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Draft minutes

Meeting

14 August 2019: 12:00 to 13:00

Present: Jon Øyvind Odland, Arne H. Eide, Dawit Shawel Abebe, Nils Daulaire, Gunilla Kulla, Ingeborg Haavardsson (substitute for Andrea Winkler), Bente E. Moen & Gunhild Koldal

46/19 Approval of agenda

Agenda approved.

47/19 Approval of minutes from board meeting June 5 (Attachment 1)

Minutes approved.

48/19 Activity plan – step 1.

The board went through the plan and added some activities.

For more activities, please send this to Bente. We will discuss the activity plan more in detail at the Forum meeting in Oslo 16 October (one main topic).

Important to include in the plan:

Outreach activity/promotion of global health research for the newer universities/institutions with less experience in global health research

49/19 Forum Brochure

The brochure will be printed, published online and distributed through emails/newsletter.

The text in the brochure can be shorter and more to the point.

We must revise the text to be more in line with today's understanding of global health research, while still be in line with the Forum statutes.

Everybody is asked to send comments and feedback this week to Bente, and we will alter the brochure text accordingly.

No need to use much space on Global Health Norway, as we are not promoting them. A hyperlink to their webpage can be enough.

Bente will be in contact with Dawit about the final changes.

50/19 Dialogue meeting on Global Development, RCN 21/8

Contributions from the board is needed, as Bente will attend a dialogue meeting in RCN.

It is important that Bente is clear about her representing Forum as well as UiB.

Topics for further/continued research mentioned were non-communicable diseases, OneHealth, health systems, rehabilitation, and disability research. We also need to continue work with the "unfinished agenda" – as we have competence in these topics. We need more funding after Globvac. This is also a political issue.

Dawit will send Bente a list over projects from OsloMet, for information.



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(Andrea sent a separate email after the meeting to the board members about her thoughts related to Forum)

51/19 Short information from the board members

Bente: At UiB students start Thursday. A record number of 30 new master students in global health have accepted their offer.

Gunilla: New students at Nord University as well. There will be a course in global health from next year's portfolio. There is a degree in international nursing, where Gunilla is responsible for the programme.

Dawit: There are no global health programmes at Oslo Met yet. However, the SDGs are integrated in every study programme. There is a person employed at OsloMet working towards integrating the SDGs.

Nils: At UiT approx. 20 + new mphil students start now. There will be a global health course in January and March, one week each month. In their second year, there is a global health elective course in cooperation with Tbilisi, Georgia. The course with approx. 15-18 students from both universities is held one week in Tromsø and one week in Tbilisi.

There is global health teaching for medical students in their international semester. The teaching is in English.

Arne: SINTEF works on development of an international research platform, and turning their research towards technology and global health. Arne and a colleague will attend "The GRaT Consultation 2019". They are members of an expert committee in WHO in Geneva, and work on a Global Report on effective access to Assistive Technology.

Ingeborg (Andrea): As centre leader, Andrea does not have teaching duties. She still teaches at a PhD-course in global health.

52/19 AOB

Next meeting is on Skype for Business, September 11, 12-13

We plan for a physical Forum board meeting on October 16, at NIPH in Oslo, where Frode has reserved a meeting room for us. The programme is not ready, but the preliminary schedule is 1000-1600.

Forum can cover plane tickets for Gunilla, Jon Øyvind, Bente and Gunhild. Nils is unable to attend, due to a meeting in London at the same time. You send your travel claim to UiB after your travel.

Forum has some funding left due to income related to previous conferences, not much (25 000?); Bente recently discovered this and will give more information in detail in next meeting.