



# Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

## Minutes General Assembly 2009

30 November 2009, 1500-1700

University of Oslo, Library of humanities and social sciences conference hall

General Assembly participants: 20 members and 4 observers of the Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

### **Welcome and opening**

The General Assembly was opened by the chair of the board, Jon Øyvind Odland, who suggested Nils Gunnar Songstad to be elected as chair of the General Assembly. The General Assembly approved the suggested chair.

### **Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved

### **Minutes General Assembly 31 October 2008, Bergen**

The minutes were approved

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

#### **a) Report on activities 2008-2009**

Jon Øyvind Odland and Erling Svensen presented the current board and briefed the General Assembly on the activities in 2008-2009.

Conferences held in 2008-2009:

- Workshop “Global initiatives for the health related millennium development goals – Needs for improved implementation” at the Federation of European Societies for Tropical Medicine and International Health ([FESTMIH](#))



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Conference in Verona, Italy 6-10 September 2009. Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research is member of FESTMIH.

- Norwegian for Global Health Research is one of the co-organisers of the 4th Conference on Global Health and Vaccination Research "Meeting the challenges of the Millennium Development Goals and beyond - Health research and policy", Oslo, 30 November – 2 December 2009

Planned conferences:

- 5th Conference on Global Health and Vaccination Research, Tromsø, 6-8 June 2010, Tromsø. A conference committee will be appointed
- Conference (with Legeforeningen) 18-20 May 2011 (co-organised with Den norske legeforening). This is under planning and not confirmed

Minutes from the board meetings can be found at: [www.globalhealth.no](http://www.globalhealth.no)

### **b) Plans for 2010**

Jon Øyvind Odland and Erling Svensen briefed the General Assembly on the future plans for the Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research:

- Involve more Norwegian institutions into the network for Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research
- The Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research will continue to advocate for a research programme on implementation research. Jon Øyvind Odland briefed the General Assembly on meetings with Norad and WHO.
- Jon Øyvind Odland briefed the General Assembly on the plans for establishing a research school in global health.
- Jon Øyvind Odland emphasized the Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research's main political agenda; to expand the program to include more institutions and southern partners on the board, and to engage the students to stronger participation.

### **c) Inventory of global health research projects in Norway**

Erling Svensen briefed the General Assembly on the [webpage](#) of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research and the [inventory](#) of global health research projects. Svensen also encouraged the General Assembly to register all their projects in the inventory.

The General Assembly was also encouraged inform the Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research on relevant conferences for registration on the webpage.



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## Revision of statutes

The General Assembly was presented with some suggestions to for revision of the Statutes. See below. New words are underlined, deleted words are in *italic*

Under Article II Purpose:

The main **strategies** applied to fulfill the main objectives of the Forum will include activities to:

- Improve knowledge exchange and collaboration in research among Norwegian institutions and researchers in the field of global health and promote interdisciplinary approaches e.g. by
  - Organising conferences on global health research on a regular basis
  - Establishing and maintaining a web site and keep an inventory of research activities and resources used for global health research in Norway
- Improve collaboration on global health issues between the research community, the government, the private sector and NGOs.
- Inform evidence-based policy on international health issues and contribute to national and international processes and initiatives in the field of global health and health research

Deleted;

- *Organise conferences on global health research at a regular basis in collaboration with the Research Council of Norway*

Under Article V. Board

The Board is elected by the General Assembly for a period of 2 years. A board member can be re-elected twice, with a maximum period of 6 consecutive years for serving on the board. Members may be re-elected after 2 years not serving on the Board.

The suggested revisions were approved by the General Assembly

Document: [New approved statutes](#)



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## **Information from the General Assembly's members and observers**

The members and observers of the board reminded/informed the General Assembly on:

- [First global symposium on health systems research, 16 - 19 November 2010, Montreux, Switzerland](#)
- Next conference FESTMIH, Barcelona, Spain , 12- 18 September 2011