



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Board meeting by phone January 23, 2015, 12.00 – 13.00

Minutes

Present:

Inger B. Scheel
Kristin I. Sandberg
Elin Y. Dvergsdal
Ingvild Hope
Akhtar Hussain
Therese M. Istad
Bente Moen
Hans Hadders
Tordis Trovik (replacing Sameline Grimsgaard)
Graziella Van den Bergh
Kårstein Måseide
Åse-Marit Kristiansen

Absent:

Elisabeth Darj
Birthe L. Knizek
Marianne Monclair
Rasmus Bakken (is from now replaced by Vilde Skylstad)
Bengt Skotheim
Ottar Mæstad
Wenche Dageid
Zlata Turkanovic
Johanne Sundby

1/15 Approval of the agenda

Agenda approved

2/15 Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting November 28 (Attachment 1)

Minutes approved with minor changes

3/15 Update on the 9th Conference on Global Health and Vaccination Research

- a) Status report from the RCN Planning Committee (Zlata/Åse Marit) Posters and abstracts are accepted. The program is completed. Therese has done a wonderful job with this. 24 reviewers have contributed. HRH Crown Princess Mette-Marit has accepted to open the Student conference March 16.



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- b) Reviewers for the scientific committee poster abstracts: Status (Ingvild, Therese) see point a)
- c) The Forums contributions on climate change and health at the conference (Inger/Kristin)
The program, developed by Kristin with support from Inger, will be sent to the Board Members.
- d) ECTMIH: The Forums committed itself to submit an abstract for a symposium at Conference in Basel in September. It seems as the group delegated the task has dissolved. It is now up for grab for anyone provided it can be put together and submitted to ECTMIH within end of February
The Forum and the member institution may share the expenses. UiT offered to consider, Inger to send a short note on what is required.

4/15 National initiatives:

- a) **National Research School in Global Health.** Status, and application to RCN RCN/GLOBVAC call: Deadline April 15. Work group: Elisabeth Darji, Thorkild Tylleskär, Tordis Trovik and Johanne Sundby and Inger Scheel. Elin Dvergsdal function as the group secretary, and in charge of writing the proposal. Questions discussed:
 - International profile is mandatory: What kind of partners to approach abroad? Inger suggested to bring in voices from the south: see The Forum's contribution to Vision 2030
 - Should we invite Norwegian Institutes to be partners in the project?
- b) **Norwegian Global Health Institute:** Report from the work group. The discussions are taking their course at several levels; among the operative global health leaders (us); among Deans; among Research Deans; and possibly at the Rectors' level.
The proposal of an Institute was on the agenda at the December Deans' meeting 2014. The conclusion was that NTNU would further develop the proposal for Deans' meeting in June 2015. Inger will distribute minutes and documents from the Forum working group for a discussion next Board meeting
- c) **Vision 2030: Conference**
Elin informed on the process (see Vision 2030 website). NTNU has been involved in planning of the workshops. UD has planned the conference day.

The Board members are asked to take a close look at the program, for discussion at the next meeting.

5/15 Any other business



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- a) We are preparing the election for the new Board. The Election Committee is at work and will contact the institutions as well as sitting members of the Board. Akhtar Hussain and Inger Scheel cannot be elected again.
- b) Ahktar Hussein informs of [The 12th Conference on Urban Health](#) (sponsored by the World Bank) to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh early March 2015. Ahktar will participate and will bring news when he returns.

NORAD: Paul Fife: is assigned to work two year at the director's office
Helga Fogstad: Replaces Paul Fife
Lene Lothe: Intermediary replacement for Helga Fogstad
Kårstein Maaseide: Will be working only with health related topics in Norad.



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Board meeting by phone February 20, 2015, 12.00 – 13.00

Minutes

Present:

Inger B. Scheel
Graziella Van den Bergh
Ottar Mæstad
Wenche Dageid
Ann Louise Lie
Akhtar Hussain
Therese M. Istad

Absent:

Kristin I. Sandberg
Ingvild Hope
Bente Moen
Hans Hadders
Tordis Trovik
Kårstein Måseide
Åse-Marit Kristiansen
Vilde Skylstad
Elin Y. Dvergsdal
Elisabeth Darj
Birthe L. Knizek
Marianne Monclair
Bengt Skotheim
Zlata Turkanovic
Johanne Sundby

6/15 Approval of the agenda

Agenda approved

7/15 Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting January 23rd (Attachment 1)

Minutes approved with the following corrections:

5/15 b: Ahktar Hussein informs of [The 12th Conference on Urban Health](#) (sponsored by the World Bank) to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh early March 2015. Ahktar will participate and will bring news when he returns.



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8/15 Update on the 9th Conference on Global Health and Vaccination Research

- a) **Status report from the RCN Planning Committee** (Zlata Turkanovic/Åse-Marit Kristiansen)

Wenche Dageid reports that progress is satisfactory and that the interest, as well as the workload, is growing for each year.

- b) **Status report: the Forums contributions on climate at the conference** (Inger Scheel/Kristin Sandberg)

Inger reports that there are some difficulties in assembling the panel, but will solve these in dialogue with the Research Council (Åse-Marit Kristiansen)

- c) **ECTMIH: The Forums symposium** (Inger Scheel)

Item postponed because key Forum members were not present.

9/15 National initiatives:

- a) **National Research School in Global Health** (Elin Y. Dvergsdal /Elisabeth Darj)
[See the call from RCN here.](#) Deadline April 17th.

NTNU was not present to update on progress. Following issues were discussed:

- Criteria for selecting partners abroad should be made explicit and discussed.
- It should be ensured that social sciences are included in the plans.
- The independent research institutes should be involved in the process. Candidates should be educated to be attractive the independent institutes as well. This includes teaching special skills applicable to the sector (applied approaches, proposal development skills). Perhaps best solved by including institutes as partners in the Research school to provide teaching resources.
- The research school should aim for exceptional quality to attract both Norwegian and international talents.
- The Board asks that the draft application is circulated for comments among the Board members before it is submitted.
- Inger Scheel is part of the working group for the Research School Application, as a Forum representative – in addition to the University members. When Inger leaves the Board after the election of new board this will have to be addressed.



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b) **Norwegian Global Health Institute** (Bente Moen/ Inger Scheel)

Few key members of the Working group were present. There is agreement that the Forum, esp. the members within the Medical faculties are pro-active at this point of time. Bente Moen takes charge to drive this forward, and suggest we aim for a side meeting including the 4 deans at the Vision 2030 conference.

c) **Vision 2030: Conference** (Elin Y. Dvergsdal /Inger Scheel)

Elin Y Dvergsdal was not present. The conference was discussed in the light of the Post 2015 development processes.

10/15 Forum Activity Plan: Engaging the young. A request for Forum collaboration for a youth commission (Attachment 2)

- A unanimously decision to support the student initiative on a youth commission on Essential Medicines was reached, provided a quality check of the budget provided, and a contingency plan is developed for what to do if obstacles appear. The Board offers their knowledge and competence to support the project if needed.

11/15 Global Health Action: Request for collaboration (Attachment 3)

<http://www.globalhealthaction.net/index.php/gha>

Global Health Action publishes more than 30 Nordic, European and other international Open Access-journals. The theme for all is global health, but with different perspectives.

The Board was positive to the proposal but need more information to make a decision. Inger will with the help from Ottar, discuss terms with the Director, and provide a report to be decided on next Board meeting.

12/15 General Assembly

The election committee has their deadline later today. Preparations are en route in the secretariat.

13/15 Information from Board Members:

News from the follow up on the Lancet- UiO Commission on Global Governance for Health (Anne Louise Lie)

Ann Louise Lie informed on 'The independent panel on global governance for health', an offspring of the Commission on global governance for health. The Panel is based at Centre for development and the Environment at UiO. There is a call for papers, Ann Louise Lie will circulate.

14/15 Any other business

No additional business



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Board Meeting, April 28, 2015

Time: 12:00-15:00

Place: Institute of Health and Society, UiO, Room 25, Fredrik Holsts house,
Kirkeveien 166

Minutes

Present:

Arne H. Eide, independent member
Bente E. Moen, member, University of Bergen
Johanne Sundby, deputy, University of Oslo
Hans Hadders, member, Sør-Trøndelag University College
Frode Forland, member, Norwegian Institute of Public Health
Elisabeth Darj, member, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
Tordis A. Trovik, member, University of Tromsø
Ann Louise Lie, independent deputy
Inger Scheel (first part of the meeting), former leader of the Forum
Therese M. Istad, Secretariat
Ingvild Hope, Secretariat

Absent:

Graziella Van den Bergh, member, Bergen University College
Per Ole Iversen, member, University of Oslo
Hedvig M. E. Nordeng, member, independent

6/15 Approval of the agenda

Agenda approved.

The former Chair, Inger Scheel initiated the meeting, and everyone presented themselves. Scheel went through the Forum activities that are ongoing, and that are important that new board members are aware of – and able to carry further:

- The Research School for Global Health – an application for funding has been submitted through the Forum. RCN will review it soon. There is at least one competing application in Global Health.
- Evaluating the Forum
In the meeting with the Globvac board in March 2015, this was discussed as a way of improving the organization of the Forum, and a way of obtaining advice for how to proceed as a network. A Belgium firm that has specialized in evaluating research



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networks was mentioned as one possible provider.

- Register the Forum as an NGO? Or an association (forening)?
This was also mentioned in the meeting with the Globvac board, and could be useful if and when the Forum seeks additional funding (in addition to the RCN funding). A fee for each member institution could also be a way of funding. The Forum board should discuss different alternatives.
- New application for funding to RCN. The current funding expires 31. Dec 2015. The secretariat will be in touch with Globvac regarding the new application.
- The Globvac Conference
The conference has steadily grown into quite a big event, and it requires a lot of work to organize. It might be a solution to organize it bi-annually instead of annually. This could also be an opportunity for the Forum to host a smaller conference every other year. This will be discussed in the Forum and at RCN.
- Evaluation of the Globvac Conference
LEVE, UiO that hosted the conference this year, has had an evaluation meeting, and they have also started writing a “conference manual”, where all guidelines and useful tips for organizing the conference is gathered. The Forum will contribute to this manual.
- Norwegian Institute for Global Health (NIGH)
The working group for this institute consists of Elisabeth Darj, Elin Yli Dvergsdal, Bente E. Moen, Inger Scheel, Johanne Sundby and Tordis Trovik, Frode Forland would also like to participate in this group, and he is welcomed. The group will prepare a concept note to the Deans’ Meeting at Svalbard, 1-2 June.
- Climate and Health
Follow up after the Forum’s symposium on climate and health at the Globvac conference. Ask Kristin Sandberg for a summary.
Several researchers would like to keep working on this topic.
- Federation of European Societies for tropical medicine and international health
FESTMIH will host a conference in Basel in September 2015. The Forum had submitted a proposal for a symposium, and was accepted, but this has now been withdrawn.
Instead, Johanne Sundby will lead a symposium on task-shifting with contributors from Norwegian Institute of public health, NTNU, WHO, Norwegian Mine Victim Center – University of Tromsø. Info on the conference:
<http://www.ectmihbasel2015.ch/ectmih2015/home.html>
- Global Health Action (<http://www.globalhealthaction.net/index.php/gha/index>)
Peer reviewed open access journal - affiliated with the Centre for Global Health Research (CGH) at Umeå University, Sweden. The journal have contacted the Forum, would like to collaborate – for example through the website, social media etc. They



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have also initiated a collaboration with the University of Tromsø (through the Dept. of communication at UiT). The Forum should discuss their request at a later meeting.

- Support for intergenerational projects
The Forum has supported a few projects run by students – the most recent is called “Youth Commission on Essential Medicines Policies” and this will be supported with some funding and, if needed, some consultancy.

7/15 Approval of Minutes from the General Assembly of March 17, 2015

Minutes approved.

8/15 Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of the new Board

Ingvild Hope from the Secretariat presented the election procedures.

The board members proposed one candidate for the chair position:

Bente E. Moen

The board members discussed the nomination, and Bente E. Moen was elected as Chair by acclamation.

One candidate was suggested as deputy chair: Frode Forland

The board members deliberated, and Frode Forland was elected as deputy chair by acclamation.

9/15 Applications for further annual support from RCN, and the search for new sources for funding. How will the new board prioritize? (Attachment 2, the RCN application for 2014)

10/15 The Activity Report to RCN 2014. (Attachment 3)

11/15 Update on the Norwegian Research School in Global Health (Attachments 4 and 5)

12/15 AOB

Global Health Course

The Norwegian Institute of Public Health and The Norwegian Medical Association (with contributions from UIO) organize a 4-day course in global health May 4-7 – this is part of the mandatory courses in public health.

More information here: <http://legeforeningen.no/Fagmed/Norsk-samfunnsmedisinsk-forening/kurs/Utdanningskurs-i-samfunnsmedisin-2013-/Global-helse---Kurs-I-Oslo-20151/>

Next board meeting (by phone):

June 5th 2015



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Board Meeting June 5th, 2015

Minutes

Present:

Ann Louise Lie
Nina Dalen
Per Ole Iversen
Arne H. Eide
Vilde Skylstad
Frode Forland
Jagrati Jani-Bølstad
Hans Hadders
Elin Yli Dvergsdal
Bente E. Moen
Ingvild Hope
Therese M. Istad
Zlata Turkanovic (Observer, RCN)
Åse Marit Kristiansen (Observer, RCN)

Absent:

Elisabeth Darj
Hedvig M. E. Nordeng
Graziella Van Den Bergh
Johanne Sundby
Wenche Dageid
Tordis A. Trovik

13/15 Approval of the agenda

- One item for 18/15 AOB:
Consultation period for the “Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ health”.

14/15 Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting April 28th, 2015 (Attachment 1)
The minutes were approved.

15/15 The GLOBVAC conference – how to organize it in the coming years

Please do read the information given and be prepared to give your opinion on the topic regarding these three alternatives. (Attachment 2 – from the Globvac Secretariat)

The future organization of the GLOBVAC conference was discussed, and all board members voiced their opinions. A few of the comments:

- The Conference has expanded greatly, and is now requiring more and more from the organizing host



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- A biannual (smaller) conference hosted by the Forum in collaboration with a host institution could focus on the national global health environment, young researchers and research environments, a thematic approach etc.
- Even though a Forum conference would be smaller, it must be of a quality that appeals at a national level
- It is important to retain continuity by organizing a scientific event every year, the global health research community needs to meet at least once a year
- If the bigger GLOBVAC conference is biannual, one possibility is to expand to 2,5 day – to give more room for networking and meeting colleagues
- If it is decided that the Forum (with a host institution) should host conferences biannually, this could be part of the regular research funding application to GLOBVAC.

○ **Action:**

- The Forum is positive to the idea of organising a smaller, national Globvac conference every second year, in cooperation with local hosts (RCN organises the international conference the other years).

The Head of the Forum Board, Bente Moen, will discuss this with RCN on behalf of the Forum, as a clear framework/agreement for this local organization is needed to make a final decision (e.g. economic support, participation of RCN, location list). We will discuss this again in August.

16/15 Economy of the Forum

By February 20th, the Forum had NOK 870,006 NOK in unspent funds.

In 2015 we will cover expenses for:

- The April board meeting in Oslo
- 100 000 NOK to the Youth Commission on Essential Medicines Policies (YCEMP)
- A physical meeting in Oslo in the autumn
- Participation at the FESTMIH conference in Basel
- Salaries of the Secretariat for the rest of 2015

The remaining funds after this are about 250,000 NOK. We have a budget line: "Seminars and outreach activities" which is roughly equivalent to this sum (250, 000 NOK). In line with Article II in the Statutes of Forum (about the purpose – improve collaboration/contribute to processes in the field; do look at the text), we decided that the global scientific environment in Oslo or Bergen or Trondheim or Tromsø can ask Forum for support of arranging a one-day seminar locally on the topic of Global Health Research. At least two institutions locally must co-operate in the arrangement. The application with budget (one page max) should be sent to Forum before the next board meeting in August. Information about this must be sent out to Forum members ASAP.

A few other suggestions were made, among them travel scholarships for PhDs and Students – These suggestions were considered not being the main task for Forum to be involved in, as Forum is not a general funding agency. Such issues must be clearer in the next budget.



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17/15 Suggested meeting plan autumn 2015:

Wednesday 26th August (in Oslo, NIPH)

Friday 25th September

Friday 23th October

Friday 27th November

Friday 11th December (The Norad conference is on the 9th of Dec.)

18/15 AOB

The Norwegian Institute of Public Health (via F. Frøen) has distributed their scientific input text to the “Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ health”, and is asking if anyone from the Norw. Forum for Global Health or the WHO Forum would like to co-sign the input. The deadline for the hearing is the same day, 5th of June. Info on the strategy: <http://crowd360.org/shaping-the-future-for-healthy-women-and-children/>

The board decided that each member who has an interest in the strategy should read and decide for themselves if they would like to co-sign. We all should have been informed earlier.



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Minutes: Board meeting August 28, 2015

Time: 09:00-13:00

Place: Norwegian Institute of Public Health

Present:

Frode Forland
Hans Hadders
Bente E. Moen
Elisabeth Darj
Hedvig M. E. Nordeng
Graziella Van Den Bergh
Johanne Sundby
Wenche Dageid (Observer, RCN)
Åse Marit Kristiansen (Observer, RCN)
Ingvild Hope (Secretariat)
Therese M. Istad (Secretariat)
Ann Katrin Stensdotter
Elin Yli Dvergsdal
Stine Hellum Braathen

Absent:

Tordis A. Trovik
Arne H Eide
Per Ole Iversen

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19/15 Approval of the agenda: The agenda was approved

20/15 Approval of Minutes from June 28

The minutes were approved

21/15 Forum application to RCN for 2016-2018: Draft of application, activity plan and budget

The Board went through the drafts. The Board agreed that the Secretariat shall send it out for a final round of comments after the meeting.



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The main discussion was the topic of meeting places for the actors in the field of global health research. Meeting places for the academic sector with stakeholders from the departments and agencies. The dialog is vital, also for representatives outside of Oslo. Where and how can the Forum influence political processes. Conferences might not be the only places, local meetings, global health days and networks can be additional arenas. The Board also take note of the importance of arenas for PhD-candidates in the field.

The Board agreed that the Forum should apply for funding for organizing a smaller, national conference every second year, the year the GLOBVAC conference is not an option. The Board notes that the medical students wish to have their conference linked to the annual global health conference, either GLOBAC or the Forum conference, and that is one of the reasons March is a good time of the year.

Based on the result of the application to RCN the Board decided to arrange a conference in Bergen in March 2016. In 2017 it is Trondheim that is hosting the GLOBVAC conference.

The Board is asked to consider having the General Assembly every second year. The Secretariat is asked to find a suitable name for the Forum conference.

The Board was informed by the observers from RCN that the result of the call for National Research Schools will be published in mid-November 2015.

The Board agreed on new action points in the action plan:

- Crises in the world: Migration health, refugees, mental health and research
- Innovation (nutrition, pharmaceutical research, health systems, handling of epidemics etc)
- Introducing prizes for outstanding work in the field of global health research

Finally, the Board agrees on contacting Norwegian Network for Health and Development (NHU). The purpose is to see how we can distribute our resources better, and how the Forum can ensure that the hospital sector in Norway is represented in the Forum.

22/15 Global Health Day 2015.

NTNU is a veteran in arranging Global Health Days, in 2015 they are arranging the 5th Global Health Day. The event has grown considerably over the years. The primary targets are hospital staff and students in health sciences with a focus on students.

The Board acknowledge the efforts of NTNU and invites other universities and institutes to follow their example. The Board and the Secretariat can assist in the planning of Global Health Days.



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NTNUs application for additional funding for the 2015 Global Health Day was approved by the Board.

23/15 Norwegian Global Health Institute (NGHI). Status and actions.

The Board has still not received the minutes from the Deans of the medical faculties meeting at Svalbard June 1. The Board is informed that the Deans were reluctant to manifest any financial commitment. Dean Langeland from UiB has been suggested to lead the follow up of the formation of a Norwegian Institute, but the situation is unclear

Forum decided to establish a work group about NGHI, consisting of: Frode Forland, Johanne Sundby, Elin Dvergsdal (who will ask Stig Slørdal to participate), Inger Scheel (will be asked by Bente), Bente E. Moen. It was also discussed whether Stener Kvinnsland in Bergen might be asked (BEM finds out) and someone from Sintef. The group should meet in the beginning of October.

24/15 Overview of for Forum-meetings autumn 2015

The meeting on October 23 is moved to October 30. So the plan will be:

Friday 25th September
Friday 30th October
Friday 27th November
Friday 11th December

AOB: Status report from each Board Members institution



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Board meeting September 25, 2015, 12:00-13:00

Minutes

Present:

Hedvig M. E. Nordeng
Johanne Sundby
Frode Forland
Jagrati Jani-Bølstad
Arne H. Eide
Elin Y. Dvergsdal
Bente E. Moen
Ingvild Hope
Therese M. Istad
Åse-Marit Kristiansen, RCN
Ingvar Theo Olsen, Norad

Absent:

Tordis A. Trovik
Graziella Van den Bergh
Hans Hadders

25/15 Approval of the agenda
The agenda was approved

26/15 Approval of Minutes from August 28th (attachment 1)
Minutes approved with the correction of the year at item 21/15, page 2.

27/15 Representation in the Forum from University of Oslo
Our former election committee has received a formal request from the University of Oslo to switch the roles of Per Ole Iversen and Johanne Sundby in the Forum, making Sundby the formal Forum board member from UiO and Iversen the deputy. (att. 2)

-The board meeting took this into consideration, and decided to approve the change.
The board members also noted that the requirement of gender balance in the [Forum's statutes](#) (each sex shall be represented with minimum of 4 members) should be changed. The Secretariat will make a suggestion on this for the next General Assembly.

28/15 RCN – GLOBVAC
As you have been informed, the Forum was not given the opportunity to send an application to RCN.
We are allowed to use existing funding for 2015 also in 2016, which makes it possible to run the Secretariat for a few months. However, this is a difficult situation.
What actions should we take?

Suggestions:

- 1. Official meeting between Norad and the Forum (to discuss reduced support to research).**



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2. **We need to revise our action plan to a less prosperous one.**
(Bente suggests doing this in the next meeting, when we will have more clarity on the finances)
3. **Any other sources of funding for Forum?**

-The head of Board, Bente, informed about the situation and asked the board members for updates and new ideas for funding.

Ingvar Olsen, representing Norad and Åse-Marit Kristiansen representing RCB both said that they are awaiting further instructions from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs about further funding. This will also depend on the midway evaluation that Globvac now are undergoing – the result of this evaluation is due in February 2016.

The result of the RCN Research School Call is due in the end of October (1st round) or in the end of November (2nd round).

Bente will meet with Stener Kvinnsland who is the newly appointed leader of the *Norsk Helsennettverk for Utvikling (NHU)*:

http://www.oslo-universitetssykehus.no/aktuelt_/nyheter_/Sider/Kvinnsland-styreleder-for-Norsk-helsenettverk-for-utvikling.aspx

-They will discuss if the Forum and NHU can collaborate in any way.

29/15 Norwegian Institute of Global Health. Status and actions.

Bente has presented Forums ideas related to the NGHI in “Rådet for Helse og Omsorg 21”. Two Deans were present. As the Forum criticized the lack of action from the Deans, they responded, and Bente was later asked by the Dean in Bergen to report from the meeting. The Deans want to work in the issue again.

Suggestion: The Forums working group will have a separate telephone meeting in September.

30/15 Suggestion of a seminar on the ECTMIH Basel presentations in Oslo. **Who will host/organize this? UiO in cooperation with the Forum?**

Johanne will check if there is any funding available at LEVE to organize such a seminar.

31/15 The Forum website (www.globalhealth.no)

Remember to notify the secretariat if there are any events, news, calls etc. you would like to see posted on the website.

32/15 AOB



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Board meeting October 30, 2015, 12:00-13:00

Draft - Minutes

Present:

Frode Forland
Jagrati Jani-Bølstad
Bente E. Moen
Ingvar Theo Olsen
Graziella Van den Bergh
Hans Hadders
Wenche Dageid
Ingvild Hope
Therese M. Istad

Absent:

Johanne Sundby
Hedvig M. E. Nordeng
Tordis A. Trovik
Arne H. Eide
Elisabeth Darj
Åse-Marit Kristiansen, RCN

33/15 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved

34/15 Approval of Minutes from September 25 (Attachment 1).

The minutes were approved

35/15 The Forum. Status and revised action plan. (Attachment 2)

The Board was guided through the budget lines. The Forum has to stretch the remaining funds into 2016 as there are no funding opportunities open for now. We have some travels, two to Oslo and one to Sweden that needs to be covered by the remaining funds. We are allowed to transfer the rest and use it in 2016, and we will do so. The Board decided to spend part of this for the secretariat, with the main aim to plan the Forum conference held in 2016.

The Board discussed options for the conference. One suggestion was to arrange the conference with Graziella Van den Bergh and Bergen University College. This was rejected due to the dates; it would be too late in the semester for the students to attend.

The Board decided to arrange a researcher focused national conference together with Norwegian Network for Health and Development (NHU) in April. The dates were set to April 20 and 21 and the place is for this year's conference will be Bergen. The Boards director is committed to plan this with NHU.



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The main focus for the conference is national networks and how to broaden the collaboration between global health research environments in Norway. In addition it is a wish that PhD candidates receive the possibility to present their results at the conference.

All the Board members are encouraged to send suggestions for profile and interesting topics.

36/15 Norwegian Institute of Global Health. Status and actions.

The work group held a phone meeting in September. Bente Moen took us through the minutes. They have looked at different models for the Institute and will decide on one that is presented for the Board later. The next meeting is due December 2.

37/15 Discontinuation of the Quota Scheme.

The Norwegian government has decided to phase out the Quota Scheme starting from the academic year 2016-17. This will have consequences for the work of many of the Forums member institutions. The Board members are asked to suggest action points to improve this situation. Bente Moen informed the Board members of the latest news on the new program that will be administered by SIU. The Board decided to write a response and try to influence the outline on the new program. To do this we need more information, and will wait for that.

38/15 AOB:

NORAD, represented by Ingvar Theo Olsen and RCN, represented by Wenche Dageid, reported on the situation in their organizations. Lack of information and uncertainty on future funding schemes were dominant in both places.

Hans Hadders and Frode Forland informed the Board of the highlights from NTNUs Global Health Day. It was also this year a great success, and it is highly recommended for the other universities. Every year more participants show up. If you look here you can read about the day and even see a nice picture of Elisabeth and one of Hans:

<https://blog.medisin.ntnu.no/fra-ebola-til-fedme-global-helsedag-21-oktober/>



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Board meeting November 27, 2015, 12:00-13:00

Minutes

Present:

Elin Y. Dvergsdal
Wenche Dageid
Johanne Sundby
Ingvar T. Olsen
Elisabeth Darj
Bente Moen
Therese Istad
Ingvild Hope

Absent:

Hans Hadders
Tordis Trovik
Graziella Van den Bergh
Hedvig Nordeng
Frode Forland
Arne H. Eide
Vilde Skylstad
Bengt Skotheim

AGENDA

39/15 Approval of the agenda
Agenda approved

40/15 Approval of Minutes from October 30 (Attachment 1).
Minutes approved.

41/15 The program that replaces the Quota Scheme: SIU informs in Oslo 23.11.15. (Attachment 2)
Suggestion: The Forum Board writes a comment to SIU on this. Comments

A new working document from SIU will be available early January, and SIU will ask for comments. It is important that both our member institutions and the Forum give their input to this hearing. In addition the Board would like to give comments from the Forum before Christmas.

Action:

Bente drafts a note for circulating to the Board for next board meeting, including:

-The selection of countries – should be expanded, questions about the selection criteria
Ingvar will find out more about the decisions regarding the selected countries (in Norad).

-Length of supported education period (both for Masters and PhDs): for a transitional period it must be possible to take up the students at Norwegian institutions – few partner countries have established PhD programs in the field of Global Health research.



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42/15 Forum conference 2016. (Attachment 3)

Decisions: The main framework of the conference: Two days in cooperation with NHU.
Low fee for participants (a bit higher than 100 NOK, to be decided after administrative judgements in the Secretariat in Bergen), plus extra payment for dinner
Members of the board will form the scientific committee (must be coordinated with NHU);
Program development/ evaluation of abstracts.

Time/Location: 20-21 April 2016 in Bergen
Title: Norwegian Global Health Networks with Impact

The Board discussed a few suggestions for the programme
- Researchers symposiums – topics to be decided when abstracts are in.
- Symposium 1st day? From MDGs to SDGs?

The dinner could be started off by a short key note presentation – if we want someone international we could consider streaming / video conference to avoid travel costs etc. Maybe Pleiestiftelse no 1 in Kalfarvn. 31 can be used for the dinner.

The Research Council will attend the conference, and most likely they will have a board meeting back-to-back with the conference. They will possibly also organize meetings with the project leaders of RCN projects.

Action:

- Bente will contact the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) to see if they would like to be involved in the conference in some way.
- The Globvac secretariat could assist in providing address lists of emails (earlier participants or Globvac project leaders etc. – for invitations, information etc.
- The Bergen Secretariat contacts NHU (Kristin Hanche-Olsen) for practical agreements so a website can be put up ASAP. This is necessary due to the call for Abstracts. The scientific work on conference topics will start early January.

43/15 Norwegian Global Health Institute (NGHI)

The working group is meeting next week in Oslo. Bente Moen updates the Board.

Information from Elin:

Nasjonal samarbeidsgruppe for helseforskning i spesialisthelsetjenesten (NSG) had NGHI as one of the discussion points in their meeting 5th of November. NSG are establishing a working group, led by Nina Langeland, Dean at the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry. Elin Dvergsdal (NTNU) is a member, in addition to Per Ole Iversen (UiO) and more members will be appointed.

44/15 Information from board members:

Global Health Research School (Elin Dvergsdal with latest news)

- The Forum board has been asked to revise the application and resubmit by 19th of February
- The application lacked an overarching strategy, according to the Globvac Board.
- If the application is approved, the allocation period will be for 6 years (not 8 years as described in the original call for application)

SNIH conference in Sweden (Hans Hadders participated from the Forum)

– Hans will inform in the next board meeting

NHU had a meeting 10/11, suggesting to merge with the Forum

This will be discussed at our conference; we need to meet these persons and find out if this is a good idea



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Minutes from December 11, 2015

45/15 Approval of the agenda

Agenda was approved

46/15 Approval of Minutes from November 27 (Attachment 1).

Minutes approved

47/15 The program that replaces the Quota Scheme: Note to SIU from the Forum (Attachment 2)

The board was especially concerned with the land list, and that it was difficult to offer full programs to the students. The board's director will send the note to SIU with the points from the discussion. The note will be sent to the board members.

48/15 Forum conference 2016.

The conference committee consist of Stener Kvinnsland, Kristin s. Hanche Olsen, Marie Hornslien, Jørgen Traasdahl from NHU and Bente Moen, Therese Istad, Ingvild Hope from The Forum, and Gunhild Koldal from CIH.

The program is to be decided and planned by the Forum board members and NHU. A meeting for this is set to January 21 in Bergen. For those not in Bergen we will arrange a SKYPE-meeting or phone conference for all to be able to attend. The minutes from the meeting are to be sent to the board members.

The deadline for abstract calls is set to February 1.

49/15 The Federation of European Societies for Tropical Medicine and International Health (FESTMIH) – Membership annual fee to the

About FESTMIH: Fifteen European countries, incl. Norway, are currently represented on the Federation Council by their respective national societies. The objectives of the Federation are to build upon the interdisciplinary expertise of the national Societies in Europe, for developing European collaboration and North-South partnership towards health development in the tropics, in the respect of regional specificities.

The board members agree that it is important that we are involved in this federation. The way we are charged might be questioned, and we should find out if we pay the right membership prize. The Forum should continue to be a member.

50/15 Norwegian Global Health Institute

A meeting was held in Oslo, the minutes are attached.

51/15 Lancet Youth Commission on Essential medicines (YCEMP)

The Forum has supported the Youth Commission that has the following aim:

“to assess access and promotion policies for Essential Medicines worldwide through the lens of young health providers, researchers and advocates. Building on the analysis on primary and secondary data, we seek both to provide evidence based policy recommendations and raise the awareness of the relevance of Essential Medicines Policies.” More at their website:



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<http://ycemp.com/>

The Forum has invited them to have a session at the conference in April.

52/15 Information from board members:

SNIH conference in Sweden: Note from Hans Hadders_

As agreed during our last board meeting on Friday, I am forwarding message with reports (see links below) from the **SNIH conference at Karolinska Institute; 20th - 21st November 2015** sent to me by Suvi Ristolainen; **Board Member and Co-Founder Swedish Network for International Health** (August 2014 – Present).

Swedish Network for International Health is a network of students and alumni of public, global and international health in Master programs of five Swedish Universities (Lund University, Karolinska Institute, Umeå University, Gothenburg University and Uppsala University). Our mission as an NGO is to support a collaborative network which will facilitate interaction between members, and provide tools for personal and professional development.

<http://www.snih.org/>

I attended this conference as a representative of the Forum. Bente Moen was initially invited. However, as she could not attend I volunteered to attend.

Swedish Network for International Health has a vision to expand to become a Scandinavian network in the future.

Spread the word about their good work.

53/15 Suggested dates for Board Meetings spring 2016

Dates accepted:

Fredag 29 januar

Fredag 26 februar

Fredag 18 mars (fredag før påske)

Fredag 27 mai

Fredag 17 juni