



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

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Draft minutes

17 March 2021 12:00 to 13:00 on Zoom

Present: Gunhild Koldal, Bente E. Moen, Nils Daulaire, Zlata Turkanovic, Jon Øyvind Odland, Frode Forland, Dawit Shawel Abebe, Elin Yli Dvergsdahl, Gunilla Kulla.

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Approval of agenda

Agenda item 15B/21 added: News from RCN, by Zlata Turkanovic.
Agenda approved with addition.

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Approval of minutes from last regular board meeting, February 17, 2021 (Attachment 1)

Reminder of the revised meeting dates for this spring:

April 28

May 19 – general assembly

June 16 – joint meeting, current and newly elected board

Minutes approved.

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Status on planning of General assembly with election in 2021,

The general assembly will be held May 19, 1230-1500 on Zoom.

-Contact with the election committee

-Information from board meeting in Global Health Norway – Forum invited the leader of the GHN board (see copy of letter). (Attachment 2)

-Marketing for more members before the GA.

Bente has met with the election committee; Catherine Schwinger, Mona Kiil and Suraj Thapa and they have started to find candidates to the election.

In the current board, Bente, Frode and Nils will not continue. The rest will be approached by the election committee to find out if there is interest in being elected for a second period.

Gunhild and Bente will look into the technical administration of a digital election.

We will start with a scientific contribution, max 30 min. Suggested topic: global vaccine distribution. Bente will write an email explaining, and Nils will reach out to John Arne Røttingen, and ask if he is interested in participating. We also propose Katerini Storeng as an opponent in a discussion if she is available.

Afterwards, the general assembly will continue with election and the rest of the agenda.

On the agenda we propose a discussion about cooperation with Global Health Norway. Forum has invited a representative from the GHN board. Jon Øyvind Odland will represent Forum.



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Forum should try to gain more members. Bente will make an email text that the board members can send to their contacts.

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News from RCN

There is a call out for new research schools: Research Schools for Quality and Relevance; <https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/call-for-proposals/2021/research-schools/>

The new research school needs to have a relevance for the labour market. Deadline is September 15. Contact person in RCN for this call is Berit Hyllset.

Soon, a short text about global health will be added under Relevant thematic areas for this call.

Work has started in the existing NRSRGH to make an application for the new call. If you have any contributions to the application, please contact Thorkild Tylleskär at Centre for International Health, UiB.

The current research school has funding until 1 October 2022 and can also be contacted if you have courses or events that can fit in there. Elin Yli Dvergsdahl is contact person here.

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Another newsletter is needed before the GA,

We should include short information from each of the board members/observers, please give your suggestion here – what/how/photo?
Each participant in the meeting 17 March is expected to contribute.

The next newsletter will be an invitation to the General assembly, with agenda. You can bring text for the newsletter to the next board meeting (April 28).

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Projects in partnership with LMIC

LMIC projects at the universities are not awarded as other research projects, since we often transfer funding to LMIC. This kind of activity is not awarded by Faculty/University/Ministry. A working group is needed to look further into this area.

There are different ways the universities award research environments that secure funding for projects, dependent on the funder, such as RCN; EU, Norad.

Forum board creates a working group to start looking into the universities' routines, for instance how PhD scholarships are rewarded, and work towards creating an incentive programme for Norhed-projects awarded.

Suggested work group: Jon Øyvind Odland, Bente E. Moen, Erik And or Nina Emaus from Tromsø.

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News from the NRSRGH

The research school will have a busy portfolio in the autumn. They continue with webinars.



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The PhD-conference planned at Oscarsborg has been postponed for another year, until June 2022.

The research school plans a seminar on Hurtigruten in November this year and hope it will be possible to meet physically at that time.

Please check out their updated webpage for more information:

<https://www.ntnu.edu/nrsg/norwegian-research-school-of-global-health>

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News on the Globvac conference, 20-21 April

It is now possible to register. <https://globvac2021.com/> The conference is digital, free of charge, and open for all. Everybody is encouraged to spread information in their institutions about the conference. The student conference planned next to the main conference has been cancelled.

The programme and all the keynote speakers are in place. There will be a studio in Oslo.

Films from finished Globvac projects will be sent during the conference, to show some of the activities that has taken place in the project period.

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News on the ECTMIH conference in Bergen 2021

The deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended to April 9. Please submit if you have not already done so; <https://ectmih2021.no/abstracts/>

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AOB

The Global Health Norway board meeting will fund Forum with NOK 75 000 if we submit an application with an explanation of the plan for spending the money. We can plan a physical meeting at the end of the year. This funding cannot be used to pay for a secretariat.

The Global Conversations hosted by Leidar, with presentation of the concept note on global health research will most likely be on March 25.