



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Minutes General Assembly 2012

26 September 2012, 17.30 - 19.00

Clarion Hotel and Conference, Trondheim

1. Welcome and opening

The General Assembly was opened by the Head of the Board, Inger B. Scheel.

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 13 September 2011, Oslo

The minutes were approved.

5. Activities of the Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

a) Report on activities in 2011 and 2012

The head of the board, Inger B. Scheel, briefed the General Assembly on the Forum's activities.

Inger B. Scheel explained the General Assembly about the funding of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research. Funding has been received from the Research Council of Norway, but it has been difficult to adapt the application for funding to a format with timelines and very specific deliverables as required in the application form.

The GLOBVAC board invited the head of the board and the head of the secretariat of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research to a meeting to discuss the application process. The GLOBVAC board suggested a change in how Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research can apply for funding. A less rigid format and less rigid reporting combined with an annual meeting with the GLOBVAC board will be important elements of the revised application procedure.

Inger B. Scheel, currently President of Federation of European Societies for Tropical Medicine and International Health (FESTMIH) reported that the Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research is generally more active than European sister societies. The Forum is uniquely positioned to engage in current affairs, thanks to the structure of the Board with observers from policy-making institutions and the Research Council of Norway.

The General Assembly was briefed on the status of the [project database](#). A challenge is to keep the database updated. The board members were encouraged to ensure that projects at their institutions are included in the database.



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6. Election of the new board 2012-2014

Head of the Election Committee, June Jacobsen Steen presented the committee's suggestion for the new board. The chair of the General Assembly Nils Gunnar Songstad went through the election procedures.

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

Board member	Deputy	Institution
Akhtar Hussain	Johanne Sundby	University of Oslo
Rolv Terje Lie	Karen Marie Moland	University of Bergen
Anne Husebekk	Solrun Hansen	University of Tromsø
Elin Yli Dvergsdal	Magnus Steigedal	NTNU

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

Board member	Deputy	Institution
Hans Hadders	Birthe Loa Knizek	Sør-Trøndelag University College
Graziella Van den Bergh	Nina Dalen	Bergen University College

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

Board member	Deputy	Institution
Inger B. Scheel	Frederik Frøen	The Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services/ The Norwegian Institute of Public Health

Election of two independent board members suggested by General Assembly members:

Board member	Deputy	Institution
Kristin Ingstad Sandberg	Jagrati Jani-Bølstad	Independent
Ottar Mæstad	Ann Louise Lie	Independent



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The new board of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research 2012-2014:

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Hans Hadders	Birthe Loa Knizek	Sør-Trøndelag University College
Graziella Van den Bergh	Nina Dalen	Bergen University College
Inger B. Scheel	Frederik Frøen	The Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services/ The Norwegian Institute of Public Health
Kristin Ingstad Sandberg	Jagrati Jani-Bølstad	Independent
Ottar Mæstad	Ann Louise Lie	Independent

The General Assembly also elected the new election committee

Jeanette Magnus, Institute of Health and Society, University of Oslo
Atle Fretheim, Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services
Ingvild Fossgard Sandøy, Centre for International Health, University of Bergen

The General Assembly decided that there was no need to elect deputies for the election committee members.

7. Information from the General Assembly members and observers