



# Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

## Minutes board meeting

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2009 12.00-13.00

### Conference call

#### Meeting participants:

Jon Øyvind Odland (Chair of the board)  
Karen Marie Moland (Deputy chair of the board)  
Gunnar Kvåle (Board member)  
June Jacobsen Steen (Board member)  
Akhtar Hussain (Board member)  
Atle Fretheim (Board member)  
Erling Svensen (Head of secretariat)  
Nils Gunnar Songstad (Former head of secretariat)  
Harald Siem., Norwegian Directorate of Health (Observer)  
Kårstein Måseide, GLOBVAC, The Research Council of Norway (Observer)  
Meetali Kakad, Norad (Observer)

#### Absent

Solveig Kirsti Grudt  
Ottar Mæstad  
Inger B. Scheel

#### 1/09 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

#### 2/09 Minutes of board meeting 14 November 2008

Minutes approved with a minor spelling correction.

With reference to agenda item 46/08 *National research school in global health*, Gunnar Kvåle updated the board on this matter. A meeting between representatives of the universities behind the 2008 application for research school funding and Norwegian State secretaries of Ministry of Education and Research, Ministry of Health and Care Services and Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to be held 5<sup>th</sup> of February.

Akhtar Hussain suggested that the Forum should be consulted on the issue of research school. Jon Øyvind Odland underlined that this is an informal meeting, but will report to the Forum afterwards.

#### 3/09 Revised budget for 2009



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Kårstein Måseide oriented the Forum about the funding from RCN and the reason for funding two years instead of three as applied for. An evaluation of the network support will determine the future mode of funding. Board members and observers pointed to some technical issues in the revised budget.

The GLOBVAC board granted funding of NOK 600,000 per year in 2009 and 2010. Revised budget:

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
20 % position as head of the secretariat	200 000	200 000
20 % position as assistant in the secretariat	120 000	120 000
Secretariat running costs	100 000	100 000
Board meetings and annual conference	80 000	80 000
Further development of the website and update of the database	50 000	50 000
Overhead SiH	50 000	50 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>600 000</b>	<b>600 000</b>

The revised budget was approved.

#### **4/09 Changes in secretariat**

Erling Svensen informed the board about the changes in the secretariat. Erling Svensen has taken up the position previously held by Nils Gunnar Songstad as head of the secretariat. Elisabeth Skuggevik will serve as assistant in the secretariat for limited time. A replacement will be found and the secretariat has the mandate to find a person to fill this position. The board approved the changes of personnel.

The chair of the board has his workplace in Tromsø, while the secretariat is located at Centre for International Health, University of Bergen in Bergen. The board approved the continuation of the secretariat located in Bergen.

#### **5/09 Conference 2009 discussion of venue, time and content**

Kårstein Måseide explained that the GLOBVAC board will have a meeting 4<sup>th</sup> of February and discuss the conference there. The conference is likely to be held in Oslo this year and probably in Tromsø in 2010. Jon Øyvind Odland suggested that we already now start to plan for the conference in 2010 and this was noted by Måseide who will bring this to the GLOBVAC board. Gunnar Kvåle reminded the Forum about the suggestion to form a steering committee constituted by RCN, NORAD, Norwegian Directorate of Health and the Forum. The Forum awaits further notification from GLOBVAC board.

#### **6/09 FESTMIH conference in Verona 6-10 September 2009**

The Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research is hosting a session see excerpt of conference programme;

[http://www.festmih.org/verona2009/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=64&Itemid=80](http://www.festmih.org/verona2009/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=64&Itemid=80)



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Gunnar Kvåle participates in the conference committee and has suggest the following to be arranged by the Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

1. Global health initiatives and the revised primary health care strategy: Conflicts or synergies? (David Sanders, School of Public Health, University of the Western Cape. Key note speaker confirmed)
2. Measuring the effect of health interventions in complex settings: need for a common evaluation framework?  
(Halvor Sommerfelt, Centre for International Health, University of Bergen. Key note speaker, to be confirmed)
3. Effects of performance based funding and alternative strategies of improving health services in low resource settings (Andrew D. Oxman, Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services, Oslo. Key note speaker, to be confirmed. Alternative: Atle Fretheim, Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services, Oslo)

Members of the Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research will get their conference fee reduced with € 50 if the membership is confirmed. Svensen will produce a letter of confirmation and send to all members that request such a confirmation.

## **7/09 Date for board meetings 2009**

From previous date proposals the meeting 29 May in Tromsø has been changed to 12 June. The new list of dates is; 20 March 2009, 12 June 2009, 4 September 2009, 30 October 2009 and 11 December 2009. Phone meetings will be held between 12.00-13.00

## **8/09 News from the secretariat**

Africa Network Norway wants cooperation. We have linked their web site to our site.

The secretariat reminded board members to continue to give input to our database and inform other members.

## **9/09 Any other business**

Kårstein Måseide briefed the board on the GLOBVAC announcement for 2008. See <http://www.rcn.no/servlet/Satellite?c=Nyhet&pagename=globvac%2FHovedsidemal&cid=1228296750281&p=1224697869264>

New announcement with deadline 4 June 2009. See

<http://www.rcn.no/servlet/Satellite?c=Nyhet&cid=1232443125961&p=1224697869306&page name=globvac%2FHovedsidemal>

He further explained that GLOBVAC had tried to increase budget through increased funding from the Ministry of Health and Care Service, unfortunately without success.



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See <http://www.rcn.no/no/Budsjettforslag/1182736860702>

Strategy paper on global health research (follow up on agenda item 48/08 in board meeting 14 November 2008).

The board supported the initiative to produce a thorough strategy paper. Jon Øyvind Odland is in charge of developing the first draft to be presented in a later board meeting.

Harald Siem explained that the annual report from the Norwegian Directorate of Health has been published;

[http://www.helsedirektoratet.no/publikasjoner/rapporter/n\\_kkeltall\\_for\\_helsesektoren\\_2008\\_327854](http://www.helsedirektoratet.no/publikasjoner/rapporter/n_kkeltall_for_helsesektoren_2008_327854)

Meetali Kakad oriented about the upcoming meeting in New Delhi, India;

“Norwegian/Institutional Collaboration to further Operational Research within Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI)”.

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Board meeting by phone March 20<sup>th</sup> , 2009, 12.00 – 13.00

## Minutes board meeting

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2009 12.00-13.00

### Conference call

#### Meeting participants:

Jon Øyvind Odland (Chair of the board)

Erling Svensen (Head of secretariat)

Gunnar Kvåle (Board member)

Ottar Mæstad (Board member)

Inger Scheel (Board member)

June Jacobsen Steen (Board member)

Akhtar Hussain (Board member)

Malvin Torsvik (Deputy board member)

Liz Paulsen (Deputy board member)

Kårstein Måseide GLOBVAC, The Research Council of Norway (Observer)

#### Absent

Karen Marie Moland

Solveig Kirsti Grudt

Harald Siem

Atle Fretheim

Meetali Kakad

Ole Bjørn Rekdal

Carmen Pereira

Paul Fife

#### 10/09 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

#### 11/09 Minutes of Board meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> of February

Approved

#### 12/09 Conference 2009

Odland oriented from the first meeting in the planning committee. The dates are not yet concluded. Three suggestions in prioritized order: 25-27 nov, 30 nov-2 dec or 7-9 dec

The Board is asked to give input on preferred dates no later than 26th of March.

The forum is responsible for day 1 with the draft description "Satellite symposia/workshops/meeting of Norwegian project groups in specific fields of global health research". The Board is asked to give input on this via e-mail with copy to all board members. The Forum is also responsible for the poster session on day three.

Board member Akhtar Hussain represents University of Oslo in the Board and since the conference is to be held in Oslo, he and his institution want an active role in the planning. He was invited to the next meeting in the planning committee to be held 26th of March.

It was also commented that there is no overall title for the conference yet and several board members expressed that it is important to find something that combines all three days.

The planning committee has also started to discuss the conference in 2010. Odland has suggested that this can be held in Tromsø in the summer of 2010. The conference committee will continue to discuss dates for this conference as well.

### **13/09 Meeting with the State Secretaries**

Odland, Kvåle and Svensen reported from the meeting with the state secretaries the 12th of March. The forum was asked to send inputs to the new report on research that are under preparation in the Ministry of Education and Research.

Odland has started to work out a draft that will be circulated to board member for input. We need to send our input to the Ministries within a month after 12<sup>th</sup> of March. Our input will be given to all three ministries that was present at the meeting; Education and Research, Health and Care Services and Environment and International Development.

### **14/09 Strategy paper on global health research (follow up on agenda item 48/08 in board meeting 14 November 2008). See also agenda 13.**

This is similar to the input requested by the state secretaries (agenda item 13) and we will postpone the discussion on the need for such a paper until after we have given our input to the Ministries

### **15/09 FESTMIH conference in Verona 6-10 September 2009**

The deadline for the early registration fee is 6<sup>th</sup> of April. Member of the Forum is getting a reduced fee, but need a confirmation letter from the Secretariat. This will be given upon request.

Our forum chaired by Jon Øyvind Odland and Gunnar Kvåle is hosting a workshop: The forum will host a workshop on "Global Initiatives for the Health Related Millennium Development Goals – Needs for improved implementation". Below is the list of presenters in the symposium.

**1. Global health initiatives and the revised primary health care strategy: Conflicts or synergies? (David Sanders, School of Public Health, University of Western Cape. Key note speak confirmed)**

### **3. Stimulating health workers to provide responsive care in low-resource settings: Paying for performance won't do the job on its own**

(Bruno Marchal, Research Fellow, Department of Public Health, Institute of Tropical Medicine-Antwerp)

### **2. Measuring the effect of health interventions in complex settings: need for a common evaluation framework?**

(Gunnar Kvåle, Centre for International Health, University of Bergen)

#### **16/09 Date for board meetings 2009**

12 June 2009, 4 September 2009, 30 October 2009 (Oslo) and 11 December 2009.

The 12<sup>th</sup> of June meeting has previously been suggesting to be in Tromsø. Since the conference is going to be in Oslo this year, there is no need for a physical meeting in Tromsø now. The date for the next meeting may also be changed, more information will follow.

#### **17/09 News from the secretariat**

The approach from a film producer. The Board thinks that there is not enough time to make any film before the Globalhealth conference in May; [www.globalhealth.org](http://www.globalhealth.org) , but we may consider this for our own conference in Oslo. The planning committee for the conference will discuss this option.

Conference calls. It might be better to have a number and the participants can call in. Erling Svensen will investigate this option.

#### **18/09 Information from board members/observers**

Akhtar Hussain; University of Oslo has applied to RCN for funds to e-courses in national research school. It would be useful to have a letter of support from the Forum and the chairman will provide this.

Ottar Mæstad, CMI ; CMI and CiH is hosting a workshop on health worker performance 14-15 may. See newsletter for more information.

#### **Research Council of Norway, Kårstein Måseide;**

1) European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) will launch their announcement on "TB diagnostics" on world TB day the 24th of March [www.edctp.org](http://www.edctp.org)

2) EDCTP will arrange a stakeholder meeting on "Optimisation of HIV/AIDS treatment and HIV/AIDS-TB co-infection" 19th of May 2009 in Lisboa, Portugal). More information will follow

3) In the RCN budgetproposal for 2010 it has been suggested that the budget for Global health research is increased with 15 million NOK from the Ministry of Health and Care Services . See budgetproposal for 2010 page 183;

<http://www.rcn.no/no/Budsjettforslag/1182736860702> )

4. Next announcement on from the GLOBVAC programme is vaccinerelated research and the deadline is 4th of June. The announcement is expected to be published in early April.

**Gunnar Kvåle: A network between Norwegian hospital trusts, Norad, Health directorate, NGO's, Fredskorpset and Researchers is under establishment.** The objective is to stimulate improved collaboration between aid, education and research. Gunnar will keep us informed.

**19/09 Any other business**

None





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Board meeting by phone June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 15.00 – 16.00

Minutes board meeting

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2009 15.00-16.00

**Conference call**

**Meeting participants:**

Jon Øyvind Odland (Chair of the board)  
Karen Marie Moland (Deputy chair of the board)  
Gunnar Kvåle (Board member)  
Inger Scheel (Board member)  
Solveig Kirsti Grudt (Board member)  
Akhtar Hussain (Board member)  
Atle Fretheim (Board Member)  
Carmen Pereira (Observer)  
Kårstein Måseide (Observer)  
Erling Svensen (Head of secretariat)

**Absent**

Ottar Mæstad  
June Jacobsen Steen  
Paul Fife  
Joar Svanemyr  
Harald Siem

**20/09 Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved

**21/09 Minutes of Board meeting 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2009**

The minutes was approved with no comments

**22/09 Conference 2009**

Hussein, Odland, Måseide and Svensen reported from meetings with the plan committee. There is room for more symposiums and the board would like to ensure that all potential organizers of symposiums have been invited to make suggestions.



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The secretariat will write a letter to all relevant Norwegian institutions and invite them to suggest symposiums. There are already some who has sent their suggestions and some are already granted with funds to cover basic costs. As a result any new symposiums need to cover their own costs. New deadline for suggesting symposiums is 25<sup>th</sup> of September. These symposiums will commence during the first day of the conference and that day will be introduced by the chairman of our board. The official opening will be the day after the “symposium day”.

The board also commented on the programme for day 3 and asked the plan committee to see if they can find room for more research oriented presentations and particular on implementation research.

### **23/09 Advocacy work on Norwegian global health research (follow up from e-mail discussions).** Odland presented status of this work.

Odland has met with politicians and received promising signals regarding next years budget for global health research. Odland asks the Forum to give input to a policy document which will be sent to decision makers. This policy document will be our reference document for how resources for global health research should be used. Jon Øyvind Odland, Gunnar Bjune, Gunnar Kvåle and Rune Nilsen have written a document “Hvordan styrke det norske bidraget til global helseforskning?” and this document will function as the basis for further discussions within the Board. The document is attached to these minutes and we invite board member to give their input. The board will meet in Oslo during September or October to finalize these discussions.

### **24/09 Revised budget**

The Research Council of Norway have given inputs to our budget of 3<sup>rd</sup> of February. We have revised our budget accordingly. The major change is that the head of secretariat has increased the size of the position from 20% to 30%. Some of the secretariat running costs may be used for representation in the European forum, but this will need a specific application to RCN

### **25/09 Letter from Akhtar Hussain “Call for a meeting” dated 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2009**

See attachment 4

The board decided that we will meet in Oslo to discuss our role as board that aims at representing the Norwegian community in global health research. Part of this meeting will be without the observers. The meeting will combine the meeting that was decided under agenda item 23/09.

### **26/09 Dates for board meetings 2009**



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We need to meet physically during September or October. The dates will be decided after e-mail feedback. In any case will 4<sup>th</sup> of September be changed because of the conference in Verona.

### **27/09 Information from board members/observers**

Odland has met with the Globvac board as part of Globvac's needs for evolution of our and all other Globvac projects. The meeting was very positive and left Odland with the impression that Globvac is satisfied with our work.

Gunnar Kvåle; Reminds everybody of the conference in Verona. The deadline for abstract submission is 15<sup>th</sup> of June.

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Akhtar Hussain; Invites other interested researcher to co-host the symposium "Non-communicable diseases and diabetes" that will take part on the first day of our conference later this year (30<sup>th</sup> of Nov)

Kårstein Måseiede (RCN); 4<sup>th</sup> of June was the deadline for this years Globvac announcement. 33 applications has been received which a very positive increase from last year and the year before.

Solveig Kirsti Grudt and Carmen Pereira participates in the resourcegroup for Norsk Helsenettverk for Utvikling (Norwegian healthnetwork for development). Official opening of this network is set to 3dec. This is deliberately set to the day after the annual conference. More information here;  
<http://www.fredskorpset.no/no/Fredskorpset/Media/NyheterPressemeldinger/Nytt-samarbeid-om-bistand-og-helse/>

Atle Fretheim; Foundation meeting for "Norsk evalueringsforening" took place the 27<sup>th</sup> of may at Oslo University College. There are potentially some overlap with our Forum since many evaluation projects are on Norwegian development projects that also may have research components. Atle will keep us oriented.

### **28/09 Any other business**

No other business.



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## **Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research**

Board meeting at Institute of General Practice and Community Medicine, University of  
Oslo 28 aug 2009, 10.00 – 15.00.

Between 10.00 and 12.00 the meeting were held exclusively for board members. Observers were invited from 12.00

### **Meeting participants 10.00-12.00:**

Jon Øyvind Odland (Chair of the board)  
June Jacobsen Steen (Board member)  
Ottar Mæstad (Board member)  
Gunnar Kvåle (Board member)  
Inger Scheel (Board member)  
Solveig Kirsti Grudt (Board member)  
Akhtar Hussain (Board member)  
Atle Fretheim (Board Member)  
Erling Svensen (Head of secretariat)

Absent

Karen Marie Moland (Deputy chair of the board)

### **Observers, present from 12.00**

Kårstein Måseide  
Åse Marit Kristiansen  
Paul Fife  
Lene Lothe

### **29/09 Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved

### **30/09 “The role of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research”**

(Attachment 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)

Akhtar Hussein presented his letter and said that we have too little influence on the conference and a discussion followed;

- Important to state our objectives for the conference, this is a suggestion from Ottar Mæstad; *“Create a meeting place for researchers and policymakers in global health, with a focus on dissemination of research findings and discussions about future research challenges.”*



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- It may be too late to change much of the 2009 conference, but we must be better prepared for next year
- Next year conference will be in the beginning of June in Tromsø with the theme Environment, climate and health, this got consensus from the board
- The conference have 5 institutions that all have their say on the conference, consensus is important
- The research institutions needs to be involved
- The Norwegian Medical Association invites the Forum to joint arrange a conference on Global Health in 2011. This is interesting, but important to have a wider perspective than medical associations.
- Our funding is from the Norwegian Research Council. We should seek other funding alternatives in order to be more independent.
- Objectives for future conferences;
  - ” Norwegian scientific contributions in the field of global health research”
  - “NORWEGIAN research policy in global health research: Strategies, priorities and funding”
- We have unsuccessfully applied for a national research school, but we will try again

Board resolutions;

1. A committee existing of Gunnar Kvåle, Inger Scheel and Atle Fretheim will go through the statutes and suggest changes.
2. Jon Øyvind Odland will meet the Norwegian Medical Association and discuss the conference in 2011. He will report back to the board before any conclusions is being made.

### **31/09 Minutes of Board meeting 4<sup>th</sup> of June (Attachment 6)**

The minutes was approved

### **32/09 Follow up on letter “Hvordan styrke det norske bidraget til global helseforskning?” sent to KUD, UD and HD.**

Odland reported from meetings with KUD and HD; summary:

- NUFU is a success
- There may be more to research on implementation, but not through NUFU, better through RCN.
- Open to the research school ideas, but suggest it should be through RCN, e.g. Globvac.
- The 2010 budget is coming too soon, but promising signals for 2011.

Comments from Board members;

- The letter signed by Kvåle, Nilsen, Bjune and Odland have been perceived as being from the Forum. It was not, but this should have been more clear. This must improve



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in future letters and other communication when board members are involved. From now and onwards will follow up on this letter be part of Forum work.

- Research on implementation is good, but it can't be only NUFU. Reason is that this kind of research is very complex and you need a competence at a senior level, which is often not found among the south partners.
- The letter should have described issues that also concerns the institute sector
- SIU wants to increase the quota arrangements, but the status of this proposal is unclear
- Chronic diseases should be more included.
- Open Access is important and something the Forum should be concerned about.
- "Forskingskole" (Research school) is not a good term. It sounds like a building, should try to find another word for it.
- The research school will also be on the agenda at next board meeting

This is now our prioritized areas of focus to get increased resources:

1. The quota programme
2. Implementation research through RCN.
3. A national research school on Global Health

## **Resolutions**

1. Gunnar Kvåle and Erling Svensen investigate the status of the quota programme and reports to next board meeting.
2. A workgroup that consists of Inger Scheel, Ottar Mæstad and Atle Fretheim will design a research programme on implementation research. Reports to next board meeting.

Input to the work group on implementation research;

- Norad can be a discussion partner
- Important that implementation research relates to the target countries with the objective of improving the interventions
- The above is true for some research, perhaps funded by Norad, but we need also research that investigates interventions in several countries. This should perhaps be funded by RCN
- RCN can and would like to deliver quality control for the national research programmes governed by the embassies
- Important to have international perspectives for research groups, soon there will be funds for multilateral research programmes.
- The research programme should be written in language that is understandable by non-researchers.

## **33/09 Conferences 2009 and 2010**

There is steady progress on the planning for the 2009 conference. The new deadline for symposia suggestions is 25<sup>th</sup> of September.

The dates for the 2010 conference is set to 6-8 June in Tromsø.



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## **34/09 Discussions in NORAD on Norwegian Global Health research and future strategy**

Paul Fife presented a draft presentation and invited to a discussion;  
What is the definition of global health research?  
Norwegian research on global health; What is our key strengths?  
Paul Fife will send more questions to the Forum.

## **35/09 Dates for board meetings 2009**

These dates were decided at last board meeting; any need for changes?  
30 October 2009 and 11 December 2009 at 12.00 hrs.

## **36/09 Information from board members/observers**

Kårstein Måseide;

- The application from the Forum to use funds for international travel is approved, but not necessarily for future applications of similar kind.
- There is an invitation for norwegian researchers to participate in a Phase III Rotavirus vaccine trial in India. Those interested should contact Tor Strand, project coordinator, The Norwegian Institute of Public Health ([tor.strand@fhi.no](mailto:tor.strand@fhi.no) tel. 90 97 10 86) or Kårstein Måseide, GLOBVAC programme coordinator, The Research Council of Norway ([kmaa@rcn.no](mailto:kmaa@rcn.no), tel. 22 03 74 57)
- The GLOBVAC evaluation committee will meet Norwegian researchers the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. More information later

Lene Lothe, Norad; An evaluation committee have approved these three projects for funding (with some revisions), all of them in India.

1) UIO/PHFI: Assessing and supporting NIPI Interventions- Yashoda/HBNC

2) FAFO/Academy for Nursing Sciences: Maternal and Child Nutrition in NIPI

Seed Money:

3) PBNI/ National Resource Centre for Breastfeeding/Center For International Health,UIB

## **[FESTMIH conference in Verona 6-10 September 2009](#)**

The forum will host a workshop on “Global Initiatives for the Health Related Millennium Development Goals – Needs for improved implementation”, chaired by Gunnar Kvåle and Erling Svensen.



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**37/09 Any other business**

None





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## **Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research**

Board meeting by phone October 30<sup>th</sup> , 2009, 12.00 – 13.00

### **Meeting participants**

Karen Marie Moland (Deputy chair of the board)

June Jacobsen Steen (Board member)

Ottar Mæstad (Board member)

Gunnar Kvåle (Board member)

Akhtar Hussain (Board member)

Atle Fretheim (Board Member)

Kårstein Måseide (Observer)

Harald Siem (Observer)

Erling Svensen (Head of secretariat)

### Absent

Inger Scheel, Jon Øyvind Odland, Solveig Kirsti Grudt,

### **38/09 Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved. Agenda item 40/09 was moved to the end of the meeting, without observers.

### **39/09 Minutes of Board meeting 28<sup>th</sup> of August**

This meeting was a full day meeting with many discussions. The minutes presented to the board included many of the discussion comments. The board agreed that it is better to leave out the discussion from the minutes and only remain with the conclusions. The minutes will be revised accordingly and sent to the board for approval.

### **41/09 Advocacy work. Report on progress**

In last board meeting we listed these 3 areas in prioritized order:

1. The quota programme – Kvåle and Svensen  
No new information obtained. Postponed to next meeting.
2. Implementation research through RCN – Scheel, Fretheim and Mæstad  
Scheel, Mæstad and Fretheim will present a draft at the next board meeting. The aim is to have the full proposal ready by 22 jan 2010.
3. A national research school on Global Health – Odland and Måseide  
Odland have an ongoing dialogue with the Ministry of Education and Research. He will report back on next board meeting. Måseide informed that it in principle the RCN



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can host such a programme, but no decisions have been made. There are a potential for being granted “seed money” for developing such a research school.

## **42/09 Conference 2009**

### 1. Status and how to organize evaluation of abstracts

28 abstracts by 30<sup>th</sup> of October. Globvac will use their newsletter to inform, new and final deadline is 9<sup>th</sup> of November. The abstract evaluation Committee consist of Moland, Odland and Svensen. There are 70 who has registered for the conference. The programme is almost ready and the updated version is [here](#).

### 2. General Assembly

It is not an election year and the General Assembly will mainly consist of reporting what we have done and the plans ahead. Some revision of statutes may also happen.

### 3. Who need hotel? When?

The board member was asked to give input on the needs for hotel.

## **43/09 Conference 2011, feedback on meetings with Norwegian Medical Association**

Dates have been set to 18-20<sup>th</sup> of May 2011.

Odland and Måseide have met with the Norwegian Medical Association. Current status is that we will collaborate for the 2011 conference.

## **44/09 Dates for board meetings 2009 and Spring 2010**

These dates were decided at last board meeting; any need for changes?

30 October 2009 and 11 December 2009. For 2010 we have these suggested dates; 22 Jan, 5 March, 16 April, 21 May

No changes.

## **45/09 Information from board members/observers**

Kvåle; The FESTMIH conference in Verona was a success. The Forum hosted a workshop; “Global Initiatives for the Health Related Millennium Development Goals – Needs for improved implementation”

Siem; LEVE seminar; [“Health as Foreign Policy: From Emergency to Governance”](#) A very interesting seminar with many speakers that also had been invited to our conference.

Siem; Norwegian Health Network for Development, open meeting 3dec. [Read more](#)



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## **46/09 Any other business**

Conference 2010. The planning has started; the dates are set to 6-8 June. The Board expresses the need for being involved in the major decisions. It was suggested that there should be a plan committee and a programme committee.

## **40/09 Revision of statutes. Scheel, Fretheim and Kvåle reports on status of this work.**

There are some suggestions for change. The group will present a final draft that will be sent to board members by e-mail for approval. If the board approve of the changes, it will be presented to the General Assembly.



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Board meeting by phone 15<sup>th</sup> December , 2009, 12.00 – 13.00

**Meeting participants**

Jon Øyvind Odland (Chair of the Board)  
Karen Marie Moland (Deputy chair of the board)  
June Jacobsen Steen (Board member)  
Solveig Kirsti Grudt (Board member)  
Inger Scheel (Board member)  
Gunnar Kvåle (Board member)  
Akhtar Hussain (Board member)  
Kårstein Måseide (Observer)  
Harald Siem (Observer)  
Carmen Pereira (Observer)  
Erling Svensen (Head of secretariat)

Absent

Atle Fretheim, Ottar Mæstad, Joar Svanemyr

**47/09 Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved

**48/09 Minutes of Board meeting 28<sup>th</sup> of August (Attachment1)**

The Minutes was approved

**49/09 Minutes of Board meeting 30th of October (Attachment 2)**

The Minutes was approved

**50/09 Minutes from the General Assembly 30<sup>th</sup> November (Attachment 3)**

Approved, with a minor revision.

**51/09 The 2009 Global Health conference in Oslo, short report**

Many ideas of improvements came up and the board members was invited to send in their suggestions for improvement to the Secretariat. Some of the comments was;

Should have plenary start

More use of parallel sessions

Qualitative research should be represented

Some of the plenary sessions had a very narrow topic.

Could start each morning with a plenary sessions on policy?



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Too many of those who signed up for the conference did not come. May be we should consider a registration fee.

### **52/09 Implementation research. Jon Øyvind Odland reported from a meeting 8-9 December**

The meeting was with "[The alliance for health policy and system research](#)".  
Norad will have 15 mill NOK for this kind of research  
Odland will meeting Norad in the beginning of January.

### **53/09 "Health Network for Development". Gunnar Kvåle reported from a meeting the 3<sup>th</sup> of December**

<http://www.fredskorpset.no/no/Fredskorpset/Media/NyheterPressemeldinger/Norsk-Helsenettverk-for-Utvikling2/>

### **54/09 The Tromsø conference in June 2010. Planning committee**

Same committee as with the 2009 conference + Karen Marie Moland

### **55/09 Changes in the secretariat**

Will seek new head of Secretariat

### **56/09 Information from board members/observers**

Akhtar Hussein; We should all avoid the term "u-lands forskning" or "bistandsforskning".  
Better to use global health research.

### **57/09 Any other business**

We should seek to include more institutions. Odland will start with a concept note.