Minutes of the 47th Annual General Assembly  
May 19, 2013, Geneva, Switzerland

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| Adoption of Agenda (Appendix B)  
  Adopted unanimously |
| Adoption of the Minutes of the 45th Annual Meeting (Appendix C)  
  Adopted unanimously |
| Adoption of WFPHA Working Group on Fundraising (Development WG)  
  Agreed upon unanimously |
| Treasurer’s Report (See Appendix D)  
  The Treasurers report for 2012 is adopted unanimously with the Auditor’s report.  
  The Budget for 2013 is adopted unanimously |
| Nomination of CPMA for a second consecutive term on the Governing Council  
  Adopted unanimously |
| WFPHA/EUPHA Memorandum of Understanding  
  All current and future national public health associations members of EUPHA will become automatically members of WFPHA once the MoU is signed by EUPHA and WFPHA in November 2013  
  Adopted unanimously |
| New EUPHA – related applications (15)  
  Approved as WFPHA Full Members:  
  1. Austrian Public Health Association  
  2. Denmark Public Health Association  
  3. Latvia Public Health Association  
  4. Lithuania Public Health Association  
  5. Poland Public Health Association  
  6. French Society of Public Health  
  7. Slovak Public Health Association  
  8. Czech Society of Public Health And Management of Health Services  
  Approved as Associate Members  
  9. Albanian Epidemiological Association  
  10. Belgian Association Of Public Health  
  11. Bulgaria Public Health Association  
  12. Hungarian Public Health Organizations (Hungary)  
  13. Swedish Association of Social Medicine  
  14. Slovenia Public Health Association  
  15. Kazakh Public Health Association  
  Adopted unanimously |
| Note: EUPHA members accepted as Associate Members that meet as of November 2013 the WFPHA Full Member criteria will be upgraded to Full Member status. |
| WFPHA membership applications (10)  
  Approved as Full Members:  
  1. Nepal Public Health Association (NEPHA)  
  2. Association Tchadienne de santé publique (ATSP)  
  Approved as Associate Members:  
  1. Egyptian Association of Public Health Promotion |
Approved as Sustaining Members:
1. Association Tunisienne pour la promotion de la santé
2. Rural Development Organization (RDO) (India)
3. European Association Of Dental Public Health
4. Public Health Foundation Of Bangladesh

Membership decision deferred to 2014:
1. Health Environment Development Foundation (Nigeria)
2. Solidarité internationale pour l’Afrique - SIA (Mali)
3. Equilibre International RDC (Congo)

Membership status revised:
1. Association of Public Health Physicians of Nigeria (APHPN) (Approved as Sustaining Member in 2011), approved to become Associate Member

Adopted unanimously

Decision on Membership application submission deadline

The deadline for membership application is fixed as March 1st, or 2 months before the WCPH.

Adopted unanimously

15th World Congress on Public Health - timing modification

The Governing Council recommends holding the 15th World Congress in 2017, to coincide with WFPHA 50th Anniversary.

Adopted unanimously

Declaration on Access to Oral Health for Children (See Appendix E)

Adopted unanimously

Reports

Annual Report of the President

See Appendix F

Report of the Asia Pacific Regional Office

See Appendix G

Report of the African Federation of Public Health Associations

See Appendix H

Working Group reports

Environmental Health; Tobacco Control; Global Health Equity; Public Health Education; and Oral Public Health

Other information and discussion points

Finance committee: Mengistu Asnake
- Call to members for additional contributions – 2 PHAs made supplemental contributions (Australia and Norway)
- Suggest to revise the membership fee structure for 2013
- Alternative fees collecting method: regional offices collect umbrella fees paid by their regional members
- Congresses are not always profitable and reliance on revenue from WCPH is risky - call for ideas about how to diversify and increase funding
- Finance Committee will identify a chair for the Fund Development WG

Policy Committee: Bettina Borisch (See Appendix I)
- Declaration on Access to Oral Health for Children, submitted by the global oral health working group
- Future work on operational procedures for “partnerships”: review process of all existing resolutions and declaration; Identify gaps and future directions for work
- Proposal: Public Health services and security services: Dr. Anthony Robbins, Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Public Health Policy, asked theWFPHA to support a call he made in the journal that governments not use public health services as a cover for clandestine security operations. The case in point was the use by the US government of a national immunization program in...
Pakistan as a cover for a clandestine attempt to collect information as to the whereabouts of Osama Bin Laden. The consequences included the murder of dozens of health care workers in Pakistan in protest to this ruse. Dr. Robbins requested the WFPHA to endorse the following statement: “Public health programs depend on the trust of the population. Any clandestine use of public health can damage the people’s trust and harm the effectiveness of programs. We caution all governments to abide by their commitments to health and refrain from misuse of public health programs.” This statement was endorsed unanimously.

**Discussion on the draft WFPHA Strategic Plan: Mengistu Asnake (See Appendix J)**

A new five-year (2013-2017) Strategic Plan approved in principle. It includes a revised Vision and Mission Statement, slightly revised Principles and new Goals and related Strategies. These include the development of a transparent and enabling governance structure, better external and internal visibility and expanding relationships, a more structured membership application and review process, the transfer of its secretariat office to Geneva, and the establishment of regional networks of national public health associations in the Asia-Pacific and in Africa. The triennial World Congress on Public Health was defined as the WFPHA’s flagship activity.

The five goals defined for the 2013-2017 period are:

- Advocate for effective global policies to improve the health of populations
- Advance public health practice, education, training and research
- Expand and strengthen partnerships
- Promote and support the advancement of strong member associations
- Build an effective, responsive and sustainable WFPHA

With its approval in principle by the Governing Council and the WFPHA General Assembly, the draft strategic plan will be shared and feedback sought from all Federation members. This input will be used to draft the plan’s next iteration, which will include a budget-based operational plan. The aim is to have a new strategic plan in place before the end of the current calendar year.

**WFPHA Geneva Office: Bettina Borisch (See Appendix K)**

- Geneva office acts as an efficient team
- Establishment of new WHO/WFPHA Collaboration Plan which will be shared with members in 2013
- Bimonthly Newsletter: Call to Member Associations for contribution including photos
- 2013 Annual Report: Call to Member Associations for contribution including photos
- Partnership Journal of Public Health Policy: *Call for Hot topics to all members*
- Primary function of Geneva office is to represent the Federation to WHO and other international organizations. WFPHA should examine how to handle increasing administrative/clerical tasks given the human resources available at Geneva office

**14th World Congress of Public Health (11-15 February: Kolkata, India): Madhumita Dobe**

- Updated status on Congress preparation and [film](#) was shown during the Assembly
- Call for disseminating the announcement about the 14th WCoPH
- It is suggested that host country raises the discussion on challenges in PH and gather proposed solutions from participants. Consider to have Journal of Public Health Policy involved in the discussion.

**Asia Pacific Regional Liaison Office: Cai Jiming**

**Visits:**
- APRLO Visited WHO WPRO on 6 May 2013 – established close working relationship
- APRLO visits by WFPHA President in September 2012 and by Immediate Past President in November 2012

**Upcoming meetings:**
- Seminar on Disease Prevention and Control in GMS, from Oct 10 to 11, 2013 in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China
- 4th WFPHA Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on Public Health, from Nov 21 to 22, 2013 in Nha Trang, Vietnam
- 5th WFPHA Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on Public Health, 2014, Korea
### Action plans
- Setting up the Official Relationship Between WHO WPRO and WFPHA APRLO
- Proposal for establishing Federation of PHAs in the Asia-Pacific region
- Develop new PHAs and WFPHA membership in the region
- Strengthen the regional network and website building

### African Federation of Public Health Associations (AFPHA): Tewabech Bishaw
Since its establishment on 1 September 2011, the AFPHA has continued to strengthen its organizational capability and expand its networking. Executive committee members composed of representatives from National Public Health Associations representing all sub-regions. During the 13th World Congress on Public Health, the AFPHA held its first General Assembly.

### Upcoming events
- PHASA Conference in collaboration with the AFPHA to be held in Cape Town from 23-27 September 2013.
- IGAD Scientific Conference in Collaboration with the Ethiopian Ministry of Health and the AFPHA – to be held in November 2013 in Addis Ababa Ethiopia
- Others in the pipeline will be communicated when finalized.

Rapporteur: J. Zhao
## Appendix A
List of Attending Members and Guests:

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