Minutes

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11/16 **Approval of the agenda**  
Agenda approved

12/16 **Approval of Minutes January 2, 2016** (Attachment 1).  
Minutes approved

13/16 **Forum conference 2016 in Bergen**  
Update on status and tasks: Program is almost ready. (Attachment 2)  
Update on abstracts  
Most speakers are confirmed. There will be about 8 oral presentations of abstracts.

**The Forum’s General Assembly 2016**  
On conference day 2: Thursday 21st of April, at 16:00-18:00. Discuss topics and plan for the assembly. Prepare invitation for the members.

14/16 **Forums application to RCN for funding** (Attachment 3)  
Our deadline is March 15. We have to revise the former application, and adjust the activity plan and budget according to the latest signals from RCN/GLOBVAC  
The Forum should in the application relate itself to the other initiatives from the sector, such as the Norwegian Institute of Global Health (NIGH), the Research School in Global Health etc.

15/16 **News from the group on NIGH- Nasjonalt institutt for global helse**  
The working group has provided a concept note. (Attachment 4)  
-NSG (Nasjonal samarbeidsgruppe for helseforskning i spesialisthelsetjenesten) will discuss the institute in their meeting in May, and most likely decide to establish the NIGH.  
The University of Bergen has decided to contribute with two full-time positions. The Norwegian Institute of Public Health would also like to contribute with positions.  
The Forum has so far functioned as a working group for the NIGH – in the further process the Forum should be an integrated part of NIGH.
The Research School in Global Health
Status and updates. Application sent to the RCN (Attachment 5)

The Research School has been granted funding for a 6-year period (3 + 3 years, depending on a midway evaluation.

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- The GLOBVAC conference in 2017 will be on 14-15 March 2017.

- Bergen University College organizes a global health conference in June 2016: “Disability and Global Health”: