# Minutes from Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research Meeting

11 December 2019: 12:00 to 13:00

# Present on skype:

Frode Forland, Andrea S. Winkler, Nils M. Daulaire, Gunilla Kulla, Elin Yli Dvergsdal, Bente Elisabeth Moen, Anne Berit Kolmannskog (Minutes)

# 84/19 Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved with a few remarks.

76/19 Last section must be rephrased: "Elisabeth Darj used the opportunity at Woman Health arrangement in Trondheim on November 5th, to discuss funding for global health research, primarily on mother and child health with the minister for health, Bent Høie. Elisabeth wanted to follow up on this with a letter to the minister, and the Forum board is happy to assist."

81/19 Upcoming travel to Tanzania – organize conference there on NTD – One Health

IANPI - Frode kommer med forslag til tekst på e-post.

# 86/19 Reminder of Forum membership campaign

The Forum offers individual membership and need members. Bente reminded everybody to promote the membership among colleagues and institutions. As a member, you will be entitled to news and information about Forum activities, conferences, and funding sources. Register here: https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=4977057

New information: 235 Forum members registered!!

# 87/19 Send two suggested topics for information to bring in the first newsletter

The Forum is preparing the first addition of its newsletter and need input on content and priorities. The website and newsletter are important tools in informing the public members about the Forum's activities. The newsletters should reflect the content found on the website but not duplicate it. Example: A list of upcoming meetings and events should primarily be listed on the website, and current events presented in the newsletter.

All participants at this meeting presented several relevant items on content to the first addition of the newsletter, everybody will send Gunhild two cases in both text and photos within the end of this week. The different news were shortly mentioned in the skype meeting.

The doctors' climate action is a success, 1200 doctors / students have signed a call - fb.me/legenesklimaaksjon. Those who initiated this action want to contribute further. There are many and complex links between climate and health, and there is a need for these to be highlighted in the public discussion, with a solid professionalism at the bottom. Therefore, they invite to join a working group to evaluate whether there is a basis for further joint efforts in the field of climate and health, and in this case make proposals for organization and purpose. Send an e-mail to Skagen if you want to contribute. Email Knut Mork Skagen: knut@legenesklimaaksjon.no

The Forum is positive to the initiative. It is of great importance to plan for further joint efforts in the field of climate and health. The Forum is an excellent place for this type of information sharing. The Forum will promote the initiative in the newsletter and on its website.

#### 89/19 Short information from the board members/observers

Andrea: Berlin Andrea and Frode were recently invited to the Global Health Initiative at Robert Koch Institute as advisors at the Ministry of Health regarding increased effort around "preparedness", get the world ready for pandemies for the future. Great opportunities to connect with the global health research network in Germany. 20. mill each year.

A NTD-conference in Tanzania 2 weeks ago was a success.

Lancet countdown: read more about the countdown
<a href="http://www.lancetcountdown.org/about-us/">http://www.lancetcountdown.org/about-us/</a> and the 2019 report
<a href="https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(19)32596-6/fulltext">https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(19)32596-6/fulltext</a>

Frode: - FHI has a program on preparedness in global health which has been evaluated by a group from Belgium; report will soon come.

-Globvac conference deadline abstract 10. of January 2020.

Elin: The research school plans to offer four new courses in methodology next year. https://www.ntnu.edu/nrsgh

Bente: -A cooperation between UiB and Makerere University in Uganda recently had a 30-year anniversary, celebrated at Makerere.

-Global Health Norway Board meeting will take place at Gardermoen 13.12.19, and Katerini Storeng will attend as neither Bente nor Frode could attend.

-Bente distributes an article on Corruption in Global Health. Lancet 2019;394:2119-24. http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=67487766c6504faa4d9f266ae74af9f2

# 90/19 Suggested dates for meetings spring 2020:

January 22

February 19

March 18

April 22

May - physical meeting

June 17

# 91/19 AOB

- Follow-up on the importance of involving the University Deans in the Forum's work and to inform about the Forum at the national dean meeting. National dean meeting in medicine 2020 will take place 28-29. May 2020. Responsible for the meeting is UiO. The location of the meeting has not yet been determined. They are probably most concerned about medicine education but we definitely think that Global Health should be able to be lifted here. Andrea will find out if we can join the meeting in May and present Forum.
- We have earlier suggested that Women in Global health is presented in a Forum meeting; maybe next time (we will come back on this and Ingeborg must be invited.
   The network has a meeting in Oslo 10/1.



# Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research Meeting

#### **Draft minutes**

13 November 2019: 12:00 to 13:00

Present: Frode Forland, Andrea Winkler, Katerini Storeng, Elin Yli Dvergsdahl (observer, NRSGH), Bente E. Moen, Gunhild Koldal (minutes)

# 74/19 Approval of agenda

Agenda approved with corrections. Item 75/19, minutes from October 16, not September 11.

# 75/19 Approval of minutes from board meeting October 16 (Attachment 1)

Approved with the a few corrections in the short report from the members:

-the world is ill prepared for the next pandemic.

Running Lancet commission on health security – health promotion – universal health coverage.

# 76/19 Follow up of the "Stortingshøring"

<u>Link to hearing</u> Forum presentation 1 hour 7 minutes in, answer to questions 10 min later <u>Kronikk Bistandsaktuelt</u> (Norwegian)

The cooperation ahead of the hearing was a very nice experience and the board contributed to a well prepared text to be presented. After the hearing, Frode and Katerini used the opportunity to talk to politicians from KRF and SV and to invite the minister of international development to open the Globvac conference.

Andrea and Frode will try to set up a meeting with the state secretary at the Ministry of Health and Care Services Maria Jahrmann Bjerke as a follow up. The ministry expressed interest in Globvac2020, and wanted to be on the programme.

It is also possible to build on meetings held in Berlin at the World Health Summit.

Bergen will ask Global Health Norway to disseminate the chronicle on their webpage and social media.

The information about this hearing came very late to our attention. Forum needs to make a plan to be informed about meetings and occasions where we need to be visible.

Elin informed about the Woman Health arrangement in Trondheim on November 5. Elisabeth Darj used the opportunity to discuss funding for global health research, primarily on mother and child health with the minister for health, Bent Høie. Elisabeth wanted to follow up on this with a letter to the minister, and the Forum board is happy to assist.

# 77/19 Relation to Global Health Norway (Attachment 2)

Note presented to Global Health Norway arbeidsutvalg 23/10/19 (Norwegian)

This note will be on the agenda for the Global Health Norway board meeting. The GHN arbeidsutvalg made it very clear that Forum is a part of GHN. Forum needs to check their own statutes to see whether this is clear, or if the statutes need to be amended at the next General Assembly.

The Forum board found the note to be precise and cover the main points that has been discussed earlier. One comment under "Need for funding" was that the sums mentioned were too modest.

# 78/19 Status Globvac2020

The website has been launched: <a href="https://globvac2020.com">https://globvac2020.com</a> with call for symposia and oral/poster presentations. Deadline is January 10 and registration opens January 1. Members of the scientific committee are welcome to submit their own symposia. Twitter: @GVac2020

Please spread the info in your environment.

# 79/19 Updated activity plan for Forum (Attachment 3)

If you have any activities you want shown in the plan, please send to Gunhild or Bente.

# 80/19 Membership campaign (Brochure - Attachment 4)

Bente suggests sending out a pdf of the brochure together with a text inviting people to become a Forum member. In this email, she will include links to the chronicle in Bistandsaktuelt and a link to the hearing. Every member of the board will get this email to send to their networks.

# 81/19 Short information from the board members/observers

Elin: NRSGH – running activities. Courses are held as planned.

See webpage: <a href="https://www.ntnu.edu/nrsgh">https://www.ntnu.edu/nrsgh</a>

Andrea: Activities in Oslo

- -Next week Lancet count down on climate change
- -Launch of Launch of Norway's strategy "Better Health, Better Lives Combating Non-Communicable diseases in the Context of Norwegian Development Policy 2020-2024" November 22
- -Tore Godal honorary seminar
- -Upcoming travel to Tanzania organize conference there on NCD One Health

She is invited to Berlin together with Frode in December to monitor Global Health Initiative at Robert Koch Institut. Good opportunity to connect with the German environment in global health research.

## Frode:

Asked to develop background paper? Vulnerability of inner cities? (the sound was a bit scratchy here) International institution cooperation in Addis He is also part to the Tore Godal seminar.

Katerini: -has just finished a very successful conference in New York

- -Global Health Unpacked arrangement 14/11
- -has a Special issue coming out



Bente: -UiB Centre for International Health is host for ECTMIH2021, and the website is

launched: <a href="https://ectmih2021.no/">https://ectmih2021.no/</a>

82/19 Next meeting

Wednesday 11 December 12-13 on Skype for Business.

83/19 AOB

Next meeting we will ask for contributions to a newsletter. If you have any information you would like to have in the newsletter, you can let us know then.



#### Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research Meeting

#### Agenda

16 October 2019: 10:00 to 14:00

**Present:** Frode Forland, Dawit Shawel Abebe, Jon Øyvind Odland, Katerini Storeng, Bente Moen, Karine Kalsås (present for agenda item 67/19), Gunilla Kulla, Andrea Winkler, Elin Yli Dvergsdahl (on skype), Gunhild Koldal (minutes)

Venue: Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Oslo

#### 10:00 Welcome

Frode Forland wished the Forum board welcome to FHI and we are happy the board meeting could take place here.

Bente opened the meeting by welcoming the participants to this physical board meeting.

#### 65/19 Approval of agenda

Agenda approved with the following changes:

Lunch is moved to 1230, meeting continues from 1300-1400.

Agenda item 70/19 Relationship between Forum and Global Health Norway is moved up on the agenda.

# 66/19 Approval of minutes from board meeting September 11

Minutes approved

# 67/19 Note on global health research and way forward (in Norwegian) (Attachment 2)

Forum got 3 minutes to present at the hearing for the government budget. Frode Forland and Katerini Storeng will meet on Forum's behalf. The board will work on a text together to present at the hearing.

Video from the hearing.

From Frode: See link below: find our 3-minute contribution approx. 1 hour and 3 minutes in. Answers questions about 10 minutes later.

Hearing

Bente will send emails to some of the members of <u>the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence</u> with the same message.

Karine Kalsås presented the "Notat om forskning på global helse etter 2020"

The note is in two parts, the first part is a description of funding of global health research in Norway in the last 12 years. The second part of the note contains an overview over global health research in Norway financed by

# 68/19 Activity plan for Forum (Attachment 3)

Bente talked us through the activity plan.

Monthly meetings on Skype for business.

Forum board should strive to have one physical meeting annually.

<u>Funding:</u> to apply for funding for continued existence is imperative. Look into the possibility of naming a working group that can look into funding possibilities, both from Global Health Norway and from other instances.

# Outreach activities:

Campaign to get new members. Make membership relevant for researchers.

Mentoring by experienced board members for newer board members working in global health research

Forum should give academic support to members

Forum should give support to scientific activities in various institutions

Forum should lobby on behalf of researchers who are working in institutions that are not yet members of Global Health Norway

Send out newsletter twice a year – content will be information board members wants distributed. Information will be given in the board meeting prior to publication. It can be seminars, publications, new funding sources, project activities.

Invite student representatives in as observers in the board.

#### 69/19 Economy, status and new funding

Before this meeting and the invoice for printing of the brochure is paid, Forum has NOK 62 773.

To be able to have some activities, Forum needs to secure funding.

#### 70/19 Relationship between Forum and Global Health Norway

-item was discussed earlier in the meeting

Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research started as a RCN funded project. The funding has now ended, and Forum has changed its statutes from institutional membership to individual membership.

Global Health Norway is a network of the major Norwegian institutions in the educational, hospital and research institute sectors involved in global health activities, including research, education and capacity strengthening. Read the revised mandate here.

Currently, the secretariat for Forum and Global Health Norway is at University of Bergen. The two organizations have one secretariat. There is little or no funding for staff.

The secretariat shall rotate between the Global Health Norway member institutions every three years. 1.1.2020 it has been in Bergen three years. There is work to find out who will take over.

The Forum board would like to invite Prof Dr med Nina Langeland, leader of Global Health Norway board, to one of their board meetings to present Global Health Norway.

Bente can bring questions from the Forum board to the Global Health Norway advisory committee.

Forum can apply for funds from Global Health Norway, as well as other sources.

Global Health Norway is host and financially responsible of the annual global health conference in Norway (In 2020 the final Globvac conference will be held). Forum is present in the scientific committee and contributes to programmes and abstract evaluations.

Forum board members would like to enquire about possibility of having one joint web-presence. This could increase visibility for both organizations.

Forum board members is interested to know if Global Health Norway is open to expand with more member institutions, such as universities without Cand.med.-degree programmes, or university colleges?

# 71/19 Membership campaign – everybody got brochures.

PDF of the brochure is sent out to all Forum members.

# 72/19 Short information from the board members/observers

Short information from the members:

**Gunilla Kulla:** actively tries to find out how to pursue global health research at Nord University. The master in public health continues. There will be no PhD candidate in global health now due to practical challenges.

**Frode Forland:** two small seminars – global preparedness annual report – Norway is still ill prepared for the next pandemic.

Planning World Health Summit, part of workshop on one health, one

Has participated in a meeting in Kunnskapsbanken – perhaps another arena for Forum?

Joint actions – EU collaboration research into policy

Global health preparedness programme – under evaluation from Norad – fate decided after evaluations Running lancet commission on health security – health promotion

**Dawit Shawel Abebe:** there is a process to apply for establishment of global health research group at OsloMet Dawit is work pack coordinator in Norpart project with Jimma University.

The project combines innovation and entrepreneur ship. Master students from OsloMet goes on exchange to Jimma University, and vice versa.

Some hospitals has seed-money on a consortium to establish a working group on mental health. Dawit works on this with Arne Eide/Sintef. Trying to link with ministries. Sykehuset Innlandet.

**Katerini Storeng:** SUM has moved to Nydalen. Katerini lead the research group on power and politics. This is a young group of PhD's and Post Docs with varied backgrounds. They collaborate with Centre for global health on Global Health Unpacked.

1-2 November they host a conference in New York: Political Origins of Health Inequities: Technology in the Digital Age. The conference will be streamed.

The research group got Relight funding from UiO.

The group is waiting for NFR decision on funding programmes and is looking for appropriate calls.

**Jon Øyvind Odland:** NTNU has a Masters in global health: 500 applicants – 27 students – 12 countries represented.

Difficult to find supervisors for the master theses. Elisabeth Darj is on sabbatical until August 2020 – in Sweden. Faculty budget prevents any positions to be filled.

Two EU projects coming up. There is a lot of qualitative research going on. 5-6 PhD students in different stages.

Further plans depends on external funding.

**Andrea:** autumn is busy, global health inspiration day, world health summit in Berlin – arranging sessions on one health

Meeting plan lancet count down

NCD meeting

Meeting in honour of Tore Godal receiving the King's Medal of Merit 23 November Conference in Tanzania

#### Bente

University of Bergen, Centre for International Health has said yes to host ECTMIH2021 We need to establish several groups' scientific and strategic committees – Forum members will be asked to be join some of the committees.

# 73/19 AOB

Next meeting is on November 13, 12-13 over Skype for business.



# Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research Meeting Draft Minutes

11 September 2019: 12:00 to 13:00

Present: Gunilla Kulla, Nils Daulaire, Katerini Storeng, Frode Forland, Dawit Shabel Abebe, Arne Eide,

Håkon Bolkan, Bente Moen and Gunhild Koldal (minutes)

Observers: Karine Kalsås, RCN and Elin Yli Dvergsdal NRSGH, NTNU

# 53/19 Approval of agenda

Agenda approved.

# 54/19 Approval of minutes from board meeting August 14 (Attachment 1)

Minutes approved with the following comments:

49/19 Forum Brochure: the wording "No need to use much space on Global Health Norway, as we are not promoting them" can be moderated. It is a bit harsh. We do wish to promote cooperation between the two.

51/19 Short information from the Board: Nord University does not have a degree in international nursing.

52/19: AOB: Funding left for Forum in 2019: NOK 62 773

#### Information I

# 55/19 Scholarships to students from South next year!

https://khrono.no/a/403143

Minister for International Development announces funding for 100 full-grade students from the global south. Forum has actively lobbied for this since the closure of the quota programme.

# News from the Norwegian Research School of Global Health (NRSGH)

Board meeting 5/9

Elin Yli Dvergsdal (observer)

NRSGH is a success. It has 140 members now, and 30 alumni members. Several of its members will defend this autumn and spring.

NRSGH hosts three course this autumn and one this spring. See more info here: <a href="https://www.ntnu.edu/nrsgh/courses">https://www.ntnu.edu/nrsgh/courses</a>

There has just been held a board meeting in Uppsala. NRSGH is interested in cooperation with institutions in the Nordic countries.

NSRGH has 2 ½ years of funding left.

# 57/19 News on work with Globvac conference 2020

Dates are 13-14 May 2020.

The venue for the conference will be  $\underline{\text{The Hub}}$  – a new clarion hotel in Oslo. Aim is 400 participants.

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Work is well underway. Three committees are appointed:

Internal steering committee for administration, led by Frode Forland Scientific committee, led by Andrea Winkler Reference group led by Frode Forland

The Forum board members are invited to join the scientific committee. This committee will set the agenda and find keynote speakers. They meet on September 18, 0900-1030.

The reference group will secure that the programme also is anchored in organizations not represented in the scientific committee. They meet on October 1.

# 58/19 Dialogue meeting on Global Development, RCN 21/8

Bente (supplemented by RCN representative)

There was information about portfolio boards, and how this changes from the earlier programme boards. The aim is more flexibility between programmes. An applicant that is unsuccessful in one application might be able to secure funding through another programme with the same portfolio board.

RCN is completing a report on the way forward after Globvac these days. The report will be made available to the Forum board if possible.

# 59/19 News from meeting in Global Health Norway 27/8 Bente

Bente is leader of the Global Health Norway secretariat. There was a seminar in Bergen August 27 where the way forward was discussed. The meeting gave an opportunity to share information between the member institutions. Information sharing can pave way for more coordination of projects.

There will be a board meeting this autumn, and the message from this meeting is to continue to work on the strategy, and to find funding. The rotation of the secretariat must be addressed. The secretariat has been in Bergen for almost three years now.

Bente will keep Forum informed. http://globalhealth.no/

# 60/19 Forum Brochure – progress report

Bente

The text has been shortened, as decided in the previous meeting. The brochure has been sent to a design bureau to come up with a suggestion for us.

We plan to have the brochure finished by October 16.



# **Discussion points**

# 61/19 The relation between Forum and Global Health Norway

Including the relation to Federation of European societies for tropical medicine and international health - FESTMIH; board meeting in Liverpool 16/9. Forum has been the member so far; Bente represents. Bente

# https://festmih.eu/

Should Forum still be a member of FESTMIH, or should this membership be transferred to Global Health Norway? Forum board agrees that Forum should keep the membership.

The relationship between Forum and Global Health Norway will be discussed more thoroughly at the meeting in October.

# 62/19 Plan for physical meeting, FHI Oslo, October 16

Venue: FHI/Norwegian Institute of Public Health

Start 1000 Welcome

1300 Lunch

1400 Forum meeting finished

1400 Globvac 2020 scientific committee meeting for invited people

1600 Meeting finished

#### Topics:

- Activity plan for Forum
- Relationship between Forum and Global Health Norway
- Membership brochure
- Fact sheet from RCN (in Norwegian)
- Finances
- AOB

You book your own ticket, and send a travel claim to the secretariat after the travel.

# Information II

# 63/19 Short information from the board members / observers

# Frode:

Has participated in a meeting at Kunnskapsbanken (Knowledge bank), Norad. The Kunnskapsbanken will receive NOK 50 mill to strengthen institutional cooperation. This is very interesting for Forum. Frode can send out minutes after the meeting.

Read more about Kunnskapsbanken here (in Norwegian).

Frode prepares WHO meeting. Inger Scheel will represent NIPH. Prepares workshop at the World Health Summit. Prepares meeting between the Chief Medical Officer in England and the Norwegian Secretary General Bjørn Inge Larsen in the Ministry of Health and Care Services.



#### Katerini:

SUM has moved to Nydalen. The Global Health group has two new PhD-candidates and one new postdoc. They are planning a conference in New York. Have application pending with RCN and has received seed funding from the Medical Faculty at UiO.

#### Håkon:

NTNU are planning their Global Health Day in Trondheim October 24. The programme includes humanitarian interventions and malnutrition. Read the programme and register here <a href="https://www.ntnu.edu/mh/global-health-day">https://www.ntnu.edu/mh/global-health-day</a>

#### Elin:

Has attended seminar on migration health at the Transform festival in Trondheim. Recommends one of the speakers, Safia for future arrangements. Elin will send her contact information to Forum.

#### Nils:

Works to find out plans for global health in Tromsø after SAG. There is a cooperation with Georgia. Nina Emmaus from UiT attended the Global Health Norway meeting. Nils tries to secure a meeting with her. Frode will also send names of two people from Tromsø attending the meeting at the Kunnskapsbanken to Nils.

#### Gunilla:

After a turbulent period at Nord University, a new rector has been appointed. There is a lot of activity at campus. Gunilla will keep the global health topics active in her environments.

#### Bente:

Many from UiB will be going to Liverpool next week for ECTMIH2019. This conference will be held in Bergen in 2021, so it is important to learn from Liverpool.

64/19 AOB



# **Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research**

#### **Draft minutes**

# Meeting 14 August 2019: 12:00 to 13:00

Present: Jon Øyvind Odland, Arne H. Eide, Dawit Shawel Abebe, Nils Daulaire, Gunilla Kulla, Ingeborg Haavardsson (substitute for Andrea Winkler), Bente E. Moen & Gunhild Koldal

# 46/19 Approval of agenda

Agenda approved.

# 47/19 Approval of minutes from board meeting June 5 (Attachment 1)

Minutes approved.

# 48/19 Activity plan – step 1.

The board went through the plan and added some activities.

For more activities, please send this to Bente. We will discuss the activity plan more in detail at the Forum meeting in Oslo 16 October (one main topic).

# Important to include in the plan:

Outreach activity/promotion of global health research for the newer universities/institutions with less experience in global health research

# 49/19 Forum Brochure

The brochure will be printed, published online and distributed through emails/newsletter.

The text in the brochure can be shorter and more to the point.

We must revise the text to be more in line with today's understanding of global health research, while still be in line with the Forum statutes.

Everybody is asked to send comments and feedback this week to Bente, and we will alter the brochure text accordingly.

No need to use much space on Global Health Norway, as we are not promoting them. A hyperlink to their webpage can be enough.

Bente will be in contact with Dawit about the final changes.

# 50/19 Dialogue meeting on Global Development, RCN 21/8

Contributions from the board is needed, as Bente will attend a dialogue meeting in RCN.

It is important that Bente is clear about her representing Forum as well as UiB.

Topics for further/continued research mentioned were non-communicable diseases, OneHealth, health systems, rehabilitation, and disability research. We also need to continue work with the "unfinished agenda" — as we have competence in these topics. We need more funding after Globvac. This is also a political issue.

Dawit will send Bente a list over projects from OsloMet, for information.



(Andrea sent a separate email after the meeting to the board members about her thoughts related to Forum)

#### 51/19 Short information from the board members

**Bente:** At UiB students start Thursday. A record number of 30 new master students ing glopbal health have accepted their offer.

**Gunilla:** New students at Nord University as well. There will be a course in global health from next year's portfolio. There is a degree in international nursing, where Gunilla is responsible for the programme.

**Dawit:** There are no global health programmes at Oslo Met yet. However, the SDG' are integrated in every study programme. There is a person employed at OsloMet working towards integrating the SDGs.

**Nils:** At UiT approx. 20 + new mphil students start now. There will be a global health course in January and March, one week each month. In their second year, there is a global health elective course in cooperation with Tblisi, Georgia. The course with approx. 15-18 students from both universities is held one week in Tromsø and one week in Tblisi.

There is global health teaching for medical students in their international semester. The teaching is in English.

**Arne:** SINTEF works on development of an international research platform, and turning their research towards technology and global health. Arne and a colleague will attend "The GReAT Consultation 2019". They are members of an expert committee in WHO in Geneva, and work on a Global Report on effective access to Assistive Technology.

**Ingeborg (Andrea):** As centre leader, Andrea does not have teaching duties. She still teaches at a PhD-course in global health.

# 52/19 AOB

Next meeting is on Skype for Business, September 11, 12-13

We plan for a physical Forum board meeting on October 16, at NIPH in Oslo, where Frode has reserved a meeting room for us. The programme is not ready, but the preliminary schedule is 1000-1600.

Forum can cover plane tickets for Gunilla, Jon Øyvind, Bente and Gunhild. Nils is unable to attend, due to a meeting in London at the same time. You send your travel claim to UiB after your travel. Forum has some funding left due to income related to previous conferences, not much (25 000?); Bente recently discovered this and will give more information in detail in next meeting.



# **Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research**

#### **Draft minutes**

Meeting 5 June 2019: 12:00 to 13:00

**Present:** Jon Øyvind Odland, Nils Daulaire, Dawit Shawel Abebe, Frode Forland, Bente Moen, Andrea Winkler (I. Haavardstun, help for Andrea), Gunhild Koldal (ref)

# 36/19 Approval of agenda

Agenda approved.

# 37/19 Approval of minutes from board meeting May 8 (Attachment 1)

Agenda no 32/19 correction: F. Forland been in NIPH since 2013, not 2010, as written in the minutes. Minutes approved with correction.

#### 38/19 Status Globvac conference in 2020

The contract is signed with the Research Council. NIPH will host the conference in Oslo with assistance from UiO and Forum. Dates are yet to be confirmed, but the conference will most likely be held in beginning of May. Some of the Forum board members will be asked to participate in the planning of the scientific programme.

#### 39/19 Status ECTMIH 2021 in Bergen

Proposed dates: September 27- October 1 (week 35). Proposed venue is Grieghallen. Bente works on this. More information will come in the August Forum-meeting.

# 40/19 Start of Forum plan of activity for 2019/2020

Activities to put in to the plan: Global health Day in Trondheim October 2019 Globvac conference 2020

Global Health Inspiration Days in Oslo Global Mental Health day in Oslo

Other arrangements can be put in the plan, if you inform about them in the next meeting.

Forum can become more politically active. Policymaking – dialogue with central politicians, RCN, NORAD, and others.

Find a way to work with and through Global Health Norway.

Jon Øyvind and Frode will make a subgroup, and try to come up with a strategy for this. Other interested board members are welcome to join them.

Support global health research.

Facilitate cooperation between institutions and researchers.

Connect with funding organisations and research institutions.

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Clarify Forum structure.

Work on funding for Forum.

One physical board meeting per year.

Increase interest in global health. Be agenda setting.

Bente will present an activity plan next meeting.

#### 41/19 Visualization of Forum

- -Webpage
- -Members bio presentation on webpage
- -Social media platform

Forum should make a communication plan.

Decide on what type of information Forum will present, and through what media. Profile.

Is it possible to have a joint webpage with Global Health Norway, and still keep Forum's identity? Will Global Health Norway be interested? Bente discusses this with the Global Health Norway hourd

It is important to be aware of the resources available when planning the online presence.

The members who have yet to send in their picture and a short bio are asked to do so. Send to gunhild.koldal@uib.no

#### 42/19 Brochure – how to present Forum

Dawit goes through the old brochures, and gives a short feedback on what text we can keep. The brochure will be on the agenda again in August.

## 43/19 Short information from the board members

Frode Forland: there is deep concern about the ongoing Ebola outbreak in DRC – it gets very little media attention. NIPH is planning a meeting at the World Health Summit in Berlin in October.

Andrea Winkler: Plans two or three panels at the World Health Summit on One Health. Has had a meeting in the Lancet One Health Commission.

Dawit Shawel Abebe: Oslo Met is planning a project on mental health in Ethiopia, Uganda and South Sudan. Aims to apply for funding in 2020-2021.

Nils Daulaire: Concerned for the Ebola outbreak and the spreading swine fever outbreak in Asia. There is risk of infectious diseases spreading across borders. This is a OneHealth issue.

Bente Moen: CIH is in process of hiring a new professor in global health after Bernt Lindtjørn who is retiring. There will be a seminar for him 26 August in Bergen.

#### 44/19 Proposal for meeting dates in 2019

Meeting form: Skype for Business

August 14 September 11



October 16 November 13 December 11

Many of you were otherwise engaged on October 24, 2019, so we will not have a meeting that day.

We try to meet in Oslo in October 16, if we are successful in securing funding. We will try to identify how much funding is needed in the meeting. (Who will need their tickets refunded and who will not. Will there be need for stay at hotel for some?)

# 45/19 AOB

Next meeting will be August 21, 12-13, on Skype for Business.



# Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research Draft minutes Constituting meeting for the new Forum board

8 May 2019: 12:00 to 13:00

Present: Dawit Shawel Abebe, Andrea Winkler, (Ingeborg Haavardstun(observatør), Håkon Bolkan, Mahima Venkateswaran, Gunilla Kulla, Frode Forland, Katerini Storeng, Arne Eide, Bente Moen and Gunhild Koldal (minutes)

# 26/19 Approval of agenda

Ok

# 27/19 Welcome by Bente E. Moen, chair of the Forum board 2017-2019

Previous chair of the board explained the routines for the meetings

- Notice of meetings sent in Outlook
- Monthly meetings
- Meeting arena: Skype for Business
- Language is English, both written and spoken
- Forum webpage: <a href="https://forumglobalhealth.w.uib.no/">https://forumglobalhealth.w.uib.no/</a>

# 28/19 Minutes from the General Assembly April 2, 2019

There were no comments to the minutes from the General Assembly 2019. The minutes will be presented at the next General Assembly for approval.

# 29/19 Approval of minutes from board meeting March 21, 2019

Minutes approved.

#### 30/19 The secretariat in Bergen

Status, information from Moen

Forum has had their secretariat in Bergen, funded by RCN through GLOBVAC since the start. From 1 January 2019, there is zero (0) funding for Forum.

In 2017, the new virtual network, <u>Global Health Norway</u>, was established. Their board members come from the medical faculties at four universities (UiT, UiB, UiO, NTNU), from the Regional health authorities (Western Norway-, Central Norway-, Northern Norway- and Southern and Eastern Norway Regional Health Authorities) and the Norwegian Institute of Public Health (FHI), a total of nine people.

Global Health Norway's board has budgeted with NOK 200 000 for a secretariat in 2019. Forum benefits from this, as the two secretariats overlap. The members of the secretariat are Ingvild Hope and Gunhild Koldal, together with Bente Moen.

Without funding, Forum will not be able to arrange conferences alone, but will be able to arrange board meetings. Forum board has participated in scientific committees when Global Health Norway has arranged conferences.



The funding from Global Health Norway is only for 2019.

Forum should work jointly with Global Health Norway, where the two organizations can be of mutual benefit to each other. Forum should also look for other funding sources to find a sustainable way forward.

**31/19** The board appoints chair and vice-chair for the Board (Moen and Forland are interested in cooperating on this, but are also open to other suggestions).

Bente Moen has been leader for two periods. It has been many changes in the last period. For instance the establishment of Global Health Norway and transition from institutional to individual membership in Forum.

Suggestion: Bente Moen continues as chair the first year, Frode Forland will be vice-chair, and take over as chair next year.

<u>Conclusion:</u> The board discussed this and unanimously appointed Bente Moen as chair for the first year, with Frode Forland as vice-chair.

The board members are asked to send a photo and a short bio (50 words) to present on the webpage. Send to Gunhild: <a href="mailto:gunhild.koldal@uib.no">gunhild.koldal@uib.no</a> by Wednesday 22 May.

What about observers? Forum is free to have observers.

The Board is in favour of inviting observers to the meetings.

Bente Moen will contact the previous observers from Norad, Norwegian Directorate of Health and RCN, and ask if they wish to continue as observers.

# 32/19 Expectations and thoughts on Forum the next two years.

All board members are asked to give their input.

Presentation/expectation by each board member:

<u>Bente E Moen</u>: professor in occupational health and global health. Leader of Centre for International Health, University of Bergen – works with global health issues every day. Expectation: Forum is important for Norway – wants to build it up stronger, and gain more members. Work more in relation to policy makers in Norway. Address the situation with reduction in funding for global health research.

<u>Frode Forland</u>: Specialist director for "Infectious Disease Control" at FHI, and assistant professor at UiT in evidence based medicine. Background: GP. Been at FHI since 2010.

Expectation: Forum should be a hands-on network for people interested in global health research. Forum should aim to keep arranging smaller conferences together with Global Health Norway. Be informal, yet pushing toward the government and Norad. Encourage collaboration with the South.

<u>Andrea Winkler</u>: background; neurologist by training. Worked with epilepsy patients in Africa where the interest for global health sparked.

Works with communicable & non-communicable diseases, one health. Digital health. Affiliated with both UiO and University of Munich.



Expectation: Working in both Germany and Norway, she knows what happens in Germany in global health. Global health paradigm shift. Dichotomy of diseases. New challenges. Digital health. Multidisciplinary. Hope this is interesting for the Forum.

<u>Katerini Storeng:</u> associate professor at Centre for Development and Environment, UiO, and honorary associate professor at London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. She leads the research group "Power and Politics in Global Health", and the seminar series, Global health unpacked, with monthly events that draw 20-30 participants. Leads "Network for social science" Expectation: align Forum better with other networks, as there are multiple networks in Norway. Clarification of the aims of the different networks. Better alignment of conferences. Radical interdisciplinary. More social sciences.

<u>Gunilla Kulla</u>: Public health nurse. Associate professor, nursing and health science faculty, Nord University. Teaches bachelor and master students. Nord University does not have global health institute or faculty yet, but have people working with global health issues. Gunilla has been active in recruiting new members – there is a lot of interest at Nord University in the Forum.

<u>Dawit Shawel Abebe</u>: associate professor at Department of Nursing and Health Promotion, Oslo Metropolitan University, Oslo Met. Background in public health, mental health, adolescent and mental health in immigrants. Oslo Met has started a global health network, with the aim to make a centre or institute to promote global health in research and education.

Expectation: Forum can be a platform for global health issues, non-communicable diseases, and mental health.

<u>Mahima Venkateswaran</u>: PhD-candidate based at FHI, cluster for global health. PhD-study: Eregistries. Evaluating health interventions. She is finishing her PhD these days at Centre for Intervention Science in Maternal and Child Health, UiB.

Expectation: Looking forward to understanding where Forum stands in relation to other groups in Norway. The board is in a position where it can shape the Forum in relation to Global Health Norway and other channels, and individual membership.

<u>Håkon A. Bolkan</u>: Works as surgeon at St. Olavs Hospital, and has a Postdoc position at NTNU. Experience from non-governmental sector and surgical training in West Africa. PhD from this area in surgical competency.

Expectation: Hopes to develop Forum as a platform to influence policy makers in Norway, platform for working towards common goals.

#### 33/19 More members of Forum, how should we go about achieving that?

Status: 129 registered members by 8/5/2019

Plans to make brochure to increase membership. There was a discussion on how to reach new members.

- -Use existing channels such as "Women in Global Health" mailing lists. It is important to explain and emphasize what is unique to Forum, and the benefits of membership.
- -Social media platforms. Create a Facebook page or –group? Create a Twitter account? This can be effective to reach individuals.

Until next time – decide on social media presence.



# 34/19 Globvac conference in 2020; the arrangement is led by NIPH (FHI).

Status by F. Forland.

Frode Forland: There were two bidders, NIPH won. They will cooperate with Centre for Global Health, UiO, led by Andrea Winkler.

Date for the conference is to be decided, but it will most likely be early in the first week of May 2020, to have time for the following PhD-conference later the same week.

Topic: Looking back at the Globvac programme, what has been achieved? The future of global health research 15 years from now. Andrea Winkler will be leader of the scientific committee.

Congratulations on winning the bid.

# 35/19 Forum meetings on Wednesdays 1200-1300, does that suit all?

Forum meetings are usually at lunch hours: 1200-1300. We try to keep Wednesdays as meeting day for now.

The secretariat suggest a list of meeting dates for the rest of the year, and present at the next meeting.

Next meeting June 5 1200-1300.



# Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research Draft minutes 21 March 2019: 12:00 to 13:00

**Present:** Elisabeth Darj, Elin Yli Dvergsdal, Karine Kålsås, Bente E. Moen, Gunhild Koldal (ref), Anne Hatløy, Anne Bergh, Arne Eide, Johanne Sundby, Turid Austin Wæhler, Sheri Lee Bastien

# 16/19 Approval of agenda

Agenda approved.

# 17/19 Approval of minutes from board meeting February 20 (Attachment 1)

Will correct the heading from agenda to minutes. Minutes approved.

# 18/19 Planning of General Assembly with election of board

General Assembly will be at the Global Health Conference in Bergen, Tuesday 2/4 at 1615-1730 Information about the Election committee Statutes: <a href="https://forumglobalhealth.w.uib.no/statutes/">https://forumglobalhealth.w.uib.no/statutes/</a>

#### Proposal for agenda:

- 1 Welcome and opening
- 2 Appointment of Chair for the meeting
- 3 Appointment of count takers
- 4 Approval of the agenda
- 5 Approval of minutes General Assembly April 11, 2018, Oslo (attachment, minutes from 2018 GA) (attachment updated statutes)
- 6 Report from the Board 2016-2018
- 7 Election of new board 2019 2021

Proposal from the election committee (attachment)

- 8 Election of new Election Committee
- 9 Forum's future (discussion)

Vision/profile for Forum
Relationship with Global Health Norway
Funding/membership fee

The election committee has started its work. The members are Hans Hadders, Kristin I. Friberg, Jagrati Jani-Bølstad. They are in contact with the current board, and they have a copy of the Forum member registry. If you want to suggest members for new board, please contact the election committee soonest.

Since there are new statutes, the board nulls out their seniority, and are eligible for election. Board members will no longer represent an institution.

Observers will not be elected; the new board can choose whom they would like to have as their observers.

Agenda with attachments will be sent out on Tuesday.



#### 19/19 Conference in Global Health – status

http://globalhealth.no/conference

The programme is ready. Approx 120 registered participants. Everybody is welcome.

# 20/19 Reports to RCN (attachments 2 & 3)

The reports are submitted to the Research Council, and will be discussed in a meeting May 2 by the programme board.

If any information is missing from the report titled: "Report to the Research Council of Norway on Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research 2016-2018" please send an email to Bente. This report will be presented at the General Assembly of Forum.

# 21/19 Project list from GHN (attachment 4)

The list, made by Global Health Norway, was sent to Forum for your information. The list is not complete. To give a more complete overview of projects in global health in Norway, it needs some more input. The various institutions have chosen differently when it comes to what types of projects/level of information they have included in the list.

The term Global health is perceived differently in the institutions, which might be one reason why the institutions have submitted differently. GHN has used RCN definition.

RCN asked for this list in relation to a note they are writing regarding the end of the Globvac programme, and the way forward for this type of research. The note will be finished by end of April.

# 22/19 FESTMIH - host ECTMIH 2021 (attachment 5)

Can Norway host ECTMIH in 2021? The FESTMIH secretariat needs an answer in April.

Global Health Norway has asked for more information, but cannot be a host. Oslo is not a candidate. Elin will talk to the Dean in Trondheim, and Bente finds out if Bergen can be a candidate. If one of these institutions can host, we will need a scientific committee with partners from global health in the whole of Norway.

There is no baseline funding, the budget is around NOK 14 million, some of this will come from conference fees, some will have to come from sponsor funds.

We wait to hear from NTNU/Trondheim and UIB/Bergen. Bente and Elin will contact each other next week.

# 23/19 Short information from the board E

• The Research School

Plans the PhD-conference in Rosendal, 40 registered participants. Ethics is the main theme. There has been a writing workshop in Tromsø in the beginning of March. This was very successful.

There is a good number of applications for international training grants. There is a good addition of new members to the research school.



Short news message from each participant in the meeting

**Elisabeth, Trondheim:** Elisabeth has been in Copenhagen attending a meeting in Nordic collaboration in global health (OER Commons). Turid attended the same meeting. It was a good meeting. This collaboration can be presented at a later Forum meeting.

**Turid, Tromsø**: She will have a new job 1/5 and does not know exactly what her job will entail, due to the reorganization at UiT- hopefully she will be part time in our area of work

They will arrange a breakfast meeting for "Women in Global Health". Men and women are invited, and the response has been good. There will be a discussion on gender balance and global health.

**Arne, Oslo**: works on technology and global health in SINTEF'S strategy. Hopes to make the activity more visible.

**Anne Bergh, Oslo**: FHI works on a new development plan for global health. It will be published online next week. The activity is centred around the same targets as WHO's health targets.

**Johanne, Oslo**: writes EU and RCN applications. UiO has a new dean for the Medical Faculty.

**Anne Hatløy, Oslo/Bergen**: just back from South Africa, meeting with master students on how to write a project proposal. It was a successful meeting.

**Karine, Oslo**: new call from Globvac out now. Nok 15 mill on Climate, Environment and Health. Webinar on March 29.

**Bente, Bergen:** UiB staff and students has a climate campaign to put focus on travelling, and to try to reduce this. Same is happening at NTNU.

At CIH the admission of new students to the master programme is ongoing. Try to find out how to reach good, new students after the end of the quota programme.

Bente would like Andrea Winkler to present the network Women in Global Health at a later board meeting.

**Sheri, Oslo**: Norglobal - application. Has informed her colleagues about the election and the conference Been in touch with the election committee also, to talk about candidates from NMBU

#### 24/19 Next meeting

Will be after the General Assembly, the new board will decide the date.

25/19 AOB



# Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research Agenda 20 February 2019: 12:00 to 13:00

Til stede: Bente, Gunhild, Anne Hatløy, Johanne, Karine, Sheri, Elisabeth,

# 07/19 Approval of agenda

Agenda approved.

# 08/19 Approval of minutes from board meeting January 23 (Attachment 1)

Minutes approved

# 09/19 2019 conference in Global Health – marketing

http://globalhealth.no/conference

Information about the conference is sent out in a Forum newsletter and from Turid on social media. We agreed that Elisabeth asks Elin to send when she informs about the PhD-conference.

Regarding a question about support for master students to attend. There are no funds for this.

Remember to sign up for the conference and to remind others too.

Chairs for the conference: Global Health Norway board members are asked. We decided to include persons from the Forum board as well, and make two chairs working together.

**10/19 Membership registry** - information about the new Forum membership registry will be sent out next week https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=4977057

It is important that we know who our members are before the General Assembly. When the email is sent out, we can also post it on social media, and encourage interested people to register. We must also send a reminder after a week's time. It is important to have members registered before the General Assembly.

# 11/19 Planning of General Assembly with election of board

General Assembly will be at the Global Health Conference in Bergen, Tuesday 2/4 at 1615-1730 Statutes: https://forumglobalhealth.w.uib.no/statutes/

Work on agenda for general assembly

Election committee:

Kristin Ingstad Sandberg, Fridtjof Nansen/NTNU? Bor i Trondheim Hans Hadders, Trondheim Jagrati Jani-Bølstad, Tromsø

Bente contacts the election committee, and asks Hans to be committee leader – and reminds them about the coming election.



Since the organization is new, does this mean that we do not have to take into consideration the length of service of the current board members? It is important that some members of the current board will be on the new board. The board members present in this meeting decided in favour of this, and will ask the election committee to disregard the seniority (ansiennitet).

It is important to find items for the agenda other that the election Suggestions

- Work on profile and central issues for Forum
- Bounds between/relationship to/with Global Health Norway/Research School/Forum
- Strategy to make global health research visible in the political landscape
- Justify global health research to the government
- Visibility/funding/profile on global health research

We will try to make an agenda for the General Assembly at the next Forum meeting.

## 12/19 Information to the board

Status application for GLOBVAC conference 2020

FHI has sent an application to host the GLOBVAC 2020 conference. They plan to cooperate with Global Health Norway, Forum and University of Oslo.

According to RCN, a letter is sent to them; inviting them further. We congratulate FHI and encourage FHI/Frode Forland to ask for help, should they need it.

Request from RCN answered and sent

The project list made by Global health Norway to RCN will be forwarded to Forum board members by Bente. This is not a complete list of projects in global health, but as many as found on the short time available (4 weeks!).

The RCN note from the working groups will be finished by end of March and sent to the government, and is meant to say something about the situation for this type of research in Norway today.

• **FESTMIH**; report from board meeting in London – request to host conference in 2021

There was a board meeting on January 11 in London, Bente represented Forum. Global Health Norway will be a member further on, in principle rather than Forum. There is a fee for membership in FESTMIH.

Conference in Liverpool: NRSGH students have submitted abstracts. There will be a large group attending from Bergen, and we hope there will be many others also from Norway. FESTMIH wants Norway to host in 2021. Global Health Norway is informed about this and will get a formal presentation of the case from Bente. They will then need to contact their institutions, since one institution must the responsible host. The participation number for this conference is about 1200-1400 people, and the budget is approx. NOK 14 million. The host will need to come up with at least 4 million in sponsor funds.



FESTMIH want it to be in Tromsø. That is not possible. Perhaps Trondheim?

Bente will write a note to Forum, informing about the possibility of hosting the event.

#### 13/19 Short information from the board

The Research School

Elisabeth: has started on a draft for the midway evaluations. The feedback from students is good. The board members say they can read through, if that is a wish.

Short news message from each participant in the meeting

**Johanne:** Has gone through to round two of the Horizon2020 – ranked as 10 out of 90 applicants, which is very impressive. Will need help locating partners in Uganda. The next deadline is April 17.

Andrea Winkler is working on a Lancet commission for One Health – lacks funding.

Women in Global Health – what is the aim of this group? There is a meeting March 20. Bente will ask Andrea to present this network in a Forum meeting (if possible).

**Karine:** There is nothing new about GLOBVAC. Bente will send an email to Karine regarding a 10-minute slot in the conference given to RCN.

**Anne:** Will soon have ready a report on sustainable food systems. To be launched in March. Will send out info about date. Will be a FAFO breakfast.

**Sheri**: informs that she will not be able to attend the Conference and will not seek re-election – can consider being a deputy.

**Elisabeth:** has attended two conferences, in Brussels and Northern Finland where NTNU is involved.

**Bente:** UiB has received funding for a large project led by professor Ole Frithjof Norheim: BCEPS. Funded by Norad, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Frank Mohn foundation.

Centre for international health at UiB is co-located with Northeim's group.

# 14/19 Next meeting

We have to change the date for the next meeting due to collision with a defence in Bergen. New date is Thursday 21/3-19 12-13.

This will be the last meeting before the conference.



# 15/19 AOB

#### About the conference:

All who have submitted abstracts to the conference has received an answer. Four are chosen for oral presentation. This work has been led by Catherine Schwinger at UiB.

SUM is no longer in the conference programme. They could not make it due to collision with another conference in USA where they attend.

The secretariat will make a final report to RCN from Forum. Deadline March 1. You might receive some questions from the secretariat in that regard.



# Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research Draft, minutes 23 January 2019: 12:00 to 13:00

Present: Bente, Gunilla, Ingvild, Frode, Sheri, Elisabeth, Johanne, Karine, Zlata, Turid, Elin, Gunhild (ref)

#### 01/19 Approval of agenda

Karine Kalsås added the Globvac 2020 conference tender announcement and important deadlines to the agenda. An overview of the different deadlines for application to host has been circulated to the persons attending the meeting. See point 6/19 AOB for more.

Agenda approved

# 02/19 Approval of minutes from board meeting November 30

All the tasks mentioned in the minutes has not been done yet. Marketing of Forum and follow up of the status in Tromsø will be postponed to February.

Minutes approved

#### 03/19 Status 2019 conference in Global Health

The committee has published a preliminary programme on the Global Health Norway webpages: <a href="http://globalhealth.no/conference">http://globalhealth.no/conference</a>

Few submitted abstract yet, but the deadline is not until February 1.

Turid Austin Wæhler has suggested various channels for promoting the conference. She will make a Facebook-event. Everybody is encouraged to inform about the conference in their environments. It is very important to inspire for abstract submission.

The registration fee will be NOK 1300 for participants (1250 was informed in the meeting, but needed to be increased in new budgeting).

# 04/19 RCN has sent us an important request, please read and prepare feedback

RCN as asked for contributions from institutions and organisations, including Forum, regarding results from the Globvac programme and the way forward.

Forum asks each of its board members to take the request back to their home institutions to answer these questions and send a text to Bente Moen **by January 30**. She will put all the texts together to send to RCN.

Zlata Turcanovic: -it is important to be detailed, concrete and accurate. For instance, mention exact areas within reproductive health where your institution can show strong research, rather than mention reproductive health as a field of research.

Ingvild Hope will send a list of projects in global health to the Forum board members, to have a look at and see if any of their projects are missing. This is part of Global Health Norway's assignment to RCN.



# 05/19 Dates for upcoming Forum-meetings:

- Wednesday 20/2 12-13 agenda will include new members + planning of General Assembly and Festmih-news.
- Wednesday 20/3 12-13
- General Assembly will be held at the Global Health Conference in Bergen Tuesday 2/4 kl 1615-1730

Potential extra meeting February 6, 1200, related to submission of interest for Globvac hosting if necessary.

# 06/19 AOB

#### 1) Globvac conference 2020:

The next, and final, Globvac conference has been advertised for tender now. See the advert here (in Norwegian): <a href="https://www.doffin.no/en/notice/details/2019-317483">https://www.doffin.no/en/notice/details/2019-317483</a>

Norwegian institutions with a good knowledge of global health are invited to apply. It is possible to use professional event organizers for the technical and administrative part of the conference.

RCN encourages institutions in Forum to apply. If no one applies, the conference might be cancelled.

The conference must be held in the first half of 2020, the organizer can choose the exact date. Estimated value of the contract: NOK 1.2 mill

UiO and FHI have already expressed interest in hosting.

The Forum board will support a submission of an application from these institutions, and make themselves available for assistance should they be asked to contribute.

If a board meeting is necessary before the deadline for submission, February 6, 1200 is suggested.

Here is an overview of the different deadlines in the process (in Norwegian)

Tidspunkt	Aktivitet
01.02.2019	
kl. 12.00	Frist for å stille spørsmål i kvalifikasjonsfasen
11.02.2019 kl.	
12.00	Frist for søknad om kvalifisering.
	Evaluering av søknader om kvalifisering
18.02.2019	Utsendelse av invitasjoner om deltakelse i konkurransen.
28.02.2019	
kl.12.00	Frist for å stille spørsmål til konkurransegrunnlaget

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15.03.2019	
kl. 12.00	Tilbudsfrist
	Utsendelse av innbydelse til forhandlinger
22.03.2019	
kl. 12.00	Tilbudsfrist endelige tilbud
	Evaluering av tilbud
29.03.2019	Meddelelse om tildeling av kontrakt
10.04.2019	
kl.12.00	Utløp av karensperiode
10.04.2019	Kontraktsinngåelse
10.04.2019	Oppstart av kontrakt
30.04.2019	
kl.12.00	Vedståelsesfrist

# 2) Film for Global Health Norway:

Global Health Norway has some money to make a film showing institutions working with global health in Norway. It is a wish to visit different places in Norway, to shoot some film and perhaps make some interviews. Bente will send a separate email to you regarding ideas, permissions and plans for filming.

The film will be for most people, not only those working in the area. It will be published online, and in social media.

# 3) Short information from the board:

**Gunilla, Nord University:** The rector has just resigned, the pro rector will take over for now. This will not affect the jobs there.

**Sheri, NBMU:** Works on a collaboration with Gothenburg about a master programme. Still based in France. Are hiring two positions, can circulate the advert to Forum board.

**Johanne, UiO:** Many PhD-candidates in their final stages of their degree now. Has just started a new project, Pregnancy services for newly arrived migrants.

**Frode, FHI:** development plan for global health for FHI, can be shared with Forum board. Works with UiO on digital Health systems. Preparation for WHO board meeting.

**Elisabeth, NTNU:** master programme goes well, four new PhD candidates. Has made a research group for the whole of NTNU. Lot of activity writing applications before the April 10 deadline. Is also going to Brussel to write EU-application

**Bente, UiB:** has attended FESTMIH board meeting. This year's conference is in Liverpool, abstract deadline February 1. <a href="https://www.ectmih2019.org/">https://www.ectmih2019.org/</a> Forum has been approached to be host in 2021. This will be discussed in the next board meeting.

Next meeting: February 20, 12-13