Minutes staff meeting March 6, 2017

Present: Ingvild H., Sven G., Bente, Ingvild S., Ingunn, Astrid, Solfrid, Hallgeir, Cecilie, Thorkild, Marte, Jörn, Melf, Bjarne, Ane, Alemayehu, Susanna, Elinor, Linda F, Gunhild (ref)

Agenda:

1. Teaching medical students
News from Sven Gudmund Hinderaker; new plans; exam; we need to contribute
Sven G. presented the new course in MEDINTH for medical students, which will now be taught in semester 6, and not like now in semester 11. The changes in the course were discussed. The plan for the course is now to be spread out over a five-week period. It was suggested to ask for a shorter course period. There will not be an exam after this course, but there will be questions from the course in the bachelor-exam the students will have just after this course is finished. This means that the lecturers need to come up with good questions to go in to a question-bank, to be picked randomly.

2. Master students
-39 students have been invited from different countries - we await the response. These are the international students. Deadline for the Norwegian students to apply for the master programme is April 15.

-We need to continue the work on a project “bank” for new masters. Bjarne will make a template based on the research track project bank. We need to discuss what type of datasets can be included in the project. When are the data sets too old for instance?

We need meaningful tasks in the “bank”. The whole Faculty should be informed about the project bank, to attract supervisors from all the Departments at the Faculty for our students.

3. MOOC
Register for a FutureLearn account here (free of charge): https://www.futurelearn.com/register
After you have registered, you can sign up for our MOOCs:

Ingvild Sandøy is in charge of a new MOOC - massive open online course in Medical Peace Work. This course opens on May 1.

Bente has a new round with the MOOC on Occupational Health in Developing Countries starting 20/3.

Please, everyone - do sign up for the courses; it is a great support for us all. Also, do tell everyone about them. Send mails!

4. Other information
-Esperance Abotnes has received funding: "A Partnership for Training Caregivers to Prevent Konzo Disease from Toxic Cassava and Enhance Neurodevelopment in very Young Congolese Children" from African Partnership scaling grant award. The award amount is up to $200,000. Congratulations!
We had a good seminar for PhD candidates at Alver 1/2/3
Help your candidates with posters/payment for them. Ask Ingvild or Gunhild if you need the form for payment information. The form has been sent out to supervisors by e-mail earlier.

Globvac comes soon; next week - any unsolved problems?
Will include Forum meeting/meetings with the Research Council
Ingvild says things are under control.

-Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm will have a memorial ceremony for Hans on the 14 March at 5 pm local time. It will be streamed online so you can actually follow it.
http://ki.se/en/about/memorial-ceremony-for-professor-hans-rosling

-News on "Global Challenges" - meeting in strategy group 9/3
The task for the strategy group is: “To find the best scientists”

There have been a couple of entries in the UiB newspaper “På Høyden” about Global Challenges. It is in Norwegian, read more here:
Reply from Bente Moen/Guri Rørtveit: “Globale samfunnsutfordringer: La ord føre til handling!”
Interview with Gro Lie and Siri Gløppen: — UiB si satsing på utviklingsforskning er for dårlig
Comment from Bernt Lindtjørn: — UiBs utviklingsforskning er svekket

-Meeting in Norwegian Institute on Global Health at Gardermoen 10/3
Bente is secretary and Nina Langeland is leader of the meeting

AOB
Anne Hatløy informed about a project application from FAFO, CIH, UiBGlobal and Nifu that has been given a grant for NOK 10 mill for four years from RCN – Vision 2030. She will present the project at CIH at a later date. We congratulate!
Ingunn has reminded us that CIH needs to give feedback on what courses we want to be in the Bergen Summer Research School in the future, since the summer school is going to recycle courses at an interval. The deadline for feedback is late March.

Abstract deadlines:


10th European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health (ECTMIH) in Antwerp, Belgium from October 16th to 20th, 2017. Deadline for abstract submission April 1st.