

Folkehelseforeningen

NORSK FORENING FOR FOLKEHELSE
Norwegian Public Health Association (NOPHA)

Annual report 2008

Vision for the Norwegian Public Health Association

The Norwegian Public Health Association's vision is to gather expertise and enthusiasm for strengthening the understanding of Public Health in Norway, Europe and the rest of the world. The Association aims to stimulate cooperation, research and development to promote Public Health in Norway. The Association shall through scientific and practical measures, on a national and international level, work with community related health issues. The Association wants, through courses, conferences and seminars, to be an arena for promotion of research and professional exchange in a multidisciplinary forum.

The Board

Since the annual meeting on March 27rd 2008, the board of NOPHA has consisted of the following persons:

President:	Kjetil Drangsholt
Vice president:	Lena Engfeldt
Vice president:	Ragnhild Hovengen
Cashier and Secretary:	Johan Lund
Board member:	Heidi Lyshol
Board member:	Anders Smith
Board member:	Frank Thrana

During 2008, seven ordinary board meetings were held and a total of 73 items were addressed. In addition a seminar for the board was held on the 10th of September.

Some of the items discussed by the board in 2007 are

- The Annual Public Health Conferences
- Scandinavian Journal of Public Health
- Injury prevention and safe communities
- Organising of public health work in communities

Seminars and annual conference 2008:

NOPHA held an annual conference on public health 27th and 28th of March 2008. The theme for the conference was "Health Promotion in Communities" and focused on various arenas for health promotion in local communities.

The annual meeting took place in connection with this annual conference. New board members were elected and the annual report and accounting were presented.

In co-operation with Norwegian Safety Forum a national conference was held 27th and 28th of October on Injury Prevention and Safe Communities.

A ten year anniversary conference for NOPHA was held 20th of November with the theme: The future for public health in Norway.

Memberships and economy

On December 31st 2008 NOPHA was registered with 128 personal memberships and 27 institutional memberships. The economy of the Association is based on membership fees from personal, institutional and support members, and probable income from seminars and/or financial support from other institutions.

Web

The Norwegian Public Health Association has a web-page

www.folkehelseforeningen.no / www.NOPHA.org

Information about the association, its constitutions, board and future arrangements can be found on the web.

International activities

NOPHA is a member of EUPHA and WFPHA

European Public Health Association (EUPHA) arranged its annual conference in Lisboa, Portugal on October 6th-8th. The theme of the conference was “Health and Innovation in Europe”.

Gunnar Tellnes continues as a member of the Committee of Past-Presidents and Dag Bruusgaard as a member of the International Scientific Committee. Norwegian members in the Govern Council of EUPHA are Sturla Gjesdal and Heidi Lyshol. Johan Lund is President of the EUPHA section on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion. Gunnar Tellnes is Vice-President of the EUPHA section on Public Mental Health.

Scandinavian Journal of Public Health: NOPHA is one of five owners of the Scandinavian Journal of Public Health, a journal with six annual issues. Søren Brage is board member representing NOPHA.

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