



Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research

Draft minutes

30 November 12:00 – 13:00

Present: Johanne Sundby, Bente Moen, Erik Eik Anda, Turid Austin Wæhler, Sigurd Røtnes, Frode Forland, Elin Yli Dvergsdal og Elisabeth Darj, Zlata Turkanovic, Karine Kalsås, Gunhild Koldal (ref)

64/18 Approval of agenda
Approved

65/18 Approval of minutes from board meeting October 31(Attachment 1)

53/28 (from the meeting 26/09/18 – information from the Research school

Change this sentence: Elisabeth and Johanne will start on the annual report for Globvac

to: Elisabeth and Johanne will start on the midway report for Globvac

60/18 – add Kristoff Gradmann to the committee members.

There is going to be a Rector meeting in Tromsø 18 December. It might be possible to address the quota issue at this meeting. Bente will write a support letter from UiB.

Minutes approved with comments

66/18 News from Global Health Norway board meeting 21/11/18

The main item in the board meeting was accounting and budget

The annual budget is NOK 540 000

NOK 220 000 is allocated for next year's conference

The Secretariat for Global Health Norway is meant to alternate every three years between the institutions. The board decided to allocate NOK 250 000 for salaries to the secretariat.

Today the secretariat is at University of Bergen. The next exchange will be in 2020. FHI has been suggested, but nothing has been decided.

67/18 The 2019 conference in Global Health- status

The committee was presented. Turid represents UiT, Inger Scheel will represent FHI.

Suggested title:

Competence building for impact

– time for revolution

Competence is a wide concept. Research methods and analysis methods are often a weak point for master students. How can this be addressed?

The research school has chosen "Ethics" as their main topic. They are interested in building bridges between the two conferences if possible. Perhaps use the same lecturer(s)?

If you can think of good lecturers, please let Bente know.



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There will be a possibility for PhD-candidates to submit abstracts for poster. The committee is also discussing whether to have one or two oral presentations.

68/18 Forum Membership registry

Brochure to promote the Forum registry – input regarding photos

We can use pictures from the Forum anniversary brochure. Should not use pictures of “happy children”. Try to illustrate the width of our work:

- project activities
- meetings/conferences
- students working
- people pictures rather than cities/landscapes.

If you have any pictures you think can fit, please send them to Gunhild.

69/18 Marketing of Forum –

How to best market the Forum, who should be approached?

Postponed

70/18 Information to the Board

- The Research School
- Norad
- Short news message from each participant in the meeting

Only a few comments due to time constraints

Sigurd: Hdir – a group with members from UD, NORAD, HOD has been appointed to write a report on what happens now that GLOBVAC will discontinue. Sigurd can inform us of the work in this group.

Zlata: NFR will try to engage the department, find out if there is any commitment to continued funding of global health. Global Health Norway will be contacted, to find out what is happening in global health in the institutions.

71/18 AOB

The situation for SAG and global health research in Tromsø. Erik and Turid informed the board.

SAG will move from Department to Faculty level, from January 1, 2019. Turid says that they do not know what will happen, what type of work they will do and so on. The scientific leader of SAG has handed in her notice.

There is not much scientific global health environment left. Forum wishes to show support for a continued global health environment and emphasise the importance of this type of research in Tromsø.

Erik will suggest a text or some points for a support letter. Bente writes the letter on behalf of Forum. It will be sent to the Dean at the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Rector at UiT. Elin finds out the date for the mini-dean meeting.



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The situation in Tromsø should also be addressed at Global Health Norway level, where all the institutions are represented. A letter from them will send a signal of the importance of Global Health. Forum encourages Global Health Norway to send a letter to the UiT and to talk to the dean.

In the letter from the government regarding the quota scholarships, there is an instruction to work with global health.



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31 October 12:00 – 13:00

Present: Bente Moen, Gunilla Kulla, Frode Forland, Karine Kalsås, Zlata Turkanovic, Turid Austin Wæhler, Anne Hatløy, Gunhild Koldal (ref),

55/18 Approval of agenda

Approved

56/18 Approval of minutes from board meeting September 26 (Attachment 1)

Approved

57/18 Information from Nord University – follow up

by Gunilla Kulla

There is a lot happening in the fusion process at the university. Their take on Global challenges is interesting for the Forum.

What the word Global means in Nord University:

- A clear definition is lacking
- The global perspective: focus on patients and use of technology
- Aims to work on nursing and care in the home
- Learn from international cooperation
- Frode: FHI defines international cooperation on technology outside of global health work
- Professor Marianne Hedlund is very much involved in Global Health, she is in Levanger

58/18 Changes in Norad – follow up

by Ingvar Theodor Evjen Olsen

Evjen Olsen informed about the changes in Norad in the last Forum meeting. Then it was still some uncertainty as to what would happen with the scientific environment. There is a group led by Hege Hertzberg who will come with a report in 2019.

We keep the item on the agenda for next meeting.

59/18 The 2019 conference in Global Health- status

by Bente Moen

The following people has agreed to be in the scientific committee: Gunilla Kulla, Nord universitet, Katerini Storeng, SUM UiO, Inger Scheel, UiT, Jan Øyvind Odland, NTNU, Catherine Schwinger, UiB, Anne Hatløy, Fafo, Øystein Evjen Olsen, SUS, Bente Moen, UiB.

The first meeting will be held November 1, to constitute the committee and to start the work on finding an overarching theme/topic.

Global Health Norway is responsible for the conference; Forum is involved in the scientific side.



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Suggested topics:

Sustainable development goals, policy, digitalization, universal health coverage, readiness/preparedness (beredskap), one health, WHO, ethics, (will be topic in the PhD-conference)

60/18 Report from DIKU – “Evaluering av avviklingen av Kvoteordningen” (Attachment 2)

Not sure if the report is sent out for comments yet (høring). The institutions with most experience with the quota programme were most critical to it, while institutions with less experience were more positive in the report. The conclusion is that there has been a change, and it is too early to see any results yet.

Forum can give recommendations for new programmes.

The group in Forum who worked on giving a response to this evaluation, will look into this.

Bente will initiate a meeting with Elin, Elisabeth and Johanne.

61/18 ECTMIH – follow up

by Bente Moen

Bente has requested some more information from Karel Gyselinck since our last meeting, but has received none.

The host for this conference needs to raise NOK 10 000 000 in sponsor funds – which means this is a huge economic burden. Forum cannot accept this now. However, we can participate in a scientific capacity.

Bente presents this to Global Health Norway and asks if they are interested.

There are some places in Norway that can arrange a conference of this size.

62/18 Forum Membership registry – when do we open up for registering?

<https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=4977057>

Before we send out, check that we comply with the GDPR/personvernforordningen.

The secretariat will make a brochure and send out to all who receives the newsletter now.

We must change the text in the ingress. The aim is too limiting now.

A proposal for a brochure will be presented at the next meeting.

63/18 Information to the Board

- The Research School – Elin and Elisabeth, are travelling. Has arranged a supervision seminar in Uganda
- Board meeting in GHN will be held 21/11 –
- Short news message from each participant in the meeting:

Gunilla, Nord U: - there is huge activity in Nord University, however not central to Forum



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Frode, FHI: a lot of activity – contact meetings with the departments, secretariat for Lancet committee on universal health coverage – in process of making MOU's with China, Germany and Russia on global health

-looks into District health information systems, how to go from aggregated data to individual data. A Norwegian made system (Kristin Braa and others), not in use in Norway

Works on global health plan for the World Health Summit where Erna Solberg will participate

Anne, FAFO: expert meeting for «stortingsmelding for international co operation next year. Multi systems is a key word

Karine: The call to arrange the GlobVac conference will be published eventually. Has started a dialogue with HOD and UD about Globvac achievements.

Bente: CIH celebrates 30-year anniversary, all are invited and we hope some of you can attend. Programme title [From Past to Future](#).

UiB plans to apply for more CoE's, one is on "Inequality and health" by Prof. Ole F. Norheim.

Bente plans to make a Christmas letter together with brochure with invitation to join the Forum member registry.

Turid: Has arranged a large conference on heart health in Russia.

UiT is in an administrative reorganization process, SAG moves from Department- to Faculty level. What this means for SAG is not yet clear. Will not get another professor after Odland. With few staff members, the amount of work they can take on is limited, for instance they had to say no to organize the global health conference in 2019. Inger Scheel's position remains as before, 20 % leader of SAG.

Forum and Global Health Norway can be of help by showing that there are expectations to UiT in global health.

64/18 AOB

- Information regarding next meeting 23/11-18

The meeting is moved to **November 30**, 1200-1300



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26 September 12:00 – 13:00

Present: Gunhild Koldal, Bente Moen, Johanne Sundby, Sheri Lee Bastien, Ingvild Hope, Anne Hatløy, Elin Yli Dvergsdal and Elisabeth Darj, Ingvar Evjen-Olsen, Karine Kålsås and ZlataTurkanovic, Turid Austin Wæhler (parts of the meeting)

47/18 Approval of agenda

Agenda approved.

48/18 Approval of minutes from board meeting August 29 (Attachment 1)

Forum has received an answer to the letter regarding the Quota discontinuation, and this has been put in the minutes. Johanne mentions that at UiO they will only accept PhD-candidates with a full funding for their period, which can make it very difficult for prospective candidates from south.

Minutes approved.

49/18 Information from Nord University, (Attachment 2 & 3) by Gunilla Kulla

Forum board members were encouraged to read the documents from Nord University. The university has a new profile, with focus on global challenges.

50/18 Changes in Norad (Attachment 4) by Ingvar Theodor Evjen Olsen

Since last meeting, a project group has made a report with two alternatives for the future organization of Norad. It is possible to ask to get access to the report through the normal channels (be om Innsyn i saken).

Dagens Næringsliv has written about the process:

Subscription articles

<https://www.dn.no/innlegg/bistand/utenriksdepartementet/norad/ud-reform-i-hvilket-spor/2-1-427613>

<https://www.dn.no/pa-innsiden/ud-reform-pa-sporet/2-1-424188>

Forum will follow this process actively, and keep this on the agenda for the next meeting.

51/18 The 2019 conference in Global Health- status

The conference will be held in Bergen 2-3/4. This time the conference will be the responsibility of Global Health Norway. Forum is asked to contribute, and we must suggest members in the scientific committee for the conference.

Ideas concerning topics for the conference are also welcome.

Venue: Scandic Bergen City. The PhD-seminar following the conference will be in Rosendal.

Global Health Norway has the overall responsibility for the conference, and the regional health authorities and the institute sector must be included in the scientific committee, together with the universities.

Suggestions for scientific committee:

Fafo (Anne Hatløy)

SUM – UIO (Johanne contacts them)

UIB, Bente



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Nord university – Gunilla Kulla (Bente asks)
NTNU has suggested Odland (Bente asks him)
We will also contact UiT/UNN and ask for suggestions.

The committee should be settled quickly and start work on the scientific programme.
Johanne suggested Professor [Till Bärnighausen](#) as one of the speakers at the conference.

52/18 ECTMIH has come with information about their conference; asking if Forum can host the 2021 conference. For discussion. Which options do we have? (**Attachment 5**)

The information from ECTMIH was a bit scarce, and raised some issues:

- How many people will be attending in total?
- Conferences with 1500 participants can Oslo, Bergen and Trondheim all host
- Budget, do the host have to find all the funding?
- It seems more robust to have an institution as host rather than Forum
- Global Health Norway can be asked if they are interested, work together with Forum and an institution
- FRIPRO/NFR: can apply for funds here for conferences held in Norway with international attendance
- Will need a professional conference organizer
- It is a big job, how much manpower will it require?
- It can be a good idea to talk to the host in Liverpool responsible for the 2019 conference

Forum contacts Global Health Norway to ask if they are interested. Bente asks Karel Gyselink the questions raised above.

53/18 Information to the Board

- The Research School

Has 135 member from four universities

Seven members defended in 2017

Six has defended in 2018

Are there members who have had their dissertation and not reported it?

Each institution reports directly to Elin.

Activities:

Supervision seminar in Trondheim and Tromsø with/Epinor and others

Uganda – [supervision seminar](#) 29-30 October 2018

26 local supervisors will attend.

Two PhD-courses; one at NIPH and one at NTNU are both fully booked

Find more information on [NRSRGH webpage](#)

Elin has started to work on the PhD-conference in Rosendal – a national committee will be responsible for the programme

Elisabeth and Johanne will start on the annual report for Globvac

Johanne will present the Research School in South Africa



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A number of research school members granted international travel stipends have received awards and poster prizes at conferences.

- Board meeting in GHN will be held 21/11
- Short news message from each participant in the meeting
UiO: [Global Mental Health Day 2018: Perinatal Mental Health](#) – 28 November

NTNU: [Global Health Day 2018](#) in Trondheim, all are invited – many posters submitted already, October 24

Turid/UiT: Things are okay in Tromsø, there is work to clarify structure and administration
Richard Horton appointed honorary doctor at UiT
The long-term collaboration between UiT and Russia will be marked with an arrangement

Sheri/NMBU: Minister for development, N. Astrup, will visit on November 9 and have meetings with leadership. SDG work at the institution will be presented. Sheri might present her NORHED project in Nepal.

RCN will send out a call to host the Globvac conference in 2020. Deadline most likely on February 13, 2019. More information will come.

RCN will not carry the main responsibility as previous. Focus must be on global health, and there needs to be international participation.

The RCN call from March will be answered in November. Posted online November 20.

UiB: Centre for International Health celebrates 30-year anniversary 10 December, you will all be invited.

54/18 AOB

Next meeting: October 31.

We change the meeting date in November to the 23rd

The next meeting will most likely be held on Skype for business, as UiB will stop using ordinary telephones. You will get information about this together with the agenda before the next meeting.

Ref.: Gunhild Koldal



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29 August 12:00 – 13:00

Frode Forland, Ingvar Th. Evjen-Olsen, Bente E. Moen, Elin Yli Dvergsdal, Ingvild Hope, Gunilla Kulla

Due to technical difficulties, the meeting was short.

36/18 Approval of agenda
Agenda approved

37/18 Approval of minutes from board meeting June 6 (Attachment 1)
Minutes approved

38/18 Information about Nord University
by Gunilla Kulla

As a new university, more cooperation with other institutions is of interest. We attach two presentations from Gunilla.



Nord-universitet-Strategi-2020.pdf



Nord-universitet-arssrapport-2017-2018

Please read the documents and we will have some time for questions in the next Forum meeting.

39/18 Changes in Norad
by Ingvar Theodor Evjen Olsen

Norad is reorganizing. This has led to some concern about the specialist environment and worry among the temporary employed. Ingvar will make a note to present the situation., and we will discuss further in next Forum meeting. Can Forum be of assistance?

40/18 Establish membership registry
<https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=4977057>

Comments: Okay so far. Will make sure it is in compliance with the new GDPR before it is put to use.

41/18 The 2019 conference - status

Tromsø will not be able to host the conference next year.

It will be held in Bergen, most likely in beginning of April. We will have a dialogue with the research school; to find dates that work for both the conference and a PhD-conference.



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Will be decided quickly.

42/18 Evaluation of the discontinuation of the Quota Scheme

Status by Bente Moen, UiB

There have been some activity in the media this summer, regarding the effect of losing the quota scholarship. Newspaper contributions and a letter sent from the Forum board were attached to the agenda. Here is an email answer from SIU, received 6/8-18:

Takk for brevet og for interessen for evalueringen av avviklingen av Kvoteordningen også fra Forum for global helseforskning. Evalueringen er nå inne i sin slutfase. Til evalueringen har analysebyrået ideas2evidence, som dere viser til i brevet, i samarbeid med oss valgt ut begrenset antall institusjoner og fagmiljøer til dybdeintervjuer. Disse intervjuene er nå gjennomført og i ferd med å bli analysert. I tillegg vil vi i evalueringsrapporten gjøre rede for hva som skjedde da Kvoteordningen ble avviklet og erstattet av nye ordninger som NORPART, UTFORSK og INTPART. Denne redegjørelsen vil også inkludere KDs og SIUs dialog med sektoren og andre interesserte parter i denne forbindelse og den politiske interessen for og debatten rundt avviklingen av Kvoteordningen. Deres brev passer godt inn i denne sammenhengen.

Vi tillater oss å påpeke at denne evalueringen ikke gjelder selve Kvoteordningen, men vil se på avviklingen av ordningen og hvilke konsekvenser det har fått på norske UH-institusjoner.

Vennlig hilsen

Ragnhild Tungesvik

avdelingsdirektør / Head of Department

Senter for internasjonalisering av utdanning (SIU)

There was a discussion on whether it would be fruitful to send a Forum delegation to Oslo to meet with the Ministry of Education and Research. To meet politicians in person can be more effective than sending a written document. In this case however, the deadline for the SIU report was September 1, 2018, and we need to know what next, before further actions. Bente was asked to check with SIU (which, by the way has changed name to Diku – Direktoratet for internasjonalisering og kvalitetsutvikling i høyere utdanning.

43/18 The Forum webpage

<https://forumglobalhealth.w.uib.no/>

There should be a meeting with Global Health Norway about their website, to decide the way forward. If we link to each other's pages, we can avoid double work.

Suggestions for the Forum webpage: pictures, list of networks, presentation of the board.

44/18 Information to the Board

- The Research School (Elin Yli Dvergsdal) – *no news at this point*
- Short news message from each participant in the meeting –*skipped since we ran out of time*



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45/18 Dates for meetings in the autumn semester

Autumn 2018:

- 29 August
- 26 September
- 31 October
- 28 November
- 19 December

46/18 AOB

Discussion point by Bente; ECTMIH have asked for our opinion on how to rank these topics – as scientific tracks in the conference in 2019 was postponed.



How can we rank
these topics.docx



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6 June 12:00 – 13:00

Present: Turid Austin Wæhler, Ingvild Hope, Sigurd Røtnes, Bente E. Moen, Gunhild Koldal, Elin Yli Dvergsdal, Elisabeth Darj, Johanne Sundby, Zlata Turkanovic

27/18 Approval of agenda

Agenda approved

28/18 Approval of minutes from board meeting May 9 (Attachment 1)

Sigurd Røtnes: regarding the new membership structure in the statutes: it is very important for members from e.g. The Norwegian Directorate of Health (Helsedirektoratet), Norad, Research Council of Norway to be appointed as board member or observer through their institutions, and not as an individual person in order to defend their use of time and money on the Forum. This will be raised as an issue at the next General Assembly

Minutes approved.

29/18 Approval of minutes from General Assembly April 11 (Attachment 2)

Minutes approved by the board.

30/18 Changes in Norad

by/ Ingvar Theodor Evjen Olsen

Postponed

31/18 Establish membership registry

<https://skiemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=4977057>

Amended proposal form for membership registry – please come with suggestions for text and information fields.

The proposed discipline categories are changed. The text at the beginning must be clear when it comes to the new data protection regulations. The text must be clear, and we have to limit what type of information we ask for. We keep it simple.

The registry form will be looked at again at the next meeting

32/18 The Forum webpage

The original Forum webpage has collapsed. The secretariat will come up with a proposal for a new page, on the same platform. It is impossible to recover all the data on the



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previous page, but we have all minutes from board meetings and general assembly, and these will be posted on the new page. The board can give feedback for the new page.

33/18 Evaluation of the discontinuation of the Quota Scheme

Group established; Christoph Gradmann, UiO, Elin Yli Dvergsdal and Elisabeth Darj, NTNU, Bente Moen, UiB

Bente has talked to SIU, and they have now executing the evaluation of the quota programme. There are three steps:

- *What has happened so far*
- *Student numbers – what has changed*
- *Description of three cases, UiO, NTNU and one university college*

Johanne S told that she has been asked to find figures about the quota students, and will forward this already this week to her administration. She will send the name of her contact person. It is very important that UiO gives good information as UiB is not involved at all in this evaluation. Elisabeth D will check out if NTNU has been asked for information.

The Forum group needs to find out what they can do, that SIU will accept. They will have a meeting on Monday, 11 June.

34/18 Information to the Board

- *The Research School (Elisabeth Darj)*

There is a board meeting today, 6 June. Works on next year's PhD-conference, planning the autumn courses and the supervisor course in Uganda

- *Short news message from each participant in the meeting*

Turid: Tromsø will give a final answer on whether they can host the conference next year, after a meeting with the Faculty in Tromsø next week.

There is an arrangement for PhD-candidates working with the SDG-s, aims to be interfaculty

Elisabeth: Working with the programme for the [Global Health Day](#) at NTNU, 24 October. Wants to have poster session this time.

–Health consequences of climate and environmental change

– A new generation living with HIV infection

Sigurd: Helsedirektoratet has gone through a major reorganization – global health and research have been given a more prominent place.



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Slata: The Research Council is planning two seminars this autumn:

One on EDCTP – this will be held in both Oslo and Bergen

One on CEPI – which will give researchers an opportunity to find out the possibilities of applying

Works on the applications sent in in February – answers will come in November.

Johanne: many seminars and meetings are happening in Oslo. Johanne works on an EU-application. Has identified that environments in Stavanger and at NTNU are also applying, and have invited others research environment to join the application.

Bente: At CIH, UiB there has been focus on teaching lately, the master programme is now called Master in Global Health (not International Health any more). The emphasis has always been on research in both the old and the new master programme.

After the quota programme ended, CIH attracts a different type of students. We look into the possibility of offering a track for internship for those who do not prefer research.

CIH is evaluating/ revising the courses.

35/18 AOB

Dates for board meetings in the autumn semester will suggested by the secretariat and sent out with the minutes.

We continue to have meetings on Wednesdays, 12-13, and are careful not to collide with meetings in the research school.



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9 May 2018 12:00 – 13:00

Minutes, draft

Present: Turid Austin Wæhler, Elisabeth Darj, Gunilla Kulla, Gunhild Koldal, Bente E. Moen, Sheri Lee Bastien, Frode Forland, Johanne Sundby, Elin Yli Dvergsdal

16/18 Approval of agenda

Agenda numbers 21/18 and 22/18 change places

Agenda approved

17/18 Approval of minutes from 7 March (Attachment 1)

Minutes from the General assembly will be presented at the next Forum meeting.

Minutes from Forum meeting March 7, 2018 approved.

18/18 Forum Statutes – revised at the General Assembly April 11, 2018 (Attachment 2)

Attached as document with track changes

The changes from the General Assembly were gone through. The statutes will be posted on the Forum webpage.

Further comments to the statutes:

- 1) Comments from the Global Health Norway board meeting, presented by Bente:
Should add a paragraph on why Forum and Global Health Norway should work closely; both have coinciding goals and interests. The two organizations complement each other. Forum wishes to have a close cooperation in future.
- 2) The Research Council has questioned why they are not mentioned as observers in the new Statutes. The reason is that Forum now will have individual membership, and no institutions are mentioned anymore.
The Forum board discussed observer status and agreed that it is desirable to continue to have observers from some institutions. The board will follow up on this discussion.

Both these potential changes must be considered by the General Assembly next year, and will be prepared for this meeting.

19/18 Establish membership registry (Attachment 3)

<https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=4977057>

Proposal form for membership registry – please come with suggestions for text and information fields. *(The form is based on the Network for social science in Norwegian global health-registration)*



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- Comments to the proposed template will be taken in to consideration, and a new form will be sent out in a later meeting. We are grateful that Gunhild has started this work so well!
- The board needs to find out the legality of the registry; how new regulations will (potentially) influence our membership registry. Bente will check these things as soon as the new regulations are in place (endringer i Personopplysningsloven kommer nå i vår).
- The form should not have a UiB-logo.

20/18 Summary of the conference in Oslo

The conference was a success. Informal networking. UiO did a great job.

The location was very nice. The participants were a mix of young and old. The Forum was not promoted enough compared to Global Health Norway, with their roll ups and conference material. This was unfortunate, as this was a Forum conference, not a GHN conference. The General Assembly could have been promoted more.

The numbers: 154 persons signed up for the conference; in addition did we add volunteers, board and scientific committee to the list. At the start of the conference, there were approx. 130 people present. There is still some work left to follow up the financial side of the conference. Quite a few of the people who signed up for dinner, did not show up.

The poster sessions ended with fewer posters than we planned for. We need to look at the routines for the poster sessions and reject the ones who have not paid the registration fee. Also, there is need to communicate better with supervisors/students together.

21/18 The 2019 conference – switched place with agenda no 22

Global Health Norway will be responsible for the finances, how should Forum contribute?

Inger Scheel, representing UiT, Center for arctic and global, Tromsø has signalled interest in arranging the conference. UiT will receive a letter from Global Health Norway with information about the requirements for the host. The location must be chosen before August; ideally, it should be decided before the summer holidays.

Tromsø wants to arrange the conference in June. Needs to keep in mind that there will be two days of PhD-conference right after.

22/18 News from Global Health Norway – switched place with agenda no 21

News from GHN board meeting May 3 in Oslo.

Global Health Norway will prepare a document on hosting conferences. From 2019 there is no longer funding for Forum-conferences. Future annual conferences in Global Health will be initiated by Global Health Norway, who also will have a main- and financial responsibility for the conference.

Academic environments will suggest hosts with one responsible contact person. The chosen institution must provide committee and location for the conference; and make a plan and a budget for the conference. Global Health Norway recommends cooperation with Forum. Forum members are needed for scientific tasks; program, abstract evaluation.



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Forum suggests that the conferences have a national scientific committee to perform the scientific function for assessment of scientific sessions and posters where Forum is included.

23/18 Evaluation of the Quota Scheme

Forum will establish a working group, Elin, Elisabeth and Bente agree to work on this and in addition, Johanne suggests [Christof Gradmann](#), who leads the master programme in Oslo as a member of this group.

Jan Petter Myklebust has written an interesting article [Call for nationally admission system for international master students](#) in University World News 27.april 2018

SIU has an [interactive atlas](#) showing where students come from. It is possible to see the development over years.

24/18 Updated activity plan for 2018 (Attachment 4)

The minor changes in the plan was approved.

25/18 Information to the Board

- The Research School (Elisabeth Darj)

The PhDtnj34hhy4uy-conference had about forty PhD students attending. Both lectures and group work functioned very well. The location and opportunity for networking was a success. Thanks to Line Løv who did a great job to make the arrangement flow perfectly.

The research school will hold supervisor courses in Tromsø and Trondheim. Later also in Oslo and Bergen, together with the EPINOR research school. This is a one-day seminar.

Continues to work on the supervisor course in Uganda.

- Short news message from each participant in the meeting

Gunilla: The Nord-university has a steady influx of new researchers. Does not have any phd-candidates yet, focuses on master students now. Gunilla will give us some information at the next Forum meeting, presenting the status of her university.

Sheri: NMBU: good feedback from students attending the phd-conference. Sheri is interested in a cooperation with Johanne. NMBU has 1.5 million NOKs for SDG projects.

Frode: Delegations with Norwegian ministers travel to China. Topics have been antibiotic resistance and OneHealth.

There will be a meeting in Geneva with relevant topics and possibility for networking.

There is a cooperation among the Nordic Institutes of Public health.

Continues to work on global health preparedness.

Will attend workshop in Georgia and travel to Moscow to work on new agreement on ticks.

Turid: follows up on the possible conference in 2019 in Tromsø.

Elisabeth informs about the 2019 Women Deliver Conference, which is in June 3-6 in Canada.

Johanne: Been attending conference in Uppsala. Is invited by Norad to represent in Geneva. Works on EU application.



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Johanne suggests thinking big when new application calls are launched. Instead of applications from each institution, one joint application can be submitted. Johanne looks into possible calls. The research school can be involved if the application includes PhD-candidates, but not if it includes master students.

After the meeting, Bente realised that she had not told about UiB activities, but also, we used too much time in this meeting and continued 10 min longer than planned. We have a lot to work on!

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Bente: FESTMIH has not provided more information.



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Minutes - draft

7 March 12:00 – 13:00

Present: Karine Kålsås, Frode Forland, Turid Austin Wæhler, Elin Y. Dvergsdal, Stine H. Braathen, Bente E. Moen, Gunhild Koldal (ref)

09/18 Approval of agenda

Agenda approved

10/18 Approval of minutes from 22 January (Attachment 1)

Re. Evt: 08/18: FESTMIH:

Forum has requested information from the FESTMIH secretariat about organizing details for their conference. Not received yet. If the conference is held in Norway, Forum should be organizer rather than Global Health Norway, since Forum is the member of FESTMIH.

Karine informs that the planned Globvac conference in 2019 might be moved to 2020, and held as a closing conference for the Globvac programme. She will let us know as soon as a decision is made.

Minutes approved.

11/18 Future of the Forum – plan for General Assembly (Revised mandate Attachment 2)

The Board should present the new structure and mandate at the General Assembly in Oslo 11 April. The new mandate is attached. We suggest that the new Forum is launched when we elect a new Board. That will be in March 2019. That gives us some time to prepare. The secretariat works on a registry for the Forum.

At the General Assembly (GA) the Board needs to explain our relation to Global Health Norway.

Any other issues for discussion in the GA?

Revised mandate:

We must put in a verb in Article II – first bullet point. No further comments to the revised text.

The next election is in 2019. We suggest that any changes to the board happens then, even if the revised statutes are approved by the General Assembly in 2018.

The General Assembly will be held on Wednesday April 11, at the end of the Forum conference, after lunch. The secretariat will soon send out information about time.

12/18 The Quota Scheme

Our Parliament (Stortinget) has decided to have an evaluation of the ended Quota Scheme, and the Ministry of Education and Research (MER) is responsible. MER has delegated the evaluation to Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education (SIU). No plan for the evaluation has appeared yet. Forum should work for influencing this process.



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A working group is needed; two volunteers are needed to work together with Bente on the issue.

The working group will consist of Bente, Elin and one person from University of Oslo who has experience with quota students.

The evaluation does not mean that the Quota programme will be reinstated. The group can come up with other ideas to fill the void in addition to the NORPART programme.

13/18 Updated activity plan for 2018 (Attachment 3)

Focus on the SDG part of the plan. In Tromsø we agreed to choose some specific SDGs and/or targets to work on, but did not decide which ones. Suggestions are welcome.

Each institution should bring a suggestion for our next meeting in Oslo. Forum can support two writing contests and one arrangement. Choose a specific target to focus on.

14/18 Information to the Board

- **The Research School (Elisabeth Darj)**

Elin: There is a lot of activity in the Research School:

- Allocation of grants for participation in international conferences and research
- Planning supervisor seminar for local supervisors in Uganda – 40 people are invited
- They work on visibility through social media: [Facebook](#), [blog](#), Instagram and Twitter
- The PhD-conference following the Forum conference in April: **Topic: Scientific writing.**

About 50 phd-candidates have signed up. They have all sent in abstracts and will send in draft manuscripts.

- **The Forum Conference (Frode Forland/Johanne Sundby)**

Frode: The committee has received many good proposals for panels and symposia. The programme will be ready and put online this week. About 100 have signed up for the conference so far, 40 have submitted poster proposals.

The dinner will be an informal tapas meal, and there will be music. Still some logistics to work out regarding the venue.

Frode will follow up on the question of poster price.

- **Short news message from each participant in the meeting**

Turid: the global health environment in Tromsø is small, they will try to reorganize to make it more robust

Elin: New professor employed: Jon Øyvind Odland – this will strengthen the scientific environment in Trondheim. Date for Global Health Day is October 24, topic: Climate, environment and health consequences. All are welcome to attend.

Karine: This Globvac call has received 58 applications. The programme committee is working towards a joint Nordic EDCTP call for 2019. Nothing is decided yet.

Stine: Has worked on Globvac applications– works on projects, among them on hearing aid technology and screening in Tanzania



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Bente: At Bergen Resource Centre: *meeting on the political situation in Ethiopia. UiB has many projects in the country. So far, our researchers have not had any problems. CISMAL (SFF) is trying out webinars for partners all over the world, this works very well technically, and it helps reduce travelling.*

Frode: *had worked on Globvac applications. FHI arranges Nordic meeting in Stockholm. Has met with WHO on implementation of health/disease control. Prepares ministers going on a visit to China. Receives visits from Palestine - on preparedness and disease monitoring. Arctic environments – interested in collaboration with Tromsø.*

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Minutes

22 January 2018

10-12 Helsefakultetet, UiT Tromsø

Host: Centre for Arctic and Global Health

Present: Eirik Vikum, Elin Dvergsdal, Elisabeth Darj, Bente Moen, Anne Hatløy, Erik Eik Anda, Sheri Lee Bastien, Ingvild Hope, Frode Forland, Johanne Sundby, Ingeborg Haavardstun, Kristin Braa, Stine Braathen, Gunilla Kulla, Hanna Granerud, Miriam Christ, Turid Wæhler, Elinor Bartle, Zlata Turkanovic, Bjørn Iversen, Gunhild Koldal

Venue: MH L11.202, Helsefakultetet, UiT.

01/18 Approval of agenda
Agenda approved

02/18 Approval of minutes from 2 November 2017 (Attachment 1)
Minutes approved

03/18 Future of the Forum (Attachment 2)
The Forum statutes are unclear on some points concerning research and education. The working group for the statutes were asked to clarify the language, to avoid confusion. It must be clearly stated in the statutes why individual membership is chosen. The board needs to decide whether institutions still can be members, or if Forum in future only will have individual members.

Suggestion for the statutes: have two student members in the board. Maybe Forum could establish a student forum?

When designing a form for member registration, we must consider what type of information can be useful in a registry. Position, institution, topics of interest, work projects. In addition, what Forum can offer its members; information about conferences etc. Newsletter?

Example of membership registration for [Network for social science in Norwegian global health registration](#)

The relation between Forum and Global Health Norway is confusing to some. This should be explained, as well as what the Forum will work on in the future.

The statutes will be discussed in the board meeting either February 7, or March 7.



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The statutes must be ready to be voted on at the General Assembly in April.

04/18 The Quota Scheme (Attachment 3)

The debate regarding ending the Quota Scheme is still active. Please see the attachment and consider how we as the Forum can participate in the debate, and maybe make an impact.

There will be an evaluation of the phase out of the Quota-programme by Stortinget in May of this year.

The Forum board should have input on the outcomes of the cancellation of the programme. We ask that the members of Forum board with experience of the cancellation of the Quota programme send in their note of their experiences to the secretariat.

Please send experiences, facts and consequences to the secretariat.

Zlata tips about looking at the infrastructure of the INTPART programme.

The evaluation is in May, so please start sending information fairly soon. The secretariat sends out Elisabeth Darj's text from 2015, when the Quota Programme was cancelled.

05/18 Activity plan (Attachment 4 and 5)

Bente Moen will walk us through the activity plan for 2018. Please prepare and make suggestions for new activities.

The activity plan will be updated with information given in the meeting, and sent to the board.

06/18 Information to the Board:

- The Research School (Elisabeth Darj)
There are 119 members of the Research school now. There will be a phd-conference following the conference in Oslo in April. The registration will open soon. Inform your phd-candidates about the research school. There are fewer students from some of the universities.
- The Forum Conference (Frode Forland/Johanne Sundby)
The Forum Conference will prolong the deadline for submission of symposia and abstracts. So far, 14 symposia suggestions and 38 poster abstracts have been submitted. The date for signing up for the conference is much later. There will be a peer review committee for the submitted posters
- Opening of Global Health Norway (Bente Moen) GHN:
Global Health Norway had their official opening in Bergen December 6. If you did not have the opportunity to be there, the opening was filmed and you can [see the opening here](#).



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The Forum-board is invited to provide content for the webpages, both news and more static information, for the users of the webpage.

07/18 Short information sharing from each of the participants
Postponed

08/18 AOB

- [FESTMIH](#), The federation of European societies for tropical medicine and international health met with the secretariat for the Forum. They arrange large conferences in Europe every other year. In 2019 the conference will be in [Liverpool](#). They have asked if Forum would be in position to host the 2021 conference. We have not promised anything, but will discuss if there is a possibility to host this large conference here. The FESTMIH secretariat will send the budget and information for previous conferences to us, to evaluate. The financing is part conference fees, and part sponsoring, which the host is required to find.

The decision must be made by October this year.