



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research Board Meeting

Minutes

17 February 2021 12:00 to 13:00 on Zoom

Present: Bente Moen, Gunhild Koldal, Gunilla Kulla, Elin Yli Dvergsdal, Nils Daulaire, Dawit Shawel Abebe, Frode Forland.

01/21 **Approval of agenda**

Elin Y. Dvergsdal had one AOB point about Global Conversations. See under AOB.

Agenda approved.

02/21 **Approval of minutes from last regular board meeting Jan 20**

Minutes approved (with corrected date)

Further information: Bente Moen will meet with the election committee next week, to start the process of finding new candidates for the board.

03/21 **Planning of General assembly with election in 2021**

Suggestions: Avoid the same date as the Globvac conference and have more time for discussion. May? 20 or 21? 13-15? Invite Global Health Norway representative for co-operation?

*Tentative date for the General Assembly is **May 19, unless other meetings are found to take place this day (checked, and we did not find any). We plan for this date.***

It was suggested to have a presentation/a webinar before the General Assembly to try to get more people to join. We must find a good solution for online election (Gunhild and Bente testes this out).

Topics for a webinar before the GA: vaccine distribution / social inequality / politics / information from RCN / or can the General Assembly be held after a webinar from Global Conversations?

Agenda for GA:

Election

Annual report

Financial report

Activity plan

Global Health Norway – relationship with Forum

04/21 **Activity plan later this year**

It is important to have some time to discuss plans at the GA

-suggestion of planning discussion points for activation of the Forum:



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- *Forum can host local member meetings at institutions with sections working on the topic global health.*
- *Forum can have more member meetings /webinars*
- *Forum board can discuss creating a journal. This does however require a lot of work.*
- *Forum needs to look for funding*
- *Forum must cooperate closer with Global Health Norway*

05/21 Revised meeting dates spring 2021

New dates:

March 17

28 April

May 19 - GA

June 16 – joint meeting for the old and the new board.

06/21 Internet pages

The old wordpress pages will not be updated.

Our pages are embedded in the GHN platform; see:

<http://globalhealth.no/articles/norwegian-forum-for-global-health-research-1>

These are static pages for the Forum, news will be posted by GHN.

07/21 News from the NRS GH

Postponed.

08/21 News on the Globvac conference 20-21 April

The webinar series is finished. Planning of the conference is near complete, the programme is settled. There will be one session before lunch and one session after lunch the two days. The conference will be digital and free of charge. There will be a studio with a chair and presentations. The webpages will be updated soon:

<http://globvac2020.com/>

09/21 News on the ECTMIH conference in Bergen 2021

Deadline for abstract submission is on March 15: <https://ectmih2021.no/abstracts/>

10/21 Information on BACE – Erasmus + project

By Bente E. Moen

BACE: Building Academic Capacity in Global Health in the Eastern Europe - Central Asia Region

University of Bergen is, together with University of Tromsø involved in an Erasmus+ project with Heidelberg University in Germany (coordinator), Kazakhstan, Georgia and Ukraine. The project aims to create a global health curricula and courses in global health, and to launch an Alliance for global health for the three EECA



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countries. UiB is a part of the project because Forum has had the secretariat there for many years and have much experience in alliances.

NIPH cooperates with the same countries.

11/21 Short information from each of the board members/observers

Postponed.

12/21 AOB

Elin Yli Dvergsdal is in contact with Leidar, a company that has started a webinar series: Global Health Conversation. The company has support from Bill & Melinda Gates, GAVI and Lærdal. <https://leidar.no/>

Forum can look into a possible collaboration but need more information. Elin will collect more knowledge about this.

They host webinars once a month, and GHN and/or Forum has been invited to present at one of the seminars on the topic: New funding from RCN: NOK 500 million for global health research funding, how should it best be used.

Elin has been asked to make a concept note. Bente can help out, using text we have developed earlier.

The next seminar is on March 2, and Forum board members can join here. Title: Digital conversation on Norwegian investments in global health, register here: [Register for the event here.](#)