GC Meeting Agenda Minutes  
November 14th 2017 – 1pm (CET – Geneva time) 

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1.0 Session Opening – (M. Moore)

2.0 Adoption of the Agenda — (M. Moore)

- L. Rispel requested to bring Agenda 7.0 World Congress Turnover forward to after Agenda 3.0.

- L. Rispel requested an additional item to be added to the agenda, namely the deadline for the circulation of documentation prior to the GC meeting. GC agreed that documents for meetings should be submitted to the office at latest 2 weeks before the scheduled GC meeting. The Head Office will post relevant documentation at least 7 days before the scheduled GC meeting. There will be room for exceptions of urgent matters or documents.

3.0 Approval Minutes GC TC Sept 19th 2017 – (M. Moore)

- The minutes of Sept GC TC are run through page by page.

- D. Walker requested an amendment to be made on Agenda 6.0 “Discussion of Congress”, to include cost benefit analysis of possible biennial congresses (instead of tri-annual). She also suggested that all the
amounts related to the Congress are expressed in the same currency (not euro and US$ as it could be confusing).

- P. Orris wanted clarification on the issue of Global Charter and contacting appropriate institutions. M. Lomazzi reminded the meeting about the discussion with Peter Orris about the possibility that he would contact students to develop case studies based on the Global Charter. M. Lomazzi requested a written summary of P. Orris’ proposal.

- The GC approved the minutes, with the above point to be added. E. De Cata will do the proposed amendment.

7.0 World Congress Turnover - (M. Moore & M. Lomazzi)

- M. Lomazzi presented the advantages of the hypothesis of running biennial (instead of triennial) World Congress. Biennial Congress could

a. potentially increase participation especially in low and middle income countries for local participants to attend. Care should be taken to avoid clashes with competing congresses/conferences;

b. allow for updates with so many changes happening in public health globally around the world; APHA and EUPHA run their congress annually discussing interesting topics and with a very high attendance by delegates.

c. increase the links, visibility and reputation of the WFPHA at national and global level

d. increase the frequency at which the Congress can happen thus expanding the possibility of the Congress taking place in a low income countries (finally incrementing equity)

e. the financial cash flow that will be generated will guarantee a better financial sustainability for the WFPHA, its ability to run more projects and to support members

The high quality of the congress will be guaranteed by the possibility of taking advantage of the valid bid package offers that we receive for every Congress – in the current mechanism of three annual Congresses, we have to refuse so many offers.

A Possible disadvantage of running the World Congress every 2 years (instead that every 3 years) would be to have an excessive workload for the International Office in Geneva. M. Lomazzi suggested, as a strategy, to alternate having once the Congress organized in a “strong” host country (strong in term of organizational capabilities and experience) and once in a “less strong” country, thus having a more consistent workload only every 4 years. Furthermore, planning the future 4 Years beforehand would mean knowing in advance where the two future world congress will be (such as EUPHA does with the European conferences, same for APHA) and this means better planning for the organizers and the delegates.

- L. Rispel argued that we have to consider alternative means to raise funds apart from congresses. Requests for more detailed cost benefit analysis to study feasibility to support biennial congress. She referred to the fact that in the past WFPHA’s income coming from the Congress was around 100k US$, while this last Australian Congress only generated around 30k US$, so it means that the financial argument cannot be taken for granted. L. Rispel also mentioned conference “fatigue”, because of competing...
congresses that she (and many other members of the Governing Council) have to attend, e.g. HIV, Non Communicable Diseases, etc. She also pointed out that many institutions (like her own University) restrict the number of international conferences that a staff member can attend.

- M. Asnake highlighted his experiences of organizing past congress. According to him, consideration need to be given especially to organizational time and resources involved in mobilizing local resources. He indicated that many international traditional sponsors are shifting their focus, as an example Gates Foundation is focusing more into international Family Planning conferences. One risk of having Biennial Congresses could be a decrease in the number of participants as a whole. He suggested the consideration of Regional Congresses because WHO regional offices are giving strong support to Regional Conferences.

- P. Orris indicated that he is not in favour of a Biennial Congress, and that he would be more in favour of regional congresses, instead. He gave the example of the Occupational Medicine Society.

- D. Walker also suggested that the WFPHA should support Regional meetings instead and suggested that more time is needed for consideration before a decision can be made by the GC.

- T. Piggott requested an analysis of the quality of the Bid Package received in the past and queried whether the quality of the Bids will be better once the frequency of the Congresses will be increased.

- F. Senkubuge provided insights into the current organisation of the international conference on tobacco control, which will be held in South Africa in 2018. She said that there were debates on whether to decrease the frequency of their congresses, which is the exact opposite strategy than currently considered by the GC. She indicated that in their experience having congresses too often was counterproductive.

- After extensive deliberation, M. Moore asked for consensus from all attendees – and proposed to postpone the decision on the Biennial Congress.

- L. Rispel suggested the setting up a task team composed by people who are not involved in debate to weigh the PROs and CONs of congress turnover. People proposed for this group are: M. Asnake, U. Laaser, M. Gissler, and F. Senkubuge.

4.0 Strategic Plan - (L. Rispel & M. Lomazzi)

4.1 Strategic Plan Draft 0

- L. Rispel summarised the steps that were taken to produce this very first draft of Strategic Plan 2018-2022. In May 2017, all member organisations were asked for inputs to the strategic plan, and they were requested to respond to one question. A total of responses were received and these were captured by region and by organization. These were reviewed by M. Lomazzi, J. Chauvin, the interns and herself. The results of data analysis from survey were presented.

The document is not final, and the views from the SYPS will also be taken into account, as well as the analysis of the 50 years of the Federation.
5.0 Constitution and By Laws - (M. Moore)

M. Moore mentioned briefly that the process of revising the Constitution and Bylaws is ongoing and the idea is to refer to the Constitution for long term issues and to the Bylaws for short term ones. More info will be provided in the next GC teleconferences.

6.0 Sustainability and Finance of the WFPHA – (M. Moore & M. Lomazzi)

- M. Lomazzi discusses difficulties in maintaining positive financial state. The Federation currently has enough funds to continuing running the office only until Fall 2018, consequently new solutions need to be come up with at the soonest. This is also due to a much lower income coming from the last Australian Congress.

- The International Office in Geneva has made tremendous efforts in terms of fundraising such as:

  a. Organizing Workshops on certain themes. At the last GC in September 2017 proposal to run workshops on advocacy, governance and leadership under the Global Charter framework was submitted and approved by the GC. The workshops can be run in Geneva, prior to the WHA, organized by the international office, or hosted by a member PHA, possibly in conjunction with their annual congress or other events, as appropriate.

  A “pilot” workshop on Antimicrobial Resistance will be organized in May 2018 at the Campus Biotech, and the international Office in Geneva is making huge organizational efforts to find space, speakers and potential sponsors. See also point 11 below.

  b. Organizing Thematical Webinars- to be run in 2018. Approved by the GC.

  c. Membership fees: big effort made by Geneva international Office and other GC members in order to solicitate the highest number of fees to be collected in time. Result is good. We collected even slightly more than budgeted.

  d. Collecting other incomes (Diplomat of the Global Charter Campaign and Donations)

  e. Seeking funds with specific projects, that unfortunately are in stand by for 2017 (e.g Aetna Foundation and Atlas Project).

- Many members of the GC are alarmed by the described situation.

- F. Senkubuge suggests formation of a working group to draft broad ideas to seek alternative sources of funding mechanism, other members as J. Lewis and M. Asnake comment that the International Office in Geneva should not be too much dependent on North American Foundations but be more “Europe Based”.

- M. Lomazzi explicitly asks all the GC members to help the international Office in Geneva with direct contacts.

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1 The final income from the 2017 WCPH has been around $100,000 AUD (Australian dollars), of which around 50,000 AUD will go to the World Federation, minus some expenses already paid for WFPHA. The net income for the WFPHA is around $37,000 AUD.
8.0 Conferences to co-sponsor. The GC approves the WFPHA will co-sponsor (e.g. support in terms of expertise) the following events:

8.1 International Public Health Forum on the Global Charter for the Public’s Health
- D. Kondji Kondji briefs GC about the forum which will be attended by PHAs, Ministries of Health, institutions, corporations. Discussions will be held regarding the Charter and how it can help improve designs of public policies. L. Rispel will be the contact point and represent the WFPHA at this forum.

8.2 Annual Meeting of the Network TUPH (Towards Unity for Health): Community Empowerment for Health: A Multi-Sectoral Approach. L. Rispel will be the contact point and represent the WFPHA at this meeting.

These 2 events have already been created on WFPHA website.

9.0 Indigenous Working Group (IWG) for WFPHA - Briefing Paper (A. Te Patu)
- A. Te Patu presents Briefing Paper to GC and presents summary of plans and statement on support of the WFPHA on the IWG. These plans and statements are to be presenting in the General Assembly of WFPHA in May 2018. GC discuss about the possible idea to organize a side event at the WHA in May 2018 about Indigenous health.

A. Te Patu also presents the working group and specifies that also non indigenous can be (associate) members of the group.

- M. Moore and the GC declares briefing paper approved.

More information in attachment 1.

10.0 Next Elections of Working Groups and Committees Chairs (M. Lomazzi)
The International office in Geneva is in the process of analyzing the procedures for next elections of Working Groups Chairs and Committee Chairs. According to by laws, the term of office is for three years, renewable for up to two additional consecutive terms.

Call for elections and nominations will be sent in the next months.

11.0 AMR Workshop Update & Programme (M. Lomazzi)
- M. Lomazzi reports to GC members that many high-level speakers have agreed to speak at the workshop, including Marc Sprenger, Director of WHO AMR Secretariat and Manica Balasegaram, Director, GARDP – showing their support for the workshop. M. Lomazzi is working on approaching different potential sponsors for the workshop. For more info see Attachment 2.

- M. Ansake comments that low and middle income countries (LMICs) have huge AMR problems and panel of speakers are currently lacking representation from LMICs. The selection of speakers from EUR is due to the need to

- M. Moore adds that government members who are in Geneva during the time of the workshop can be invited to attend. An attendance Certificate will be released for participants to the Workshop.

- An idea proposed is to broadcast the Workshop as a Webinar in order for LMICs participants to attend. M. Asnake and P. Orris add that Webinars to be linked with accreditation or certification from recognized institutions to attract participants. M. Lomazzi has requested M. Asnake and P. Orris to provide guidance on the accreditation process.

- M. Moore thinks that Webinars should not be entirely for free to guarantee participants commitment but that reduced rates will be available to LIC. Sponsors in line with our fundraising policy will be invited to support the webinars.

- P. Orris reminds to follow the WFPHA policy in the case of accepting sponsorships, especially from pharmaceutical companies. He also suggests the topic of teaching socially responsible medicine which might be of great interest for schools of medicine and public health.

12.0 Strategies for Student Engagement at Rome 2020 (T. Piggott)

- T. Piggott presents his poster for student engagement in Rome 2020 – his aims is to have 25% of SYPs representation in the next congress.

- T. Piggott updates GC members about the Student and Young Professional Working Group and their activities. In particular, they are doing weekly meetings and working with several email exchanges to define their report that will contain five recommendations for PHAs to engage SYPs. Next step: the report will be consolidated and sent by email to all GC members for comments.

Many interns at WFPHA are currently part of this SYP Working Group.

13.0 AOB

13.1 Iatrogenesis: Analysis, Control and Prevention (I. Hernandez)

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2 Among the other confirmed speakers there are: Herman Goossens, Opinion leader & former member of JPIAMR, Anna Zorzet, Head of ReAct Europe, April Johnson, Animal Health Officer, FAO, Peter Beyer, Senior Advisor, Dept of Essential Medicines & Health Products, WHO.
- I. Hernandez presents SESPAS paper on iatrogenesis, explaining the medical concept and the extension of the problems (many patients affected in Europe) with no further additions or comments from other GC members.

- M. Moore and the GC suggests WFPHA to write a paper on iatrogenesis, describing its processes, coordinated by I. Hernandez, who accepts.

13.2 M. Asnake reminds that the process for the next president election should start soon and he is already starting to prepare some papers. The Geneva international Office will follow.
The World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) is pleased to announce the formation of its first Indigenous Working Group.

In April 2017, at the 15th World Congress on Public Health, over 40 Indigenous delegates at the Yarning Circle supported the formation of an Indigenous Working Group, which was ratified by the Governing Council of the WFPHA on the 15th of November 2017. It is estimated that there are 370 million Indigenous People across 70 countries around the world, who often are a minority in their own country, and experience poorer health and lower life expectancy. Michael Moore, said “The formation of this group demonstrates the WFPHA commitment to working with Indigenous peoples from around the world to improve their health and wellbeing.” The group will be co-chaired by Adrian Te Patu from New Zealand who is also a member of the Governing Council, and Carmen Parter from Australia who is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Vice President for the Public Health Association of Australia. Emma Rawson from New Zealand and Summer May Finlay from Australia are co-vice chairs.

“The Indigenous Working Group aims to assist in reducing the health disparity and inequities experienced by Indigenous people globally,” said Mr. Te Patu, who recognizes the “differences among Indigenous peoples but also our similarities which are the strengths of this group.”

The Working Group is underpinned by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, where self-determination is a key component; therefore the Indigenous Working Group will be led by Indigenous peoples.

“It is important to recognize that this group embodies Indigenous self-determination and will be led by Indigenous peoples,” said Mr. Moore.

“To address public health concerns among Indigenous peoples culturally appropriate solutions are required. The Governing Council understands that Indigenous Nations know what is required and have the skills and capacity to address the issues they face,” said Mr. Moore.

Carmen Parter, Co-Chair said “This is an opportunity for Indigenous peoples to come together to support each other and seek out research collaborations that develop the evidence base that informs global Indigenous public health policies.”

The Working Group’s objectives are: to bring together Indigenous peoples from around the world to share and learn from each other, engage in collective advocacy, partner with existing international groups working in Indigenous affairs, and source any funding or in-kind support to support the work of the Indigenous Working Group.
Indigenous members of WFPHA are invited to join the Working Group, with non-Indigenous people invited to join as associate members.

The Working Group hopes to hold its first face to face meeting in May 2018 at the WFPHA General Assembly in Geneva.

Please follow the Working Group on Twitter @IndigenousWFPHA.
2. **AMR WORKSHOP**

**Confirmed speakers**

- **Marc Sprenger**  
  WHO AMR Secretariat

- **Manica Balasegaram**  
  GARDP Director

- **Peter Beyer**  
  Senior Advisor WHO  
  Dept. of Essential Medicines & Health Products

- **Anna Zorzet**  
  Head of ReAct Europe

- **Herman Goossens**  
  Opinion leader & former JPIAMR member

- **April Johnson**  
  Animal Health Officer FAO

**Registration**

Participation to the workshop is FREE but registration is mandatory through our website or key contact.

**Venue**

The International Global Health and Antimicrobial Resistance Workshop will be held at the Institute of Global Health, Campus Biotech, Geneva, Switzerland.