MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC) held on 5 February 2019, from 1pm (CET – Geneva Time)
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Main Points

Session Opening (L. Rispel)
- L. Rispel welcomed everybody to the first GC meeting of this year.

Overview of the face-to-face meetings in Geneva in May 2019
- L. Rispel requested comments from GC members on the May 2019 meeting schedule
  - T. Piggott commented that the schedule is perfect but, he won’t be able to attend in person.
  - M. Moore, G. Sverre Braut, H. Nieto, G. Amofah and M. Lombera indicated that they had no comments.
- L. Rispel reminded the GC there were logistical issues, which led the Federation to rearrange the schedule, compared to the schedule of previous years.

Approval of Minutes Dec 2018 (L. Rispel)
- Once there was a quorum, the minutes of the meeting were confirmed subject to the following corrections: (1) the removal of M. Moore’s name from the “Governing Council Member’s section, as he was not present; (2) the removal of M. Asnake’s name from the “Absent Without Apologies” section, as he is no longer member of the GC, but member of the Advisory Board.
- After considering these two corrections, G. Amofah moved for adoption, seconded by T. Piggott.
Adoption of the Agenda – topics for voting with (L. Rispel)

- L. Rispel requested GC members for any comments or modifications on the Agenda. The Agenda was approved with no amendments.

Terms of Reference for the Governance review and comments.

- L. Rispel reminded GC members that the document had been sent to all GC members in November 2018, and was the subject of a brief discussion at the December meeting. G. Amofah, G. Sverre Braut, I. Nicoulet, S. Perdes, W. Ricciardi, M. Moore and B. Borisch submitted comments on the circulated document.
- L. Rispel noted the useful comments from GC members, and made the following proposal in order to move forward:
  - The appointment an independent expert to do the governance review. The person should be independent from the Federation, familiar with the functioning of non-governmental organizations and an expert in governance. This was one of the suggestions made by G. Amofah.
  - The establishment of a steering committee to guide the independent expert. The latter should be representative of the different constituencies of the Federation.
- The following comments were made by GC members
  - M. Lombera, H. Nieto, G. Amofah indicated that they have no additional comments.
  - G. Sverre Braut supported L. Rispel’s idea of having an independent reviewer and steering committee.
  - M. Moore indicated that the idea of having an independent “Chair” is interesting but highlighted the precarious financial condition of the WFPHA. He was of the opinion that it is not a priority given the WFPHA financial situation. He also suggested that this reviewer position could be handled within the Federation, since many people could have the competencies. Also, if somebody from another organization for example was willing to do it for free, it would be appropriate.
  - T. Piggott motivated for a good governance review and noted that he considered is important, although he could understand M. Moore’s concern about the financial position of the Federation. T. Piggott stressed that the governance review has to be impartial and having somebody willing to do it voluntarily would be good. He added that the timeframes need to be updated.
  - W. Ricciardi confirmed what he shared previously by email.
- L. Rispel summarized the discussion:
  - There is consensus on the need of an impartial governance review to strengthen the Federation. Second, the timeframes should be modified and extended deadlines should be added.
  - There is one issue on which GC do not have entire agreement: the funding of the independent reviewer (in the case he/she does not accept to be a reviewer for free). L. Rispel mentioned that she plans to meet with the Ford
Foundation in South Africa, who may be interested to fund the review. B. Borisch agreed on the principle of having a governance review. If the funding could possibly cover the governance review and some cost related to the functioning of the Federation headquarters that would be ideal. Despite the majority of GC members supporting the review, M. Moore restated his written comments and suggested that the decision on who should be the reviewer and the members of the Governance Steering Committee should be presented to the Governing Council.

- L. Rispel closed this item and indicated that she will update the document with all the comments, by the end of February.

### Standard Congress Logo

- M. Lomazzi presented the different ideas of a standard logo to increase our visibility. She reported on L. Rispel’s idea of having a similar logo as the one that had been designed for the 50th anniversary of the Federation. Attached to the agenda, there were four proposals from a volunteer graphic designer. M. Lomazzi has also contacted A. Ochoa in order to reach the young Cuban designer that had designed the 50th anniversary logo, to have a modifiable version of it.
- L. Rispel requested comments on the logo proposals.
  - G. Sverre Braut said they are high in quality. He expressed preference for the design that has both hemispheres of the globe visible.
  - H. Nieto indicated preference for the first option, but he would like to see colours in the continents. For example, green for South-America, to represent nature and forests.
  - T. Piggott said that he liked the use of the WFPHA colors. He underlined the importance of getting an editable file. He indicated that all the examples do not include Africa, which should be the case. He added that the last one with the colosseum would be unique to the Rome congress, and therefore inappropriate. He suggested having one standard logo that could be slightly personalized depending on the Congress.
  - M. Moore agreed with the pointed raised by T. Piggott. Having a consistent logo is important, but noted that New Zealand should appear on the logo as well.
  - G. Amofah asked about the absence of the map of Africa, which is an issue to fix.
- L. Rispel concluded that the majority of GC members agreed on the importance of having a standard logo. The Federation is waiting for the answer of the Cuban designer to have a modifiable version of the logo he made for the 50th anniversary of the Federation. She reiterated the importance of having the map of Africa visible on any Federation logo. Once the logo has been updated, the members will vote on the propositions.

### WHO collaboration (B. Borisch & W. Ricciardi)

- EB feedbacks
  - B. Borisch attended WHO EB with all interns. This is one of the key WHO meetings; several topics including topics such as patient safety and collaborations with the civil society.
- **Relationships with WHO and MoU for Congress partnership**
  - B. Borisch explained that a new governance between the civil society and the WHO is being regulated by FENSA. The Federation’s recently submitted WHO Collaboration Plan did not include World Congresses. Therefore, the Federation is preparing a Memorandum of Understanding between the WHO and the WFPHA for the next World Congress.

### 16 WCPH – Rome 2020 updates (W. Ricciardi, M. Moore, M. Lomazzi)

- **Plenaries & World Leadership Dialogues**
  - M. Lomazzi reported on the progress regarding the organization of Rome 2020 World Congress:
    - The final list of plenaries have been agreed and now small groups of ICC member are preparing a first draft of the content and speakers for each plenary.
    - The call for World Leadership Dialogues will be sent out after August 2019, while abstract submission will be open in December 2019. The Federation’s approach for all sessions is based on inclusion and diversity.

- **Website** [https://wcph2020.com/](https://wcph2020.com/)
  - M. Lomazzi announces that the website of the Congress is now open and invited all GC Members to have a look and provide their comments and suggestions.

- **Advertisement**
  - M. Lomazzi noted that the early bird registrations will be opened in March and that flyers will soon be send to all GC Members.
  - G. Amofah highlighted that that geographical diversity should be among the important criteria of speakers’ selection process for the World Congress.
  - M. Moore supported George and says that it is important that low- and middle-income countries are presented. For example, the Federation is committed to include in the agenda of the World Congress topics such as indigenous health and invite an indigenous speaker.

### New members (M. Lomazzi & H. Nieto/M. Lombera)

- **Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association – mutual partnership & webinar**
  - M. Lomazzi reported that the application from “Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association” was received. The discussions started last year and was agreed that it will be proposed to the General Assembly to be accepted to become a member (category partner) after becoming strong, which it is now. They will get involved in the World Congress in Rome, their participation can be important in the light of having multidisciplinary approach in the scientific contributes to the WCoPH.
  - Additionally, the “World Association of for Disaster and Medicine” is interested in becoming a member. The International Veterinary Students Association and

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1 WHO Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors
International Association of Dental Students both expressed their interests to join the Federation.

- **Four associate/full members from Americas as per MoU with AASPA** — (Argentina, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Uruguay PHAs)
  - As the four members are part of AASPA, due to the MoU signed among WFPHA and AASPA in 2017 they automatically become associate members. Once they send their Constitution and By laws they will be upgraded to full members.
  - M. Lombera indicated that AASPA is supportive of the full membership of Argentina, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Uruguay. Given the economic situation of these countries, the AASPA wants to take the initiative not to make them pay a double membership fee. They should pay it only to AASPA or WFPHA.
  - M. Lomazzi clarified that with the MoU, these national public health associations will become automatically associate members. If the Federation gets their constitution and by-laws, we will be able to give them the full member status. This is independently of the membership fees. Each member PHA can then sent a request to be waived to be evaluated by the GC (each PHA independently)
  - L. Rispel noted that these proposals will be voted upon in May.

**Fundraising updates (L. Rispel & W. Ricciardi)**

- W. Ricciardi had no comments.
- L. Rispel reported that she spoke to Gates foundation but they responded that there is no immediate possibility and suggested contacting B. Borisch noted that GAVI will be contacted for potential fundraising, as the new director of GAVI is also a new a professor at the Institute of Global Health.
- There is likely to be a meeting with Ford Foundation very soon. The Open Society Initiative has a Call for Proposal and it may be possible to put one proposal on behalf of the Federation. Call for proposals needs to be considered seriously, as a proposal on behalf of the WFPHA could potentially be submitted, while being aware of potential conflicts of interests, and ensuring policy compliance. L. Rispel has the contact person of the Open Society Initiative in New-York. She will follow up with more information.

**“Transformational Leadership and Governance” Round Table Discussion (L. Rispel)**

- L. Rispel requested for comments on the proposal and workshop on 19 May 2019, which had been circulated previously.
  - G. Benjamin had no comments.
  - M. Moore said it is a good idea, and suggested that it should include advocacy as one of the objectives.
  - T. Piggott was of the opinion that the topic is great, and interesting.
  - G. Sverre Braut highlighted a new point about the intersection between Public health planning and Common Society planning could also be included.
  - G. Amofah proposed that there should be space to national associations to express and make inputs at the workshop.
“Vaccination & Capacity” Workshop and booklet (L. Rispel & M. Lomazzi)

- M. Lomazzi updated the GC on the 2019 workshop and highlighted that the workshops are a platform to present the Global Charter and raise some money for the Federation. The same process for technical, scientific and fund raising as last year will be followed.

- L. Rispel requested for GC members’ comments:
  - M. Lombera, G. Amofah, G. Sverre Braut and T. Piggott had no comments.
  - M. Moore said a great work is being done and that the workshop has potential to be successful.
  - L. Rispel will have a call with M. Lomazzi to discuss the Workshop Booklet.

AOB No other Business and the GC meeting ended at 14:43 pm.