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GC Meeting Agenda Minutes – *Topics for Voting Underlined*
June 8th 2017 – 1pm (CET – Geneva time)

Attendance

Governing Council Members	In attendance	Apologies	Absent without apology
A. Te Patu D. Walker I. Hernández L. Rispel M. Asnake M. Lombera T. Piggott T. Salahuddin W. Ricciardi	E. De Cata M. Lomazzi B. Borisch T. Russell P. Orris R. Bedi	M. Moore J. Chauvin C. Wannous Y. Heya V. J. Mendez Dussan A. Rahmanzai	D. Kondji Kondji B. Nansalmaa B. Regmi

1.0 Session Opening

- L. Rispel opened the meeting, welcomed all those present, and invited all governing council (GC) to become Diplomats or ambassadors of the Charter. Those interested should contact M. Lomazzi. Information on how to become a Diplomat/ ambassador is [available here](#) as well as the list of the current Diplomats.

2.0 Adoption of the Agenda

- Agenda was adopted with no additions.

3.0 Approval Minutes April GC TC

- The minutes were approved, subject to the following:
 - o Correction of typographical errors throughout the document
 - o Inclusion of page numbers in the document



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- Addition of the following sentence under point 11: “the GC requested that the principle of 50:50 split of the profits of the 2020 Rome conference be negotiated with the organizers, and that this be included in the MOU”.

4.0 World Health Assembly

4.1 General Overview

- B. Borisch gave an overview of WFPHA participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA). A new director-general, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus was elected by a large majority of the votes. WFPHA has already sent a congratulatory letter to Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, congratulating him on his new position.
- WFPHA was very active at the WHA, which highlights a very active year for the Federation
- Four statements have been submitted to the WHA and approved (see point below). Three of them have been read in front of the entire assembly.

4.2 Statements

- D. Walker pointed out that the four statements delivered at the WHA did not go through the policy committee. She suggested that the WFPHA must have a consistent process, and would like to put this topic on the agenda of the next policy committee. M. Lomazzi explained that according to WFPHA process, if the statements are in line with our policies and activities (as it is the case: 4.2.1 is on the Melbourne Demand For Action; 4.2.1 and 4.2.4 are based on the work of two working groups; 4.2.3 is the output from the SYPS) only the approval of the president and Chair of the policy committee is needed. The GC and PC are informed at the first GC and PC meeting after the WHA, which was the current case. L. Rispel clarified that there is no vote on statements made at the WHA, but are just for information. She suggested that this matter be



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discussed during the policy committee in light of the similarities between statements and policy documents.

4.3 Statements

- 4.3.1 [Evaluation and Review of the Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation, and Intellectual Property](#)
- 4.3.2 [Call to Exempt Tax on Dental Supplies and Equipment for Infection Control and Prevention](#)
- 4.3.3 [Human Resources for Health: Engagement for Young Professionals](#)
- 4.3.4 [The Role of the Health Sector in the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals](#)

5.0 15WCPH

5.1 Overview of the Congress

- The 15th World Congress was a success with overall high quality. Great keynote speakers, and important presence of indigenous people and young professionals. WFPHA may have been able to make its presence more apparent including activities, WG, and 50th anniversary.

5.2 Reflection on Congress from GC Members Who Attended

- M. Lomazzi: the Congress was very successful and very high quality. Very positive feedback from out DTO Dr Krech as well as general appreciation of having high-level keynotes from different fields discussing together.
- A. Te Patu: Positive feedback, the Congress has given us a great platform to move forward. Many people in New Zealand are speaking positively about the Congress. The space provided to indigenous people has been really appreciated.
- B. Borisch: Positive feedback. Congress had a good spirit, which came from the location, people, city, and climate. Underlines the clear integration of young people. Great keynote speakers made



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it a Congress where everyone could take away a key point. Thanks Australians for a great Congress.

- D. Walker: Highlights the importance of having an indigenous presence there. Expressed concern that there was not greater presence of WFPHA, and that there was not greater emphasis on the background work (e.g. 50th history videos, information pamphlets, etc.) produced by Jim Chauvin at the conference.
- P. Orris: Suggested that the feedback should assist the Italian planning committee. It was a great Congress that was run very well, but would like a committee to be put together to go over the details, and give ideas to the Italian planning committee for the next Congress coming up. Would like this evaluation to happen before the next GC meeting.
- M. Asnake: States that in the future, a reflection must be done immediately after the conclusion of the Congress to talk about key points. An evaluation was also on the app of the congress.
- I. Hernández: Notes the presence of young professions at this Congress, and highlights the importance of it. Suggested that the sessions should be organized to get greater participation from the conference participants.
- L. Rispel: More effort must be made to involve people from the “global south.” The costs were high and the visa requirements were difficult for those outside of Europe or the U.S. Highlights these practical issues, and states that more effort should be made to get more involvement from more regions. Notes that there were people from 86 countries, but the majority of the people were from Australia and not from other places around the globe.



- L. Rispel: Summarized the suggestion made by P. Orris, and suggested that a small group of GC members should create a proposal jointly with the organizing committee to build on the successes of the Australia Congress, while dealing with the areas that need improvement.
- M. Lomazzi reported that a broad evaluation is on going led by PHAA and we shall have the results soon.
- D. Walker: Suggested that we formally write to all members of the GC to ask for feedback that could complement the formal conference evaluation, in order to give advice to the Italian conference planning committee. This idea was supported by M. Asnake.

DECISION: The GC agreed to create a small committee, coordinated by M. Lomazzi, to complement the formal conference evaluation and give recommendations to the Italian conference planning committee for the upcoming Congress. The Committee includes M. Lomazzi, M. Asnake, I. Hernández, and D. Walker.

5.3 Plenary Recordings and Archives

- M. Lomazzi: All plenaries have been recorded at World Congress. Links should be available on website, but still waiting on the links.

5.4 Financial Statement of the 15WCPH

- M. Lomazzi: The WFPHA has made a profit, but we are unable to quantify it yet.

6.0 Congress Rome 2020 – Update (M. Lomazzi)

- M. Lomazzi: Currently evaluating a place for the Congress to be held in Rome in 2020. Marriott Hotel does not seem an ideal location, so focus on The Cloud. Very successful discussion was held with the Italian colleagues and EUPHA office. The budget should be finalized soon. The MoU will



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be signed once all points of the budget and scientific approach will be agreed. GC suggested that the issue of the 50:50 split needs to be raised as well.

7.0 New Working Groups

7.1 Young Professionals (T. Piggott)

- T. Piggott: A lot of exciting energy in the working group and thinks they can capitalize on this. The GC has approved a working group based on this section and chaired by T. Piggott.

7.2 Indigenous Health (A. Te Patu).

The idea of the group has been launched in Melbourne around the yarning circle. Term of reference is under development and will be submitted for approval to the next GC.

7.3 Young Co-Chair within Each WG or Committee

- L. Rispel: States that every committee should have a young person.
- M. Lomazzi: We already have a number of young professionals on board, but want them to be more involved in the Working Groups. In one year, we hope to have this established.

8.0 Existing Working Groups

8.1 Request for amendment of name of Global Health Equity working group

- L. Rispel: A proposal was tabled recommending that the Working Group be renamed to include Digital Technology.
- P. Orris: Commented that the wording is difficult to understand. The proposed name implies that digital technology is the only way to get health equity, or that the Working Group has two separate goals. Suggested that a better name must be found.
- B. Borisch: Agreed with the comments from P. Orris. The name will make people wonder what the Working Group is about, so a second thought is needed for what it should be named.



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- L. Rispel: Responded that the proposal is borne out by practical realities, and requested an approval of the proposal, but with the recognition that should more funds be available in future, we can split the WG to create two separate Working Groups.
- B. Borisch: For practical and historical reasons we should not give up. We should have one WG on digital technology and one on equity. However, for now we can keep it as one for practicality.

DECISION: Following some deliberation, the decision was to approve the proposal, noting the points made on the availability of additional funding. V. HuLamm and S. Buttigieg will be the new co-Chairs replacing L. Rispel, current Chair.

8.2 WG Disaster and Emergency - Change in Chair Person

- M. Lomazzi: J. A. Rahmanzai is no longer the CO-Chair with C. Wannous in chairing the group since he has left the federation. L. Rispel requested that the co-chair should be a young person, preferably from an area that is affected by conflict, or frequent disasters, as J. Rahmanzai brought that special insights to the working group.

9.0 Charter Operationalization

9.1 Collaboration with ASPHER (B. Borisch and M. Lomazzi)

- B. Borisch: M. Lomazzi and me presented the Global Charter at the ASPHER Retreat in France. B. Borisch spoke about the Charter and the WFPHA on a panel at this event.

The WFPHA received a very warm welcome at this event, big visibility and ASPHER is interested in continuing work on the Charter. ASPHER is working to add in master already running or to create new master/courses including leadership, governance and advocacy as reported in the Charter.

- P. Orris & M. Lomazzi: the ideas of developing toolkit on how to apply the Charter is appreciated but the proposal of P. Orris to make it run by students seems a bit weak due to the complexity of



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the topic. The international office is finding out if a PhD candidate (mid-career professional) from the Geneva Global Health Institute would be interested to work on that under B. Borisch and M. Lomazzi supervision to develop this toolkit.

9.2 Case Study

- M. Lomazzi: Developing several projects to implement the Charter. One idea is case studies to report how the Charter is being implemented in different settings and contexts. We would ask people to fill a template of how they implemented the Charter. Australia is one of the best cases of how the Charter has been implemented. We could then use their template as an example for other countries moving forward. The case studies can be based on new stories developed after the Charter release or from the past dealing with activities run on the Charter principles even before the Charter itself was defined. The studies can provide ideas to develop similar activities.

9.3 WHO Bulletin

- B. Borisch: An article on the Charter implementation has been written by B. Borisch, M. Moore, M. Lomazzi and R. Krech and will be submitted for publication to the WHO bulletin.

GENERAL COMMENT: L. Rispel re-iterated the point that the current initiatives on the Charter are in high income countries. In light of the global status of the WFPHA, we must pursue partnerships actively, and look at how we can draw similar organizations from the global South into these Charter initiatives.

10.0 Fundraising Update

10.1 Advertising

- E. De Cata: Took inspiration from Australian Public Health Association and others to advertise on the WFPHA website with courses, conferences, training sessions, and things connected to public



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health education. WFPHA is following its guidelines approved by the PC and GC on this topic.

While WFPHA members advertise for free, posting from non-member is associated to a donation.

The evaluation of the post is performed by the international office; the president advice is requested in case of doubts.

- L. Rispel: Concerns are being raised about organization from a low/middle income country not being able to provide donations. M. Lomazzi responded that donations are important for the sustainability of the Federation and are requested to post. If schools from the global South would like to advertise important courses but cannot afford any donation, exceptions will be evaluated. This is in line with the general approach of the Federation (since several years) to sustain the development of PHAs with limited resources (i.e. waiving or reducing membership fees or asking from in kind contribution from LMIC PHAs)

10.2 Fundraising

- Thomas Piggott raised the issue of actual or potential conflicts of interests, and what that might do to the reputation of the Federation. He proposed careful analysis of donors and of possible conflicts of interest of any initiative, that involves fund-raising. WFPHA sponsorship policy is available on line and on our annual report along with the acknowledgement of all supporters and a description of how money is used. This policy has been revised and approved by the PC and GC in September 2016. This policy has been applied to all fundraising activities performed by the Federation. However, suggested that we define conflicts of interest, and that we see the policy as a living document to be refined as circumstances change. This point on conflicts of interests will be further discussed at the PC.



10.3 Membership Fees

- E. De Cata: Almost \$8,000 in membership fees. Some have paid already, and some have not, especially the smaller organizations. We are sending reminders.

10.4 Update on Aetna proposal

- L. Rispel: Aetna wanted a proposal with a focus on individual public health professional. J. Chauvin and M. Lomazzi had a call with Aetna to better define the project. J. Chauvin is finalizing the revised proposal, with inputs from M. Lomazzi and L. Rispel. The proposal will be submitted within one week of the GC meeting. The amount requested will be US\$150 000.

11.0 Progress on development of strategic plan, 2018-2022

- L. Rispel has sent a letter to all members asking about which are the major achievement our members would like the WFPHA reach in the next 5 years. Several suggestions have been received (n=54), and need to be analyzed. These suggestions will be used to develop the next strategic plan, 2018-2022.

12.0 Policy Committee Updates (I. Hernandez)

- I. Hernández: Several points discussed during the PC face-to-face meeting in Melbourne will be finalized and approved at the next PC TC.

13.0 The MoU with the University of Geneva has been renewed for the next 3 years. The University of Geneva, through B. Borisch, hosts the international office of the World Federation of Public Health Associations for free. Thanks to B. Borisch for facilitating this important support to the Federation.

L. Rispel thanked all members for their participation, and closed the meeting at 14h55 (Geneva time).