is already written. We think this will be a support for our activity in global health.

-However, as the Forum exists, the situation needs a clarification of roles. How can the Forum and NIGH work together? The Forum is interested in a good cooperation.

The Forum might be transformed into NIGH, but it might be an idea to exist side by side until we have seen how NIGH works and until we have used all funding from NFR.

Bente has contacted RCN (Å-M Kristiansen) and discussed this, and it was suggested that the Forum might run the secretariat for NIGH in the beginning.

Also, the conferences must not increase in number, but be planned together – one per year.

-We think LMIC should be mentioned in the mandate

-The board has no student representatives; this should be included

-The mandate is only in Norwegian/must be translated

-How will NIGH relate to the new Research School?

-The working group is rather small, it should be elected from the Forum Board. It is important to recognize the role of scientist in the field of global health, as the board of NIGH will consist of many without or with little experience.

-The Forum Board would appreciate more information in the mandate on how the economy is to be sustained in NIGH.

45/16 Plan for 2017

We went through the action plan for 2017 in the meeting.

The relation to the research school in global health and the new NIGH will be important in 2017, as well as the Globvac conference in March 2017.

We will also celebrate the Forum 10th anniversary. We suggest a meeting in Oslo in January/February; starting Thursday lunch with a seminar and ending Friday lunch, with a board meeting on Friday. Maybe we can have the board meeting with NIGH, and invite the board to our seminar, or at least someone for the board.

Special guests: Rune Nilsen, Gunnar Kvåle and Gunnar Bjune + Nordic colleagues?
NFR, Norad, CMI, students

Scientific committee for the celebration: Jagrati, Frode, Erik and Bente.

Jubilee celebration committee: Ingeborg, Ingvild, Hans and Jagrati.

Approximately 30-40 participants?

A doodle will be sent out suggesting the dates 12-13/1 or 19-20/1 or 22-23/1 2017.

As we need to send out the invitation for the jubilee ASAP, we move our planned board meeting 9/12 to 2/12 and all plans must be ready so the board can decide the final issues in the board meeting.

46/16 AOB

8/12 Global mental health day at UiO. Will be posted at Forum web site.



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