



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

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Minutes

15 October 2020 12:00 to 13:00 on Zoom

Katerini Storeng, Bente Moen, Elin Yli Dvergsdal, Zlata Turkanovic, Ingvar Th. Evjen Olsen, Gunilla Kulla, Frode Forland, Andrea Winkler.

70/20 Approval of agenda
Agenda approved.

71/20 Approval of minutes from board meeting September 23 (Attachment 1)
Minutes approved.

72/20 Finalizing the plan of a digital Forum member meeting 18th November 12-13
We still need a catchy title for the event.

Agenda:

1200-1210 Welcome, by chair of the board for Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research, professor Bente E. Moen

1210-1225 How do we achieve good digital meetings, by Laurie Blair, digital pedagogy specialist

1225-1235 Discussion (using breakout rooms)

1235-1245 Experiences from digital meetings with partners in Ethiopia, by associate professor Dawit Shawel Abebe, OsloMet

1245-1255 Experiences from digital meetings with partners in Zimbabwe, Malawi, and South-Africa, by professor Jon Øyvind Odland, NTNU

1255-1305 Discussion

1305-1315 Covid 19 – the pandemic as seen from a NIPH perspective, by specialist director Frode Forland, Norwegian Institute of Public Health

1315-1325 Covid 19 – how the pandemic affects projects, from a researcher perspective by associate professor Katerini Storeng, Centre for Development and Environment, UiO

1325-1330 Discussion

1330- End

73/20 New programme on Global Health Research – comments to RCN
RCN established a working group earlier this year, to develop a text for a new programme in Global Health Research.

The group has 7 members:

Atle Fretheim-FHI, Halvor Sommerfelt-UiB, Hanne Jørgensen-Veterinærinstituttet,	Katerini Storeng-UiO, Magnus Steigedal-NTNU, Nina Langeland-helseforetakene, Ottar Mæstad –CMI.
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RCN has now informed that the draft will be sent out 19th October, and that feedback must be given before 28th October.

How can we best develop the feedback?

Suggestion:

As soon as we get the draft, it will be sent out to the board members. Bente Moen will start on a document with feedback to RCN and send it out 26/10 and we will have an



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extraordinary meeting Tuesday 27/10 at 12-13, where board members input will be included – we will send our response to RCN.

A second draft will be ready by mid-November. The document will be used as background for new call from RCN.

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News from the NRS GH

They have funding for more activities this year.

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News on the Globvac conference/webinars

The webinar series continue. Four more are planned. There has not been made any decision yet, on what to do with the programme for Globvac 2020 conference. Still plan for an on-site conference in Oslo. There will most likely also be an online presence.

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News on the ECTMIH conference in Bergen 2021

This will be a digital conference.

Call for organized session will come soon. Forum board should consider developing a session to be submitted.

There will be a Young researchers-day in collaboration with NRS GH.

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Short information from the board members/observers

-Please give one type of news that can be put in the Forum newsletter. And 1 photo of relevance.

Ingvar Th. Evjen Olsen: Norad has sent out a survey to try to map different funding mechanisms for capacity building in human resources. What exists and where are the gaps. One of the aims is to make it RHA apply for funding for capacity building.

Elin Yli Dvergsdal: NTNU will have their annual global health day. This year it will be a streaming option as well as a smaller on-site arrangement.

[Sustainable health in a global perspective - seminar 22.10.2020](#)

[2020: A year of challenges and opportunities for global health](#)

Global Health Norway has sent out a survey regarding their website.

Frode Forland: Mainly occupied with corona-issues. Works also to finalize proposal to Norad. Works on [ACT-A](#): The Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator, is a groundbreaking global collaboration to accelerate development, production, and equitable access to COVID-19 tests, treatments, and vaccines.

Katerini: Started project on public/private partnerships, including new postdocs. Will be in an open plenary on global health policy.

Gunilla Kulla: approaches colleagues to find appropriate info for newsletter. Might be something on International diabetes.

Andrea Winkler: will attend World Health Summit in Berlin. Work on the Lancet commission is progressing well. Women in Global Health [hosts first annual conference](#).

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