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Draft Minutes

26 September 12:00 – 13:00

Present: Gunhild Koldal, Bente Moen, Johanne Sundby, Sheri Lee Bastien, Ingvild Hope, Anne Hatløy, Elin Yli Dvergsdal and Elisabeth Darj, Ingvar Evjen-Olsen, Karine Kålsås and ZlataTurkanovic, Turid Austin Wæhler (parts of the meeting)

47/18 Approval of agenda

Agenda approved.

48/18 Approval of minutes from board meeting August 29 (Attachment 1)

Forum has received an answer to the letter regarding the Quota discontinuation, and this has been put in the minutes. Johanne mentions that at UiO they will only accept PhD-candidates with a full funding for their period, which can make it very difficult for prospective candidates from south.

Minutes approved.

49/18 Information from Nord University, (Attachment 2 & 3) by Gunilla Kulla

Forum board members were encouraged to read the documents from Nord University. The university has a new profile, with focus on global challenges.

50/18 Changes in Norad (Attachment 4) by Ingvar Theodor Evjen Olsen

Since last meeting, a project group has made a report with two alternatives for the future organization of Norad. It is possible to ask to get access to the report through the normal channels (be om Innsyn i saken).

Dagens Næringsliv has written about the process:

Subscription articles

<https://www.dn.no/innlegg/bistand/utenriksdepartementet/norad/ud-reform-i-hvilket-spor/2-1-427613>

<https://www.dn.no/pa-innsiden/ud-reform-pa-sporet/2-1-424188>

Forum will follow this process actively, and keep this on the agenda for the next meeting.

51/18 The 2019 conference in Global Health- status

The conference will be held in Bergen 2-3/4. This time the conference will be the responsibility of Global Health Norway. Forum is asked to contribute, and we must suggest members in the scientific committee for the conference.

Ideas concerning topics for the conference are also welcome.

Venue: Scandic Bergen City. The PhD-seminar following the conference will be in Rosendal.

Global Health Norway has the overall responsibility for the conference, and the regional health authorities and the institute sector must be included in the scientific committee, together with the universities.

Suggestions for scientific committee:

Fafo (Anne Hatløy)

SUM – UIO (Johanne contacts them)

UIB, Bente



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Nord university – Gunilla Kulla (Bente asks)
NTNU has suggested Odland (Bente asks him)
We will also contact UiT/UNN and ask for suggestions.

The committee should be settled quickly and start work on the scientific programme.
Johanne suggested Professor [Till Bärnighausen](#) as one of the speakers at the conference.

52/18 ECTMIH has come with information about their conference; asking if Forum can host the 2021 conference. For discussion. Which options do we have? (**Attachment 5**)

The information from ECTMIH was a bit scarce, and raised some issues:

- How many people will be attending in total?
- Conferences with 1500 participants can Oslo, Bergen and Trondheim all host
- Budget, do the host have to find all the funding?
- It seems more robust to have an institution as host rather than Forum
- Global Health Norway can be asked if they are interested, work together with Forum and an institution
- FRIPRO/NFR: can apply for funds here for conferences held in Norway with international attendance
- Will need a professional conference organizer
- It is a big job, how much manpower will it require?
- It can be a good idea to talk to the host in Liverpool responsible for the 2019 conference

Forum contacts Global Health Norway to ask if they are interested. Bente asks Karel Gyselink the questions raised above.

53/18 Information to the Board

- The Research School

Has 135 member from four universities

Seven members defended in 2017

Six has defended in 2018

Are there members who have had their dissertation and not reported it?

Each institution reports directly to Elin.

Activities:

Supervision seminar in Trondheim and Tromsø with/Epinor and others

Uganda – [supervision seminar](#) 29-30 October 2018

26 local supervisors will attend.

Two PhD-courses; one at NIPH and one at NTNU are both fully booked

Find more information on [NRSRGH webpage](#)

Elin has started to work on the PhD-conference in Rosendal – a national committee will be responsible for the programme

Elisabeth and Johanne will start on the annual report for Globvac

Johanne will present the Research School in South Africa



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A number of research school members granted international travel stipends have received awards and poster prizes at conferences.

- Board meeting in GHN will be held 21/11
- Short news message from each participant in the meeting
UiO: [Global Mental Health Day 2018: Perinatal Mental Health](#) – 28 November

NTNU: [Global Health Day 2018](#) in Trondheim, all are invited – many posters submitted already, October 24

Turid/UiT: Things are okay in Tromsø, there is work to clarify structure and administration
Richard Horton appointed honorary doctor at UiT
The long-term collaboration between UiT and Russia will be marked with an arrangement

Sheri/NMBU: Minister for development, N. Astrup, will visit on November 9 and have meetings with leadership. SDG work at the institution will be presented. Sheri might present her NORHED project in Nepal.

RCN will send out a call to host the Globvac conference in 2020. Deadline most likely on February 13, 2019. More information will come.

RCN will not carry the main responsibility as previous. Focus must be on global health, and there needs to be international participation.

The RCN call from March will be answered in November. Posted online November 20.

UiB: Centre for International Health celebrates 30-year anniversary 10 December, you will all be invited.

54/18 AOB

Next meeting: October 31.

We change the meeting date in November to the 23rd

The next meeting will most likely be held on Skype for business, as UiB will stop using ordinary telephones. You will get information about this together with the agenda before the next meeting.

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