

**WFPHA Agenda**  
**Executive Board Teleconference**  
**Wednesday, February 10, 2010**

**Present:** Laetitia Bourquin, Mengistu Asnake, Georges Benjamin, Susan Abramson, Paulo Buss, Jim Chauvin, Alvaro Matida. **(5 voting members – quorum not achieved).**

- 1) **Welcome**
  - Roll call

*Although we did not have quorum, a decision was taken to proceed with the meeting as the majority of issues were for “information sharing.”*

- 2) **Adopt agenda**
- 3) **Adopt minutes from last meetings**
  - October and December 2009
- 4) **Report of the President (Paulo Buss)**

- Resignation of Morgan  
Our thanks to the work, time, and effort Morgan put in the Federation. Vina will draft a letter of thanks from Paulo to send to Morgan.

The Global Health Manager job description is being developed by Georges and Ulrich. The final draft is under review. The position will handle WFPHA matters and APHA global health. Georges and Susan Abramson (APHA Interim Associate Executive Director) will provide additional support to Vina until the position is filled. Most likely the person will be on board after Annual Meeting. Paulo would like to continue to see the arrangement of two staff persons at APHA.

- WHO liaison officer: Rebecca Bailey  
Rebecca Bailey is affiliated with the Global Alliance for Human Resources developed by WHO. Bettina and Laetitia had a meeting with Rebecca Bailey who is very committed, involved and has a lot of great ideas. She is eager to be involved with WFPHA. Rebecca had a proposition for us—can WFPHA host the directory of schools of public health on our website? Paulo suggested ASPHER may be able to assist with the directory as well.

In addition, the Geneva office will prepare for and attend the Public Health Education action plan and meeting with Rebecca Bailey. Laetitia will send an email to EB members for suggestions next week.

KM4PH—Last week, Bettina was able to contact Alena Petrakova (former KM4PH Project Manager), who provided a link. However, the link did not work and the larger issue seems to be a disagreement between WHO and

Alena. The Geneva Office has tried contacting various persons at WHO but they were unable to obtain further information on why the project was abandoned. The WHO website link for the program is deactivated. The CPHA's SOPHA Program has been using this platform. Jim tried to unsuccessfully contact Tom Cook at the University of Iowa. The next step is to contact the Illuminate software company.

➤ Preparation of GA Geneva

The Geneva office has secured meeting spaces for the Annual Meeting. The venues found for Saturday, Sunday, and Monday morning including lunches costs \$13,470 total. The Colgate funds are coming in March. The meeting expenses will be covered by the grant.

Can we pay the hotel directly for the presidents of national PHAs? Colgate will not pay for any airfare or hotel. The SOPHA Program does not have funds to cover travel either. Jim mentioned in past years, WFPHA members have been able to come to the WFPHA AGM as they came as members of their country's delegation to the World Health Assembly. We will need to find out how many people are able to attend the meeting either self-funded or as members of their country's delegation. We need to find out how many people are able to come to the meeting. Paulo suggested if an association may assume the grant and compensate WFPHA in order to fund travel and accommodations for members.

Save the Date for the AM in Geneva: are they coming?; who is coming? ; and the expenses involved? We need a plan to handle the Annual Meeting in Geneva. We will assume between 30 and 40 people will attend.

5) **Update on preparations for the 2012 Congress in Addis Ababa (Mengistu Asnake)**

➤ World Congress of Public Health dates → April 21-29, 2012 (Mengistu and Ulrich)

The initial dates proposed, can be shortened.

➤ Main theme of the Congress/subthemes

Mengistu circulated an email with the following proposed themes/topics.

*Major Theme: "Moving towards Global Health Equity: Opportunities and Threats"*

*Main Session Titles:*

- *Health Equity – A global social responsibility*
- *Follow up of Istanbul and past declarations*
- *MDGs: Are we on the right track?*
- *Primary Health care- Is it still a valid strategy?*
- *Global health and the economic crisis*

- *Urbanization and Health*
- *Aid and health development*
- *Human Resource in Health*
- *Public Private Partnership for Health*
- *Strengthening PHAs in Africa*
- *Food and nutrition*
- *Complex disasters and health emergency preparedness*
- *Traditional practices and health*
- *Toxic and chemical wastes*
- *Global collaboration to address pandemics*
- *Tobacco control*
- *Health Development in Ethiopia*

➤ Visit to Addis Ababa

EPHA is waiting for a visit from the high WFPHA leadership to meet with the ministers and officials. EPHA recently elected their first female president at EPHA, whose name will be announced soon.

➤ Nominations for the National and International Boards

The Ethiopian Public Health Association has formed their core group for the Congress. The National board will oversee the various local committees, which will also include local officials.

The international core group will need to be formed—Executive Board (who will chair?). The suggestion was made to create a separate international committee for the Congress outside the Executive Board. Jim suggests reaching out to the various national public health associations in order to engage them in the process. We need to build ownership of this Congress outside of the immediate circle, especially considering the many African colleagues we have. The President of EPHA should oversee all Boards and committees.

Positions to fill: Chair of the International Board; Chair of the National Board, and Chair of the Scientific Committee.

The workplans for the various boards/committees will need to be drafted. The key decisions for the Congress made with the EB members.

It was suggested to make a separate international committee for the Congress (non-Executive Board members). The National and International Boards should be closely liaised.

➤ Next steps:

We will organize a conference call before April 14<sup>th</sup> to have these 4 people present their workplan. Mengistu will prepare a first draft for budget proposal, suggested themes, description of the various boards. A meeting will

be scheduled within 2-3 weeks (Mengistu, Paulo, Ulrich, Alvaro, Jim, Vina, and any others?)

**Next teleconference:** As we did not have quorum and did not cover all agenda items, another teleconference is scheduled for **Thursday, 4 March 2010 at 8:00AM Eastern time.**