



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

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Draft Minutes

26 August 2021 16:30-17:30 | MTS 11, St. Olav's University Hospital and Teams meeting

Present:

Members: Anne Hatløy, Arne Eide, Gunilla Kulla, Hans Hadders, Ingeborg Kathrina Haavardsson, Jon Øyvind Odland, Katerini Storeng, Mary Taylor, Peter Hangoma, Siri Forsmo, Shanshan Xu (minutes)

Observers: Elin Yli Dvergsdal, Karine Kålsås

1) Welcome and Opening

Introduction and short information by chair of the Board, Jon Øyvind Odland.

2) Approval of Minutes from board meeting 20 August 2021

The minutes were approved.

3) Discussion with Siri Forsmo, the chair of the Global Health Norway

Siri Forsmo gave a brief introduction of the Global Health Norway (GHN) and Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research (hereinafter referred to as 'Forum'). Overall, Global Health Norway is more institutional based on the organization with the board members from the health authorities and four main universities (University of Oslo, University of Bergen, NTNU and University of Tromsø). Forum is older than GHN, it was established by individual researchers doing research in Global Health or interested in Global Health. Siri suggested that welcome to merge those two associations, but she thought it is a longer process.

Jon Øyvind Odland suggested that Forum can act as advisory group for GHN, as the board members of the Forum are very active in the global health research.

Peter Hangoma asked Siri Forsmo about the reasons to merger GHN and Forum.

Siri Forsmo explained that it can be difficult for the people outside who do not know these associations to distinguish the different purpose of these associations. GHN somehow has political initiatives as it links closely to the institution, the health authorities and the universities. It is not about the research, but also integration with educational topics.

Arne Eide suggested that we need to clarify the specific responsibilities of the forum and GHN.

Anne Hatløy commented that the roles and aim remained unclear. We need to discuss the purpose of the Forum in the coming meeting.



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Jon Øyvind Odland commented that it is important to strength and facilitate the global health research and collaborations between the institutions. There is a new document on the 'Changes in Global health research in Norway'. He mentioned that he can extract some important elements from that document for the forum board. He also said that we should come to a concrete work plan and collaborations together for promoting the research.

Hans Hadders commented that Siri is a good link between Forum and GHN at higher level.

Elin Yli Dvergsdal commented that the Research School can be a good example for the Forum. The Research School has quite clear goal about what to do and where to spend the money. The research school collaborate much more than the institutions, and it is possible to apply this model in other fields.

Peter Hangoma commented that Forum is at individual level and cooperation is our focus, while the GHN is at strategical level. He also mentioned that we should consider what are the rules and responsibility of the forum in the coming meeting.

Elin Yli Dvergsdal suggested that we should look back the statutes of the Forum, where the purpose and activities are clearly defined.

Jon Øyvind Odland commented that he will make a rough budget plan for the coming year, and update the working plan in the next board meeting.

4) Any other business

Karine Kålsås: The Research Council of Norway (NFR) will launch several calls for proposals. There will be a webinar for Global Health and Antimicrobial Resistance research on the **8 November 2021 at 9:00 AM**, where the NFR will provide information on these calls. More information can be found here:

<https://www.forskningsradet.no/arrangementer/2021/sokerwebinar-global-helse/>

5) Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held in week 48, Friday 3 December 2021, 13:00 on Zoom.