

# Minutes from Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research Meeting

11 December 2019: 12:00 to 13:00

## Present on skype:

Frode Forland, Andrea S. Winkler, Nils M. Daulaire, Gunilla Kulla, Elin Yli Dvergsdal, Bente Elisabeth Moen, Anne Berit Kolmannskog (Minutes)

## 84/19 Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved with a few remarks.

76/19 Last section must be rephrased: “Elisabeth Darj used the opportunity at Woman Health arrangement in Trondheim on November 5th, to discuss funding for global health research, primarily on mother and child health with the minister for health, Bent Høie. Elisabeth wanted to follow up on this with a letter to the minister, and the Forum board is happy to assist.”

81/19 Upcoming travel to Tanzania – organize conference there on NTD – One Health

IANPI - Frode kommer med forslag til tekst på e-post.

## 86/19 Reminder of Forum membership campaign

The Forum offers individual membership and need members. Bente reminded everybody to promote the membership among colleagues and institutions. As a member, you will be entitled to news and information about Forum activities, conferences, and funding sources. Register here: <https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=4977057>

**New information: 235 Forum members registered!!**

## 87/19 Send two suggested topics for information to bring in the first newsletter

The Forum is preparing the first addition of its newsletter and need input on content and priorities. The website and newsletter are important tools in informing the public members about the Forum’s activities. The newsletters should reflect the content found on the website but not duplicate it. Example: A list of upcoming meetings and events should primarily be listed on the website, and current events presented in the newsletter.

All participants at this meeting presented several relevant items on content to the first addition of the newsletter, everybody will send Gunhild two cases in both text and photos within the end of this week. The different news were shortly mentioned in the skype meeting.

## 88/19 Climate and health - invitation to work group

The doctors' climate action is a success, 1200 doctors / students have signed a call - [fb.me/legenesklimaaksjon](https://fb.me/legenesklimaaksjon). Those who initiated this action want to contribute further. There are many and complex links between climate and health, and there is a need for these to be highlighted in the public discussion, with a solid professionalism at the bottom. Therefore, they invite to join a working group to evaluate whether there is a basis for further joint efforts in the field of climate and health, and in this case make proposals for organization and purpose. Send an e-mail to Skagen if you want to contribute. Email Knut Mork Skagen: [knut@legenesklimaaksjon.no](mailto:knut@legenesklimaaksjon.no)

The Forum is positive to the initiative. It is of great importance to plan for further joint efforts in the field of climate and health. The Forum is an excellent place for this type of information sharing. The Forum will promote the initiative in the newsletter and on its website.

### **89/19 Short information from the board members/observers**

Andrea: Berlin Andrea and Frode were recently invited to the Global Health Initiative at Robert Koch Institute as advisors at the Ministry of Health regarding increased effort around "preparedness", get the world ready for pandemics for the future. Great opportunities to connect with the global health research network in Germany. 20. mill each year.

A NTD-conference in Tanzania 2 weeks ago was a success.

Lancet countdown: read more about the countdown

<http://www.lancetcountdown.org/about-us/> and the 2019 report

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(19\)32596-6/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(19)32596-6/fulltext)

Frode: - FHI has a program on preparedness in global health which has been evaluated by a group from Belgium; report will soon come.

-Globvac conference deadline abstract 10. of January 2020.

Elin: The research school plans to offer four new courses in methodology next year.

<https://www.ntnu.edu/nrsg>

Bente: -A cooperation between UiB and Makerere University in Uganda recently had a 30-year anniversary, celebrated at Makerere.

-Global Health Norway Board meeting will take place at Gardermoen 13.12.19, and Katerini Storeng will attend as neither Bente nor Frode could attend.

-Bente distributes an article on Corruption in Global Health. Lancet 2019;394:2119-24.

<http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=67487766c6504faa4d9f266ae74af9f2>

**90/19 Suggested dates for meetings spring 2020:**

January 22

February 19

March 18

April 22

May – physical meeting

June 17

**91/19 AOB**

- Follow-up on the importance of involving the University Deans in the Forum's work and to inform about the Forum at the national dean meeting. National dean meeting in medicine 2020 will take place 28-29. May 2020. Responsible for the meeting is UiO. The location of the meeting has not yet been determined. They are probably most concerned about medicine education - but we definitely think that Global Health should be able to be lifted here. Andrea will find out if we can join the meeting in May and present Forum.
- We have earlier suggested that Women in Global health is presented in a Forum meeting; maybe next time (we will come back on this and Ingeborg must be invited). The network has a meeting in Oslo 10/1.

