



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Minutes of General Assembly 2025

5 November 2025 16:00-17:00
Nygårdsgaten 5, Bergen plus Zoom meeting

Chair of the board of Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research, Thorkild Tylleskär welcomed the participants.

23 members participated in the General Assembly.

1) Appointment of chair for the meeting

Nils Gunnar Songstad was appointed.

2) Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

3) Approval of minutes from General Assembly 1 November 2024 (hosted online)

Minutes were approved.

4) Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research 2023-2024; activities and finances

The current board was elected on the General Assembly in 2023. The board has had eight meetings since last the General Assembly.

Thorkild Tylleskär gave a briefing the newly established [Norwegian Research School on Global Health and Sustainable Futures](#). The official opening of the Research School took place during the Global Health Norway conference 5-6 November 2025

Thorkild Tylleskär briefed the General Assembly about [Federation of European Societies for Tropical Medicine and International Health](#) (FESTMIH) and the [European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health](#) (ECTMIH) that took place in Hamburg 29 September – 2 October 2025. Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research organised the session *Quality maternal care on the margins* at ECTMIH.

The membership list includes approximately 140 members, of which 84% are affiliated with a Norwegian institution. The institutions with the largest number of members are University of Bergen, University of Oslo, and NTNU.

In 2024, Global Health Norway allocated a grant of NOK 100,000. The surplus at the end of 2024 was NOK 33,729, which was carried forward to 2025. The 2025 budget covers travel costs to ECTMIH, the FESTMIH membership fee, board members' travel

to the Global Health Norway conference in Bergen, and the Grant Writing Seminar on 7 November 2025.

5) Elections

Nils Gunnar Songstad briefed the General Assembly on the election procedure for nine board members and five substitute members. The board will serve for the period 2025–2027.

The election committee proposed 18 candidates. Voting was conducted digitally; however, some participants experienced technical difficulties accessing the form. These participants were allowed to cast their votes using ballot papers.

The first round of voting elected eight members. A second round was required to determine the ninth member, as three candidates had received the same number of votes in the first round.

Board member	
Thorkild Tylleskär, UiB	19
Melf-Jakob Kühl, UiB	17
Kåre Moen, UiO	17
Hans Hadders, NTNU	15
Berit Mortensen, OsloMet	12
Camilla Grøver Aukrust, OUS	11
Mats Blakstad, SINTEF	11
Kjersti Mørkrid Blom-Bakke, FHI	11
Davina Kaur Patel, UiO	9 *

* elected after a second round of elections

Substitute board members	
1. Maria Lisa Odland, NTNU	16
2. Tove Giske, VID	13
3. Ingvild Hersoug Nedberg, UiT	11
4. Ana Lorena Ruano, UiB	9
5. Konstantinos Antypas, SINTEF	9

The General Assembly elected the following election committee:

Members:

Graziella Van den Bergh, HVL
Heidi Fjeld, UiO
Simon Nygaard Øverland, UiB

Substitute members:

Elodie Anne Suzanne Besnier, NTNU
Jacinta Victoria Syombua Muinde, UiO
Michael Sarfo, University of Huddersfield