



**Minutes from the meeting in  
Programme Committee for Global Health  
Monday 2 October 2023 at 2.30 – 4.00 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Sven Gudmund Hinderaker (head), Ingunn Marie S. Engebretsen, Cecilie Gjerde Gjengedal (IKO), Tehmina Mustafa, Ana Lorena Ruano, Simon N. Øverland (Head of CIH), Student representatives: Rafael Duran, Justin Pruitt, Jerez Pietropaolo (2<sup>nd</sup> year); Isabella Clara Angiolina Dioli, Anna Teresa Spang (deputies Shimaa Shrestha, Nathanael Tezera Tuffa) (1<sup>st</sup> year)

**Secretary:** Linda Karin Forshaw

**I Approval of the Agenda**

The Agenda was approved.

**II Minutes from the Programme Committee meeting on 28 August 2023**

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**III Matters arising from the minutes**

There were too few attendees to make valid decisions.

The following subjects were circulated to the member for final approval:

- Subject 20/23 regarding a preparatory course for INTH321A/INTH921 was discussed and the members present agreed that MEDSTATA should serve as this and should be added to the schedule.
- Subject 21/23 regarding restoration of INTH323E was discussed the members present agreed that it should and that also the PhD version (INTH923) should also be reinstated.
- Subject 22/23 regarding elective courses Spring 2024. An updated schedule for courses spring 2024 was sent, also to the course coordinators who are not members of the Committee.

No feedback was received by Friday 1 September, so the subjects are considered approved.

**Subject 24/23 Matters of information**

*New student representatives*

Isabella Clara Angiolina Dioli and Anna Teresa Spang are new student representatives for the 1<sup>st</sup> year students and Shimaa Shrestha and Nathanael Tezera Tuffa are deputies.

### ***Agreement with Doctors Without Borders CIH***

The Center for International Health entered into an agreement with Doctors Without Borders (MSF) in 2019. This was to cooperate with MSF to educate Master students in Global Health. The agreement stated that CIH would accept field assignments in MSF as an internship period for selected students. This agreement is no longer valid. The head of CIH Simon Øverland will draft a new agreement between University of Bergen, Centre for International Health and Doctors without Borders, which will be circulated by E-mail to the Committee for approval.

### **Subject 25/23 Restoration of INTH350**

The master version of the course “Equity and fairness in health - an applied approach to ethics” (INTH350) was discontinued in 2019. The new course coordinator Kjell Arne Johansson (former Ole Frithjof Norheim) is requesting that it is restored. The reason is that the version offered to medical students (ELMED310) has been discontinued and Master students need another alternative on master level. However, it will not be offered spring 2024, but in 2025.

**Decision:** The Committee decided to restore the master version of the course “Equity and fairness in health - an applied approach to ethics” (INTH350).

### **Subject 26/23 Discontinuation of INTH3450**

The online version of the course “Introduction to anthropology in global health” (INTH3450) was offered for the first time last year. There are two other on-campus versions, one on master level and one on PhD level. The course coordinator Karen Marie Moland requests that the course is discontinued because the experience from last year is that it is not suitable for online teaching.

**Decision:** The Committee decided to discontinue the online version of the course “Introduction to anthropology in global health” (INTH3450).

### **Subject 27/23 Proposal development course (INTH330B)**

The course is scheduled for week 51. Many students have booked travel during this week and may not be able to attend. Attendance during this week is compulsory. The Committee should discuss this with the class representatives and get a list of students who cannot cancel travel plans.

The course coordinator Tehmina Mustafa explained that due to the two major compulsory courses “Global health - challenges and responses” (SDG303) and “Methods in Global Health Research” (INTH315) taking place in the first semester and all the elective courses taking place in the second semester we are squeezed for time. This is why the course is placed at the end of the first semester. It also has to come after INTH315 because it is important when developing a research proposal. Attendance is compulsory. The student representatives asked if it could be online. Tehmina explained that it is a very interactive course with one qualitative and one quantitative coordinator. It is

important for the students to participate and will be very useful when making the project proposals. Students who cannot attend must apply for an exemption. She offered to cut the course with one day; work intensively for four days and Friday off so they can travel on that day.

Tehmina also suggested that it could take place at the end of INTH315 before the final exam or consider having an exam at the end of the course as the students are focused on the exams. Further discussion is needed. Ingunn Engebretsen suggested that we have a discussion with the Programme auditor Anne-Karin Hurtig on how to organize the different parts.

**Decision:** The schedule for INTH330B will be shortened with one day. It will now take place from Monday 18 – 21 December.

### **Subject 28/23 Report from the student representatives**

2<sup>nd</sup> year: Recommendation to the first-year students. This is a place where students can give their feedback regarding the programme. Important to be attentive to what your fellow students are concerned about. They suggested that the representatives make an anonymous survey where students can give their feedback in case they are afraid of doing it in person. They also suggested having a platform where students could discuss issues among themselves. The new students have already made a Whatsapp group for this purpose.

### **Subject 29/23 Any other business**

Lorena Ruano is the coordinator for the internship programme. Students have the option to have an internship which is worth 30 ECTS credits in combination with a 30 ECTS credit thesis. She raised here concern that the students do not understand what an internship is and do not want to put the work in. She thinks that a structure/protocol for how students apply for being in the internship program is very much needed. Students have an obligation to travel to gain on the ground skills. Internship can lead to a job in the future as practitioners not academics. So far most of the students who have chosen this want to have an internship in Bergen. If the aim is to get a job in Bergen this is not the way.

Tehmina Mustafa mentioned that there is a project in Tanzania lead by Anne Hatløy. The projects have funding for accommodation and travel.

One of the second-year student representatives said that many of his fellows are very uncertain about their future careers. The need more counselling on this. He suggests that we invite previous students or PhD candidates, representatives from NGO' etc. to tell the students about their experience.