Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Draft Minutes
6 June 12:00 – 13:00

Present: Turid Austin Wæhler, Ingvild Hope, Sigurd Røtnes, Bente E. Moen, Gunhild Koldal, Elin Yli Dvergsdal, Elisabeth Darj, Johanne Sundby, Zlata Turkanovic

27/18 Approval of agenda
   Agenda approved

28/18 Approval of minutes from board meeting May 9 (Attachment 1)
   Sigurd Røtnes: regarding the new membership structure in the statutes: it is very
   important for members from e.g. The Norwegian Directorate of Health
   (Helsedirektoratet), Norad, Research Council of Norway to be appointed as board member
   or observer through their institutions, and not as an individual person in order to defend
   their use of time and money on the Forum. This will be raised as an issue at the next
   General Assembly
   Minutes approved.

29/18 Approval of minutes from General Assembly April 11 (Attachment 2)
   Minutes approved by the board.

30/18 Changes in Norad
   by/ Ingvar Theodor Evjen Olsen
   Postponed

31/18 Establish membership registry
   https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=4977057
   Amended proposal form for membership registry – please come with suggestions for text
   and information fields.

   The proposed discipline categories are changed. The text at the beginning must be clear
   when it comes to the new data protection regulations. The text must be clear, and we
   have to limit what type of information we ask for. We keep it simple.

   The registry form will be looked at again at the next meeting

32/18 The Forum webpage
   The original Forum webpage has collapsed. The secretariat will come up with a proposal
   for a new page, on the same platform. It is impossible to recover all the data on the
previous page, but we have all minutes from board meetings and general assembly, and these will be posted on the new page. The board can give feedback for the new page.

33/18 Evaluation of the discontinuation of the Quota Scheme

Group established; Christoph Gradmann, UiO, Elin Yli Dvergsdal and Elisabeth Darj, NTNU, Bente Moen, UiB

Bente has talked to SIU, and they have now executing the evaluation of the quota programme. There are three steps:

- What has happened so far
- Student numbers – what has changed
- Description of three cases, UiO, NTNU and one university college

Johanne S told that she has been asked to find figures about the quota students, and will forward this already this week to her administration. She will send the name of her contact person. It is very important that UiO gives good information as UiB is not involved at all in this evaluation. Elisabeth D will check out if NTNU has been asked for information.

The Forum group needs to find out what they can do, that SIU will accept. They will have a meeting on Monday, 11 June.

34/18 Information to the Board

- The Research School (Elisabeth Darj)

There is a board meeting today, 6 June. Works on next year’s PhD-conference, planning the autumn courses and the supervisor course in Uganda

- Short news message from each participant in the meeting

Turid: Tromsø will give a final answer on whether they can host the conference next year, after a meeting with the Faculty in Tromsø next week.

There is an arrangement for PhD-candidates working with the SDG-s, aims to be interfaculty

Elisabeth: Working with the programme for the Global Health Day at NTNU, 24 October. Wants to have poster session this time.
- Health consequences of climate and environmental change
- A new generation living with HIV infection

Sigurd: Helsedirektoratet has gone through a major reorganization – global health and research have been given a more prominent place.
Slata: The Research Council is planning two seminars this autumn:

One on EDCTP – this will be held in both Oslo and Bergen
One on CEPI – which will give researchers an opportunity to find out the possibilities of applying

Works on the applications sent in in February – answers will come in November.

Johanne: many seminars and meetings are happening in Oslo. Johanne works on an EU-application. Has identified that environments in Stavanger and at NTNU are also applying, and have invited others research environment to join the application.

Bente: At CIH, UiB there has been focus on teaching lately, the master programme is now called Master in Global Health (not International Health any more). The emphasis has always been on research in both the old and the new master programme. After the quota programme ended, CIH attracts a different type of students. We look into the possibility of offering a track for internship for those who do not prefer research. CIH is evaluating/revising the courses.

35/18 AOB

Dates for board meetings in the autumn semester will suggested by the secretariat and sent out with the minutes.

We continue to have meetings on Wednesdays, 12-13, and are careful not to collide with meetings in the research school.