

# Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research Meeting Draft Minutes

11 September 2019: 12:00 to 13:00

Present: Gunilla Kulla, Nils Daulaire, Katerini Storeng, Frode Forland, Dawit Shabel Abebe, Arne Eide,

Håkon Bolkan, Bente Moen and Gunhild Koldal (minutes)

Observers: Karine Kalsås, RCN and Elin Yli Dvergsdal NRSGH, NTNU

## 53/19 Approval of agenda

Agenda approved.

## 54/19 Approval of minutes from board meeting August 14 (Attachment 1)

Minutes approved with the following comments:

49/19 Forum Brochure: the wording "No need to use much space on Global Health Norway, as we are not promoting them" can be moderated. It is a bit harsh. We do wish to promote cooperation between the two.

51/19 Short information from the Board: Nord University does not have a degree in international nursing.

52/19: AOB: Funding left for Forum in 2019: NOK 62 773

#### Information I

## 55/19 Scholarships to students from South next year!

https://khrono.no/a/403143

Minister for International Development announces funding for 100 full-grade students from the global south. Forum has actively lobbied for this since the closure of the quota programme.

# News from the Norwegian Research School of Global Health (NRSGH)

Board meeting 5/9

Elin Yli Dvergsdal (observer)

NRSGH is a success. It has 140 members now, and 30 alumni members. Several of its members will defend this autumn and spring.

NRSGH hosts three course this autumn and one this spring. See more info here: <a href="https://www.ntnu.edu/nrsgh/courses">https://www.ntnu.edu/nrsgh/courses</a>

There has just been held a board meeting in Uppsala. NRSGH is interested in cooperation with institutions in the Nordic countries.

NSRGH has 2 ½ years of funding left.

## 57/19 News on work with Globvac conference 2020

Dates are 13-14 May 2020.

The venue for the conference will be  $\underline{\text{The Hub}}$  – a new clarion hotel in Oslo. Aim is 400 participants.

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Work is well underway. Three committees are appointed:

Internal steering committee for administration, led by Frode Forland Scientific committee, led by Andrea Winkler Reference group led by Frode Forland

The Forum board members are invited to join the scientific committee. This committee will set the agenda and find keynote speakers. They meet on September 18, 0900-1030.

The reference group will secure that the programme also is anchored in organizations not represented in the scientific committee. They meet on October 1.

# 58/19 Dialogue meeting on Global Development, RCN 21/8

Bente (supplemented by RCN representative)

There was information about portfolio boards, and how this changes from the earlier programme boards. The aim is more flexibility between programmes. An applicant that is unsuccessful in one application might be able to secure funding through another programme with the same portfolio board.

RCN is completing a report on the way forward after Globvac these days. The report will be made available to the Forum board if possible.

# 59/19 News from meeting in Global Health Norway 27/8 Bente

Bente is leader of the Global Health Norway secretariat. There was a seminar in Bergen August 27 where the way forward was discussed. The meeting gave an opportunity to share information between the member institutions. Information sharing can pave way for more coordination of projects.

There will be a board meeting this autumn, and the message from this meeting is to continue to work on the strategy, and to find funding. The rotation of the secretariat must be addressed. The secretariat has been in Bergen for almost three years now.

Bente will keep Forum informed. http://globalhealth.no/

# 60/19 Forum Brochure – progress report

Bente

The text has been shortened, as decided in the previous meeting. The brochure has been sent to a design bureau to come up with a suggestion for us.

We plan to have the brochure finished by October 16.



## **Discussion points**

#### 61/19 The relation between Forum and Global Health Norway

Including the relation to Federation of European societies for tropical medicine and international health - FESTMIH; board meeting in Liverpool 16/9. Forum has been the member so far; Bente represents. Bente

## https://festmih.eu/

Should Forum still be a member of FESTMIH, or should this membership be transferred to Global Health Norway? Forum board agrees that Forum should keep the membership.

The relationship between Forum and Global Health Norway will be discussed more thoroughly at the meeting in October.

## 62/19 Plan for physical meeting, FHI Oslo, October 16

Venue: FHI/Norwegian Institute of Public Health

Start 1000 Welcome

1300 Lunch

1400 Forum meeting finished

1400 Globvac 2020 scientific committee meeting for invited people

1600 Meeting finished

#### Topics:

- Activity plan for Forum
- Relationship between Forum and Global Health Norway
- Membership brochure
- Fact sheet from RCN (in Norwegian)
- Finances
- AOB

You book your own ticket, and send a travel claim to the secretariat after the travel.

## Information II

# 63/19 Short information from the board members / observers

## Frode:

Has participated in a meeting at Kunnskapsbanken (Knowledge bank), Norad. The Kunnskapsbanken will receive NOK 50 mill to strengthen institutional cooperation. This is very interesting for Forum. Frode can send out minutes after the meeting.

Read more about Kunnskapsbanken here (in Norwegian).

Frode prepares WHO meeting. Inger Scheel will represent NIPH. Prepares workshop at the World Health Summit. Prepares meeting between the Chief Medical Officer in England and the Norwegian Secretary General Bjørn Inge Larsen in the Ministry of Health and Care Services.



#### Katerini:

SUM has moved to Nydalen. The Global Health group has two new PhD-candidates and one new postdoc. They are planning a conference in New York. Have application pending with RCN and has received seed funding from the Medical Faculty at UiO.

#### Håkon:

NTNU are planning their Global Health Day in Trondheim October 24. The programme includes humanitarian interventions and malnutrition. Read the programme and register here <a href="https://www.ntnu.edu/mh/global-health-day">https://www.ntnu.edu/mh/global-health-day</a>

#### Elin:

Has attended seminar on migration health at the Transform festival in Trondheim. Recommends one of the speakers, Safia for future arrangements. Elin will send her contact information to Forum.

#### Nils:

Works to find out plans for global health in Tromsø after SAG. There is a cooperation with Georgia. Nina Emmaus from UiT attended the Global Health Norway meeting. Nils tries to secure a meeting with her. Frode will also send names of two people from Tromsø attending the meeting at the Kunnskapsbanken to Nils.

#### Gunilla:

After a turbulent period at Nord University, a new rector has been appointed. There is a lot of activity at campus. Gunilla will keep the global health topics active in her environments.

#### Bente:

Many from UiB will be going to Liverpool next week for ECTMIH2019. This conference will be held in Bergen in 2021, so it is important to learn from Liverpool.

64/19 AOB