WFPHA Executive Board Teleconference Call
Tuesday, 31 January 2012
Meeting Minutes


Excused: Madhumita Dobe, Markus Kaufmann, Gabriel Scally

Absent: Georges Benjamin, Tewabech Bishaw, Toshitaka Nakahara, Paulo Buss,

Informed: The Abelin, Mengistu Asnake, Mike Daube, Margaret Hilson, Workneh Kassie, Ehud Miron.

1) Welcome and roll call

Welcome by the President

2) Adoption of agenda

BB proposes to add two items under point 6 called “Oral Public Health WG” and “Finance of the Office”

The Agenda is adopted unanimously.

3) Adoption of Minutes

The Minutes are adopted unanimously.

4) Report of the President

4.1 Report on OCG meeting in Addis Ababa and Programme (att.b)

UL informs about the successful OCG meeting in Addis Ababa in January. Good cooperation has been developed with Ethiopian colleagues. The program has been sent to everybody by Leatitia Bourquin.
Schedules of meetings of WG’s are in the morning rather than at noon.
The programme is attractive and he congratulates for the work done.

4.2 Report on Executive committee (Bureau of the Executive Board)

- Minutes of last Executive committee TC, 13 December 2011 for information (att.b)

Approval will be asked through e-mail as quorum is not reached.

4.3 Report on the opening of the African Office (AFPHA)

Successful opening with 53 African countries present. More information in the Minutes of the AFPHA. A Meeting will be held in Addis Ababa on April 22.

4.4 New fundraising WG

UL informs about the Report of the fundraising WG. Answers were received from Nicaragua, Turkey, Dubai and Gambia. In addition he would like to propose some other members: Bettina (UL thinks shes should be in this WG), Gabriel Scally, Markus Kaufmann, Ulrich Laaser, Workneh Kassie, Cai Jiming and Pfizer and Colgate Palmolive representatives. He suggests a Chair from Africa: Mengistu Asnake or Deo Sekimpi.
This Working Group reports to the Finance Committee which reports to the board.
Jim suggests to have these propositions discussed in the Financial Committee.

BB suggest to ask people for their agreement before putting their name in any list.

4.5 C_P Alliance

The idea of a possible pilot project with Colgate Palmolive has been discussed and will be explored further by Jim in collaboration with Nigel Pitts

5 Report of the Vice-President

5.1 2015 World Congress Bid Selection Committee Results and actions
The deadline to submit bids to the World Congress Bid Selection Committee is February 7th. 3 sustaining members and one full member have submitted bids so far.

If the IPHA bid is not complete, Dubai will be asked for further information.

5.2 Letter of congratulation to Margaret Chan.

It is agreed to send a letter of congratulation after her official re-election at the WHA.

5.3 Meeting M.Chan, April 18-Key message of DG to members during AA2012

BB and Jim will work on the key message of the WFPHA to Dr. M. Chan in March. M.Chan will not give a video message to the conference as Dr. Sambo will represent WHO.

5.4 SAGE_WG nomination

The Federation has been asked by WHO if interested to nominate someone to be part of the strategic WG of immunization. It has been proposed to send a call to the members, and 3 nominations (US Public HA; Cameroun PHA, Australia PHA) have been received. The Australian nomination has been proposed to WHO answer is awaited.

6 Report from the Office of the Secretariat in Geneva

6.1 Annual Draft Agenda of Annual report for comments (att.d)

The Annual report is being actively prepared copied on last year’s issue which was very attractive. It is asked to all EB members if they have suggestions or topics to be added.

6.2 MDG survey and student

An Internship, Martha Leticia, has started working at the office for 6 months. She will be running the MDGs survey.

6.3 Meeting with Ruediger Krech_Collaboration Plan

The office is following closely the reform process at the WHO, and following very closely the work on NCD’s. Regular meetings, four times a year, are being held with the new DTO, Ruediger Krech. The new Collaboration Plan is being prepared and the EB will be consulted at every step.

R. Krech will attend the meeting in Addis Ababa in April.

6.4 Oral public health working group

Some people show a very strong interest in global oral public health. Ken Eaton, as president of the European Association of Oral Public health feels it would be a pity to separate again global
oral public health from traditional PH. The idea would be to create a WG under the umbrella of the WFPHA. Before this group is created, the place of the Cavity-Free Alliance as well as the role of Colgate Palmolive have to be clarified.

6.5 Finance of the Office

BB mentions clearly that the Federation will run out of money at the end of the year and that fundraising needs to be done. It would also be important to know if Colgate Palmolive and Pfizer are willing to continue sponsoring the Federation.

6.6 Registrations AA 2012

Laetitia Bourquin informed that for the Conference in Addis Ababa, there are only 15 registrations and the deadline approaches. The collaboration with Addis Ababa is excellent and she hopes to see more registrations coming in towards the end of February.

7 Report from the APRLO Office by C.Jiming

APRLO is in close contact with the Vietnam PHA, to organize the conference in 2013. There is regular communication between the Geneva Office and Beijing Office for the collection of membership fees.

8 WFPHA Advisory Board

R. Hubbard and P. Puska haven’t answered yet.

Main activity of the AB is to discuss the revision of the strategic plan of the WFPHA in April in Addis Ababa.

9 Committees

9.1 Finance Committee (Jim Chauvin/Gabriel Scally): (10’)
- Membership fee payment/Conjoint-Membership/ New fee structure 2012
  The membership fee payment is being dealt with between Geneva and Beijing. The Finance committee will talk later for the new fee structure 2012.
- Role/responsibilities for Treasurer, Finance Committee and Geneva secretariat regarding financial operations (att. f)
  Already approved.
- New chair 2012
  Gabriel Scally is the new Chair.
- Fundraising WG-nominations (att. g)
  It has to be made sure that people elected on this WG have some background on fundraising.
- Financial Report and FUNDRAISING (att. l)
  This is an important issue for the Federation’s survival and should be the priority of the Committee after the Congress.

9.2 Policy Committee (Bettina Borisch) (5’)
One resolution has been submitted by APHA.

9.3 Nominations Committee (G. Benjamin ad interim) (5’)
There are two candidates from Ethiopia and Uganda for the President Elect.
9.4 Membership/Awards Committee (Alvaro Matida) (5’)
16 organizations have applied for membership.

A new category of membership, associate members, has been introduced in the bye-laws for those members who don’t have the criteria to be full members but are expected to be soon.

Organizational Award-recommendation to the Board (att.i)
Four bids were received: The Noor Dubai foundation, the National school of public health of Cuba and The African and Medical Research Foundation and the University of Gondar.

Membership Committee recommendation to the Board (att.j)
The African and Medical Research Foundation is recommended by the Committee.

9.5 By-laws Committee (Theo Abelin)
- Reviewed By-Laws for revision by the board (att. k)
Accepted unanimously.

10 Working Groups
10.1 WG on Tobacco and Health (Mike Daube): (5’)
A WG meeting will be held at the congress. No report of their activities.

10.2 WG on Environmental Health (Peter Orris): (5’)
Very successful meeting in Durban at the climate summit. An Elluminate meeting is scheduled on February 16th, and everyone is invited to join.

A WG meeting will be held at the congress.

10.3 WG on Global Health Equity (B.Borisch, D. Klein-Walker) (5’)
A WG meeting will be held at the congress.

10.4 WG on Public Health Education (E.Miron) (5’)
A WG meeting will be held at the congress.

Ulrich: thank you very much for your patience, and see you in Addis Ababa.

The next teleconference of the EB will take place in Addis Ababa
on April 22, 2012

Rapporteur: Leticia Tapia