



# Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

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## **Draft minutes**

16 December 2020 12:00 to 13:00 on Zoom

Participants: Ingeborg Haavardsson, Elin Dvergsdal, Karine Kålsås, Nils Daulaire, Frode Forland, Gunilla Kulla, Dawit Abebe, Jon Ø. Odland, Katerini Storeng, Bente E. Moen

Not present: Andrea Winkler, Arne Eide, Gunhild Koldal

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### **Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved, but a point with information from RCN was added.

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### **Approval of minutes from last regular board meeting, October 15 (Attachment 1)**

The minutes were approved.

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### **Comments to our Membership meeting**

In addition to the board members, 35 registered to attend, 24 attended.

In addition to the board members, 35 registered to attend, 24 attended our membership meeting about Digital communication. It is good for Forum to have this type of event, especially now in the corona-time.

Decision: Forum should have 2 short webinars per year; important to keep Forum going and to activate members. Topics need to be important.

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### **Presentation of the network “Women in global health”**

Ingeborg Haavardson presented. Power-point enclosed. There was a short discussion afterwards, about the importance of gender issues /need for gender balance (what about men in this network), and the relation to Forum was discussed.

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### **Board members to leave the board during elected period**

-Andrea Winkler has requested to step down from the board as soon as possible due to other commitments. We understand and thank her for the efforts in our board. We are very grateful for her contributions in the board. Bente sends her a greeting from Forum.

Andrea has suggestions regarding who to replace her, but the regulations in Forum gives us no option: We have 2 substitute board members, and one of them will now become regular board members for the rest of the elected period. Bente contacts Mahima Venkateswaran on the issue.

-Nils Daulaire has informed the board that he is no longer a regular faculty member at UiT because of age limitations. This is not of relevance for board membership, and he is welcome to continue in the board.



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## **General assembly with election in 2021**

Link to minutes from general assembly 2019

<http://globalhealth.no/assets/img/Minutes-General-Assembly-2-April-2019.pdf>.

Here are names of the election committee, and their substitutes. We have 3 members of the election committee. Bente contacts them and reminds of the work to be done before the next General assembly. Board members are asked to come up with suggestions for new board members. Bente sends a mail to the election committee and the board on this topic.

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## **Global Health Norway was combined with 87/20**

There was a board meeting in GHN 26/11-20, where the budget for 2021 was decided. NOK 75 000 for Forum was included in the budget. We are pleased.

Decision: 50 000 NOK will be used for the secretariat (at present for frikjøp of G. Koldal at CIH, UiB). The rest will be used for Forum activities otherwise. Bente presents a budget in the next Forum meeting.

The issue of the secretariat must be discussed in the board before the GA, and we must also probably change the text in the Statutes, Article VIII Secretariat.

Can the secretariat be linked to be a Forum leader?

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## **Status for activity plan (Attachment 2: the current activity plan)**

Activities to be discussed and updated in next Forum meeting. Some issues need to be done in the spring, e.g.:

- 'Influence governmental bodies' and outreach activities. Suggestions from Frode and Jon Ø are welcome.

-Also, gaining new members must be discussed further in our next meeting.

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## **Status for accounts 2020**

See agenda point 85/20.

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## **News from the NRS GH**

Elin mentioned that a recent board meeting has planned several courses, and she will update the web page soon; do have a look at it later.

<https://www.ntnu.edu/nrsg/norwegian-research-school-of-global-health>

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## **News on the Globvac conference**

Will be fully digital. 2 new webinars will be held in 2021 before the conference. Invitation will come out soon.

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## **News on the ECTMIH conference in Bergen 2021**

23 organized sessions have been submitted and are now to be evaluated.

Abstract submission will open before X-mas, we hope. Information will come.

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## **Short information from each of the board members/observers**

Time was limited on this part of the meeting.

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## **Suggested meeting dates spring 2021:**



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January 20

February 17

March 17

April 21

May 19

June 16

This was not discussed, but a webinar for members might replace one of the dates.

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**AOB**

Information from Karine Kålsås, RCN

Please look at:

<https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/call-for-proposals/2021/researcher-project-for-scientific-renewal/#sub50980>

The document has been given the title "New Priorities for Global Health Research", is under "Relevant plans" in the announcement.