



**Minutes from the meeting in
Programme Committee for Global Health
Monday 27 November 2023 at 2.30 – 4.00 p.m.**

Attendees: Sven Gudmund Hinderaker (head), Karen Marie Moland, Tehmina Mustafa, Ana Lorena Ruano, Ingvild Fossgard Sandøy; Thorkild Tylleskär, Simon N. Øverland (Head of CIH) Student representatives: Rafael Duran (2nd year); Isabella Clara Angiolina Dioli, Anna Teresa Spang (1st 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 2 October 2023

The minutes were approved.

III Matters arising from the minutes

None

Subject 30/23 Matters of information

Admission elective courses 2024

We received 124 applications to the elective courses within the deadline 1 November. Most of the applicants have been rejected because they have no required affiliation to the tropEd network or partner institutions. 55 students from tropEd and partner institutions will be offered admission. In addition, our master students also partake in courses.

UiB library course in systematic reviews for health sciences

The UiB library offers a short course in systematic reviews for health sciences with no ECTS credits. There was a discussion whether we should offer credits to our students for taking the course, but then they will have to be given an assignment as 1 ECTS credit is 30 hours SIT, but we can decide to give credits. Reading through took a couple of hours. The question is what do we want the students to learn. Framework – what level of use as template useful tool to build around. Good opportunity for students who are going to do this for their thesis. Could have tasks all along, get involved in the different modules, would be very productive. Relevant resource, more comprehensive than what we already teach. Might be too demanding for the staff?

AKH experience from Umeå. Integrate what the library offers into the teaching. Lots of work the first time. Most interesting for those doing

systematic reviews. Might not be a good idea to give credits for this course, but use it as a recommended resource. The subject needs further discussion.

Subject 31/23 Internships cohort 2019 to 2021

There were three students from cohort 2019 who completed internships at GRID-Arendal, Norway; Kaduceo, France and Virus Research Unit, Department of Microbiology, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria. For cohort 2020 there were four students at the following institutions: Stavanger Red Cross, Norway; UN Women Finland; Fafo, Norway. For cohort 2021 there were three students at the following institutions: HEARD, University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa; NTNU, Norway; Save the Children, Norway.

The course coordinator Ana Lorena Ruano wants the Committee to discuss the following:

- Should we keep the internship open or just help students identify internship spots after they have completed their theses?
- If we decide to keep it, how does the ‘internship track’ get made into a full year course, just like the 60-credit thesis?
- Do we have the agency and support to help students secure and carry out the internships? (funding included)

The question is whether to keep it as it is or have it integrated as a part of the Master thesis. It is aimed at students who wish to be practitioners and it will give them transferable skills. The research work should be integrated into the organization. We should look to other institutions who offer internships and get some ideas and inspiration. Lorena and Kirsti should make a draft for a new course description. The learning objectives should be more specific, the following should be integrated: What types of skills you already have learnt and how can you disseminate? How can you use your networks?

Lorena wishes to integrate the internship report into the Master thesis.

It is stressful for the students to find internships so we must help them (institutionalize).

Decision: After the strategy day Lorena should discuss this with Kirsti.

Subject 32/23 Meetings spring semester 2024

The Committee should agree on dates for three meetings in the spring semester (on even weeks). Suggestions: 5 February, 18 March, 13 May.

Decision: The committee approves the suggested dates. 5 February, 18 March, 13 May

Subject 33/23 Report from the student representatives

They had some complaints about the organization of the course on research methods (INTH315); the deadline for the written assignments was changed; the quizzes were not on the schedule. In the future the students need a more reliable schedule due to many students having to work whilst studying.

Another complaint was that internship possibilities are only for students who are fluent in Norwegian.

They would like the classes to be offered online in case of illness (hybrid). They mentioned "Videonotat" in seminar room 438. Linda will find out how or if this can be installed.

Subject 34/23 Any other business

None