



Norwegian Forum
for Global Health Research

General Assembly 2018

April 11, 13.30-15.30

Professorboligen, UiO

Minutes

1 Welcome and opening

Bente Moen, Chair of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research opened the General Assembly. Seventeen people attended.

2 Appointment of Chair for the meeting –Bjørn Iversen

Bjørn Iversen was suggested as Chair for the meeting. The suggested Chair was approved by the General Assembly.

3 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved with one proposed change. Agenda item no five and six swapped place. The General Assembly approved to the change.

4 Approval of minutes General Assembly March 14, 2017, Trondheim (attachment 1)

Minutes approved.

5 Changes in the Forums Statutes (attachment 2)

The General Assembly went through the proposed changes in the Statutes and suggested amendments to some of the points. The new version of the Forum Statutes was approved with these changes. The Forum Board was given the responsibility to check the wording of the Statutes in the first Board meeting after the General Assembly.

The present Board will continue to function until next General Assembly.
(See attached document with revised Statutes)

6 Report from the Board to RCN 2017 (attachment 3)

The Forum Board has submitted their report to the RCN 2017. Bente Moen presented the report. Comments to the report:



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- The [Norwegian Research School of Global Health](#) is up and running. They want more members. Please inform relevant candidates about the opportunity to join.
- [Global Health Norway](#)
Presentation of their board– [Global Health Norway Board](#) (see bottom of webpage)
- This is the last year Forum receives money from RCN. Forum has annually received NOK 500 000 the past three years. Forum must seek funds elsewhere from next year, and should not rely on Global Health Norway. The funding situation will be amended in the Statutes, as well as a clear understanding that the Forum is an independent body.
- It is important to make a budget and activity plan for next year for Forum
- For now, Forum and Global Health Norway share the secretariat
- Budget expenses for a secretariat is not a part of Global Health Norway's funding, their secretariat must be financed by the member institutions, at present this is UiB.
- There will be a new Forum/Global Health Norway conference in 2019, since the scheduled, final, Globvac conference has been moved to 2020. Global Health Norway will have the financial responsibility for the 2019 conference, and make rules for the cooperation with a local institution where the conference will be held (Tromsø will be asked, if they do not wish to arrange this conference, Bergen will be asked).
- Forum website is still up, it will change its content to mirror the new situation
- Forum will have its legitimacy from their individual members, Global Health Norway from their institutional members
- It can be confusing that some of the same persons are members of both Forum- and Global Health Norway boards. Forum needs to work on its identity in the future.

In addition:

Updated Activity report from the board 2018 (attachment 4)

The updated activity report – approved with minor changes.

Economy report 2017 (attachment 5) – approved.