



General Assembly 2016

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Lauritz Meltzers House

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1 Welcome and opening

The General Assembly was opened by the Head of the Board, Bente E. Moen.

2 Appointment of Chair for the meeting

Nils Gunnar Songstad was appointed chair for the General Assembly.

3 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

4 Approval of minutes General Assembly 17 March 2015, Oslo

With reference to agenda item “Election of new board 2015 – 2017” the board informed the General Assembly that following a formal request from the University of Oslo, dated 14 September 2015, the roles of Per Ole Iversen and Johanne Sundby have been swapped. Sundby has served as the board member representative from University of Oslo and Iversen has served as the deputy member. The change was approved by the board at the meeting 25 September 2015 (item 27/15).

The minutes were approved with the additional information given above.

5 Annual Report 2015 from the Board

Bente E. Moen presented the activity report including the economy report. The General Assembly was informed that the names of two board members (Graziella Van den Bergh and Tordis Trovik) were missing in the activity report.

The activity report and economy report approved with the comment above.

6 Information from the Board

• Norwegian Research School in Global Health

Elisabeth Darj informed the General Assembly that the Norwegian Research School in Global Health has received funding for 6 years (3+3 years) from the Research Council of Norway.

The overall aim of the research school is *to build capacity in global health by a strong national team to meet the challenges within education and research*. The working group will continue and they will soon suggest an interim board for the research school, until permanent representatives are elected.

• Norwegian Institute of Global Health



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Frode Forland informed the General Assembly about the process of establishing a national institute of global health. The plans have been discussed in different arenas, for example in the HelseOmsorg21 strategy and in meetings for the deans of the Medical Faculties in Norway. The Forum has been supportive of the idea.

In May 2016 *Nasjonal samarbeidsgruppe for helseforskning i spesialisthelsetjenesten (NSG)* decided to establish The Norwegian Institute of Global Health (NIGH).

The General Assembly discussed how NIGH will relate to the different initiatives and networks such as the Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research, the Research School in Global Health, *Nasjonal samarbeidsgruppe for helseforskning i spesialisthelsetjenesten (NSG)*, Norsk helsennettverk for utvikling (NHU) etc.

NIGH aims to take on a more operational role than the networks that are already in place. The management and secretariat services will be maintained in a rotation basis among member institutions. NIGH will be established for a trial period of 5 years, and will be evaluated in this period.

7 Future plans for the Forum

Bente E. Moen presented the activity plan for coming three-year period. The funding from the Research Council of Norway is reduced from earlier funding periods because of uncertainties in funding for the GLOBVAC programme in the Research Council of Norway.

National Global Health Conference in 2018

The Norwegian Institute of Public Health (NIPH) offers to host the conference in Oslo in 2018, perhaps together with the University of Oslo or one of the other institutions in Oslo.

8 Any other business

Bente E. Moen informed the General Assembly that the Forum secretariat has received a request from Associate Professor Katerini Storeng at the University of Oslo. She enquires if it is possible to establish a topical network in the Forum, which will focus on social sciences in global health research. The General Assembly is positive to this initiative, and asks the board to discuss the possibilities further.