



**Minutes from the meeting in
Programme Committee for Global Health
Monday 10 June 2024 at 11.00 – 12.00**

Attendees: Ingvild Fossgard Sandøy (head), Cecilie Gjerde Gjengedal (IKO), Sven Gudmund Hinderaker, Karen Marie Moland, Tehmina Mustafa, Thorkild Tylleskär. Student representatives Justin Pruitt (2nd year)

Programme auditor: Anna Karin Hurtig

Secretary: Linda Karin Forshaw

I Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

II Minutes from the Programme Committee meeting on 8 April 2024

The minutes were approved.

III Matters arising from the minutes

None

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Subject 16/24 Matters of information

Admissions

International admissions (outside EU/EØS): There were 80 applications, of which 14 were sent to the Admission Committee at CIH for professional assessment. 11 were found qualified and 5 offered admission. 4 have accepted.

EU/EØS/Switzerland: There were 28 applications, of which 22 were sent to the Admission Committee at CIH for professional assessment. 17 were found qualified and offered admission. 8 have accepted.

National Master admissions: The deadline was 15 April.

NORPART project students: 2.

NORSTIP students: CIH was allocated 6 scholarships. Our existing partners were eligible to nominate students, and 21 of them expressed interest and were request to nominate two students each. We received 30 nominations and selected six students from these. All six have accepted the offer.

StAR students: 2

Master exams

22 master exams are scheduled this semester (Encl. 2). We will have a graduation celebration 14 June.

Subject 17/24 Evaluation of elective courses spring 2024

The course coordinators of the following courses were asked to share their experiences from the 2024 run and any changes they are proposing for the next run: INTH314, INTH331A, INTH334B, INTH321A, INTH356, INTH345, INTH360, INTH323E, INTH323O, INTH325A, and INTH328B.

INTH328B/INTH928: Course coordinator Sven Gudmund Hinderaker gave an update with input from Tehmina Mustafa: works well with online format. The weakness is that there is little activity in the discussion forums although students are told that activity counts towards the grade. Few of our own students participate, mostly tropEd students. Some minor changes before next year. The home exam is an assessment that works well.

INTH345/INTH945: Course coordinator Karen Marie Moland gave an update. The evaluation which was enclosed was from last year. No evaluation has been submitted this year but the students appeared to be happy. On campus with 10 participants, works well. Reproductive health is the main topic. The students would like some other examples from other empirical research. Might change slightly next year since Andrea Melberg will be the coordinator. The assessment this year was only based on a home exam, the group work could be part of the assessment next year. For now there is no plan to get the course approved by TropEd.

INTH321A/INTH921: Course coordinator Thorkild Tylleskär gave an update. The course was organized in a very different way this year as the Stata exercises were concentrated on three consecutive days instead of being spread over the three weeks. The reason for this was that the exercises were also part of a course in epidemiology didactics and the participants of the didactics course functioned as co-facilitators for the exercises. This was a once-off arrangement. Thorkild had not yet written a formal report but had collected 25 responses from students. These indicated that most of the students were satisfied with the first two weeks, but thought the last week was chaotic. The scores obtained for the course were much lower than in previous years.

INTH360/INTH360A: Thorkild Tylleskär stood in for Ingunn Engebretsen whilst she was on sabbatical leave as he had previously been the coordinator. The students from the Master programme in Nutrition were present most of the time. There was a total of 42 students; 28 students on the Master Programme in Nutrition, 5 students from our programme and 9 others (mainly tropEd). The mode of assessment was a school exam with few MCQs and more applied questions. The home assignment should be integrated as a compulsory work requirement instead of being part of the assessment. This is to be fair with the students that do not use AI to write their assessments.

INTH356/INTH956: This year Sven Gudmund Hinderaker and Juan Pablo Lopez Cervantes were coordinators (Cecilie Svanes was on a sabbatical leave). The course went fairly well. 6 NORPART students from Pakistan took the course, and Tehmina reported that they were very satisfied. Regarding the PhD version (INTH956) they suggested that the marking of the essay should be dropped since access to artificial intelligence makes it more difficult to assess the essays.

INTH323E/INTH923/INTH323O: Karen Marie Moland was the co-coordinator for all three versions. Marthe E.S. Haaland was the main coordinator for INTH323E/INTH923 (on campus) and Andrea Melberg for INTH323O (online). There were 12 students on campus and 30 students online. One student in the online course failed because he clearly had used AI for writing his assignment, the language was too advanced for the student who had poor language skills, in addition he did not participate in discussions. The course will only run online next year because Marte is on maternity leave. Karen Marie will coordinate it.

Subject 18/24 Elective courses BCEPS300 and BCEPS900

ELMED310/INTH950 will be replaced by BCEPS300/BCEPS900.

The course descriptions were not shared before the meeting. These will be sent after the meeting with a given deadline for feedback.

Subject 19/24 Schedule for elective courses Spring 2024

The schedule for the spring courses must be announced on the tropEd webpages asap. In addition, the deadline for registering everything in FS (Common student system) is 1 October. A tentative schedule, based on this spring's dates, has been drafted. Linda will find out when MEDSTATA, INTH344, INTH331A and INTH334B are scheduled to run next year.

Subject 20/24 Meetings autumn semester 2024

The Committee should agree on dates for three meetings in the spring semester (on even weeks). The head suggests 16 September, 28 October and 9 December.

Decision: The Committee approves the suggested dates.

Subject 21/24 Report from the student representatives

The students are working hard on their exams, otherwise nothing to report.

Subject 22/24 Any other business

None