MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC) held on 3 December 2018, from 1pm (CET - Geneva Time) Via Webex

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**sent e-mail vote on items with asterisk to M. Lomazzi

Main Points

Session Opening (L. Rispel)

- L. Rispel welcomed everybody to the meeting, especially the new members.

Adoption of Agenda (L. Rispel)

- L. Rispel asked for additions to the agenda. George Amofah requested to make a comment on the exchange of emails between L. Rispel and M. Moore regarding the terms of reference (TOR for the Governance review under any other business.
- The Agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes Sept 2018 (L. Rispel)

- The minutes were approved, moved by A. Te Patu, and seconded by W. Ricciardi.

Welcome to new GC members & brief introduction

- L. Rispel welcomed G. Benjamin, newly Elected Chair of the Advisory Board, who has been involved for almost 17 years with the WFPHA and Executive Director of
the APHA. Georges indicated that he was looking forward to working with the GC as Chair of the Advisory Board.

- M. Lombera, I. Nicoulet, S. Perdes, S. Ghosh and T. Piggott introduced themselves.

### Conferences Feedbacks

- **Global Conference on Primary Health Care - Astana** (L. Rispel & Indigenous WG)
  - The Global Conference on Primary Health Care was held in Astana, Kazakhstan. It celebrated 40 years since the original Alma Ata declaration. The meeting, organized jointly by the WHO Europe office, UNICEF and the Ministry of Health of Kazakhstan was attended by + 2,000 people, including a large number of young people.
  
  L. Rispel noted the historical importance of the meeting in Astana, and the privilege of attending. However, there were insufficient voices and experiences presented from people in low and middle-income countries. The Conference focused primarily on health services delivery and there was insufficient focus on community participation and inter-sectoral collaboration.
  
  A. Te Patu expressed gratitude for the invitation given to the Indigenous Working Group. They are very happy that they were able to promote Public Health in the Indigenous community during this event.

- **Global Charter Diplomats Conference – Bogotá** (H. Nieto & B. Borisch)
  - H. Nieto, on behalf of the Colombian Public Health Association, thanked everyone for the excellent support and acknowledged the collaboration they have received from the WFPHA team.
  
  The first meeting of the Charter Diplomats represented an important collaboration of intercultural experts. It was a great opportunity to form new relationships and enhance the current ones in both the public and private sectors. It was a collaborative opportunity to share ideas, develop future plans, and advance understanding of our increasingly complex, local, continental and global public health agenda. H. Nieto expressed the Colombian Public Health Association’s satisfaction with the achievements of this meeting (despite the challenges encountered).
  
  B. Borisch added that this first meeting of the Diplomats was a great initiative that will lead us further. It was an opportunity for great collaboration. WFPHA was well received by the Universities. This conference demonstrated the public health efforts of the Colombian Public Health Association. It was great to have a dedicated presentation from indigenous people. She suggested that we should now consider the future and how to advance the Diplomats meeting. One of the considerations is to do a call for the next Diplomats meeting. The Governing Council will be kept informed.
• **Coalition of Partners** (event held by WHO Europe during EPH week in Lubjiana) (M. Moore, B. Borisch, M. Lomazzi)
  - M. Lomazzi underlined the importance of the Coalition of Partners meeting. This meeting facilitated the discussion of hot topics of Public Health, meeting stakeholders, and increasing the profile of the Federation and its activities, including the Global Charter.
  - M. Lomazzi led two group activities on the Global Charter and approaches to make public health a more multidisciplinary concern. First steps have been discussed with the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), including joint webinar/meeting as well as a potential pilot project to introduce PH teaching within faculties outside the classical health sector. The second focused on how to professionalize the public health workforce in collaboration with the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) and other key organizations to develop a public health training academy in line with the Global Charter.
  - B. Borisch underlined that the COP includes all WHO Europe countries, including all Eastern Europe lower income (ex USRR) countries. It is a good collaboration space between the European and International levels. It allowed important steps in the ongoing implementation of the Charter in the curricula. The Governing Council will be kept informed about the concrete outcomes of this meeting for the WFPHA.

• **APHA Conference in San Diego** (L. Rispel)
  - G. Benjamin reported that this was a successful conference, drawing more than 13,000 participants. The theme of the meeting was Health equity. There were several sessions, which focused on building a more inclusive society.
  - APHA and the Cuban Public Health Association renewed their agreement to work together.
  - The WFPHA activities included an exhibition booth in a prominent space, a leadership breakfast, and two sessions focusing on primary health care, and digital technology. L. Rispel thanked APHA for their in-kind contributions to the Federation.

• **EPH Conference in Lubjiana** (W. Ricciardi)
  - The EPH Conference was successful, with a very high participation of young people.
  - WFPHA was very active with three workshops and several meetings
  - W. Ricciardi expressed his satisfaction on having innovative and anti-conventional sessions during the Conference.

• **Second call to action event on AMR** (G. Amofah)
  - Another successful event with attendance from very high level of politicians.
Progress has been made by countries that are prepared with AMR action plans.

**Fundraising updates (L. Rispel and W. Ricciardi)**

- W. Ricciardi expressed his regrets that efforts were unsuccessful until now, however we could count on upcoming conferences as an important fund.
- L. Rispel approached the CEO of the Caring Crowd, an initiative of Johnson & Johnson, whose mission is to allocate crowd funding to specific country based projects. He expressed interest, but further discussion is required. To succeed with that funding opportunity, Public Health Associations need to have community beneficiaries. In addition, L. Rispel is committed to continue looking for unrestricted money for the Federation and will report during the first three months of next year when she hopes that there will be results that are more concrete.
- B. Borisch and M. Lomazzi are continuing their efforts to obtain sponsorship both for projects as well as structural money.

**International Front-of-Pack Nutrition Labels Webinar 2018 (FoPL webinar) - outcomes (M. Lomazzi)**

- M. Lomazzi highlighted the Webinar’s success. More than 200 people attended and over 14,000 people have been reached through livestream (through social media). At the end of the webinar WFPHA released a [Call to Action](#), supported by all webinar speakers, to encourage governments to take action and make the healthy food choice the easy choice. WFPHA was able to fundraise around 8000 US dollars from few sponsors.
- She noted that webinars could be beneficial for reaching low- and middle-income countries, who otherwise could not afford to travel to Geneva to participate in our workshops.

**WCPH - Rome 2020 updates (W. Ricciardi)**

- W. Ricciardi expressed the outcome of the ICC and CMC Meeting held during the EPH Conference. The main outcome was the decision of the topics of the plenary session, based on the results of a survey:
  - What happened to the Enlightenment?
  - Leading the way to a healthier world
  - The Earth: a strategy for survival
  - Moving out of the silos
  - Making a difference
  - The information revolution
  - Revolutionizing the public health workforce as agents of change
  - High quality health systems to ensure health and well-being
Inclusivity based on age, gender, origin is re-affirmed

**WCoPH (M. Lomazzi & M. Gissler)**

- Expression of Interest: We received an expression of interest from Israel, Ethiopia and Colombia PHAs. The number of expression of interest received is in line with previous bids submissions. The Governing Council agreed to send out the Call for Bids to the three associations that have expressed interest to host the World Congress in 2022.
- Permanent Bids Selection Committee: The Governing Council agreed to set up a Permanent Bid Selection Committee (until now it’s an “Ad Hoc” Committee), pending the submission of the Committee’s Terms of Reference that will be prepared by the International Headquarters. This Committee should be selected with attention to ensure age, ethnic and gender diversity.

**2019 Workshop (L. Rispel)**

- After a productive discussion lead by L. Rispel, the GC agreed to join two workshop topic proposals into one (vaccination policies and capacity building of Universal Health Coverage). This will enable a broader, more theoretical perspective, while still focusing on a specific, “hands-on” public health issue.

**Social media update (M. Lomazzi)**

- M. Lomazzi pointed out the impressive growth of the WFPHA’s visibility on social media. Thanks to a new communication strategy, WFPHA managed to increase its followers on all social media platforms such as Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

**Terms of Reference for the Governance review (L. Rispel), Bylaws & on-line voting ad hoc committee (L. Rispel)**

- The request of comments for the governance TOR will be send out by the WFPHA Office to all GC members to be commented by 15 January 2019. The TOR will then be discussed at the next teleconference of the Governing Council.

**AOB**

- G. Amofah reminded everyone that to be effective, the work of the Governing Council should be based on mutual trust, respect and professionalism.