



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Minutes General Assembly 2008

31 October 2008, 1300-1430
Radisson SAS Royal Hotel, Bergen

General Assembly participants: 32 members and 3 observers of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Welcome and opening

The General Assembly was opened by the chair of the board, Gunnar Kvåle, who suggested Gro Th. Lie to be elected as chair of the General Assembly. The General Assembly approved the suggested chair.

Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

Minutes General Assembly 18 October 2007, Trondheim

The minutes were approved.

Activities of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

a) Report on activities 2007-2008

Gunnar Kvåle briefed the General Assembly on the activities in 2007 and 2008. Members of the General Assembly suggested that representation in international organizations, e.g. the Global Forum for Health Research, should be on the agenda of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research. The General Assembly members also suggested that the board should continue the work on establishing a national research school in global health and that the effort of putting global health research on the agenda following the report NOU 2008:14 *Samstemt for utvikling? Hvordan en helhetlig norsk politikk kan bidra til utvikling i fattige land* should continue. The workshop on implementation research in June 2008 where the Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research was a co-organizer was also pointed out as an important activity.

b) Work plan 2009

Gunnar Kvåle briefed the General Assembly on the work plan for 2009.

Some issues were suggested to be included in the work plan:

- The high rate of researchers reaching retirement age and the limited recruitment to global health research should be addressed
- The pool of knowledge available through the Norwegian Open Research Archives (NORA) should be made available through the Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

c) Inventory of global health research projects in Norway

Nils Gunnar Songstad briefed the General Assembly on the inventory of global health research and the information available.



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Approval of election procedures and election of the new board 2009 – 2010

Nils Gunnar Songstad presented the suggested procedures for election of new board members. The procedures were approved but members of the General Assembly raised some issues concerning the elections. Jon Øyvind Odland proposed that the chairperson of the board preferably should be elected directly by the General Assembly. It was suggested that it is considered if the Statutes should be revised on this point.

The election committee's proposal was presented by Sidsel Roalkvam. The General Assembly did not propose alternative candidates and the election results are:

UNIVERSITIES

University of Agder

Board member: June Jacobsen Steen
Deputy: Stephen Seiler

University of Bergen

Board member: Gunnar Kvåle
Deputy: Anne Nordrehaug Åstrøm

University of Oslo

Board member: Akhtar Hussain
Deputy: Gerd Holmboe-Ottesen

University of Tromsø

Board member: Jon Øyvind Odland
Deputy: Nina Emaus

UNIVERSITY COLLEGES

Bergen University College

Board member: Karen Marie Moland
Deputy: Ole Bjørn Rekdal

Sør-Trøndelag University College and Nord-Trøndelag University College

Board member: Solveig Kirsti Grudt
Deputy: Malvin Torsvik

OTHER INSTITUTIONS WITH ACTIVITIES IN GLOBAL HEALTH RESEARCH

Board member: Ottar Mæstad, CMI
Deputy: Anne Hatløy, Fafo

INDEPENDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Board member: Atle Fretheim, Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services
Deputy: Elizabeth Paulsen, Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services

Board member: Inger B. Scheel, SINTEF
Deputy: Arne Henning Eide, SINTEF



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The General Assembly also elected the new election committee.

Member: Professor Gunnar A. Bjune, University of Oslo

Deputy: Associate professor Sidsel Roalkvam, University of Oslo

Member: Professor Berit Schei, NTNU

Deputy: Researcher Liv Elin Torheim, FAFO/AIS

Member: Post Doc Nina Foss, University of Tromsø

Deputy: Professor Tore Jarl Gutteberg, University of Tromsø

Information from the General Assembly's members and observers

Gunnar Kvåle informed the General Assembly about the 6th European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health, 6-10 September 2009, Verona, Italy.