



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Minutes

2 November, 2017, 12 – 13

Present:

Frode Forland

Anne Hatløy

Johanne Sundby

Elisabeth Darj

Sigurd Røtnes

Elin Dvergsdal

Sheri Lee Bastien

Stine Hellum Braathen

Kristin Braa

Karine Kålsås

Gunilla Kulla

Turid Austin Wæhler

Ingvild Hope

Bente E. Moen

Gunhild Koldal

54/17 Approval of agenda

Agenda approved

55/17 Approval of minutes from 29 September, 2017 (Attachment 1)

Minutes approved

56/17 Information on the successful Global Health Day in Trondheim

Can we plan for similar activities at other universities on this day?

After some discussion the Board ended on that it is best if the different institutions arrange events at different times of the year, so that we can visit each other's events.

UiO, Centre for Global Health is arranging Global Health Inspiration Days 2017, 13 and 14th of November.

The Board members are asked to report all events to the secretariat, so that it will be announced by the Forum.

57/17 Report from FESTMIH-meeting in Antwerp: Elisabeth Darj/Turid Wæhler (Attachment 2)

This year a large delegation from Norway attended the conference, the 10th European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health (ECTMIH) in Antwerp. Elisabeth Darj/Turid Wæhler represented the Forum at the FESTMIH Board Meeting.

The main topics for this year's meeting were to find suitable locations for future conferences, and how to secure the membership fees for the organization. The latter is to



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be followed up by the secretariat. We thank Elisabeth and Turid for attending, and representing the Forum in such a good manner.

58/17 Status on working group on SDGs (lead by Jan S Røtnes)

It has been very difficult to gather the group. Elisabeth Darj sent a note with her suggestions. The board discussed the option to choose some goals, and make a schedule of activities to enlighten these goals within health.

59/17 Website

<http://www.globalhealth.no/>

Global Health Norway needs a good address, can we give them ours and change ours to Globalhealth.no/Forum. There were no objections to this strategy from the board's members. The secretariat will continue this process.

60/17 Information about the Research School

It is going very well, a lot of new members, and many applications to the events. Four candidates presented in Antwerp, a bit challenge for them. UiO launches a new PhD-course in February, NTNU a new one on innovation, complex interventions. UiB introduces a course on academic writing.

61/17 Information from the conference committee – Oslo 10-11 April 2018

Please see the Forum webpage for registration and information. It is published now.

62/17 Short information sharing from each of the participants

Announcement from Globvac, RCN will come very soon.

63/17 AOB

Next meeting 29/11-17 kl 1200.



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Agenda

September 29, 2017, 12 – 13

Present:

Turid Austin Wæhler
Eirik Vikum
Johanne Sundby
Elisabeth Darj
Sigurd Røtnes
Elin Dvergsdal
Ingvar Evjen Olsen
Sheri Lee Bastien
Stine Hellum Braathen
Kristin Braa
Karine Kålsås
Gunilla Kulla
Ingvild Hope
Bente E. Moen
Gunhild Koldal

46/17 Approval of agenda

-Added points:

- Appointment of participant to Festmih board meeting*
- Choice of other meeting day than Friday*
- Date for next meeting*
- Forum conference*

Agenda approved

47/17 Approval of minutes from 8 September 2017 (Attachment 1)

Minutes approved

48/17 Working group for changing the Statutes for Forum (Attachment 2)

The Statutes for Forum will be presented to the next General Assembly as they are now.

49/17 Information on Global Health Norway, by Bente Moen and Ingvild Hope

-There is ongoing work to construct a webpage for the network, and central actors in Norway have been contacted to supply content.

-The working group for Global Health Norway (GHN) will meet on October 9th; the Revised Forum Statutes will be presented there; to discuss the organisation of GHN

-The official opening of Global Health Norway takes place in Bergen December 6. Bente Moen asks for advice from the Forum board to suggest speakers for the day. Stig Slørdal was suggested – Elin is asked to help with the communication. J.A Røttingen, maybe



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Karine can help. Trygve Ottesen was suggested (FHI, UiO?) Bente will make a small explanatory text the board members can use when they approach relevant speakers; and contacts the relevant persons next week.

50/17 Update from the SDG working group, (Johanne Sundby, Sheri Lee Bastien, Ingvar T. Olsen and Jan Sigurd Røtnes) (Attachment 4)

Sigurd Røtnes, Ingvar Olsen and Eirik Vikum met on September 21 to discuss the role of the Forum in working on SDGs. See enclosed note.

Sigurd Røtnes started the discussion, and has asked for written input from the board members. Some of the discussion touched on where to focus the effort. Whether it should be a broad approach, or a focus on specific SDG points on health. It varies how much the SDG's have been discussed in the different institutions. One suggestion was to make a hearing around "Leaving no one behind".

Each of the Forum members are asked to write a comment and send to Røtnes by October 15. The group then revises the document, and it will be discussed shortly in the board meeting 29/11. The document should be ready to be presented in Tromsø on January 22.

51/17 Plans for meeting in Tromsø in January 22, 2018. (Attachment 5)

Centre for Arctic and Global Health has sent a concept note with a preliminary program. The Forum Boards annual meeting is planned for Monday January 22. We will then join the seminar. The Forum will host a dinner for board members and guests in the evening Monday.

The secretariat has reserved 20 hotel rooms from Monday 22 to Tuesday 23 of January. **You have to confirm your booking within November 24.** The hotel is [Clarion Collection Hotel Aurora](#) THIS IS IMPORTANT as there is a Film festival in Tromsø in this week, and you are not likely to get at hotel room if you order late.

If you want to arrive Sunday and or leave Wednesday, please contact the secretariat.

52/17 Short information from each participant on topics of interest

- *UiO arranges seminars (H. Rosling memorial) and meeting series with SUM this autumn*
- *Norad will host expert meeting on sexual education.*
- *NTNU: [Global helsedag](#), October 24, all are welcome to attend*
- *NTNU: The national research school has one ongoing course in systematic review now. Will arrange another course in scientific writing later this year. Has been on a successful trip to Copenhagen. Is writing annual report to Globvac. All should encourage the PhD-candidates who are not a member yet, to sign up.*
- *HDir: [EDCTP](#) has a narrow focus, but might expand. Very interesting for the Forum.*
 - *RCN: Arranges workshops this autumn. Many relevant calls for funding in H2020. In Oslo October 26 and Bergen October 30. RCN wants candidates for*



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*three awards for young researchers (under 38). Karine sends link to Bente.
Deadline for submitting candidates: October 15.*

53/17 AOB

- *Turid Austin Wæhler and Elisabeth Darj will attend the Festmih board meeting in Antwerp, October 18, as representatives for Forum*
- *The next Forum conference (with FHI and UiO as partners) will be held 10-11 April, 2018 in Oslo. The concept note and cluster topics are soon finished, and will be sent around next week. There will be nine sessions. Information about the conference will be published on the new Global Health Norway webpage.*
- *The next two meetings will take place on Wednesdays; October 25 and November 29. We test out how it works to have meetings on another day than Friday.*
- ***Next meeting, Wednesday October 25, 1200-1300***



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September 8, 2017, 12 – 13

Present:

Anne Hatløy
Miriam Christ
Frode Forland
Sigurd Røtnes
Johanne Sundby
Bente Moen
Karine Kålsås
Stine Hellum Braathen
Turid Austin Wæhler
Ingvild Hope
Gunhild Koldal

36/17 Approval of agenda

Agenda approved

37/17 Approval of minutes from June 23, 2017 (Attachment 1)

Minutes approved

38/17 Working group for changing the Statutes for Forum (Attachment 2 and 3)

We continue the discussion, please look at the documents, and send input before the meeting.

See attached document with the proposed changes made at this meeting. The document will be a topic in our next General Assembly.

39/17 Information on Global Health Norway, by Bente Moen

- a) As many of you know by now: The new network consists of members from four regional health authorities, four universities and one representative from the Norwegian Institute of Public Health. The aim of the network is to strengthen cooperation, coordination and development between Norwegian institutions working in the field of global health, research, education and competence building.
The network will be a virtual network, and their web pages are under construction. There will be an official opening in Bergen December 6.
- b) A Note about Norsk Helsennettverk for utvikling has been sent from Stener Kvinnsland (in Norwegian). He would like NHU to continue as a support to GHN. Forum discussed it shortly, and found the idea good. Forum suggests that Kvinnsland works out some more details on the plan /organisation of NHU – and sends to GHN.



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Status from the Secretariat/plan forward

The meeting took into account the reflection note from S. Kvinnsland.

40/17 News from Norwegian research school in global health, by Elisabeth Darj

The research school will have a two-day seminar following the conference in Oslo 11-13 April 2018 at [Sjørmarka Conference Centre](#).

See website. <http://www.ntnu.edu/nrsgh>. We also remind of coming courses this year:
-Systematic Review and meta-analysis course 27th to 29th of September and 2nd to 3rd of November 2017

- Scientific writing course in Global health 16-17 Nov and 7-8 Des.2017.

41/17 Information from the committee on the conference in Oslo 10-11 April 2017, by Frode Forland

Topic: Health systems strengthening.

The programme is coming along, and presenters are contacted to contribute. The conference will be held in Gamle Festsal, University of Oslo.

42/17 Update from the SDG working group, (Jan Sigurd Røtnes, Johanne Sundby, Sheri Lee Bastien, Ingvar T.) With busy schedules, it has been difficult to meet, but two of the group members will meet on September 21 to start the work.

43/17 Plans for meeting in Tromsø in January 22, 2018.

(The secretariat is in dialog with Inger Scheel, and will forward preliminary plans by Thursday September 7)

Turid informed about the plans so far. We start with a Forum meeting on January 22, and a seminar arranged by Centre for Arctic and Global Health, UiT on January 23.

The Forum board members will get their expenses for travel and stay covered.

44/17 Short information from each participant on topics of interest

- Norwegian Institute of Public Health has published the report: [Informasjon om helse, helserettigheter og helsetjenester til beboere i ankomstsenter og transittmottak](#)
- From 2018 will NAKMI become a part of FHI
- Global Health Sweden is established.
- Call for applications – Globvac spring 2018. Amount and priorities not decided yet.
- Be aware of possibilities of developing EU applications

45/17 AOB

- The Forum secretariat will from now on be a joint secretariat with Global Health Norway.

Next meeting will be Friday September 29, at 1200. All board members should consider if it is possible to have the board meetings another day than Friday.



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June 23, 2017, 12:30 – 13: 30

Present:

Anne Hatløy

Frode Forland

Johanne Sundby

Elin Dvergsdal

Sheri Lee Bastien

Ingvar T. Olsen

Jan Sigurd Røtnes

Bente E. Moen

From the secretariat: Ingvild Hope

29/17 Approval of agenda
Approved

30/17 Approval of minutes from June 2 2017 (Attachment 1)
Approved

31/17 Information from:
Global Health Norway (GHN)
The name is decided, in Norwegian and English:

Global helse Norge

Nasjonalt nettverk for forskning, utdanning og kompetansebygging i global helse

Global Health Norway.

Norwegian institute for research, education and capacity building in Global health

The meeting June 20 was postponed till September, the name and budget issues were decided on circulation of documents. GHN is developing a logo and a webpage, the secretariat is meeting with potential firms within the field of communication and web solutions.

News from Norwegian Research School in Global Health: Two courses in research methods. They have handed out several research grants to PhD candidates. They are also working on the program for the PHD conference in April 2018, in connection with the Forum conference

32/17 Working group for changing the Statutes for Forum (Attachment 2)
We apologize for sending the form with all track changes, we hope you all manage to read the main points.



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The working group, consisting of Bente Moen, Frode Forland, Stine Braathen, Elin Dvergsdal, Nils Gunnar Songstad, Eirik Vikum and Gunhild Koldal made these suggested changes in the statutes in a meeting at Gardermoen on 20 June. The main changes are suggested in connection with the newly established GHN. There the representatives are appointed by their institutions. The working group suggest that the new Forums board members are elected as individuals, not by representing an institution. The board is elected on the general assembly that is held once a year. The next general assembly is in Oslo in April 2018, so we have to decide a model to present there. The working group will prepare this and present a model for the existing board to decide upon. All board members are encouraged to look into different models. Many questions need to be answered within April 2018. The role of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research needs to be considered together with the role of GHN, and presented for both parties.

33/17 How can Forum work on the issue of increase funding in Global Health?

Input from RCN, Health Directorate, Norad is warmly welcomed. As there were no representatives from RCN we asked Ingvar Olsen and Jan Sigurd Røtnes for advice. The main source for funding in the field of Global Health has been GLOBVAC, a program most members of the board are familiar with. GLOBVAC has received reduced funds, and we might have to look to NORGLOBAL, FRIMEDBIO and other programs in the future. The long term perspective needs to be considered, as GLOBVAC is only planned til 2020. NORHED is a program administered by Norad, and there might be new calls from them. EDCTP is the program within EU with focus on clinical trials in sub-Saharan Africa.

The Forum was advised to contact the reference group on health at RCN, they are lobbying for Norwegian interests in EU, and we can try to make an impact here:

Health, demographic change and wellbeing

Kontaktpersoner: Kristin Andersen kran@forskningsradet.no

Berit Nygaard bn@forskningsradet.no

Olsen also recommended the board to look into some of the programs Norad supports through Alliance for Health Policy and System Research:

HRP http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/about_us/hrp/en/

AHPSR http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/about_us/hrp/en/

TDR http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/about_us/hrp/en/

34/17 SDG; working group to be established; to give input for the discussion before next Board meeting

The board managed to decide on a working group including:

Johanne Sundby

Sheri Lee Bastien

Ingvar T. Olsen

Jan Sigurd Røtnes



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They will meet in September and start the work. It might not be enough time to prepare anything for the next Forum meeting.

35/17 AOB

We decided on the two next meetings: September 8 and 29

Olsen will send us the newsletter that Norad distributes to the embassies. He also made us aware of the symposium:

Neglected Tropical Diseases and Emerging Re-Emerging Infectious Diseases – Focus on Populations Unserved

Tuesday 19 September, Tøyen Hovedgård, University of Oslo

Sundby informed on two events soon coming up at UiO:

Hans Rosling memorial seminar.

<http://www.med.uio.no/helsam/english/research/centres/global-health/news-and-events/events/2017/seminar-for-professor-hans-rosling.html>

Seminar om SDG og maternal and child Health, global-health-takes-center-stage

<http://www.med.uio.no/helsam/english/research/centres/global-health/news-and-events/events/2017/global-health-takes-center-stage-in-oslo-.html>

We reminded all board members of the seminar that we will have with Centre for Arctic and Global Health in Tromsø, 22 January 2018.



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Draft minutes

June 2, 2017, 12:00 – 13: 00

Present:

Johanne Sundby
Bente Moen
Frode Forland
Turid Wæhler
Jan Sigurd Røtnes
Stine Hellum Bråthen
Viva Combs Thorsen
Ingvar T. Olsen
Elin Dvergsdal
Elisabeth Darj
Mattias Tagseth
Gunilla Kulla

From the secretariat:
Ingvild Hope

22/17 Approval of agenda

23/17 Approval of minutes from March 31 (attachment 1)
Approved

24/17 Norwegian Institute for Global Health and Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

NIPH sent a suggestion for an alternative name for NIGH:

Global helse Norge (GHN)
Nasjonalt nettverk for forskning, utdanning og kompetansebygging i global helse

Global Health Norway (GHN)
Norwegian institute for research, education and capacity building in Global health

The Board approved this name change.

The Forum is suggested as an advisory network for GHN. There will be a new meeting in the end of June. The Research School is a part of this, and part of the discussion.



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GHN wants to present itself to the global health community in Norway. One way of doing this is to use already planned arrangements. GHN is included in the programme for NTNUs Global Health Day in Trondheim on October 24.

In Oslo, GHN can use the event on 14 and 15th of November, when UiO presents the new Honorary Doctorates.

In Tromsø, GHN is presented at the seminar arranged by the Forum and Centre for Arctic and Global Health at UiT. The date for this seminar is 22 January 2018. The Forum Board will have a meeting in connection with the seminar.

25/17 News from Norwegian research school in global health and Network for social science in Norwegian global health:

Research School: Mattias Tagseth has been engaged at NTNU to assist Elin with the work on the research school. He has written a report from Stiklestad, the report will be send the Forum.

The research school call for some vital information: When we have candidate's that finish their degrees, we need to report that to the school.

From Katarini Storeng, Network for social science in Norwegian global health:

Under GLOBVAC-konferansen tilrettela Forumet for en mottakelse for medlemmer i nettverket for samfunnsvitenskap innen norsk global helseforskning (Network for Social Science in Norwegian Global Health Research). Dette nettverket ble opprettet av Katerini Storeng etter forumets møte i Bergen i 2016, og har fungert som et virtuelt nettverk med over 120 medlemmer fra hele landet. I Trondheim fikk medlemmene mulighet til å møtes fysisk for p knytte nettverk. Det var ca 30 personer innom på mottakelsen, og mange many nye bekjentskaper og spennende faglige samtaler.

26/17 The Forum conference 2018: April 10 and 11

Update from the committee:

Bjørn Iversen heads the planning, with Johanne sundy, Kristin Braa, Sidsel Roalkvam and Frode Forland. The committee has secured beautiful venues at UiO.

Ingeborg Haavardson, Eirik Vikum and Ingvild Hope are appointed as the administrative committee for the conference.

Joanne Sundby informs the board about for the program for the Ph.D conference that is back to back to the conference, 12 and 13 April 2018.

27/17 Other plans for next semester- see the Forum plan 2016-2018 (attachment 3)

The Fourm need to look more into innovation activites. The board agreed to host an innovation meeting in Tromsø. Ingvild Hope and Ingvar Olsen are responsible to move this forward.



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What about SDG? What can be our role here? Please see:

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300>

This will be a topic in the next meeting.

28/17 AOB

Next meeting is held on 23 juni, note the time: 1230

We also need a planning committee for the meeting in Tromsø 22 January 2018

The new members, Jan Sigurd Røtnes, Gunilla Kulla and Viva Combs Thorsen presented themselves to the board. Welcome.



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March 31, 2017, 12:00 – 13: 00

Present:

Arne Eide
Sheri Lee Bastien
Miriam Christ
Elin Dvergsdal
Elisabeth Darj
Frode Forland
Bente Moen
Johanne Sundby
Ingvild Hope (Secretariat)
Gunhild Koldal (Secretariat)

14/17 Approval of agenda

Agenda approved

15/17 Approval of minutes from February 17, 2016

Minutes approved

16/17 Constitution and presentation of the new board

Board member	Deputy	Institution
Erik Anda	Turid Wæhler	UiT, The Arctic University of Norway
Bente Elisabeth Moen	Karen Marie Moland	University of Bergen
Elisabeth Darj	Elin Dvergsdal	NTNU
Johanne Sundby	Kristin Braa	University of Oslo
Frode Forland	Anne Bergh	Norwegian Institute of Public Health
Stine Hellum Braathen	Arne H. Eide	SINTEF
Anne Hatløy	Tone Sommerfelt	FAFO
Sheri Lee Bastien		Norwegian University of Life Sciences
	Viva Combs Thorsen	University of Oslo
Miriam Christ		Norwegian Medical Students' Association
	Gunilla Kulla	Nord University

This is the Board for 2017-2019. The new board members were especially welcomed in the meeting.

In the meeting, the board members elected Bente Moen as Chair for the Board, and Frode Forland as deputy.



17/17 Norwegian Institute for Global Health and Norwegian Forum for Global Health research

Working group for fusion:

The board suggested members for the working group:

Nils Gunnar Songstad (UiB, one of the founders of the Forum)

Bente Moen

Frode Forland

Stine Hellum Braathen

They have all accepted the invitation. Their mandate is to look into the roles and domains for the two institutions, and see if and how they can merge by the end of 2018. The secretariat will support the working group.

18/17 Meeting with the GLOBVAC Board

Summary by Bente Moen: The meeting went very well. We focused on the results in 2016, the conference, the research school and the meeting in Tromsø. The GLOBVAC Board gave a very positive response on our report. The advice they provided was that we should make some clear indicators for our activities.

19/17 Conference in Oslo 2018

Tasks and responsibilities: The Forum, UiO and NIPH are responsible for the conference. UiO provides premises. A committee is appointed. Please send suggestions for themes or topics. The preliminary dates are 17-18 April 2018.

NRSRGH plan their PhD-conference back to back to this.

20/17 Suggested dates for meetings

April 28

June 02

June 23

21/17 AOB

NTNUs Global Health Day is on 24 October 2017

The Norwegian Directorate of Health held a meeting on the SDGs. Johanne Sundby and Bente Moen attended the meeting, and were active participants. The Directorate call for contributions from the global health community on how to react to the SDGs. Bente and Johanne will follow up on this on behalf of the Forum.



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Agenda

January 13, 2017

Circulation only

The agenda and documents were sent on circulation to all board members. The secretariat received no comments or inputs.

9/17 Approval of agenda
Agenda approved

10/17 Approval of minutes from January 13, 2016 (Attachment 1)
Minutes approved

11/17 Annual report for 2016 (Attachment 2)

12/17 First meeting in NIGH

13/17 Suggested agenda and documents for the General Assembly 2017 (attachment 3)



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Draft Minutes

January 13, 2017, 09:00-13:00

Thon Hotel Opera, Oslo

Present:

Bente Moen

Frode Forland

Jagrati Jani- Bølstad

Johanne Sundby

Elisabeth Darj

Hans Hadders

Elin Dvergsdal

Graziella Van den Bergh

Turid Austin Wæhler (deputy for Erik Anda)

Miriam Christ

Stine Hellum Braathen

Wenche Dageid

Ingvild Hope

Elinor Bartle

Gunhild Koldal

1/17 Approval of agenda
Agenda approved

2/17 Approval of minutes from December 2, 2016
Minutes approved

3/17 The result from the Committee evaluating the essay
The Board supported the final decision from the Committee (see enclosed committee decision), and expressed their gratitude to for a task well performed. The Board decided that next time the guidelines needs to be in more detail, to make it easier for the Committee to elect among the candidates.

4/17 Changes in the Forums Statutes.
The Board decided to remove the sentence on gender balance from the Statutes: "Each sex shall be represented with minimum of 4 members." The Board made a note to consider this later, if the result over time shows a lack of gender balance.

The Board discussed making the membership more formal. This has been on the agenda earlier, but we made no decisions. The start-up of NIGH raises some questions for the Forum. Is there space for both, and what would our role be?



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After an elaborate discussion, the Board agreed on continuing working close with NIGH. And reconsider in 2019 if we should merge with NIGH. The collaboration might make us stronger and more visible. This can also benefit when it comes to applying for funding.

- 5/17 The Board election at the General Assembly March 14, 2017
The Forum will hold the General Assembly at the GLOBVAC conference. For the election of the new Board, the committee for 2017: Ottar Mæstad, Jeanette Magnus and Kristin Sandberg.

The Board decided to keep the composition of the Board as stated in the Statutes. The Board also set a draft for the agenda at General Assembly:

Economy
Annual report
New Statutes
Election
Any other business from the members or Board.

Agenda and documents needs to be ready 14 days before the meeting, which is 1st of March. This should also be sent in a newsletter.

- 6/17 Update on the GLOBVAC conference
We need to spread information to our members and colleagues, to sign up for the conference.
We are responsible for a session on the SDGs. Who will be in charge of that?
There will be a price for best posters, the Board nominates a committee for this.

- 7/17 Plans for 2017
Input from each Board member

Suggested plan for meetings spring semester 2017:
Januray 13 (Oslo)
February 17
The rest of the dates: Announced in February

- 8/17 AOB
NIGH has their first meeting January 19.



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