



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

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Draft minutes
22 January 2020 12:00 to 13:00

- Present:** Ingeborg Haavardsson, Gunilla Kulla, Bente Moen, Nils Daulaire, Jon Øyvind Odland, Frode Forland (attended 1 half hour), Dawit Shawel Abebe, Katerini Storeng, Gunhild Koldal (minutes)
- 01/20** **Approval of agenda**
Under AOB, if time permits add agenda item on Newsletter and management/leadership of Forum. Agenda approved.
- 02/20** **Approval of minutes from board meeting December 11 (Attachment 1)**
Frode will send a text proposal on IANPI to the board as mentioned in the minutes. Minutes approved.
- 03/20** **Status Globvac2020 – abstracts and scientific submissions**
After an extended deadline a total of 150 abstracts and 32 scientific session proposals were submitted. The secretariat will suggest reviewers, and send to Andrea Winkler and Per Schwarze before sending to reviewers. There is room for about half of the submitted scientific sessions in the programme. It is important to get all the scientific contributions and the programme in place by end of February.
- The State Secretary in the Department of International Development has agreed to attend the conference in place of the Minister from the same Department. All keynote speakers are in place. Katerini raises the question of whether there will be presenters with a social science perspective. Frode will take that with him to the programme committee. The conference will end with an appeal from Tore Godal, talking about history and future of global health research.
- 04/20** **Information from Global Health Norway**
Global Health Norway – utkast til referat fra møte 13/12-19
Sak 15/19. Styret ønsker at Forumet defineres som et rådgivende organ for Global helse Norge. Global helse Norge kan delegerer oppgaver til Forumet, og samarbeide i viktige saker. Global helse Norge legger en økonomisk ramme for Forumet i budsjettet for 2020. Detaljene i dette defineres gjennom dialog med Forumet. Styret ber Forumets leder om å delta på styremøtene og der informere om Forumets aktiviteter.
- Budget for 2020 for GHN was not decided, as NTNU should continue with the secretariat for GHN.
- Forum board is happy with the text above, indicating that Forum will be an advisory board to Global Health Norway, with an opportunity for some funding. We will have a look at the statutes to see if the above text comply with the statutes. If not, it will be addressed by the General Assembly in April.*
- Katerini attended the Global Health Norway board meeting in November on behalf of Forum. She reported a positive attitude towards a closer relationship with Forum. It was also mentioned that the Forum board leader should attend Global Health Norway board meetings.*
- 05/20** **Economy in Forum**
a) Forum has 30 389 NOK left
b) Forum asked Global Health Norway for support in 2020 (75 000).



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Possibilities:

To ask GHN for travel funding to Globvac /Forum GA (how many needs this?)

To ask GHN for travel funding to another physical meeting for Forum 2020 – is probably needed for all members of Forum.

It is important that as many as possible of the Forum board members attend the General Assembly, and preferably Globvac2020. The General Assembly will be held after the programme on the first day. Since Forum today does not have enough funds to cover travels for all the board members, Bente will contact Global Health Norway chair Bjørn Gustavsson, and ask if it is possible to get funding for this.

Members of the Scientific committee, which includes all Forum board members, do not have to pay the conference fee at Globvac2020.

We will come back to this in a later meeting.

06/20

Planning of General Assembly. 13 May after the conference day one.

- Input to Agenda
- Changes in Statutes (Link: <https://forumglobalhealth.w.uib.no/statutes/>)

Fixed items:

- Welcome and opening
- Appointment of Chair for the meeting
- Approval of the agenda
- Approval of minutes General Assembly April 5/4, 2019 Bergen
- Financial report

- Statutes? Perhaps look into substitute members, how that works, and if it is more beneficial to have personal substitute board members again?

If you have items for the agenda, please inform at the next meeting.

07/20

Members (Attachment 2)

The Forum board can have a look at the membership list, and encourage people to sign up. Forum can try to recruit members at the Globvac Conference.

08/20

Short information from the board members/observers

Nils: the annual CEPI board meeting in the end of June will be in Tromsø this year. There is work going on with an Erasmus+ application where both UiT and UiB are involved together with countries such as Germany, Georgia and Kazakhstan.

Gunilla: At Nord University there is application writing and continuous work on master programmes going on. There is no specific activity connected to global health research at Nord University at this time.

Jon Øyvind: At NTNU 25 students are accepted annually to a master in global health, 50 students are in the programme now. The students are writing assignments and there is a lot of activity around them. There are two new PhD students in Russia who will work on register studies in north west Russia. There are two PhD students in Malawi. An EU application is being planned, on environment and climate.

Dawit: It is ongoing work to establish a research group in global health at OsloMet.



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A Norpart project with Jimma includes a joint course at Jimma University where students from both institutions can participate. Next year there will be student exchange of PhD-candidates between Jimma and OsloMet.

Ingeborg: Andrea is traveling in Tanzania and Ghana at the moment. At Centre for Global Health, one seminar series with SUM and one with FHI will start shortly. Ingeborg works 10% with Globvac2020. Two conferences will be held in the next months, one in Jimma.

Centre for Global Health will have a panel at the documentary film festival Human in Oslo.

Woman in Global Health is being developed further.

Will attend World Health Summit in Uganda in April. Three different panels, deadline this week for submission of panels. Ingeborg will send info and a template to Bente.

Katerini: SUM seminar series Global Health Unpacked starts again, the first seminar is February 11.

Will make special issue for Global governance in Health.

Will attend the SDG conference in Bergen and moderate a session titled The Global Health Gap.

Works on global health security project. Will apply for more funding.

Will hold a short masters and PhD course just before the Globvac conference.

Bente: CIH runs elective master courses in spring semesters. These are short, labour-intensive courses. The courses are also open to medical students. Among them, a course in Migration and Health where Bente teaches is held for the third time.

Will contribute at the SDG conference. Have one session on Day Zero titled: North-South Cooperation: Challenges for partnerships.

CIH is working on a new strategy and are looking at the vision/mission to update this.

There are many PhD-candidates registered at CIH, many of whom are located elsewhere, including 17 enrolled in a joint degree programme with Hawassa. There will be quite a few disputations this year.

09/20 **Next meeting**
February 19

10/20 **AOB**