



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Board meeting by phone January 10, 2014, 12.00 – 13.00
Minutes

Present:

Inger B. Scheel
Graziella Van den Bergh
Kristin I. Sandberg
Sameline Grimsgaard
Elin Y. Dvergsdal
Elisabeth Darj
Åse-Marit Kristiansen
Wenche Dageid
Ottar Mæstad
Ingvild Hope
Therese M. Istad
Johanne Sundby

Absent:

Hans Hadders
Birthe L. Knizek Kårstein Måseide Marianne Monclair
Bente Moen
Akhtar Hussain
Rasmus Bakken Zlata Turkanovic

01/14 Approval of the agenda

Agenda approved: Change of title of 05/14. **Change of time for the GLOBVAC conference:
And consequences.**

02/14 Approval of Minutes of Board meeting November 29 (Attachment 1)

Minutes approved

03/14 HO21 (Attachment 2)

The Board supports the principal and overall direction of the report. Well written and thorough arguments.

Specific comments:

- Could focus more on the opportunities, not only challenges Lack of focus on Health registers
- Could include knowledge of economic systems, the administrative system (as in connection to corruption and management)



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- The Nordic countries have a developed pedagogy, can be shared and focused on. NTNU's "Experts in teams" is an example to follow
- Norwegian research on controversial issues such as circumcision, illegal abortion, violence could be fronted
- Too many action points?

The Board decided that the Forum refrains from submitting formal comments, since many of the Board members have been part of the committee.

04/14 Invitation to suggest "game-changing" research topics, GLOBVAC/RCN (Attachment 3)

The invitation from RCN implies that they want proposals for 'game changing' research topics that can have impact. The suggestion must be sent in writing, max 1 page per suggestion. These are not proposals for project funding, but an opportunity for the Forum to contribute to the development of the Globvac program. The proposals must lie within the themes outlined in the invitation.

The Forum will respond collectively to the invitation by developing 1-page suggestions for the following topics (Responsible person in bold). **Deadline: send to Inger by January 23rd.**

Johanne Sundby and Elisabeth Darji: Health services for hard-to-reach populations in f.ex rural areas/conflict areas/informal settlements and slums. Reproductive health, focus on mothers and family planning.

Essential, effective interventions during pregnancy: **Ingvild Hope** will ask at CIH/UiB. They can contact Simon Lewin/Claire Glenton from Kunnskapssenteret

Ottar Mæstad and Johanne Sundby: Focus on girls and education (CISMAC, CMI)

Focus on leadership in health systems.

Kristin Sandberg and Inger Scheel : Production of Common Goods for access to health interventions, knowledge and innovation

(Possibly: Ottar Maestad: Leadership in health vs pay for performance)

05/14 Change of time for the GLOBVAC conference:

It has been decided to move the conference to the spring semester; suggested time for the next GLOBVAC conference is March 2015.

The committee has started planning. At LEVE/SUM at UiO. More Information and dates are to be published soon. The theme is still Women and children's rights and health.

Moving the GLOBVAC conference from autumn to spring has consequences for the Forum. The General Assembly and Board Election have traditionally been held at the GLOBVAC conference. This has been a valuable meeting place, and it is a huge challenge to conduct these events without the conference.



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It was therefore suggested that the election and General Assembly is postponed to March 2015, and held in connection with the 9th GLOBVAC conference. This was approved by the Board. Scheel suggested that void created gives a good opportunity to carry out an alternative event in 2014. University in Tromsø suggested as host. Inger will develop a concept note and a preliminary budget for the Board's (as well as the UiT's) consideration. RCN: Possible to apply for event funding, deadline February 12.

06/14 ECTMIH conference 2015. Contribution from the Forum.

The Forum should contribute; this will be addressed at the meeting on February 7. All board members shall read the documents and prepare for this.

The third global symposium on health systems research will be held in Cape Town in October, the deadline for submission January 15.

07/14 Any other business

It was decided to change the next Board Meeting from February 14 to February 7.

We are planning a psychical Board meeting in June: Inger has suggested that UiT, the Arctic University of Norway host the meeting. It is important to find dates as soon as possible, and circulate the suggestion among the board members.



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Board meeting by phone February 7, 2014, 12.00 – 13.00

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08/14 Agenda approved

09/14 Minutes of Board meeting January 10 approved (Attachment 1)

10/14 ECTMIH conference 2015.

a) Concerted contribution to ECTMIH 2015 in Basel. The Forum is asked, along with our sister Societies in Europe to contribute with a session/workshop to the conference hosted by the Swiss Society for Trop medicine and international health.

We should contribute with a topic that will involve 2 or more of our respective institutions. 'Human resources for health' is a suggested topic from the Knowledge centre.

b) In addition, each national society is invited to suggest one person as a member of the Scientific Committee, and to send feedback on the draft of the programme. (Attachment 2 and 3)

Inger Scheel: Suggest a session on Human Resource for Health. Supported by CMI.

Johanne Sundby: Representatives from Malawi are in Norway now, interested in this. Institutional development



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Elin Dvergsdal: Task shifting project in Sierra Leone, they can contribute.

Graziella Van den Bergh: Task shifting is a very interesting field, can be cross cutting.

Elisabeth Darj: Task shifting is interesting, also health care systems (Tanzania). Medical Technology as a session

Bente Moen: Will ask resource persons in Bergen. We would in addition like to include CISMALC.

Akhtar Hussain: Changing patterns of disease

UiT is involved in this.

Inger Scheel will send a suggestion to ECTMIH.

Each national society is invited to suggest one person as a member of the Scientific Committee:

Ingvild Sandøy and Kristin Sandberg

11/14 Activity plan:

Update on the work on Climate and Health. Kristin I. Sandberg (Attachment 4)

Kristin Sandberg takes the Board through the suggestion/plan. How will the Forum's position be?

Research School: NTNU and Elin Dvergsdal are working on this. UiB is on board. Sundby will be the representative from UiO. She asks for an update from the four universities. This will be the agenda for the first meeting. Elin Dvergsdal is responsible for the first meeting.

Webpage: We are waiting for an update.

Update on 2014 Forum Seminar/conference (Inger): We are running out of time, might have to postpone this.

12/14 Game changing topics, GLOBVAC/RCN.

Short orientation on the suggestions sent by the Forum.

Wenche Dageid:

RCN received 66 "game changing topics" the invitation. Five sent from the Forum.

The board members have some critical comments on the process. Main critic, there was a lack of sharing ideas and drafts.

13/14 Any other business

Bengt Skotheim is now the representative (observer) from Helsedirektorat

Ottar Mæstad: HO21 is almost ready, will be published soon.

Sundby: FGM. Is it possible to communicate on this from the Forum? Publish something?



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Board meeting by phone June 20, 2014, 12.00 – 13.00

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Bengt Skotheim

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Elisabeth Darj
Akhtar Hussain
Rasmus Bakkenv
Sameline Grimsgaard
Therese M. Istad
Wenche Dageid
Kårstein Måseide
Marianne Monclair
Graziella Van den Bergh
Elin Dvergsdal

20/14 Approval of the agenda

The Board made a change, and moved the update on GLOBVAC conference to 24/14.

21/14 Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting April 25 (Attachment 1)

Approved with minor corrections

22/14 Activity plan:

Update on the work on Climate and Health. (Attachment 4, new)

Kristin Sandberg presented the outline of a feasibility study, with a focus on climate and health. The purpose of the study is to map Norwegian activities and competence on climate challenges linked to health and livelihood.. It will use the Forum-study “Komplekse utfordringer krever samarbeid på tvers” (2012/13) as a starting point, and will link to FNI’s current mapping on energy(environment/climate/resources

The response to the suggested mapping study was unanimously positive and the Board stated that the need for new knowledge is obvious. The project was regarded as good use of the Forum resources, and can function as a pilot for a new work form. . The Forum wants to bring this forward. The Forum is prepared to fund project activities



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(within the limits outlined in the Forum budget) but not salaries How to raise funding will be discussed next meeting.

Next step in the process is that Sandberg makes a draft for a panel/symposium for the GLOBVAC conference, the deadline for sending in is June 21. The application will be sent from the Forum.

Research School in Global Health (the case will be on the agenda in August.)

Seminars: Universities Allied for Essential Medicine, Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research and MEDHUM arranged on May 26 a film screening and panel debate: Survival of the riches- Har vi lært av HIV-krisen, eller velger vi reprise? The film "Fire in the blood" were shown at Litteraturhuset i Oslo.

Afterword's there were a successful debate on access to medicine.

There were about 50-60 attendants. The Board is in contact with students at UiB, NTNU and UiT, and aim to carry out film screenings/public debate events in Bergen, Trondheim and Tromsø during fall 14 and spring 15.

Update on the webpage: Ingvild Hope (attachment 2)

The new webpage looks very professional and nice. We need to ensure that it is updated; one of the challenges here is the update on new projects. Since there were no representatives from Norad or RCN the Board decided to contact them before the next meeting and suggest that Norad update from their side, RCN from their side, and then the secretariat can do a manually update in between the larger calls. The Board would prefer that users can search the page either for project, country or institution.

23/14 Board meeting on August 28, in Oslo.

The Chair asked for suggestion and inputs from the Board members.

The Board decided on August 28. We start at 10:00.

The agenda will focus on overreaching themes as renewal of the activity plan and statues. The Forums strategic plan will also be looked upon.

Final agenda for the meeting is to be prepared and sent in August, at least a week before the meeting

24/ 14 Update on the 2015 GLOBVAC conference

The conference webpage is updated with deadlines. The committee is working on identifying key note speakers, and LEVE is working on the overall conference planning.

25/14 Information from board members/observers

News from FESTMIH, ECTMIH Basel 2015 (attachment 3)

The Forum sent three topics for the conference, have not heard anything. Inger Scheel will contact the secretariat for clarification

26/14 Any other business

None



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Summary from

Annual meeting for Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Oslo 28.8.2014

Invited guests: Rune Nilsen, Gunnar Kvåle, Harald Siem, Jan-Gustav Strandenes

Board members: Inger Scheel, Ottar Mæstad, Bente Moen, Elisabeth Darj, Graziella van der Bergh, Hans Hadders, Kristin Sandberg, Johanne Sundby, Elin Dvergsdal

Observers: Marianne Monclair from NORAD

Secretariat: Therese Istad and Ingvild Hope

Absent: (Board) Sameline Grimsgaard, (Observers) Bengt Skotheim, Wenche Dageid, Åse Marit Kristiansen, (Student representative) Rasmus Bakken

- Welcome by Inger Scheel/Approval of Agenda
- Health in the Post 2015 Development Agenda: Lecture by Jan-Gustav Strandenes. (Attached 1a)
- Orientation from Norad by Marianne Monclair
- RCN were not able to attend this year's meeting but shared the planned presentation (Attached 1b)
- Department Director Bjørn Iversen at NIPH gives the Board an update on the current activities.
- Current Forum activities and discussions
 - National Research School, update by Elisabeth Darj and Elin Dvergsdal/NTNU. The work group are in the process of making an overview over existing courses offered to PhD-candidates that would fit within the research school. NTNU has allocated resources to this process, and hired a person that will assist in collecting this information. The idea is that the involved institutions shall approve the same courses.
 - The funds we can apply for will be spent on travels for the candidates, so that they can take courses at different universities. Some universities/institutions have already allocated funds for this purpose.
 - It is also possible to make video transfers from lectures.
 - The Forum suggests that the different institutions in the research institute sector are more involved in the PHD-education, by for example hiring researchers as teachers. Joint degrees are also a possibility to look into.



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- The representative from NTNU notes that if the RCN announces a call for research schools, NTNU cannot promise to prioritize the Research School in Global Health as number one.
 - Bergen Summer Research School – 14 days of summer courses, maybe we can find something there to offer as courses in a research school in global health.
 - *Nordic School of Public Health* (in Göteborg) is closing down this year. Is the Forum interested in starting a Nordic cooperation?
 - *Conclusion*: We take this in two steps, first a national school, and then we can look into a Nordic cooperation.
- The webpage and the project database: The webpage is looking good, and working well. The project database is not updated, and should either be removed or taken care of.
 - Action point: The Forum decided to update the project database. The secretariat shall contact NORAD, RCN and other actors that have projects within the field of global health. We will look into the possibility to hire a person to make an effort to catch up, and then the Forum (by the secretariat) can be responsible for keeping it updated. To be able to do this, every institution has to send information to the secretariat.
 - Seminars: The film screening in Oslo was a success; the students will have similar arrangements in Bergen, Trondheim and Tromsø. These seminars are run by the students in collaboration with the Forum Board
 - Climate and Health: Kristin Sandberg has been appointed by the Board to get Climate and Health on the agenda.
 - She has prepared the document: 'Mulighetsstudie om klimaendringer og global helse. Konseptnotat om studie-design med forslag til organisering av arbeidet' for discussion.
 - She has also on behalf of the Board developed a proposal for a session/workshop on Climate and Global Health for the GLOBVAC conference, March 2015, along with partner institutions
 - The Board agrees that it is well worth continued support

14:13 Board Meeting for the Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research:

Present: Inger Scheel, Ottar Mæstad, Bente Moen, Elisabeth Darj, Graziella van der Bergh, Hans Hadders, Kristin Sandberg, Johanne Sundby.
Absent: Sameline Grimsgaard
Secretariat: Therese Istad, Ingvild Hope

Most of the planned issues on the agenda have been discussed in the larger group. In the closed Board Meeting the Board reviewed the Forums Statutes, led by Ottar Mæstad. What is



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the Forums main goals, and in what format is best suited to reach these? Are we organized in good manner? Many questions came up:

- should the Forum play a larger part in suggesting topics for focus and research, like Kristin Sandberg is doing on Climate and Health?
- The role of the research institute sector, how is this working?
- The Forum shall contribute to national processes, are we doing this in a satisfactory way?
- The suggestion of making a think tank came up, with reference to HO21, page 153. This suggestion, together with the suggestion of strengthening the secretariat with a leader in a more permanent position was looked upon as very interesting.
- The board members were all given some homework, to read through the statutes, and be prepared for this discussion in the next meeting

Climate and Global Health: The project description and the GLOBVAC session proposals were discussed. The work brings in new perspectives and ideas, and the Board is positive to allow for exploration in the further development. The Board agreed to support the work with some small funding.



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AGENDA

27/14 Approval of the agenda

Agenda approved

28/14 Summary from the Board Meeting August 28 (Attachment 1)

Summary OK

29/14 March 2015: The 9th Conference on Global Health and Vaccination Research

a) Status report from the RCN Planning Committee (Zlata/Åse Marit)

RCN: The symposiums are decided on. Abstracts: Received about 40. The deadline extended to 14.11.14. (At the day of the meeting the number has increased to 100)



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General assembly for the Forum is set on day 1 of the conference from 14:00-15:00. The Forum's leader is invited to be part of the opening, welcome, at the conference. The secretariat can make a folder that can be handed out at the conference.

There came a suggestion from the Board members that we include something about Ebola at the conference. The suggestion was approved by the Board.

Kristin gave us status on the Forum's symposium. She is waiting for response, and will continue to work on it.

Key note speakers are invited, and the committee are waiting for response. There will be a focus on climate and health.

- b) Register reviewers for the scientific committee poster abstracts
All board members (not the deputies) have to find two reviewers from their own institution to evaluate the poster abstracts that the Forum receives for the GLOBVAC conference 2015. (Inger/Therese/Ingvild)
(Attachment 2)

Please fill in the attached form when you have got two reviewers who have agreed to do this. Please make sure that the competency levels are met.

The deadline for submitting abstracts is the 1st of November, submit here:

http://www.forskningsradet.no/prognett-globvac/Home_page/1224697869238

30/14 The Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research's statutes.

At the meeting in Oslo in August, the Board started going through the statutes. The purpose of this is to see if we are doing what we are supposed to, and if what we are supposed to is what we want to do. Please look closely at the statutes (Attachment 3) before the discussion.

If the structure nationally changes, will then the Forum's focus change? We will have to wait and see, and follow the process closely. The result might be that the Forum would be more important than ever. RCN will still be observers, as today.

The Forum as Guard dog: Much has happened the last 20 years, many of the goals are already achieved. Has the time come for a change? Introduce new topics for us to focus on, new visions to try to reach?

We can look at trends internationally, are we in line here? Are we strategically focused enough?

Are we fit to answer calls and (høringer). An answer to that can be more manpower in the secretariat, to be able to prioritize and coordinate. Inger Scheel will write a note to next meeting, and the Board will make a decision.



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31/14 National Institute in Global Health, and the research school

The National strategy for research and innovation in health and care (HO21) recommends that a National Institute of Global Health is established as collaboration between 4 regions with the Universities at the centre of each region. A research school is included in the concept. A national meeting of central stakeholders was held October 14th.

We need to discuss the Forum's role in relation to a National Institute of Global Health (Inger Scheel)

An update on the process: UiO and NTNU took a lead in this, and UiO invited to a meeting in Oslo, minutes attached. Each region should make a first analysis and then we will have a new meeting.

The research school is supposed to be a part of this institute, a shared activity. The Forum can contribute with knowledge and overview of the field of global health. The Board can also push the process forward.

RCN: There might be a call for research schools in April 2015. To be confirmed.

32/14 UD/Norad's Vision 2030

UD/Norad has invited broadly to give input for new ideas for Norwegian action on Health and Education. It is likely that most research institutions represented on the Forum Board will respond separately. The Forum may want to submit its own response. (Inger)

The government wants to see health and education together. The Forum can send suggestion for interventions. Norad focuses on evidence based interventions. The Forum can underscore the importance of anchoring donor interventions in the South. . From Inger:

- 1) International Peoples Health University: Training of you health personnel and aktivists with local universities in more than 20 countries. South-to-south Capacity building.
- 2) In connection with the National Institute of Global health, to make a module where colleagues from the south teaches partners in the north on health challenges (South-to-North Capacity building)

33/14 Any other business

Information from the secretariat on:

The database: The secretariat hired a resource person that has registered new projects in the database. Norad and RCN have sent lists of projects funded by them. We lack the latest round of GLOBVAC, not all details were in place there. We also lack some of the NOMA/NUFU – projects, we are waiting for response from SIU. We kindly ask you to check the page, and see if your projects are there, and that you report to us if something is missing.

<http://www.globalhealth.no/projects/>



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Climate and health

Ebola

Dates for Forum meetings:

The Board agrees on these days. As December 19 might be too close to the Holidays, we will consider letting that meeting go out. The next meeting will be November 28.

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34/14 Approval of the agenda

Agenda approved

35/14 Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting October 31 (Attachment 1)

Minutes approved

36/14 March 2015: Update on the 9th Conference on Global Health and Vaccination Research

a) Status report from the RCN Planning Committee (Zlata/Åse Marit)



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Zlata: Most key note speakers are confirmed. Symposiums are also according to the timeline. The Prime Minister's office is contacted, we are waiting for an answer from them.

The symposium on Ebola is still under planning, there is only one hour in the program. We have to keep that in mind. Elin Dvergsdal will continue on this. Gunnar Bjune is mentioned, might be a person to contact.

The GLOBVAC board calls for more research methods and communication/dissemination. This is lacking in the field and applications, and should be enlightened at the conference. There might not be room for this at the conference 2015, but to be kept in mind for 2016.

b) Reviewers for the scientific committee poster abstracts: Status (Ingvild, Therese)
The deadline for this is January 8. We now have three.

Immunology and vaccine have 30 might be a challenge, and can be separated in sub-disciplines.

There will be oral presentations also.

c) The Forums contributions at the conference (Inger/Kristin)
Session proposal on climate change and global health: parallel session.
Pachauri is asked by RCN to attend the session, among others. We are waiting for their response.
Mæstad recommend that the focus is kept on global health and climate challenges, not global health challenges in general.

37/14 UD/Norad's Vision 2030

UD/Norad has invited broadly to give input for new ideas for Norwegian Action on Health and Education. The Forum has sent an article with two suggestions. (Attachment 2)

The IPHUs course is for the South partners with university background.
A local university must be accredited to give the course in Norway.

38/14 National Institute of Global Health, and the research school – Update (Attachment 3)

The suggestion enclosed is from NTNU. The illustration is only made to move the process forward. NTNU is asked to make a concept note.

A suggestion from UiB is to establish a work group, with representatives from the involved institutions.

The Deans can be asked to appoint representatives. A meeting with the deans is coming up on December 4, NTNU with Stig Stjørdal is asked to present this for them.



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39/14 News from FESTMIH

Inger Scheel: The Forum is preparing a contribution to the next conference.

40/14 Update from the Secretariat

This will be prepared for the next meeting.

41/14 Any other business

None