



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Minutes

22 January 2018

10-12 Helsefakultetet, UiT Tromsø

Host: Centre for Arctic and Global Health

Present: Eirik Vikum, Elin Dvergsdal, Elisabeth Darj, Bente Moen, Anne Hatløy, Erik Eik Anda, Sheri Lee Bastien, Ingvild Hope, Frode Forland, Johanne Sundby, Ingeborg Haavardstun, Kristin Braa, Stine Braathen, Gunilla Kulla, Hanna Granerud, Miriam Christ, Turid Wæhler, Elinor Bartle, Zlata Turkanovic, Bjørn Iversen, Gunhild Koldal

Venue: MH L11.202, Helsefakultetet, UiT.

01/18 Approval of agenda
Agenda approved

02/18 Approval of minutes from 2 November 2017 (Attachment 1)
Minutes approved

03/18 Future of the Forum (Attachment 2)
The Forum statutes are unclear on some points concerning research and education. The working group for the statutes were asked to clarify the language, to avoid confusion. It must be clearly stated in the statutes why individual membership is chosen. The board needs to decide whether institutions still can be members, or if Forum in future only will have individual members.

Suggestion for the statutes: have two student members in the board. Maybe Forum could establish a student forum?

When designing a form for member registration, we must consider what type of information can be useful in a registry. Position, institution, topics of interest, work projects. In addition, what Forum can offer its members; information about conferences etc. Newsletter?

Example of membership registration for [Network for social science in Norwegian global health registration](#)

The relation between Forum and Global Health Norway is confusing to some. This should be explained, as well as what the Forum will work on in the future.

The statutes will be discussed in the board meeting either February 7, or March 7.



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The statutes must be ready to be voted on at the General Assembly in April.

04/18 The Quota Scheme (Attachment 3)

The debate regarding ending the Quota Scheme is still active. Please see the attachment and consider how we as the Forum can participate in the debate, and maybe make an impact.

There will be an evaluation of the phase out of the Quota-programme by Stortinget in May of this year.

The Forum board should have input on the outcomes of the cancellation of the programme. We ask that the members of Forum board with experience of the cancellation of the Quota programme send in their note of their experiences to the secretariat.

Please send experiences, facts and consequences to the secretariat.

Zlata tips about looking at the infrastructure of the INTPART programme.

The evaluation is in May, so please start sending information fairly soon. The secretariat sends out Elisabeth Darj's text from 2015, when the Quota Programme was cancelled.

05/18 Activity plan (Attachment 4 and 5)

Bente Moen will walk us through the activity plan for 2018. Please prepare and make suggestions for new activities.

The activity plan will be updated with information given in the meeting, and sent to the board.

06/18 Information to the Board:

- The Research School (Elisabeth Darj)
There are 119 members of the Research school now. There will be a phd-conference following the conference in Oslo in April. The registration will open soon. Inform your phd-candidates about the research school. There are fewer students from some of the universities.
- The Forum Conference (Frode Forland/Johanne Sundby)
The Forum Conference will prolong the deadline for submission of symposia and abstracts. So far, 14 symposia suggestions and 38 poster abstracts have been submitted. The date for signing up for the conference is much later. There will be a peer review committee for the submitted posters
- Opening of Global Health Norway (Bente Moen) GHN:
Global Health Norway had their official opening in Bergen December 6. If you did not have the opportunity to be there, the opening was filmed and you can [see the opening here](#).



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The Forum-board is invited to provide content for the webpages, both news and more static information, for the users of the webpage.

07/18 Short information sharing from each of the participants
Postponed

08/18 AOB

- [FESTMIH](#), *The federation of European societies for tropical medicine and international health met with the secretariat for the Forum. They arrange large conferences in Europe every other year. In 2019 the conference will be in [Liverpool](#). They have asked if Forum would be in position to host the 2021 conference. We have not promised anything, but will discuss if there is a possibility to host this large conference here. The FESTMIH secretariat will send the budget and information for previous conferences to us, to evaluate. The financing is part conference fees, and part sponsoring, which the host is required to find.*

The decision must be made by October this year.