



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Minutes

Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Board meeting by phone February 2nd, 2011, 11.00 – 12.00

Present:

Board members;

Rune Nilsen

Kristin Ingstad Sandberg

Akhtar Hussain

Observers;

Unni Silkoset

Kårstein Måseide

Åse Marit Kristiansen

Harald Siem

Carmen Pereira

Rasmus Bakken

Secretariat;

Therese Istad

Ingvild Hope

Absent:

Graziella Van den Bergh

Atle Fretheim

June Jacobsen Steen

Jon Øyvind Odland

Inger B. Scheel

Hans Hadders

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01/11 The 7th European Congress of Tropical Medicine and International Health, Barcelona 3-6 October 2011. (Attachment 1: Letter from Festmih)

Conference website: <http://www.ectmihbarcelona2011.org/HomeWeb.aspx>

Festmih strongly encourages their member societies to contribute to sessions at the conference in Barcelona. The Forum should discuss how we can contribute to this. Main topic: "Global Change, Migration and Health"

Ahktar is interested in this topic; he is now coordinator for a European network on Migrating. One possible topic could be health problems, specifically diabetes; among immigrants in Europe. But it is also important to include the global perspective.



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The Norwegian Directorate of Health has made a report called “Migration and health - challenges and trends” which is available at their webpage. This could be used as inspiration. [English version of the report.](#) [Norwegian version](#)

UiO has initiated a working group about global migration conflict and health systems. Kristin will get in touch to check if any of them would like to contribute to the conference.

The Global Health Group at UiB might also be interested in proposing a session, Rune will contact them.

Action point: Rune will distribute a new call of papers with clarified info about the different tracks/topics for the conference. If anyone is interested in contributing they can contact the Forum – which will be happy to introduce and support relevant initiatives.

02/11 Conference on Global Health Research, September 2011 (Attachment 2 and 3: Draft of contributions to the program)

The working group has now finalized a draft of the program that will be sent to the The Norwegian Medical Association (NMA). The draft will be discussed in the programme committee meeting at February 3rd.

The length of the conference has been reduced from three to two days. The committee encourages suggestions for presenters etc. At the 2nd day the emphasis will be on parallel sessions.

Neither “Climate and health” or chronic disease / non-communicable diseases are presently represented in the program – but the program committee are open for suggestions within these topics too.

Non-communicable diseases are topic for much discussion elsewhere, for example in the WHO and in the World University Network – a conference in Shanghai autumn 2011 will be about this topic. Cecilie Svanes (UiB) is in the program committee for this conference.

Action point: Comments and suggestions will be taken into account at the meeting in the programme committee. Rune, Kristin and Åse Marit will participate.

03/11 NOMA/NUFU/Globvac

The Forum should perhaps initiate a meeting in 2011 with the health authorities / institutions and possibly representatives from the ministries. Present and initiate a discussion about global health research etc. Perhaps invite to this kind of strategic meeting in connection to the conference on Global Health.

Another option is to engage in an initiative in conjunction with the White Paper on Global Health.



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As for NOMA/NUFU nothing is finalized yet, but these programmes will most likely be divided into thematic areas and health will be one of the themes. How they will be administered and the amount of funding that will be assigned are not clear yet.

Globvac: proposals have been sent to The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and Ministry of Health and Care Services. RCN has suggested a continuation of Globvac from 2012 (as a 10 year program). RCN are waiting for a response from the ministries.

RCN is interested in looking at the role NOMA and NUFU have played for GLOBVAC, possibly emphasizing this in later discussions.

Evaluations of NOMA / NUFU, the University of Oslo has also highlighted the adverse consequences of reducing the quota program to strengthen NOMA / NUFU (reduction of the quota seats).

04/11 Budget and running of the Forum in 2011

The Forum initially had no budget for 2011, but has been given the opportunity to transfer unused funds from 2010 to 2011.

The Forum will return 240 000 NOK in unused salary funds (due to formal problems of hiring someone at the UiB). After this the Forum is left with 270 000 NOK for 2011 (total unused funds are 510 000 NOK).

Action point: RCN encourages the Forum to submit a short application with budget and a schedule/plan for activities and costs in 2011.



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Board meeting by phone May 13th, 2011, 12.00 – 13.00

Present:

Board members;

Rune Nilsen

Kristin Ingstad Sandberg

June Jacobsen Steen

Hans Hadders

Inger B. Scheel

Atle Fretheim

Observers;

Unni Silkoset

Kårstein Måseide

Åse Marit Kristiansen

Mari Eide (Deputy for Rasmus Bakken)

Secretariat;

Ingvild Hope

Absent:

Akhtar Hussain

Graziella Van den Bergh

Jon Øyvind Odland

Harald Siem

Carmen Pereira

Therese Istad

AGENDA

05/11 The Agenda was approved

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06/11 The minutes of Board meeting February 2 was approved

07/11 FESTMIH, information

(The 7th European Congress of Tropical Medicine and International Health, Barcelona 3-6 October 2011. (Attachment 1: Letter from Festmih)

Conference website: <http://www.ectmihbarcelona2011.org/HomeWeb.aspx>)

Status per 13.5.11: Every member of the board has distributed information on the conference at their home institutions'. Program and registration have been sent to all members.



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- Inger Scheel will be representing the Forum in the Scientific Advisory Board of the FESTMIH conference
- Akhtar Hussain will contribute to the programme with the session “*Migration and Health*”

Action point: Important that we all remind our colleagues about the conference.

08/11 The 6th Conference on Global Health and Vaccination Research

The deadline for posters and abstracts is due the coming weekend, May 15. The Board agreed to prolong the deadline to ensure a broad list of attendants’.

Åse Marit will look at the location for the posters, so that the format will be adjusted to the locations.

There have been changes in the program, and the committee is still waiting for response from key note speakers.

None of the rectors from the Universities has responded.

Action point. There are some sessions on Day 2 that need to be filled, the committee and the Forum will continue to work on this.

Kristin suggested that this was included as a parallel session on the conference, “How International Health is thought in Norway.

Action point: Kristin sends a suggestion by the deadline on Sunday.

09/11 Status on the research funds processes for 2011, Joint information from board members and observers

1. “New NUFU/NOMA”/Quota programme (Norad)

Nothing is finally decided, but we do know that NUFU/NOMA will be merged into one programme, most likely called NORHED, and possibly administered directly under Norad. The focus on research is strengthened in the new NORHED, and the same goes for the focus on health. There will be a call this autumn.

KD and UD will together evaluate the Quota program.

2. GlobVac (NRC)

A new international board has been established.

The programme board is comprised of the following members:

- Peter G. Smith (chair), London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- Ann-Mari Svennerholm (vice chair), University of Gothenburg
- Don de Savigny, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute



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- Betty Kirkwood, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- Helen McShane, University of Oxford
- Nelson Sewankambo, Makerere University
- Elisabete Weiderpass Vainio, Karolinska Institute
- User representative, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation - Norad
- Finn Trunk Black (deputy), Aarhus University Hospital, Skejby
- Britta Wahren (deputy), Karolinska Institute

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- Personal deputy for user representative from Norad
 - Tore Godal (observer), Office of the Prime Minister /Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Harald Siem (observer), Norwegian Directorate of Health

The first meeting is due in the end of July. The next meeting is set the day after the 6th Conference on Global Health and Vaccination Research in September. The first task for the new board is to revise the programme plan and prepare the GLOBVACs next call, and to ensure the fulfillment of the existing program.

3. “10/90” assessment in RCN

The Board advised RCN to start the assessment now, not to wait for the next period/board.

4. “Global perspectives “ in budget documents “Helseforetakene” (HD)., is is now written into the budget documents

Helse Vest has included global perspectives in the budget documents and its strategic plan. Two new points were introduced by Rune:

5. The RCN-evaluation

The Forum should, in early autumn, collect all the documents from the evaluation and prepare a follow up of the evaluations regarding “Global Health”.

Action point: Rune will coordinate the follow up.

6. The process around the Stortingsmelding

Unni informed the board on status on Stortingsmeldingene. The work is now in progress after some delays. The document will be sent out for comments June 2, with a deadline in 10-12 days. The formal consultation is set this summer, in the summer vacation.

Action point: The Forum will send a statement. Unni will send the documents to the members of the Forum as soon as they are available.

10/11 National Research School in International Health

No signals on date for next round of application in RCN, but it will possibly come something next year.

Rune suggested that we wait for the RCN evaluation.

Kristin suggest that the Forum makes an overview over all the courses and curriculum under the umbrella “Global Health” in Norway.



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Action point: Present a list on the Forum webpage on available courses in Norway.

Rune introduced the topic “Digital teaching”. How to mainstream lectures and curriculum to a digital tool, to make this available for our partner institutions, and on the web in general.

Action point: Rune is responsible to appoint a workgroup with this on the agenda.

Kristin suggested that this was included as a parallel session on the conference, “How International Health is thought in Norway.

Action point: Kristin sends a suggestion by the deadline on Sunday.

11/11 Information from board members/observers

None

12/11 Any other business

None



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Board meeting by phone August 26th 2011, 12.00-13.00

Present:

Board members;

Rune Nilsen

Kristin Ingstad Sandberg

June Jacobsen Steen

Hans Hadders

Inger B. Scheel

Akhtar Hussain

Graziella Van den Bergh

Nina Dalen

Observers;

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Absent:

Jon Øyvind Odland

Unni Silkoset

Atle Fretheim

Harald Siem

Carmen Pereira

Johanne Iversen

13/11 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

14/11 Approval of minutes of Board meeting 13th of May 2011 (Attachment1)

The minutes was approved.

15/11 Status: NUFU/ NOMA/ GlobVac/ White Paper on global Health

-Globvac: there will be an extension of the Globvac programme, probably from 2012 – 2020. The funding will initially be continued at the current level, i.e. approximately NOK 61 mill. per year. Deadline for letter of intent will be by the end of November 2011 and deadline for the main applications will be in April 2012. More info:

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Centre for International Health, University of Bergen
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<http://www.forskningsradet.no/servlet/Satellite?c=Nyhet&cid=1253968867867&p=1224697869306&pagename=globvac%2FHovedsidemal>

-There will be a mid-way evaluation of the Gobvac programme in 2014/15.

-Information about the new calls for applications important, the Forum should actively inform members and others in the Global Health Research environment when the dates are set.

Action point: At the next board meeting: Follow-up and distribution of the Globvac announcement. Also follow up if there is any news on the NORHED programme.

16/11 Planning of the General Assembly

3 topics for discussion:

- How the conference went
- Next years conference
- New Head of the Forum's Board from January 2012

17/11 Board of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research:

- New leader from 2012. Status and information from Rune Nilsen. Will be discussed further at the General Assembly.

18/11 Information from board members/observers

-Inger Scheel attended the Festmih meeting in Barcelona, she has been appointed member of their scientific committee. At the meeting the federation discussed how to move forward. They are considering changing how they are organized and will perhaps establish themselves as a society instead of a federation. If they reorganize as a society they will probably be more open to new members, which could be positive.

-Scheel will also follow up on the declaration "Closing the Gap" (2009)

-Kristin Sandberg is working with NUPI, they are trying to incorporate political science in the Global Health Research. A few participants from NUPI will be there at the Global Health Conference.

19/11 Any other business



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Board meeting by phone November 4th, 2011, 13.00 – 14.00

AGENDA

Present:

Rune Nilsen
Inger Scheel
Jon Øyvind Odland
Kårstein Måseide
Kristin I. Sandberg
Therese Istad

Absent:

Graziella Van den Bergh
Unni Silkoset
Johanne Iversen
Harald Siem
Akhtar Hussain
Hans Hadders
Nina Dalen
Åse Marit Kristiansen
Ingvild Hope
Atle Fretheim
Carmen Pereira

20/11 Approval of the agenda

The Agenda was approved.

21/11 Approval of minutes of Board meeting 26th of August 2011 (Attachment1)

The Minutes was approved.

22/11 GlobVac;

The Forum will submit a new application; the deadline is 30th of November.

Activities next period; suggestions from the board;

-A Research School for Global Health Research

The Forum should initiate a process to a Research School started; the first task could be to appoint a working group.

-The platform for global health is about to expand. The Forum should perhaps develop a stronger electronic platform, which could give the opportunity to exchange information in a better, more accessible way. There is a need to identify the different communities; the Forum should work to achieve dialogue. It might be possible to link this kind of update to the work



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which is being done in UniNett and eCampus.

23/11 NORHED (Attachment 2)

Status of the call and feedback from previous partner institutions

-Postponed until next meeting, as no one from Norad attended this meeting.

24/11 Global health conference 2012: Trondheim

Working group

Profile of the conference

-The 7th conference for Global health and Vaccination research will take place in Trondheim from 26 to 27 September 2012. The title of the conference is “Innovation for Global Health”.

-Inger Scheel and Kårstein Måseide are both included in the working group for the conference. The working group has also asked the Norwegian Medical Students' Association to choose a representative to join the group.

-The Forum will be asked to provide chairs, a scientific committee etc.

-Kårstein Måseide will write a summary from the working group meetings and circulate this. Updates from the conference planning will be posted at [Globvac's website](#).

25/11 The Barcelona conference: Highlights and follow up points

-Inger Scheel participated in the preparations, met at the FESTMIH General Assembly as the Forum's representative. The election of a new board and a few other important discussions were postponed to the London meeting 17th and 18th of November. Inger will probably attend this meeting.

26/11 Information from board members/observers

-The Lancet - UiO Commission: Global Governance for Health

The Commission “shall examine aspects of governance, at both national and global levels, within the health sector and in other sectors that impact health.”

-The commission are planning a seminar which will take place in February 2012.

[The Commission's website](#).

26/11 Meetings 2012

Action point: Inger Scheel and Rune Nilsen will make a list of suggested dates and distribute this to the Board.

27/11 Any other business

Action point: Inger Scheel can be reelected to the Board of the Forum, and thus needs someone to replace her in the election committee.