

Folkehelseforeningen

NORSK FORENING FOR FOLKEHELSE
Norwegian Public Health Association (NOPHA)

Annual report 2007

Vision for the Norwegian Public Health Association

The Norwegian Public Health Association's vision is to gather expertise and enthusiasm for so to strengthen the understanding of Public Health in Norway, Europe and the rest of the world. The Association aims to stimulate cooperation, research and development to promote Public Health in Norway. The Association shall through scientific and practical measures, on a national and international level, work with community related health issues. The Association wants, through courses, conferences and seminars, to be an arena for promotion of research and professional exchange in a multidisciplinary forum.

The Board

Since the annual meeting on March 23rd 2007, the board of NOPHA has consisted of the following persons:

President:	Gunnar Tellnes
Vice president:	Kjetil Drangsholt
Vice president:	Anette Myrvang (from 2008 Ragnhild Hovengen)
Cashier:	Frank Thrana
Secretary:	Johan Lund
Board member:	Anders Smith
Board member:	Heidi Lyshol

During 2007, six ordinary board meetings were held and a total of 51 items were addressed. In addition a seminar for the board was held on the 30th of January.

Some of the items discussed by the board in 2007 are

- The Annual Public Health Conference
- Strategic plan for coming years
- Scandinavian Journal of Public Health

Seminars and annual meeting 2007:

NOPHA held a national conference on public health also in 2007. The theme for the conference was "Yes, it works!" and focused on the results of efforts in the public health field.

The annual meeting took place in connection with The Public Health Conference 2007 at Gamle Logen in Oslo on March 30th. New board members were elected and the annual report and accounting were presented.

Memberships and economy

On December 31st 2007 NOPHA was registered with 105 personal memberships and 23 institutional memberships. The economy of the Association is based on membership fees from personal, institutional and support members, and probable income from seminars and/or financial support from other institutions.

Web

The Norwegian Public Health Association has a web-page

www.folkehelseforeningen.no / www.NOPHA.org

Information about the association, its constitutions, board and future arrangements can be found on the web.

International activities

NOPHA is a member of EUPHA and WFPHA

European Public Health Association (EUPHA) arranged its annual conference in Helsinki, Finland on October 11th-13th. The theme of the conference was “The Future of Public Health in Europe”.

Gunnar Tellnes continues as a member of the Committee of Past-Presidents and Dag Bruusgaard as a member of the International Scientific Committee. Norwegian members in the Govern Council of EUPHA are Sturla Gjesdal and Heidi Lyshol. Johan Lund is President of the EUPHA section on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion. Gunnar Tellnes is Vice-President of the EUPHA section on Public Mental Health.

Scandinavian Journal of Public Health: NOPHA is one of five owners of the Scandinavian Journal of Public Health, a journal with six annual issues. NOPHA President Gunnar Tellnes is one of the board members.

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