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### **Governing Council Teleconference Meeting May 15, 2015**

Present : Mengistu Asnake, Michael Moore, Jim Chauvin, Bettina Borisch, Laetitia Rispel, Deborah Walker, Ildefonso Hernandez Aguado, Theo Abelin, Peter Orris, Marta Lomazzi, Tareq Salahuddin, Priscilla Robinson, Bazarragchaa Nansalmaa, Chris Jenkins

Apologies : Judy Lewis, Dominique Kondki Kondji, Javed Rahmanzai, Victor Mendez-Dussan, Walter Ricciardi

### **1.0 Session Opening and Introduction of New Members**

Sympathies given to the victims of the Nepal earthquake and support expressed to the people of Nepal and our public health partners.

### **2.0 Adoption of the Agenda**

**2.1** WFPHA attending the APHA Conference in November – to be included on the Agenda.

**2.2** Agenda adopted.

### **3.0 Adoption of the Minutes from February 10, 2015 meeting in Kolkata**

**Att. a**

**3.1** Theo Abelin's supplement recorded for the Minutes.

**3.2** Minutes approved.

### **4.0 Interim Report of the 14th World Conference, Kolkata (Jim Chauvin)**

**Att. b.**

**4.1** Interim Narrative report and brief overview of unaudited financial report

**4.2** Successful conference with over 1,600 people in attendance and 68 countries represented.

**4.3** Post-conference evaluation – 25 percent of attendees responded with overall positive feedback, including good feedback from sponsors

**4.4** Feedback received is included within the interim report – suggestions will be incorporated and a final version will be sent out within two weeks to members, sponsors, WHO, and others.

**4.5** Finances - awaiting audited report. A surplus of 175,000 USD is anticipated. This will be split equally between the IPHA and WFPHA. Details to be finalised this week.

**4.6** A balance of 43,000 USD for AETNA Foundation project, and 5,600 USD to Wellcome trust on deliberately falsified medicines has been set aside for use by WFPHA.

**4.7** A Lessons Learned briefing paper will be drafted over the next few weeks taking on broad issues such as communications, venue costs, and issues raised within the evaluations. Would request input from members into this process.



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### **5.0 Planning for the 15th World Congress on Public Health (M. Moore)**

- 5.1 The Australian national conference, will not take place this year, but will instead support the Australian Population Health Congress in partnership. Meeting planned with New Zealand PHA to explore possibility of combining conferences.
- 5.2 Victoria Government has pledged 250,000 dollars – agreement to be signed in near future.
- 5.3 Venue booked – 3rd April – 7th April 2017
- 5.4 Organisation – A small organising committee will be required. This should include Madhumita Dobe and Jim Chauvin for their experience.
- 5.5 Need a decision on who will take responsibility for the 50th anniversary – potentially a role for the advisory board – to be discussed further.
- 5.6 A timeline will be created to set targets for the organisation of the conference.
- 5.7 Russell Morgan (former WFPHA Secretary-General) is interested in creating a symposium on the 50th anniversary – contact to be made with Mengistu Asnake and Michael Moore.
- 5.8 Need a concept document for circulation and approval at the next GC meeting. Process also underway to create magazine style report with publishing organisation for the 50th anniversary. As per last GC meeting, Jim to circulate initial briefing paper reference ideas of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **6.0 Update on the Global Public Health in Today's Society Project (B. Borisch) &**

#### **7.0 World Health Assembly 2015**

- 7.1 Umbrella paper between the connected three parts of the project will be the basis for the statement which the WFPHA is going to read next week at the World Health Assembly. It will also prove useful for the WFPHA in future advocacy activities.
- 7.2 Concerns raised on the process and the need for clarity on the key messages.
- 7.3 Points of clarification on the Literature Review. The Review only compliments the overall Project by providing a more academic basis for the project. It can be published under UNIGE if preferred to remove WFPHA from its findings.
- 7.4 Agreement that suggestions on the Umbrella document are important and need incorporated into the paper, but that it is too late to make changes to the statement to be read at the WHA next week.
- 7.5 Reminder that Ruediger and the WHO are happy with the document
- 7.6 Motion for Statement – Approved. 9 yes. Laetitia Rispel abstained and noted.
- 7.7 Green light given the continuation of the Project subject to:
  - 7.7.1 The current document (as circulated prior to the meeting) would be sent to the Policy Working Group for review.
  - 7.7.2 The Policy Working Group would review the document and send to the Governing Council for final approval – working closely with WHO (Ruediger Krech).



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### **8.0 Policies**

- 8.1 Role of the policy committee should be to continue with evaluating resolutions and statements, and also using umbrella papers to support public health advocacy for our members.
- 8.2 Proposals to be discussed in detail by the policy committee. Decisions to be sent to the next GC meeting for approval
- 8.3 @WFPHA Email for GC members for communications on behalf of the World Federation – agreed and approved. Headquarters to follow up with each of the GC members
- 8.4 All communications should go through the headquarters, Presidents, head of the HQ and committee Chairs only can speak on behalf of the WFPHA so long as they are consistent with its policy and principles.

### **9.0 Report on the Americas Public Health Meeting (Apr 21) (M. Asnake)**

- 9.1 8 countries represented in meeting
- 9.2 Cuban PHA taking the leadership role of the alliance in developing a constitution and terms of reference. This will be finalised at next annual meeting of ABRASCO
- 9.3 Jim Chauvin will try to encourage the Canadian Public Health Association to become a member.

### **10.0 Fundraising Update and Membership Fees (M. Moore)**

- 10.1 Communication of new structure based on a country's economy size.
- 10.2 The WFPHA has received some feedback saying that some countries would not be able to meet the new fees and will pay the old fees. This has been accepted given that the decision to increase the fees was made in the middle of a financial year. Changes will in reality come into effect for the next financial year and it would be hoped to see the gains then.
- 10.3 Re-emphasised that the fee increase is important to give us a strong international office.
- 10.4 Other sources of funding are required. Focus of the last year has been on the Kolkata conference, and now we need to think about new ideas. Raman Bedi has some ideas and Michael Moore and Bettina Borisch will be meeting organisations in Geneva this week during the World Health Assembly.

### **11.0 Fellowship Programme (M. Lomazzi)**

- 11.1 Updates on project in the attached documents
- 11.2 Looking for host for next program. Vietnam is the only country able to host. However, they are not able to cover costs but will organise the scientific programme.
- 11.3 Question raised on how to continue programme given the need for large investments? Agreement reached that sponsors are needed for funding



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- 11.4 Alternative raised for accepting students at the Headquarters in Geneva, allowing them to see how the Federation works and to coincide with events such as the World Health Assembly
- 11.5 Discussions will continue between Marta Lomazzi, Bettina Borisch, and Michael Moore including the possibility of postponing the program for one year.

### **12.0 Advisory Board (Theo Abelin)**

- 12.1 Theo Abelin does not want to assume new longer term tasks. Ulrich agreed to chair the AB. Collection confirmed by board members.
- 12.2 The following have confirmed their interest in remaining as members – Kalamay, Hilson, Puska, Abelin, Laaser, and Benjamin.

### **13.0 Annual Report (J. Chauvin and C. Jenkins)**

- 13.1 Jim to remain as editor for 2015.
- 13.2 Proposed structure for the 2015 report to be circulated to everyone. Focus on 14th WCPH and policy statements
- 13.3 Each of working groups to contribute
- 13.4 All encouraged to send ideas and content

### **14.0 Nepal Earthquake**

- 14.1 Headquarters will write to all member associations to ask for small donations
- 14.2 Appropriate for WFPHA to make a donation of USD 1,500 – Agreed – to be sent to the national member association
- 14.3 Individual GC members can supplement this amount. Several GC members made pledges towards supplementing this donation.
- 14.4 Donations can be made on the WFPHA homepage by clicking on the Donate button and choosing the option to support the Nepal Earthquake Disaster Relief 2015 - <http://www.wfpha.org>

### **15.0 Regional conferences**

- 15.1 Important to finalise the plan for what will be presented at APHA
- 15.2 In addition to circulated conferences and dates Michael Moore will attend the Australian Population Health Congress in September in Hobart
- 15.3 Looking for funding to allow Javed to attend EMRO meeting
- 15.4 EUPHA – Michael Moore will also attend
- 15.5 Suggestion for Jim Chauvin to attend APHA due to Mengistu having other commitments

## **Additional Interventions**

### **Environmental Working Group**



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Brief survey of national PHAs of WFPHA – 5/6 questions concerning preparation of national governments prior to Environment summit in Paris this year – results to be released a week before the summit. Support given for the process, Peter Orris to send questions to Headquarters.

### **American Public Health Association Meeting**

- How to promote Australia WCPH at APHA conference 2015?
- Michael will not be able to attend
- Plan to be finalised and communicated with Vina within two weeks.

**Chair of Meeting: Mengistu Asnake**

**Minute Taker: Chris Jenkins**