

GMHRG-Meeting
18 March 2019, 14-15:30

Minutes

We started the meeting welcoming our two visiting scholars from Bhutan (Kinley Gyaltsen Dean, Faculty of Health and Public Health, KGUMSB; Ugyen Dem, Jigme Dorji Referral Hospital, Thimpu 0095), and introduces the group and our work.

Then, we discussed our research environments with focus on funding mechanisms and teaching frameworks for mental health education.

Next, Carmeliza presented the different funding avenues under the ERASMUS collaboration (500.000 to 1.000000 EUR, up to 3 years) scheme and we assessed which avenues suited our plan best.

1. **Global Credit Mobility Fund** requires equivalent degrees which allows for aligned curricula. This is not given at this point between Royal University of Medical Sciences Bhutan and IGS/CIH.
2. **Institutional Development Fund** requires 3 European and at least 2 non-European higher education institutions. Bhutan has one university, so either a justification for special consideration or an Regional Partnership needs to be considered.
3. **Capacity Development Fund** further information is needed how this can apply in teaching/education contexts.

Finally, we agreed to

- form collaboration teams in Bhutan and Norway, across the National institutions that are thought to be participating.
- discuss key questions with ERASMUS adviser at UiB in April
- summarize existing collaborations (for institutional development network)
- agree to meet via skype in May to discuss strategy based on further information.



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