

Minutes: Regular Meeting Global Mental Health Research Group:

Wednesday, 6 April 2016, 13.00-15.00,
Centre for International Health, 5th floor, assembly area

1. Discussion of recent data: Post-earthquake experiences in Nepal: Presentation of data on 550 caregivers

Ingrid Kvestad presented very recent data with first analyses from her project in Nepal. This discussion was preliminary and the content won't be published; but it was a fruitful and open discussion of the data, options of analyses, as well as an exchange on the recent literature on related topics.

2. Short discussion recapitulating the GLOBVAC conferences (student-, main-, PhD-conference)

We reviewed the three conferences with e GMH-filter. Especially the student conference was relevant as it included MH as key topic in its design. The other conferences didn't mainstream MH, however, it found mention in both as a topic of growing interest with the SDGs permeating the health agendas.

3. Follow-up: strategic discussion on inter-university research projects, to stay relevant and visible in an internationalizing world of mental health research

In a brief discussion, in consideration of latest developments in academic and global health funding, as well as the feedback from the conferences re. GLOBVAC, we confirmed the necessity to establish networks – across universities and borders - and to develop a solid research group to be able to respond timely to future calls and design future projects collaboratively under time constraints. At the same time, interdisciplinary must become a strong selling point of our work.

4. Discussion on dissemination and discrepancy between research results and media reports

Again, based on the example of Ingrid Kvestad's recent publication that resonated in many media outlets around the world, we discussed how to maximize dissemination and visibility, on the one hand, without entirely losing control over the reporting in popular media.

Her original release was here: : <https://uni.no/nb/news/2017/03/24/barn-med-vitamin-b12-mangel-sliter-med-legge-pusle/> , which then obtained a controversial headline, [here](#), and was published among other newspapers in the UK, [here](#), in Denmark, in Nigeria, [here](#), and for those reading Chinese, [here](#).