



**Minutes of the Governing Council Meeting  
 TeleCon, September 2014**

Participants	Regrets
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**Decisions/Actions**

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Adoption of Agenda	– approved
Minutes of previous GC	– approved
Travel JC and MA to Kolkata in December	– approved
Vietnam School of PH to receive Organisational Award	– approved
Ulrich Laaser new Member of Advisory Board	– approved

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**1. Opening Remarks**

The connections are good but quorum is not reached

**2. Approval of agenda**

- a. MA adds a point on collaboration with EUPHA on electronic cigarette

**3. Approval of previous meeting minutes**

- a. No comments



#### 4. Items for information

##### a. Update from ICOC

- i. Additional sponsorships need to be confirmed urgently
- ii. Definition of a cut-off date: if we do not reach our fund-raising targets by a specific date, what is our "Plan B"? The Cut-off date is decided to be set at the end of December with a note to be sent out at the beginning of December.
- iii. Discussed idea of a visit by Mengistu and Jim to Kolkata to visit Science City and finalize venue logistic plans, Congress program and any other items of business with IPHA, KW Conferences and Kolkata government officials – tentatively to take place during first week of December, after Taiwan visit. Agreement by the GC for JC and MA to travel to Kolkata.
- iv. IPHA has big hope in Gates Foundation sponsorship. Once we know, easier to take decisions.
- v. UL mentions the problem of paying ahead and having to wait for reimbursement. KW Conferences will get in contact with him and other keynote speakers.

##### b. Update from SC (MA)

- i. A better version of the Program at a Glance is now available
- ii. The Concurrent sessions are being put together (14 to 15 sessions). The WG Chairs where information is incomplete will be contacted. GSI has 3 sponsored sessions.
- iii. All Plenaries are being completed.
- iv. 87% of the abstracts have been reviewed by two reviewers. The remaining abstracts are being reviewed and notifications will be sent out by the end of September.

##### c. Awards update (UL)

- i. Leavell lecturer; colleagues in India are in process of selecting someone from the field (deadline?)
- ii. Somebody has to be found to present the Award to T.Abelin and speak about him.
- iii. Organisational Excellence Award; the Nominations Committee recommends the Vietnam School of PH and the GC agrees. The HQ will inform them about the good news.



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d. Geneva Headquarters Update (BB)

- i. Carla Taylor went back to Australia and stopped her internship for family reasons.
- ii. Chris Jenkins is doing his internship at the HQ for six months on a part-time basis. He will be in contact with most of the GC members for the Annual Report. He also helps organising the ISMOPH.
- iii. The definition of the role of PH in today's global setting is going ahead. Chris is helping with the literature review and first results will be presented in Kolkata.
- iv. The next fellowship program will be hosted by Brazil (Thank you!). Many candidates have sent in their proposal and Marta will give an update on the next TelCon of the GC.
- v. The first calls for the Annual Report have been sent out and Chris will follow up. Deadline for contributions is November 15. It is asked that people respond very quickly so that the Annual Report can be ready for Kolkata.
- vi. MoU with Swiss PHA has ended in April 2014 as they encounter financial problems. The new one is formalizing our mutual support.
- vii. As Laetitia is leaving, she has to give the access to the WFPHA Account to someone else from the HQ, but this is only possible in the presence of the President (two signatories). It is important that at some point, Mengistu, Laetitia and this person go together to the UBS at WHO Geneva with the signed Minutes mentioning the election of MA as President.  
It would also be important to change the bye-laws and give access to the Director of the HQ in Geneva in order to avoid problems in the future.
- viii. BB met with Henning I. Hansen from IFEH. The final outcomes of the meeting and proposed areas of collaboration seem to serve the common purposes and are open to further developments. The GC agrees to give a positive feedback, as this collaboration could serve as an example for collaborations with other Associations. The Environmental WG could also reinforce this collaboration.
- ix. UL and MA mention the interest from CUGH (Consortium of Universities on Global Health). As for IFEH, the same terms of collaboration could be signed and they could be invited to the President's meeting in Kolkata. BB will approach their Board. MA also proposes to integrate the Education WG in this collaboration. If they attend the meeting of APHA they could also be invited to the breakfast meeting.



<p>e. WFPHA Representation (JC and VH)</p> <p>i. APHA Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JC and VH will meet and JC will report back</li> <li>BB will attend with funds from university of Geneva</li> <li>Rajiv Shah has been invited and expected answer (good mutual purpose)</li> <li>Many member Associations will attend the breakfast meeting</li> </ul> <p>ii. IEA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IEA should be invited to President's meeting in Kolkata</li> <li>Use same terms of collaboration as with IFEH</li> <li>It is proposed to have a joint session in Kolkata. ABRASCO is interested and Theo should be integrated as well as a member from IEA. BB proposes Marta be part of it and maybe take the lead.</li> </ul> <p>iii. EUPHA signs WHO call about concerns on the Electronic Cigarette. Does the WFPHA GC accept to endorse EUPHA's position? A discussion arises and it is agreed to write a message to EUPHA (drafted by MM) agreeing with the political statement, but asking for additional scientific evidence.        BB will also ask the opinion of J-F. Ether, an expert on the matter, working at the IMSP.</p>	<p>f. Finance Committee (MM)</p> <p>i. Fundraising focus actually on Kolkata</p> <p>ii. Canada, Australia and South Africa have agreed to give additional funds to the Federation. Amounts to be confirmed.</p> <p>iii. JC is following up with Colgate Palmolive</p> <p>iv. Additional work needs to be done as MM has concerns when looking at the budget.</p>
<p>g. Progress with AFPHA and MOU (MA)</p> <p>i. The AFPHA has signed an agreement with the States Ministers office giving them legal status. They are not under the umbrella of EPHA anymore and are officially registered. This will help them doing their own fundraising.</p> <p>ii. First conference in Addis on December 3 to 6.</p>	<p>h. Advisory Board</p> <p>i. The President will ask the members of the Advisory Board if they are interested to serve a second term or not. (Advice from current Chair on active members)</p> <p>ii. Ulrich Laaser is proposed to join the Advisory Board and he agrees.</p> <p>iii. The Chair will have to be elected by the Advisory Board.</p> <p>iv. Once the new members are established, a face to face meeting will be organized to define the activities of the Advisory Board for the next term. An idea is to see if they are interested to do the history of the Federation for the 50th Anniversary.</p> <p>v. MM will see if there is financial support for the members to attend the meeting in Kolkata.</p>



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i. WFPHA Public Health Association Members' Survey

The WFPHA, in collaboration with Management Sciences for Health (MSH), a USA-based consulting firm/NGO, will conduct a survey of all of its public health association members to ascertain their governance and operational capacity and the challenges/issues they face. The purpose of the survey is to assist WFPHA to identify the nature of technical assistance that it could provide its members and as well provide the PHA members information about governance and other operational issues. The survey will be conducted during the latter part of September/early October. The initial results will be released at the WFPHA session during the APHA conference, with the final results and a report issued during the 14th World Congress on Public Health.

**Any Other Business**

- Next TelCon on November 10.