



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Minutes General Assembly 2010 6 June 2010, 17.30 - 19.00 and 20.00 – 21.00 Radisson Blu Hotel Tromsø

General Assembly participants: 15 members and 4 observers of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research.

1. Welcome and opening

The General Assembly was opened by the Head of the Secretariat, Erling Svensen.

2. Election of chair for the meeting

Nils Gunnar Songstad was suggested chair of the General Assembly. The General Assembly approved the suggested chair.

3. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

4. Minutes General Assembly 30 November 2009, Oslo

The minutes were approved.

5. Activities of the Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

a) Report on activities in 2009 and 2010

The Head of the Secretariat, Erling Svensen, and the Chair of the board, Jon Øyvind Odland, presented the outgoing board and briefed the General Assembly on activities in 2009 and 2010.

Proposal on implementation research

Erling Svensen briefed the General Assembly on the extensive work done by board members in developing a proposal on implementation research.

Proposed declaration climate and health

Erling Svensen briefed the General Assembly on a draft declaration on climate and health prepared by some of the board members of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research. The General Assembly agreed that a working committee should be appointed to continue developing the declaration.

b) Plans of activities in 2010 and 2011

The Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research plan to arrange a conference in collaboration with the Norwegian Medical Association (Den norske legeforening) in May 2011.

The General Assembly was briefed on the focus areas of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research in 2010 and 2011:



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The quota programme

Development of a research school in global health¹

Programme on implementation research

The Board of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research has established contact with the Research Council of Norway and the relevant government ministries regarding initiating a research programme on implementation research. It is expected that a new programme is to be based on networks of institutions.

Next GLOBVAC period

NUFU/NOMA

Rune Nilsen suggested the new NUFU/NOMA programme as a new item under the focus areas for 2010-2011. He encouraged the Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research to enhance its lobbying towards government ministries and institutions. Furthermore he stressed the importance of involving and informing the university leadership.

c) Inventory of global health research projects in Norway

Erling Svensen briefed the General assembly on the website² of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research and the inventory³ of global health research projects. Jon Øyvind Odland emphasized that for the inventory to have the intended function it needs to be updated and used by the institutions. He encouraged the General Assembly members to register all their projects in the inventory. The General Assembly encouraged the new board to seek commitment from the institutions to use the inventory.

6. Election of the new board 2010-2012

The Head of the Secretariat, Erling Svensen, briefed the General Assembly about the preparation for the election of the new board. The Election Committee elected on the General Assembly in 2008 had not compiled a suggestion to the new board as required by the Statutes of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research. Instead the Head of the Secretariat had received suggestions to candidates and presented these suggestions to the General Assembly.

Clarification of candidates suggested by the University of Bergen

An institution suggesting a candidate is required to suggest one member with a deputy member from the same institution. The University of Bergen had submitted two candidates with deputies. The candidates were 1) Rune Nilsen, with deputy Bente E. Moen and 2) Gro Th. Lie, with deputy Maurice Mittelmark. The General Assembly had to decide between these two candidates before commencing the actual election procedure. Through secret ballot the General Assembly members with affiliation to the University of Bergen cast their votes for the preferred candidate with deputy. The result of this internal election was that Rune Nilsen, with Bente E. Moen as deputy, stood as candidate.

¹ <http://globalhealth.no/education-and-training-mainmenu-28>

² www.globalhealth.no

³ <http://globalhealth.no/db/projects/index>



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Election of four board members among candidates suggested by the universities:

The General Assembly members cast their votes for their preferred four candidates from the field of the following five candidates:

Board member	Deputy	Institution	Votes
Jon Øyvind Odland	Solrunn Hansen	University of Tromsø	12
June Jacobsen Steen		University of Agder	13
Akhtar Hussain	Gerd Holmboe-Ottesen	University of Oslo	13
Rune Nilsen	Bente E. Moen	University of Bergen	12
Geir Arild Espnes		NTNU	2

The General Assembly decided that institutional candidates elected without a deputy should identify his/her deputy and inform the Board and the Secretariat within one month after the election.

Election of two board members among candidates suggested by the university colleges:

Only two candidates, with deputies had been suggested in this group. The General Assembly elected the board members as suggested without formal voting:

Board member	Deputy	Institution
Graziella van den Bergh	Nina Dalen	Bergen University College
Hans Hadders	Malvin Torsvik	Sør-Trøndelag University College

Election of one board member among candidates suggested by other institutions with activities in global health research:

The General Assembly members voted for their preferred candidate from the field of four suggested candidates:

Board member	Deputy	Institution	Votes
Inger B. Scheel	Arne Henning Eide	Sintef	9
Ottar Mæstad		Chr. Michelsen Institute	1
Atle Fretheim		Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services	3
Marina de Paoli		Fafo	1

As one candidate received more than 50 % of the votes in the first round of election, a second round was not necessary.



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Election of two independent board members suggested by General Assembly members:
The General Assembly members suggested six candidates:

Election of the first independent board member:

Board member	Votes
Kristin Ingstad Sandberg	8
Ottar Mæstad	2
Atle Fretheim	2
Marina de Paoli	1
Gro Th. Lie	
Johanne Sundby	

As one candidate received more than 50 % of the votes in the first round of election, a second round was not necessary for the election of the first member in this group.

Election of the second independent board member:

Board member	Votes
Ottar Mæstad	4
Atle Fretheim	4
Marina de Paoli	
Gro Th. Lie	2
Johanne Sundby	2

As no candidate received more than 50 % of the votes, a new round of ballot was necessary. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the first round received the following number of votes in the second round:

Board member	Votes
Ottar Mæstad	6
Atle Fretheim	7

Election of deputies to the two independent board members:

The following candidates were suggested as candidates for deputy for Kristin Ingstad Sandberg:

Board member	Votes
Ottar Mæstad	1
Marina de Paoli	
Gro Th. Lie	
Johanne Sundby	
Jagrati Jani-Bølstad	11



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The following candidates were suggested as candidates for deputy for Atle Fretheim:

Board member	Votes
Ottar Mæstad	9
Marina de Paoli	
Gro Th. Lie	
Johanne Sundby	3

The new board of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research 2010-2012:

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June Jacobsen Steen		University of Agder
Akhtar Hussain	Gerd Holmboe-Ottesen	University of Oslo
Rune Nilsen	Bente E. Moen	University of Bergen
Graziella van den Bergh	Nina Dalen	Bergen University College
Hans Hadders	Malvin Torsvik	Sør-Trøndelag University College
Inger B. Scheel	Arne Henning Eide	Sintef
Kristin Ingstad Sandberg	Jagrati Jani-Bølstad	
Atle Fretheim	Ottar Mæstad	

Election of a new election committee

The General Assembly decided to postpone the election of a new election committee to the General Assembly in 2011.

7. Information from the General Assembly members and observers

Gunnar Kvåle informed the General Assembly on the Climate and Health Council.⁴ This council encourages health workers and scientists to form their own national branches.⁵ Kvåle suggested establishing a work group under the Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research to work on a Norwegian branch of a Climate and Health Council.

⁴ <http://www.climateandhealth.org/>

⁵ <http://www.climateandhealth.org/getinvolved/getmoreinvolved/>