



## Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Minutes from meeting  
December 2, 2016, 12:00-13:00

Present:

Wenche Dageid  
Ann-Katrin Stensdotter  
Frode Forland  
Johanne Sundby  
Jagrati Jani-Bølstad  
Hans Hadders  
Bente Moen  
Elin Dvergsdal  
Elisabeth Darj  
Therese Istad  
Ingvild Hope

Note: This was Therese Istad's last meeting, as she is leaving CIH and the secretariat. We all thank her for all her contributions to the Forums work.

47/16 Approval of agenda  
Agenda approved

48/16 Approval of minutes from November 3  
Minutes approved

49/16 The seminar in Tromsø: Bente gave give a short summary for those who were not there. You can also see:

<http://www.globalhealth.no/working-together-in-global-health-across-norway/> and

[https://uit.no/om/enhet/aktuelt/nyhet?p\\_document\\_id=493972&p\\_dimension\\_id=88108](https://uit.no/om/enhet/aktuelt/nyhet?p_document_id=493972&p_dimension_id=88108)

Both The Forum and Centre for Arctic and Global Health have published from the events in Tromsø on their webpages. We concluded that this seminar was a success, and is to be repeated.

### **50/17 Awards for published essay / “kronikk”**

The Board received five essays within the deadline. A committee was set to evaluate the essays and to rank them. The committee: Ann-Katrin Stensdotter, Jagrati Jani-Bølstad and Graziella van den Bergh. The secretariat will send all the essays to the committee.

**51/16** The 10-year anniversary for Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research  
Scientific committee for the celebration: Jagrati, Frode, Erik and Bente.  
Jubilee celebration committee: Ingeborg, Ingvild, Hans and Jagrati.



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The Board decided to hold the seminar in Oslo on January 12. The committees are working on the program and all the practicalities.

The Board members will all contribute, and make this a marvelous event.

## **52/16 The GLOBVAC programme at RCN**

How can The Forum support or influence the RCN when it comes to the GLOBVAC programme. The Board is very concerned and will lobby where it is possible to try to influence the outcome of this.

## **53/16 Update on the 10<sup>th</sup> GLOBVAC conference in Trondheim**

Update on abstracts and programme.

## **54/16 AOB**

We attach an essay written by Katarini Storeng in “Tidsskrift for Den norske legeförening”.



## Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Minutes

November 3, 2016, 13:00-17:00

Present:

Hans Hadders

Bente Moen

Jagrati Jani -Bølstad

Erik Anda

Ingvild Hope (Secretariat)

Observers and guests:

Rikke Moth (Student representative)

Elinor Bartle

Ingeborg Håvardsson (representing UiO)

Turid Wæhler (SAG)

The meeting started with a presentation of each of the participants.

As we knew that few of the actual board members could be present, Ingvild Hope had sent a special request on email earlier this week, asking for comments to the ones who did not plan to go to Tromsø. No comments were received.

41/16 Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved

42/16 Approval of minutes from September 30 (Attachment 1)

The minutes were approved

43/16 Budget for 2016: Use of funds

We have 500 000 NOK for 2016. Half of this amount is used to cover salary for the secretariat. In 2016 4 months of this was covered by the 2015 budget. This gives us some extra funding for 2016 of about 70 000 NOK (salary). We discussed the use this sum, and will give the following suggestion to the next board meeting:

- a) To hire a student for 1-2 weeks to update the web site/project descriptions
- b) To hire a designer to develop a 10-year anniversary pamphlet. The pamphlet must be mostly future oriented; less old history oriented.  
One main purpose; recruitment of students. Information about the research school.  
Tell about good story examples which are motivating.  
Short presentation of the institutions in Forum.

44/17 Norwegian Institute for Global Health/Norsk institutt for global helse (NIGH)



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NIGH is established, and has received its mandate. The process of appointing people is ongoing (attachment 2 and 3).

Point for discussion. How can the Forum and NIGH work together? (The Forum's statutes attachment 4)

Points/comments that the Forum will give to NIGH (either in written or in a joint meeting):

-It is great that the mandate is already written. We think this will be a support for our activity in global health.

-However, as the Forum exists, the situation needs a clarification of roles. How can the Forum and NIGH work together? The Forum is interested in a good cooperation.

The Forum might be transformed into NIGH, but it might be an idea to exist side by side until we have seen how NIGH works and until we have used all funding from NFR.

Bente has contacted RCN (Å-M Kristiansen) and discussed this, and it was suggested that the Forum might run the secretariat for NIGH in the beginning.

Also, the conferences must not increase in number, but be planned together – one per year.

-We think LMIC should be mentioned in the mandate

-The board has no student representatives; this should be included

-The mandate is only in Norwegian/must be translated

-How will NIGH relate to the new Research School?

-The working group is rather small, it should be elected from the Forum Board. It is important to recognize the role of scientist in the field of global health, as the board of NIGH will consist of many without or with little experience.

-The Forum Board would appreciate more information in the mandate on how the economy is to be sustained in NIGH.

## 45/16 Plan for 2017

We went through the action plan for 2017 in the meeting.

The relation to the research school in global health and the new NIGH will be important in 2017, as well as the Globvac conference in March 2017.

We will also celebrate the Forum 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We suggest a meeting in Oslo in January/February; starting Thursday lunch with a seminar and ending Friday lunch, with a board meeting on Friday. Maybe we can have the board meeting with NIGH, and invite the board to our seminar, or at least someone for the board.

Special guests: Rune Nilsen, Gunnar Kvåle and Gunnar Bjune + Nordic colleagues?

NFR, Norad, CMI, students

Scientific committee for the celebration: Jagrati, Frode, Erik and Bente.

Jubilee celebration committee: Ingeborg, Ingvild, Hans and Jagrati.

Approximately 30-40 participants?

A doodle will be sent out suggesting the dates 12-13/1 or 19-20/1 or 22-23/1 2017.

As we need to send out the invitation for the jubilee ASAP, we move our planned board meeting 9/12 to 2/12 and all plans must be ready so the board can decide the final issues in the board meeting.

## 46/16 AOB

8/12 Global mental health day at UiO. Will be posted at Forum web site.



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## Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

### Minutes

September 30, 2016, 12:00-13:00

Present:

Hans Hadders  
Bente Moen  
Frode Forland  
Zlata Turkanovic  
Jagrati Jani -Bølstad  
Elin Dvergsdal  
Ingvild Hope

**34/16 Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved

**35/16 Approval of Minutes August, 2016**

The minutes were approved

**36/16 Meeting in Tromsø November 2016**

We will start our Board meeting at the hotel (more information later) at 13: 00 on Thursday November 3. In the evening we will join for dinner, and we invite SAG staff members. The secretariat is booking the hotel for the board members.

Before the board meeting today Moen, Istad and Hope had a phone meeting with Turid Austin Wæhler, at Centre for Arctic and Global Health (SAG) at UiT. They have agreed to be our hosts on Friday November 4. They are preparing a half day seminar where they present activities and people in the field of global health based in Tromsø. We will send you the suggested program for Friday. This part of the program will be at UiT campus.

As Frode Forland suggested, we can invite more people to attend the seminar on Friday. The secretariat will post the program on the webpage, but it is a task for the board members to spread information to colleagues and partners at their institutions.

**37/16 NIGH: The mandate**

Nasjonal samarbeidsgruppe for helseforskning i spesialhelsetjenesten (NSG) decided in May 2016 to establish Norwegian Institute of Global Health. The mandate has been sent out to all NSG members, and Dean Nina Langeland at UiB is now responsible for the first follow up. UiB with Nina Langeland have promised to ensure administrative resources for a secretariat for NIGH. NIPH is also interested in allocating resources for this.

**38/16 We have received one application for a workshop**

The application from NIPH sent by Sonja Myhre, "DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS 2016: REFUGEES AND MIGRATION: REQUEST FOR WORKSHOP SUPPORT" received a positive evaluation from the board members and it was agreed to support the application.



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In addition, the board decided to relaunch to call for an application for a workshop in the field of innovation, and information on this is published on our website. The new deadline for an application is October 13.

## **39/16 Information to The Board on:**

- New temporary board member from UiT: Erik Anda from Department of Community Medicine. We all welcome him to the Board.
- Information on the Research School: The webpage is published, <https://www.ntnu.edu/nrsg>. There are about 50 members registered. We urge all to inform the PhD-candidates and their supervisors. NTNU now offers a scientific writing course on PhD-level. The research school can cover travel and expenses for candidates that wants to attend.
- News on the GLOBVAC Conference 2017: We have received 22 applications for seminars, reviewed by the GLOBVAC Board. The committee is working on the program. The registration is soon to be open. GLOBVAC reminds the Forum board that they are responsible for the posters, and that each institution must find minimum two representatives for this task.

## **40/16 AOB and news from the Board members**

Hans Hadders informed about a planned meeting 18-19 Nov in the Swedish Network for International Health in Umeå. Detailed information will be put on the Forum webpages. See: <http://www.snih.org/snih-conference-registration-now-open/>



**Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research**  
Minutes from the Board meeting

August 26, 2016, 11:00-12:00

Present:

Bente Moen  
Frode Forland  
Johanne Sundby  
Elisabeth Darj  
Hans Hadders  
Elin Dvergsdal  
Graziella Van den Bergh  
Therese Istad  
Ingvild Hope

**27/16 Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved

**28/16 Approval of Minutes May 27, 2016** (Attachment 1)

The minutes were approved

**29/16 Approval of Minutes June 22, 2016** (Attachment 2)

The minutes were approved

**30/16 Update on:**

The Research School in Global Health:

The webpage is almost finished and information is to be sent out by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

(<https://www.ntnu.edu/nrsg>) The first meeting date is set, it will be at Stiklestad in March 2017.

The first meeting is in connection with the GLOBVAC conference at NTNU; march 15-16. A board for the school have been established, and they will have their first meeting on October 21, the day after the Global Health Day at NTNU.

NIGH- Norwegian institute for Global Health: It has been decided that the institute will be established. The secretariat will be located at UiB. The Board is still waiting for the documents on this, and will raise in the Forum later this autumn.

The report to RCN. The Board went through the report, there were no major comments.

Deputy member of the board from UiT: See 31/16

**31/16 Plan for the Tromsø meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research.**

The Board decided that Johanne Sundby approaches UiT and ask for a new deputy board member, and discuss with UiT if it is possible for them to host the meeting. The Board will then decide on the agenda for the meeting.

**32/16 Suggested dates for Forum meetings autumn 2016**

**August 26**

**September 30**

**October 21 is changed to October 14**

**Board meeting in Tromsø November 3-4: To be confirmed**

**December 9**



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33/16 AOB

**The Workshop on collaboration of the Nordic universities in Education in Global Health or International Health: 27-28 September 2016 in Finland:**

The University of Tampere is hosting a workshop in Turku, on Nordic cooperation in education in global or international health. Elin Dvergsdal and Ingvild Hope will attend. They are sent to represent NTNU and UiB.

The Global Health Day at NTNU is on October 20. We hope all of you can attend there. For more information see: <http://www.ntnu.no/kalender/detaljer/-/event/dbfd1600-c18d-37ad-8b79-552f1a1c129e>



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## **Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research**

Minutes Board meeting June 22, 2016, 13:00-14:00

Present:

Bente Moen

Graziella van den Bergh

### **26/16 Forum - Development projects 2016**

Forum aims to contribute to national processes and initiatives in the field of global health and health research. Forum will in 2016 support minor scientific activities related to the topics «Innovation in global health» and «Refugees – migration». The purpose is to stimulate researchers /students to activities within these areas, and to make the topics more visible. (**Attachment 1: A announcement of the call**)



## Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Minutes Board meeting May 27, 2016, 12:00-13:00

### Present:

Hans Hadders  
Johanne Sundby  
Graziella Van den Bergh  
Jagrati Jani-Bølstad  
Elin Yli Dvergsdal  
Bente E. Moen  
Ingvild Hope

### Observers:

Ingvar Theo Olsen  
Wenche Dageid  
Åse Marit Kristiansen

#### **18/16 Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved

#### **19/16 Approval of Minutes March 4, 2016 (Attachment 1).**

The Minutes were approved.

#### **20/16 Forum conference 2016 in Bergen: A brief status report by Bente Moen**

The Board found that the conference went very well, and that we should arrange this again in 2018. The secretariat is preparing an overview over number of attendees, posters, cost and things like that to report to RCN and NHU. The Board agreed to continue the cooperation with NHU, this was a pleasant experience.

#### **21/16 GLOBVAC conference 2017 in Trondheim**

The planning for the next conference is going well, the committee is almost ready with a concept note and a preliminary program.

#### **22/16 News on The Research School in Global Health and on NIGH- Nasjonalt institutt for global helse**

Status report from Elin Dvergsdal on the meeting with the GLOBVAC Board. We have to notice that the Board asked for an exit strategy for the research school, and we have to plan for this.

We are still a bit in the dark when it comes to NIGH. We will wait for the Minutes from the Deans until we discuss this further.

#### **23/16 Development projects 2016 - NOK 130 000:**

The Forum Board has decided to put the topics "Refugees - migration" and "Innovation" on the Forum agenda. The Board will make a call so that our members can apply for smaller amounts to publish articles or smaller pieces' in newspapers or magazines/journals.



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**24/16 Forum Board meeting in Tromsø**

2016 is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research. We decided on a celebration in connection with our meeting in Tromsø. The suggested dates are 3-4 November.

**25/16 AOB**



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**Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research**

Board meeting March 4, 2016, 12:00-13:00

Minutes

**Present:**

Frode Forland  
Hedvig M. E. Nordeng  
Hans Hadders  
Graziella Van den Bergh  
Jagrati Jani-Bølstad  
Elin Yli Dvergsdal  
Bente E. Moen  
Therese Istad  
Observers:  
Ingvar Theo Olsen  
Wenche Dageid

**11/16 Approval of the agenda**

Agenda approved

**12/16 Approval of Minutes January 2, 2016** (Attachment 1).

Minutes approved

**13/16 Forum conference 2016 in Bergen**

Update on status and tasks: Program is almost ready. (Attachment 2)  
Update on abstracts

Most speakers are confirmed. There will be about 8 oral presentations of abstracts.

**The Forum's General Assembly 2016**

On conference day 2: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of April, at 16:00-18:00. Discuss topics and plan for the assembly. Prepare invitation for the members.

**14/16 Forums application to RCN for funding** (Attachment 3)

Our deadline is March 15. We have to revise the former application, and adjust the activity plan and budget according to the latest signals from RCN/GLOBVAC

The Forum should in the application relate itself to the other initiatives from the sector, such as the Norwegian Institute of Global Health (NIGH), the Research School in Global Health etc.

**15/16 News from the group on NIGH- Nasjonalt institutt for global helse**

The working group has provided a concept note. (Attachment 4)

-NSG (Nasjonalt samarbeidsgruppe for helseforskning i spesialisthelsetjenesten) will discuss the institute in their meeting in May, and most likely decide to establish the NIGH.

-The University of Bergen has decided to contribute with two full-time positions. The Norwegian Institute of Public Health would also like to contribute with positions.

-The Forum has so far functioned as a working group for the NIGH – in the further process the Forum should be an integrated part of NIGH.



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## **16/16 The Research School in Global Health**

Status and updates. Application sent to the RCN (Attachment 5)

The Research School has been granted funding for a 6-year period (3 + 3 years, depending on a midway evaluation).

## **17/16 AOB**

- The GLOBVAC conference in 2017 will be on 14-15 March 2017.
- Bergen University College organizes a global health conference in June 2016: “Disability and Global Health”:  
<http://www.hib.no/en/research/dissemination/conferences/disability-and-global-health/>



## Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Board meeting January 29th, 2016, 12:00-13:00

### Minutes

#### Present:

Frode Forland  
Hans Hadders  
Stine Hellum Braathen  
Åse Marit Kristiansen  
Bente E. Moen  
Therese M. Istad  
Ingvild Hope

#### 1/16 Approval of the agenda

Approved

#### 2/16 Approval of Minutes December 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 (Attachment 1).

Approved

**NB!** The planned meeting 26<sup>th</sup> of February will be postponed to **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of March.**

#### 3/16 New observer from the The Norwegian Medical Students' Association (NMSA):

Miriam Christ, global health responsible in NMSA.

[-Profile at the Forum website.](#)

#### 4/16 Forum conference 2016 in Bergen

Information:

-Abstract call – deadline 1<sup>st</sup> of February: <http://www.globalhealth.no/call/call-for-abstracts-to-conference-norwegian-global-health-networks-with-impact-bergen-norway/>

-Registration

**Abstract deadline postponed until 15<sup>th</sup> of February.**

For discussion:

Preliminary programme (Attachment 2) Must be finalized ASAP, comments are valuable

#### 5/16 The Forum's General Assembly 2016

-Will be held at the end of conference day 2: **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of April**, at 16:00-18:00

#### 6/16 News from RCN

**Application from Forum to RCN can be sent**, due mid-March

Other updates from Globvac via Åse Marit Kristiansen:

- The midway evaluation of Globvac is in the finishing stages, we will be notified when it is finalized.
- The Globvac Board has decided to sustain a few activities for continuity; this means that the Forum is allowed to send in a new application for the coming three years. Deadline: 16<sup>th</sup> of March
- The Globvac Board will meet with the Forum leader and secretariat on April 19<sup>th</sup> (the day before the conference in Bergen)



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**7/16 The program that replaces the Quota Scheme (Partnerskapsprogrammet:**  
Note to SIU from the Forum sent (Attachment 3)

There will be a hearing, Bente will check if the Forum are on the list of organizations who are asked to comment.

**8/16 The Research School in Global Health**

-New application due 19<sup>th</sup> of February

-The working group will finalize the application shortly.

**9/16 News from the group on NIGH- Nasjonalt institutt for global helse**

- The working group will provide a concept note before the next Forum board meeting (4<sup>th</sup> of March)

**10/16 Information from board members / AOB**