Governing Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday July 22, 2015
13:00 – 15:00 (Geneva Time)

1.0 Session Opening

Present: Mengistu Asnake, Michael Moore, Bettina Borisch, Walter Ricciardi Deborah Walker, Ildefonso Hernandez Aguado, Theo Abelin, Peter Orris, Vina HuLamm, Yi Heya, Marta Lomazzi, Tareq Salahuddin, Chris Jenkins, Aude Favre

Apologies: Jim Chauvin, Laetitia Rispel, Judy Lewis, Dominique Kondki Kondji, Javed Rahmanzai, Victor Mendez-Dussan, Priscilla Robinson

2.0 Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda adopted without changes

3.0 Adoption of the Minutes from May 15, 2015 Meeting

Minutes adopted without changes

4.0 Reports

4.1 Working Groups and Committees

- Policy Committee
  - Two priorities – promotion of Charter for Public Health, and completion of e-cigarette statements.
  - Michael Moore – happy to take responsibility for the next draft policy statement on e-cigarettes – The draft will be drawn up for consideration at the Tobacco Committee before the Policy Committee.
  - Policy Committee document (Att.b) – Peter Orris, concern that point three is problematic – beyond our capacity. Agreement from Bettina.

- Environmental Health
  - Development of survey towards raising the profile of health in the discussions on climate change during the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris in December 2015. It is the expectation of the committee that not a lot of activities emphasising health will be raised by the survey, providing a point of pressure to push for its inclusion on the agenda at Paris.
  - A voluntary team has been created to pursue this work with Archana Seeker, Michael Asuzu, and Fiona Armstrong.
  - 16,000 dollars raised, possibly could be used to hire a coordinator for report writing up and following up on securing feedback and responses.
Survey will go out this week, to be collected in August. In September or October it will be written into a report and Press Statement released in November.

Lead poisoning campaign – removal of lead from paint – very appreciative of collaboration with Mengistu and Ethiopian Public Health Associations and local environmental organisations.

Agreement that there is a need to stimulate environmental cooperation between environmental groups and PHAs in different member countries.

- **Tobacco Control**
  - No inputs.

- **PET**
  - Priscilla Robinson unwell and apologises for missing the meeting

- **Global Health Equity**
  - Laetitia Rispel unable to make the meeting

- **Oral Health**
  - Report included in teleconference materials online.
  - Marta Lomazzi can be contacted for any further information.
  - Raman contacted Mengistu in relation to a dental care and toothbrushing project with the Colgate African group. Progress being made.

- **Mother-Newborn-Child Health**
  - APHA will help staff this committee –
  - Point of clarification – name of the group is - Women, Adolescent and Children’s Health Working Group

### 4.2 14th World Congress on Public Health in Kolkata Report

- Report has been circulated, all of the GC are encouraged to read it. The report summarizes the major activities and sessions. Of particular interest should be the report on evaluations from participants in the conference.
- Thanks to Jim for compiling all the reports – huge effort and commitment made post-conference recognised by all on the Board.

### 4.3 15th World Congress On Public Health in Melbourne

- National organization committee under Helen Kelleher operating well. Committee, objective and structures paper to be included on teleconference page on the website for reference.
- National organising committee to have a face to face meeting in September.
- Financial commitment from Victoria Gov – 200,000 USD to support – 60,000 initially released, 30,000 to secure venue, 30,000 to WFPHA. Hoping to raise further funding from partnerships and projects developed during the Congress.
• Update on work of the Advisory Board (Michael Moore)  
  o Moved to AOB

4.4 50th Anniversary of WFPHA
• Jim Chauvin prepared a briefing paper – endorsed by GC.
• APHA interested in helping in the organisation
• Peter volunteered to help – given 20 years experience
• Margaret Hilson to be considered for inclusion
• National committee organizing in Australia to also help and coordinate with the group organizing the 50th anniversary celebrations.

5.0 Geneva Office and Regional Updates

5.1 Report of Geneva Headquarters
• World Health Assembly (May 2015) – Michael Moore was in Geneva, new contacts made, sponsorships links, discussions with Margaret Chan.
• Aude Favre – new intern - working on project analyzing online sources in relation to the Global Health in Today's Setting project and the second part of the Global Charter project.
• Global Charter – excellent collaboration with Ruediger Krech of the WHO – Ruediger has a new appointment and is now in the Directors Office
• Collaboration Work Plans with the WHO – 2016-2018
  o What comments from all GC members in written form
  o WHO very much still interested in continuing work
• WHO reform – what role can WFPHA have in this process? Links to the national health ministries through our members – influence on votes in WHO – possible piece of work for someone to draft letter to all PHAs
• Chris to attend review of IHR in light of the Ebola crisis.
• Chris to leave the office by the end of the summer – thanks communicated.

5.2 APRLO
• APHA would like to attend 6th APR Conference
• Relationship building in the Asia-Pacific Region

5.3 AFPHA
No one present

5.4 South East Asia
• 12th International Conf on AIDs on Asia and Pacific – Dhaka, 20-23 November

5.5 EUPHA
• Conference in Milan in October 2015.
• Mengistu to attend the first plenary – Europe and Global Health
• Planned meeting WFPHA GC with Exec Board EUPHA
• WFPHA will have several sessions during the conference

5.6 Middle Eastern Region
• Great interest in the region in creating national public health associations and networking between the different health organisations.
• Agreement there is a need to map out what exists and what is missing in the region. Javed – involved in the process

5.7 Americas
• 11th conf ABRASCO – Alliance to meet

5.8 Discussion – Should the President of each region be present in the GC meetings?
• If they have time then yes, they should be invited, but agreement that they should only attend as non-voting participants.

6.0 Other Business

6.1 Tentative Timetable for future GC meetings
• October 19 2015
• February 18 2016

7.0 Adjournment