



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Draft Minutes

June 23, 2017, 12:30 – 13: 30

Present:

Anne Hatløy

Frode Forland

Johanne Sundby

Elin Dvergsdal

Sheri Lee Bastien

Ingvar T. Olsen

Jan Sigurd Røtnes

Bente E. Moen

From the secretariat: Ingvild Hope

29/17 Approval of agenda
Approved

30/17 Approval of minutes from June 2 2017 (Attachment 1)
Approved

31/17 Information from:
Global Health Norway (GHN)
The name is decided, in Norwegian and English:

Global helse Norge

Nasjonalt nettverk for forskning, utdanning og kompetansebygging i global helse

Global Health Norway.

Norwegian institute for research, education and capacity building in Global health

The meeting June 20 was postponed till September, the name and budget issues were decided on circulation of documents. GHN is developing a logo and a webpage, the secretariat is meeting with potential firms within the field of communication and web solutions.

News from Norwegian Research School in Global Health: Two courses in research methods. They have handed out several research grants to PhD candidates. They are also working on the program for the PHD conference in April 2018, in connection with the Forum conference

32/17 Working group for changing the Statutes for Forum (Attachment 2)
We apologize for sending the form with all track changes, we hope you all manage to read the main points.



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The working group, consisting of Bente Moen, Frode Forland, Stine Braathen, Elin Dvergsdal, Nils Gunnar Songstad, Eirik Vikum and Gunhild Koldal made these suggested changes in the statutes in a meeting at Gardermoen on 20 June. The main changes are suggested in connection with the newly established GHN. There the representatives are appointed by their institutions. The working group suggest that the new Forums board members are elected as individuals, not by representing an institution. The board is elected on the general assembly that is held once a year. The next general assembly is in Oslo in April 2018, so we have to decide a model to present there. The working group will prepare this and present a model for the existing board to decide upon. All board members are encouraged to look into different models. Many questions need to be answered within April 2018. The role of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research needs to be considered together with the role of GHN, and presented for both parties.

33/17 How can Forum work on the issue of increase funding in Global Health?

Input from RCN, Health Directorate, Norad is warmly welcomed. As there were no representatives from RCN we asked Ingvar Olsen and Jan Sigurd Røtnes for advice. The main source for funding in the field of Global Health has been GLOBVAC, a program most members of the board are familiar with. GLOBVAC has received reduced funds, and we might have to look to NORGLOBAL, FRIMEDBIO and other programs in the future. The long term perspective needs to be considered, as GLOBVAC is only planned til 2020. NORHED is a program administered by Norad, and there might be new calls from them. EDCTP is the program within EU with focus on clinical trials in sub-Saharan Africa.

The Forum was advised to contact the reference group on health at RCN, they are lobbying for Norwegian interests in EU, and we can try to make an impact here:

Health, demographic change and wellbeing

Kontaktpersoner: Kristin Andersen kran@forskningsradet.no

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Olsen also recommended the board to look into some of the programs Norad supports through Alliance for Health Policy and System Research:

HRP http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/about_us/hrp/en/

AHPSR http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/about_us/hrp/en/

TDR http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/about_us/hrp/en/

34/17 SDG; working group to be established; to give input for the discussion before next Board meeting

The board managed to decide on a working group including:

Johanne Sundby

Sheri Lee Bastien

Ingvar T. Olsen

Jan Sigurd Røtnes



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They will meet in September and start the work. It might not be enough time to prepare anything for the next Forum meeting.

35/17 AOB

We decided on the two next meetings: September 8 and 29

Olsen will send us the newsletter that Norad distributes to the embassies. He also made us aware of the symposium:

Neglected Tropical Diseases and Emerging Re-Emerging Infectious Diseases – Focus on Populations Unserved

Tuesday 19 September, Tøyen Hovedgård, University of Oslo

Sundby informed on two events soon coming up at UiO:

Hans Rosling memorial seminar.

<http://www.med.uio.no/helsam/english/research/centres/global-health/news-and-events/events/2017/seminar-for-professor-hans-rosling.html>

Seminar om SDG og maternal and child Health, global-health-takes-center-stage

<http://www.med.uio.no/helsam/english/research/centres/global-health/news-and-events/events/2017/global-health-takes-center-stage-in-oslo-.html>

We reminded all board members of the seminar that we will have with Centre for Arctic and Global Health in Tromsø, 22 January 2018.