



## **Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research**

Board meeting by phone 22th of January , 2010, 12.00 – 13.00

### **Meeting participants**

Jon Øyvind Odland (Chair of the Board)  
Karen Marie Moland (Deputy chair of the board)  
June Jacobsen Steen (Board member)  
Solveig Kirsti Grudt (Board member)  
Inger Scheel (Board member)  
Gunnar Kvåle (Board member)  
Akhtar Hussain (Board member)  
Kårstein Måseide (Observer)  
Harald Siem (Observer)  
Carmen Pereira (Observer)  
Erling Svensen (Head of secretariat)  
Atle Fretheim (Board member)  
Ottar Mæstad (Board member)

### **Absent**

Paul Fife and Joar Svanemyr (Observers)

### **01/10 Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved

### **02/10 Minutes of Board meeting 15<sup>th</sup> of December(Attachment1)**

Minutes was approved, but comments was that it was short, particularly about the conference in Oslo. RCN has some summary of experiences and this will be distributed.

Action point; RCN to send conference summary to Erling who will send it to the board.

### **03/10 Concept note implementation research. (Attachment 2)**

Many initiatives now, will our work on this be relevant?

Draft exists, and some comments have arrived.

Scheel et.al invites more comments.

The Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research (WHO) will get 15 mill annually from Norwegian UD to fund implementation research.

Some concerns about the importance of this document, but consensus reached that we should continue this effort.



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A Norwegian supported international programme may strengthen the need for a national programme in addition to the international programme.

Action point; Board members to continue to send in their comments to Scheel within Tuesday. Scheel et.al will revise accordingly. Finish by the end of week 4 .

### **04/10 The Tromsø conference in June 2010.**

a) See announcement here; <http://www.globalhealth.no/>

b) Election of new board, Letter to election committee (attachment 3)

Kårstein and Jon Øyvind; there is good progress. Hotel and seminar room booked, keynote speakers identified. Some travel funds are likely to be available for students. Maybe invite keynote speaker on implementation research?

### **05/10 Dates for board meetings Spring 2010**

These dates have been suggested, any need for changes?

5 March, 16 April, 28 May

### **06/10 Information from board members/observers**

We need a board member that can represent the Forum in Heidelberg 10<sup>th</sup> of February.

Kårstein; The future of GLOBVAC;

1. We expect that “Divisjonsstyret for Store Satsinger” will recommend continuation of Global health and Vaccination research.
2. Then the administration at RCN will propose the scope and content for the new programme
3. Expect to finish this process within June

Conference 18-19 May 2011 is being planned by “Den Norske Legeforening” RCN will support this conference. This will be the “Globvac conference” that year.

Invite observers from large institutions. Not certain how this should be done.

### **07/10 Any other business**



## **Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research**

Board meeting by phone March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 12.00 – 13.00

### **Meeting participants**

Jon Øyvind Odland (Chair of the Board)  
Karen Marie Moland (Deputy chair of the board)  
Solveig Kirsti Grudt (Board member)  
Inger Scheel (Board member)  
Gunnar Kvåle (Board member)  
Akhtar Hussain (Board member)  
Harald Siem (Observer)  
Carmen Pereira (Observer)  
Joar Svanemyr (Observers)  
Ottar Mæstad (Board member)  
Erling Svensen (Head of secretariat)

### **Absent**

Atle Fretheim, June Jacobsen Steen and Paul Fife  
Kårstein Måseide (Observer)

### **08/10 Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved

### **09/10 Minutes of Board meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> of January (Attachment1)**

The minutes was approved

### **10/10 Follow up on the implementation research proposal**

Somewhat delayed due to Odlands sick leave. A meeting with the state secretary at the ministry of education and research is planned, probably sometime in April. The board expressed great satisfaction with the process and the outcome.

### **11/10 The Tromsø conference 6-8 June 2010.**

Odland; many ideas for speakers, but few confirmed. Expect important progress within the next week.

This conference should attract media interest. Odland will contact media department at UiTø  
Abstract; the invitation should be clear on what kind of topics we want. Climate and health are of special interest, but could invite all global health research.



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## **12/10 FESTMIH**

General assembly and the 2011 conference. Karen Marie Moland reported from a meeting in Heidelberg:

Activities: Journal and conference

Goal: Establish TMIH (Tropical medicine and international health) as the official journal of FESTMIH

New board for the period of 2010-2012;

President: Thomas Junghanes Germany

Vice president: JM Jamsa Spain

Secretary: Z Bisoff Italy

Treasurer: Patrick van der Stuyft Belgium

Members;

Hans Wendte: Netherlands

Gerry Mc Hugh UK

Pierre Thomas France

Observer:

Frantisek Stejskal Czech republic

Our forum will continue as an observer to the board. Odland will fill this role.

Next [Festmih conference](#) will be 2-6 October 2011, Barcelona.

Conference focus: "Global change, migration and health".

We are invited to submit workshop proposals.

## **13/10 Declaration on climate and health**

Our conference in June. Should we propose a declaration on Climate and health? Here are two examples; <http://www.climateandhealth.org/getinvolved/>

<http://www.wma.net/en/30publications/10policies/c5/index.html>

Action; The board propose that we prepare a declaration for the conference in Tromsø. Kvåle, Odland and probably one from Norad will prepare a draft for the next board meeting. Student Jo Inge Myhre will also be invited.

## **14/10 Dates for board meetings Spring 2010**

These dates are confirmed; 16 April, 21 May, 27 Aug, 8 Oct and 19 Nov.

The 27<sup>th</sup> of august should be a physical meeting with the new board.

## **15/10 Information from board members/observers**

Karen Marie; Interesting conference coming up; the Geneva Health Forum, [www.ghf10.org](http://www.ghf10.org)

## **16/10 Any other business**

None



## Minutes

Board meeting by phone April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 12.00 – 13.00

### Meeting participants

Jon Øyvind Odland (Chair of the Board)  
Gunnar Kvåle (Board member)  
Harald Siem (Observer)  
Carmen Pereira (Observer)  
Ottar Mæstad (Board member)  
Erling Svensen (Head of secretariat)  
Atle Fretheim,  
Kårstein Måseide (Observer)  
Åse Marit Kristiansen  
Akhtar Hussain (Board member)  
Inger Scheel (Board member)  
Paul Fife

### Absent

Karen Marie Moland (Deputy chair of the board)  
June Jacobsen Steen and Solveig Kirsti Grudt (Board members)  
Joar Svanemyr (Observer)

### AGENDA

#### 17/10 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved

#### 18/10 Minutes of Board meeting 8<sup>th</sup> of March (Attachment1)

The minutes was approved

#### 19/10 Follow up on the implementation research proposal

Odland and Scheel are planning a meeting with the departments. (HOD, KUD and DU). It has been difficult, but still thinks its possible to meet them before this summer.

#### 20/10 The Tromsø conference 6-8 June 2010. (attachment 2)

General assembly, election of new board



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The programme is almost ready, but need input on, “Popular Science talk”, “From Research to Policy making or the other way around?” and “What is good research project design, and how do you actually achieve it?” See also e-mail sent by Åse Marit Kristiansen.

Election of new board; It has been difficult to get the election committee started and there has been no action by the committee so far.

Action;

1. The secretary to send letter to all institutions and ask for suggestions for board members.
2. All board members should notify the secretariat if they want (or can) continue or not. Those who will not continue are asked to help finding new candidates from their institution.

## **21/10 Declaration on climate and health** (attachment 3)

On the agenda for the general assembly?

The declaration is based on a similar declaration from England;

<http://www.climateandhealth.org/getinvolved/>

See also a [commentary](#) in Tidsskrift for Den norske legeförening

The proposed declaration was discussed and proposals for some changes were made. There seemed to be some disagreements between board members on how much should be included in addition to addressing only what is directly relevant for health research. All voices expressed the need for that any declaration should be based on a consensus in the forum.

Action; A subgroup consisting of board members Fretheim, Odland, Mæstad and Kvåle will discuss and possibly revise the present declaration. The revised text will be circulated to the other board members in order to get input from all with the ambition of presenting a revised proposal to the next meeting of the board.

## **22/10 FESTMIH**

Next [Festmih conference](#) will be 2-6 October 2011, Barcelona.

Odland would like to submit a workshop proposal based the workshop in Tromsø; “**Climate change and health**”. He invites the rest of the board to come up with suggestions for workshops.

Hussein added that he is leading a research group on Immigrant diabetes. This discuss the potential of having a workshop on this in Barcelona

## **23/10 Dates for board meetings, any need for changes?**

21 May; 27 Aug, 8 Oct, 19 Nov.

27 Aug will be a physical meeting with new board.

## **24/10 Information from board members/observers**

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Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research  
Centre for International Health, University of Bergen  
P.O. Box 7804, 5020 Bergen, Norway



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Harald Siem; Conference with Larry Gostin was very successful.  
Bjørn Inge Larsen will be selected for WHO board. A strategy is being developed and will be circulated.

Kårstein; Next phase of Globvac is under discussion. The division board has recommended to extend the programme, and the Research Council is discussing this with the funding ministries. Until this has been decided there will be no new calls. [More here](#)

### **25/10 Any other business**

None



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## **Minutes – Draft version**

Board meeting by phone May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 12.00 – 13.00

### Meeting participants

Jon Øyvind Odland (Chair of the Board)  
Gunnar Kvåle (Board member)  
Erling Svensen (Head of secretariat)  
Atle Fretheim  
Akhtar Hussain (Board member)  
Åse Marit Kristiansen  
Malvin Torsvik  
Therese Istad

### Absent

Harald Siem (Observer)  
Carmen Pereira (Observer)  
Ottar Mæstad (Board member)  
Kårstein Måseide (Observer)  
Inger Scheel (Board member)  
Paul Fife (Observer)  
Karen Marie Moland (Deputy chair of the board)  
June Jacobsen Steen  
  
Solveig Kirsti Grudt (Board members)  
Joar Svanemyr (Observer)

## AGENDA

### **26/10 Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved

### **27/10 Minutes of Board meeting 30<sup>th</sup> of April (Attachment1)**

Kvåle has sent a comment on the Minutes to Svensen, on the issue 21/10 “Declaration on climate and health”. Svensen will forward the comments to all board members. If no one offers any input to this, the comments will be included in the revised Minutes.

### **28/10 New observers**

Norwegian Medical Students' Association (NMSA) has expressed their interest. We propose that they are granted “observer” status.  
If we grant NMSA “observer” status, we will perhaps be opening for every student organisation which is interested. The board do not see immediate problems related to this. Kvåle proposes that the heads of the institutions which are involved in Global Health research should be granted status as observers. Odland suggests that Kvåle prepares and presents this proposal at the next board meeting, with the specific institutions which are of current interest.





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NMSA is granted “observer” status.

### **29/10 Follow up on the implementation research proposal**

There has not been a meeting with the departments, but Odland has had a few telephone conversations with them.

The NUFU and NOMA programmes will be revised this autumn; the Forum should get involved in this, at least get status as observers. According to Kvåle there is a lot going on with NUFU. Thorkild Tylleskär, has suggested that the Forum should get more involved in the discussion on behalf of the scientific projects the Forum is representing. Odland will request that the Forum is included when a proposal is circulated for comments.

### **30/10 The Tromsø conference 6-8 June 2010 (Attachment 2)**

General assembly, election of new board

The programme for the conference is ready and has been distributed. The following were appointed chairs at the conference:

Akhtar Hussain: Food Security

Erling Svensen: Poster Presentations

Atle Fretheim: Adaptation

Election; some of the institutions have suggested representatives for the election, some are up for re-election. There are no suggestions for candidates from the University Colleges. Torsvik will consider if he will enter into re-election, if no one else is suggested. The candidates have to be ready by Sunday 6th of June. Torsvik will check if Grudt will run for re-election.

Fretheim asks if the independent members of the board need to have an institution backing them. Odland will check the regulations, but probably the independent members do not need this. At the moment Fretheim and Scheel are the independent members.

The election committee will inform the General Assembly about all the candidates, and then the assembly will vote over the propositions. Svensen will receive suggestions for candidates.

### **31/10 Expenditures 2009, budget 2010 (attachment 3)**

In 2009 the project spent less money than budgeted, some has been transferred to this year's budget and some has been transferred back to NRC. The main reason why there is money left is because it is not possible to use as much for travel as it was initially believed.

Initially the Forum was intended to have a more proactive role, but this has proven difficult. Before the next application the board should have a thorough discussion of the role of the Forum and the secretariat. There will also be room for this discussion at the physical board meeting in August.

### **32/10 Declaration on climate and health (attachment 4)**

On the agenda for the general assembly?



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Kvåle presented a proposal for the declaration a couple of meetings ago; he and Odland have continued working on this and a committee have also discussed the declaration through e-mails. Fretheim and Mæstad have given input and comments, and Kvåle has incorporated this and kept working on the proposal. Fretheim thinks that they still have not reached an agreement on the principal disagreements in the committee.

Odland proposes three possible decisions for the further work:

- 1) keep working on the declaration and put it on the agenda for the general assembly
- 2) establish a group that proposes a consensus proposal, and continue the work after the summer
- 3) end the work on this declaration

Torsvik asks if this means that they should make declarations to other conferences as well, and if not, why only this conference? Odland thinks that the topic of the conference is the reason for this declaration.

Kvåle thinks that it is too early to present the declaration to the general assembly now, he proposes instead to inform the GA about the work they are doing. The GA should be oriented about it in a draft.

The members attending the meeting do not wish to end the work on this declaration, and neither to vote on how they are going to proceed. Instead they want to orientate the GA about the work and discussion of the declaration, and maybe get some input and recommendations from the GA. This is a unanimous decision from the board.

### **33/10 Dates for board meetings, any need for changes?**

27 Aug, 8 Oct, 19 Nov.

27 Aug will be a physical meeting with new board.

The meeting at 27<sup>th</sup> Aug. will probably be in Oslo.

The meeting dates were approved.

### **34/10 Information from board members/observers**

Kristiansen was attending the “NHU Conference” at 20th of May. At the conference a new board was elected, Anders Wahlstedt was appointed the leader of the board.

[More information on the conference and the new board.](#)

### **35/10 Any other business**

Svensen informs that CIH has started to use a video conference programme, maybe this could be of interest for the Forum. Odland points out that technically everyone in the board has the possibility to use this. Kvåle and Fretheim think that these relatively short telephone board meetings should not be replaced by video conferences, but it could be interesting for other, longer meetings.



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## **Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research** Board meeting hosted by Sintef, Oslo. 10 sep, 2010, 09.00 – 15.00

### Minutes – Draft version

#### **Attending:**

Jon Øyvind Odland, University of Tromsø  
Kristin Sandberg, University of Oslo/Fridtjof Nansen Institute  
Atle Fretheim, Norwegian Knowledge Centre for Health Services  
Inger B. Scheel, SINTEF  
Gunnar Kvåle, University of Bergen  
Rune Nilsen, University of Bergen  
June Steen, Agder University  
Hans Hadders, Sør-Trøndelag University College  
Therese Istad, University of Bergen  
Erling Svensen, University of Bergen  
Kårstein Måseide, (Observer) RCN  
Åse Marit Kristiansen (Observer) RCN  
Joar Svanemyr (Observer) Norad  
Unni Gopinathan (Observer) Norwegian Medical Students' Association

#### **Absent:**

Graziella Van den Bergh, Bergen University College  
Ahktar Hussein, University of Oslo

### AGENDA

#### **36/10 Approval of the agenda**

Memo on NOMA/NUFU added to the agenda in issue 42/10  
Issue 41/10 will be discussed after issue 42/10

#### **37/10 Presentation of new board**

Everyone present introduced themselves.

#### **38/10 Election of chairman to the board, 2010-2012**

Jon Øyvind Odland calls for a replacement as a chairman

The board accepted that Erling Svensen is in charge of the election process. The board members proposed candidates for the chairman position (in writing):

#### Proposed candidates:

Rune Nilsen, Atle Fretheim, Kristin Sandberg, Inger B. Scheel

Fretheim, Scheel and Sandberg withdraw their candidature.



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Discussion whether the chairman's affiliation to a University or a different institution is a factor affecting the Forum's possibility to influence. Still, the Forum has gained importance by itself, regardless of the chairman's affiliation.

The board agrees that regardless who the chairman is, he or she is working together with the board, for the prioritized issues of the Forum as a whole. In addition there is a possibility to appoint committees for certain issues that the Forum considers important.

-Rune Nilsen is elected as chairman by acclamation.

## **Election of deputy for the chairman.**

-Inger B. Scheel is elected as Deputy for the chairman by acclamation

## **39/10 Minutes of Board meeting 30<sup>th</sup> of April (Attachment1)**

Approved

## **40/10 Minutes of Board meeting 28<sup>th</sup> of May (attachment 2)**

Approved

## **42/10 Our focus areas for 2010-2011**

- Programme on implementation research
- Next GlobVac period

Kårstein Måseide, on the process and contents of the next Globvac:

The RCN has been working on a memo on the next phase of Globvac. This is based on an evaluation from 2009: what needs to be improved, which fields should be prioritized etc. They have come up with a proposal for a new board and propose to prolong the Globvac programme. They would like to prioritize more internationalisation, focus on quality, health systems research, implementation research

Actors involved: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Norad, HOD, The Norwegian Directorate of Health, KD

Proposal for the new Globvac programme: (4 components):

-Prolonging the vaccination research and implementation of the vaccines - norad /MFA financed.

-Global health research – especially health systems research. The funding from “Fondet for forskning og nyskaping” might be withdrawn (4 mill. NOK). The rest of the financing will be divided between HOD og MFA.

-Technology and method development of importance to development countries will be in focus. Financed by UD and Norad.

-Implementation research: based on a proposal from the Forum.



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-The proposal asks for a 10 years long programme – acknowledges the need for long term involvement, both for Norwegian and not least the south-partners.

The EU/Africa-network–EDCTP - The European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) – is also a component included in the process.

RCN has got positive signals from Norad regarding a prolongment of Globvac, but it is not approved yet. A new board will be ready in a short while, but there will probably not be new calls for proposals in 2010. Hopefully in 2011.

The Forum is financed through 2010. RCN considers the Forum as an important partner for Globvac, and together with the Forum they will look into possibilities for financing. Måseide could present the issue of financing of the Forum at the first meeting of the new Globvac board.

The Forum has had a dialogue at political level on the field of global health, and had agreed on a meeting about implementation research. But the meeting never happened, the ministry did not figure out who should be represented in such a meeting. The Forum would like to take up these discussions with the newly elected board in place.

- The quota programme
- Research school

The Forum applied for research school funding in 2008, on the subject global health. Måseide will check when there will be new calls for applications.

Action point; The secretariat will distribute the former application for a research school along with the evaluation of the application.

### NOMA/NUFU

This type of funding started up around 1980. Health research made up about 60% of the first fundings. Increase of the grants up until 1995. The programmes got a very good evaluation at the beginning of 2000.

The Forum has to decide how they want to prioritize, how they want to proceed to get influence on the issues that matter for the Forum, such as the financing model Norad decides on.

Three possible channels for the Forum

Norad

RCN/ Globvac

Medical Students' Association / other students/ The Medical Student Research Programme

### **41/10 "Declaration on climate and health"** (attachment 3 and 4)

- Agenda was presented by previous board member Gunnar Kvåle



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At the last board meeting it was decided that Gunnar should keep working on a memo for a declaration on climate and health. The board must decide if they should adopt this declaration.

IPCC will publish a new report at the beginning of 2013, the Forum could be an important actor regarding climate research in relation to health research.

Discussion if this kind of declaration is outside the scope of the Forum. Should the Forum stick to informative work or also give normative challenges.

3 possibilities:

- 1) The Forum should not make these kinds of declarations
- 2) The Forum approves the declaration
- 3) Keep working on the declaration and then maybe approve it on next board meeting.

Vote to approve the declaration:

6 in favour of the declaration, 1 abstaining

**The declaration has been approved by the board.**

Committee for the further work on this:

Gunnar Kvåle, Unni Gopinathan and Jon Øyvind Odland.

### **43/10 Our next conference on global health research, 2011.**

Collaboration with “Den norske legeförening” have been previously been announced, but are open for discussion.

Yearly conference, 5 partners: RCN, The forum, norad, The Norwegian Directorate of Health + the institution which hosts the conference.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) has declined “Legeföreningens” former application for funding of the conference, and a new proposal has been developed.

If the Forum decides to arrange a conference apart from legeföreningens, they cannot have too many overlapping themes and presentations. RCN will not support two competing conferences.

Legeföreningen propose a conference 13-14 September on the theme “Strengthening health research capacity in developing countries” Odland will discuss with legeföreningen if it is possible to collaborate on the conference.

### **44/10 New marketing information** (attachment 5)

Orientation; the secretariat is working on an ad intended for web, to advertise the Forums web pages and not least the database of research projects.

### **45/10 FESTMIH ([www.festmih.eu](http://www.festmih.eu)) code of conduct** (attachment 6)

Festmih has published a “Code of conduct”

Is it possible to get funding for attending these kind of conferences? This will be discussed in a board meeting later on.



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## **46/10 Dates for board meetings**

Next board meetings are 8 Oct, 26 Nov at 12:00-13:00 hours

## **47/10 Information from board members/observers**

Paul Fife (observer) has got a new position in MFA, Bjarne Garden is acting director of AHHA through 2010. Not yet clear how this will affect Fife's positions in different organisations.

## **48/10 Any other business**

Transatlantic science week, one of 3 main subjects: global health (programme and more info at RCN's web site). Might want to consider if anyone from the Forum should go there. The RCN is co-organizing the conference and a delegation will attend.

From UiB Ole Frithjof Norheim and Nina Langeland will attend the conference.

Federation of Medical Students Associations, Conference: "Poverty and disparities in global health" 4.-7. November. If anyone from the Forum would like to attend, they can contact Unni Gopinathan (Observer in the Forum). More info on the conference:

<http://medisinstudent.no/id/165082.0>



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## **Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research**

Board meeting by phone October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 12.00 – 13.00

### Minutes

#### **Present:**

Board members;

Jon Øyvind Odland

Akhtar Hussain

Rune Nilsen

Graziella Van den Bergh

Hans Hadders

Inger B. Scheel

Kristin Ingstad Sandberg

Atle Fretheim

Observers;

Kårstein Måseide

Åse Marit Kristiansen

Harald Siem

Secretariat;

Erling Svensen

Therese Istad

#### **Absent**

June Jacobsen Steen

Carmen Pereira

Paul Fife

Joar Svanemyr

Unni Gopinathan

#### **49/10 Approval of the agenda**

Added to issue 56/10:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) will write a report to the Storting on Global health in the foreign- and development politics.

Added to issue 57/10

Research school

REK – Regional Committee for Medical and Health Research Ethics

Agenda approved with these additions.

#### **50/10 Minutes of Board meeting 10<sup>th</sup> of september (Attachment1)**

Comment: In future minutes, add a summary of "action points" at the end; issues that have been discussed and must be followed up. Minutes approved.





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### **51/10 Our next conference on global health research, 2011. (Attachment 2)**

The Norwegian Directorate of Health, NORAD, Globvac and the Forum agree that the conference proposal is a positive initiative from the Norwegian Medical Association (NMA).

Globvac and the Forum could contribute to the programme within the Norwegian research on Global Health. The planning committee must be expanded to include the Forum, Globvac and NORAD. Tasks must be distributed and both the event and the technical arrangements should be unified.

Try to organise a meeting in October. The budget must be reconsidered and the conference may be expanded to at 3-day event. One possibility is to apply once more to NORAD and The Norwegian Directorate of Health but still include equity from the NMA. Suggested dates for the conference are 13-14 Sept 2011, with the possibility to expand with one day, the 15<sup>th</sup>.

A joint planning committee should be in place soon; 1-2 representatives from NMA, 1 from the Forum, 1 from Globvac, 1 from NORAD or The Norwegian Directorate of Health. The programme will be a collaboration between NMA and the other partners.

Suggested committee representatives from the Forum; Kristin and Rune.

**Action point:** The Forum wishes to collaborate with NMA on the Conference, but must be included in the new program committee. We will write a letter to NMA, applauding the conference proposal. Then suggest members to the new program committee (Kristin and Rune). The dates will most likely be 13-15. september 2011.

### **52/10 Globvac reporting 1 Oct 2010 (attachment 3 and 4)**

The attached documents were submitted to RCN the 1<sup>st</sup> of October

Report sent to RCN last week – useful summary of the Forum's history and activities.  
290 000 Surplus for 2010 (due to unpaid wages), we will apply to transfer this to 2011.

The Forum has to discuss how the Secretariat should be organized next year; Erling will not continue working in the Secretariat after 2010.

Further funding for the Forum; no new announcements from RCN on network support yet. Possible funding through GLOBVAC? Maybe a no-cost extension with funded by the surplus from 2010.

**Action point:** Apply for transfer of the surplus; apply for additional funding when there is an announcement. CIH will discuss how to organize the Secretariat.

### **53/10 FESTMIH fee (attachment 5)**

Our FESTMIH membership has been 1€ pr member. They now suggest increasing it to 5€  
For the Forum the consequence is a change from 2840 NOK to 14 200 NOK.

It is important to maintain contact with this venue, a European forum like this is a positive initiative and it is useful that we are engaged and participate in the network. The membership fee is not that much, even with the increase.



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**Action point:** The Forum will respond positively to the contingent letter. Further should we work actively with the kind of sessions we could contribute to in the conference in Barcelona; maybe intervention / impact research. Conference dates: 2-6 October 2011. Rune may be the contact person for the Forum to FESTMIH, but other members are very welcome to get involved.

### **54/10 “Den internasjonale studentfestivalen i Trondheim” ISFIT (attachment 6)**

The Forum can provide ISFIT with a network of Global Health researchers but can not contribute financially. Encourage ISFIT to apply for support from RCN:

<http://www.forskningsradet.no/no/Utllysning/MILUTVARENAER/1240958620978?visAktive=true>

**Action point:** The Forum writes a letter where we support the initiative. Encourage ISFIT to apply for support from RCN. The Forum can distribute information about the festival to our network.

### **55/10 Dates for board meetings, suggestions**

26 Nov, 7 Jan, 18 feb, 1 april, 13 mai

Board members will be informed about these dates.

### **56/10 Information from board members/observers**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) will write a report to the Storting on Global health in the foreign- and development politics. Jonas Gahr Støre will host an open meeting at the 18th of October. **See attachments.**

### **57/10 Any other business**

GLOBVAC has received 1 million NOK from The Ministry of Health and Care Services (HOD).

**Reorganization of divisions in the RCN:** two new divisions (both in a global perspective) will be established (which replaces the current Division for Strategic Priorities):

1. Energy / climate / environment
2. Health / welfare / education

Department directors Fridtjof Unander and Jesper Simonsen are project managers (in the planning phase). Anne-Kjersti Fahlvik, current Director of the Division for Strategic Priorities, will be the new Director of the Division of Innovation.

### **Global helsedag NTNU,**

Erling Svensen presenterer forumet. Åse Marit Kristiansen presenterer Forskningsrådet.

**REK-meeting,** Rune Nilsen will be attending, and will follow up in a board meeting later.

**Research school;** The Forum should discuss the former application for funding of a research school; we could work on the application, although there is no announcement now. We will bring this issue up in the next board meeting. One possibility is to discuss this with MFA and



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NORAD, or in relation to the state budget. The government has been encouraging organizations to collaborate on PhD.

**Action point:** The Research School will be discussed as an issue in the next board meeting.

### **Issues to follow up on:**

#### **51/10 Our next conference on global health research, 2011**

Write a letter to NMA, applauding the conference proposal. Then suggest members to the new program committee (Kristin and Rune).

#### **52/10 Globvac reporting 1 Oct 2010 (attachment 3 and 4)**

Apply for transfer of the surplus; apply for additional funding when there is an announcement.  
-CIH will discuss how to organize the Secretariat.

#### **53/10 FESTMIH fee (attachment 5)**

-The Forum will respond positively to the contingent letter.  
-Work actively with the kind of sessions we could contribute to in the conference in Barcelona.

#### **54/10 “Den internasjonale studentfestivalen i Trondheim” ISFIT (attachment 6)**

The Forum writes a letter where we support the initiative. Encourage ISFIT to apply for support from RCN. The Forum can distribute information about the festival to our network.

#### **55/10 Dates for board meetings**

Distribute the dates for the next board meetings to the members.

#### **57/10 Any other business**

The Research School will be discussed as an issue in the next board meeting.



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Board meeting by phone November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 12.00 – 13.00

**Present:**

Board members;

June Jacobsen Steen

Rune Nilsen

Graziella Van den Bergh

Hans Hadders

Atle Fretheim

Kristin Ingstad Sandberg

Observers;

Kårstein Måseide

Åse Marit Kristiansen

Secretariat;

Therese Istad

**Absent:**

Erling Svensen

Harald Siem

Carmen Pereira

Unni Gopinathan

Paul Fife

Joar Svanemyr

Jon Øyvind Odland

Akhtar Hussain

Inger B. Scheel

**AGENDA**

**58/10 Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**59/10 Minutes of Board meeting 8<sup>th</sup> of October (Attachment1)**

Minutes approved.

Follow up of Action points from the meeting:

51/10 Next conference on global health research, 2011

The Forum has been in contact with NMA and has suggested members to the new program committee (Kristin and Rune), will be discussed further in issue 60/10.

52/10 Globvac

-Budget for 2011 & organizing of the Secretariat will be discussed in issues 62/10 and 63/10.



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53/10 FESTMIH

- The Forum has paid the contingent for 2010 (5 Euro/member – voluntary increase)
- We should work actively with contribution to sessions at the conference in Barcelona.

**Action point:**

The secretariat will gather all the information we have received on the conference in Barcelona and the board will discuss further actions at the next meeting.

54/10 “Den internasjonale studentfestivalen i Trondheim” ISFIT

The Forum has replied to ISFIT and encouraged them to apply for support from RCN. The Forum can distribute information about the festival to our network.

**Action point:**

Hans Hadders has suggested that ISFIT adds a link to the Forum on their website. Hadders will follow up on this festival. The Forum would like to be included in relevant mailinglists - and help out the festival in any way suitable.

55/10 Distribute the dates for the next board meetings to the members.

57/10 The Research School will be discussed in issue 61/10.

**60/10 Status: Our next conference on global health research, 2011.**

The programme will be distributed as soon as it is ready. The joint committee will meet 2.12

Åse Marit Kristiansen, RCN, informs from the latest meeting on the conference programme – it will be a full three-day conference. Kristiansen has sent the proposal for the programme to all members of the Forum. A new working title has been suggested: "Norwegian contributions in Global health: research, capacity building and governance"

The programme will be discussed and concretized at the meeting in the joint committee at 2<sup>nd</sup> of Dec. Rune Nilsen will also attend this meeting.

**Action point:** All members of the Forum are encouraged to reply to Åse Marit on the conference proposal with comments and feedback before the meeting at 2nd of Dec. She will include the feedback and send an updated proposal to NMA (Legefor.).

The process in Oslo for a “Oslo School in Public Health” could be a good start point for a discussion on the institutional commitment and organizational basis related “ Global Public Health” matters”. The Forum could find out what is ongoing in this respect at the different institutions: NRC/MFA/ Universities.

**Action point:**

Atle Fretheim will contact Jon Arne Røttingen to figure out what is being done with this initiative now. Perhaps there is a way the Forum could contribute.

Rune Nilsen will contact Jon Ø. Odland to see if he has more information on the national processes in this field.



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## **61/10 National Research School in International Health**

No signals on date for next round of application in NRC, but it will possibly come something next year.

Proposal:

1. Is it time to start a process for an application:
2. Establishment of a Working group
3. Continue the dialogue with MFA/NORAD for the coming NUFU/NOMA which will probably emphasize capacity building in LIMC institutions.
4. Develop the possibilities for Joint degrees in this context

### **Action point:**

- Distribute the earlier Research School application to all members of the Forum.
- Rune will contact Jon Øyvind, Gunnar Bjune and Gunnar Kvåle, the key people in the last application, to discuss if there is a basis for establishing a working group.

## **62/10 Budget for 2011 (attachment 2)**

There is not allocated fund for The Forum through GlobVac for 2011.

NRC has positively opened for using the unused funds in 2010 for 2011.

CIH will ensure the secretariat functions within the available funds, and will come up with a particular budget within the available transferred fund.

Further steps will be decided together with the new Board at GLOBVAC.

## **63/10 Organizing of the secretariat for 2011**

-Not quite decided yet, but Erling Svensen will end his position as a head of secretariat by the end of 2010. Therese Istad will continue her involvement in the secretariat and Ingvild Hope will probably get involved. The Forum has enough funding to keep working till the end of 2011.

## **64/10 Status on the research funds processes for 2011, Joint information from board members and observers**

1. NUFU/NOMA/Quota programme. Waiting for information from NORAD/MFA/KD
2. GlobVac

Globvac has made a proposal for the next 10-year period (from 2012). The proposal was recently distributed to MFA, the Ministry of Health and Care Services, the Ministry of Education and Research etc.

**Action point:** When we receive more info about the next Globvac-period it will be distributed to the members of the Forum.

3. "10/90" assessment in NRC

**Action point:** Rune Nilsen will contact Ragna Valen, and the Forum will write a formal letter (incl the context of WHO and the white paper on Global Health) to NRC asking for an assessment.

4. "Global perspectives " in budget documents "Helseforetakene". Initiative is taken for addressing this issue through HOD



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## **65/10 Information from board members/observers**

**Atle:** The Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services has been strengthened the Global Health Unit.

**Kristin:** Possible cooperation between Frithjof Nansens institute, NUPI and the Knowledge Centre about research activity on Global Health.

**Kårstein:** Due to an internal restructuring at the Research Council, GLOBVAC will from January 2011 be affiliated to Department of Health, Division for society and health.

## **66/10 Any other business**

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### **Follow up points:**

53/10 FESTMIH

-We should work actively with contribution to sessions at the conference in Barcelona

**Action point:** The secretariat will gather all the information we have received on the conference in Barcelona and the board will discuss further actions at the next meeting.

54/10 "Den internasjonale studentfestivalen i Trondheim" ISFIT

**Action point:** Hans Hadders has suggested that ISFIT adds a link to the Forum on their website. Hadders will follow up on this festival. The Forum would like to be included in relevant mailinglists - and help out the festival in any way suitable

## **60/10 Status: Our next conference on global health research, 2011.**

**Action point:** All members of the Forum are encouraged to reply to Åse Marit on the conference proposal with comments and feedback before the meeting at 2nd of Dec. She will include the feedback and send an updated proposal to NMA (Legefors.).

The initiative on a National Research School of Public Health might be included in the conference programme. UiO is the main actor in this. The Forum should consider applauding this initiative and maybe get involved regarding Global Public Health.

**Action point:** Atle Fretheim will contact Jon Arne Røttingen or Ole Ottersen. Perhaps there is a way the Forum could contribute. Rune Nilsen will talk to Jon Ø. Odland. Then it will be decided if we should go ahead and involve more institutions or if this will be just an information issue to the board at the next meeting.

## **61/10 National Research School in International Health**

### **Action point:**

-Distribute the earlier Research School application to all members of the Forum.

-Rune will contact Jon Øyvind, Ahktar Hussain and Gunnar Bjune to discuss if there is a basis for establishing a working group. If so, the university colleges should also be included.

## **64/10 Status on the research funds processes for 2011, Joint information from board members and observers**

GlobVac: **Action point:** When we receive more info about the next Globvac-period it will be distributed to the members of the Forum.