

CIH staff meeting Monday 18th January 2021 13-14, on zoom.

Present: Bente, Anne Berit, Elinor, Karen Marie, Guri, Anne, Ingunn, Ane, Halvor, Sven Gudmund, Theogene, Catherine, Astrid, Ana Lorena, Ingvild Maden, Bjarne R, Ingvild S, Thorkild (coming in at the end), Gunhild (ref).

Agenda:

1) Main topic: Research groups

We have organized several research groups at CIH the past years and we need to discuss some issues.

a) Definition of a research group

Group that does research

Group that fills formal requirements

b) Which groups are at CIH at present – Bente presented an overview.

- [Global Health Anthropology](#) (formal IGS group)
Leader: [Karen Marie Moland](#)
- [Greenness, air pollution and health](#) (formal IGS group)
Leader: Ane Johannessen
- Global Health Research group (formal IGS group), webpage will be published soon
Leader: Thorkild Tylleskär
- [Global Mental Health](#) (formal, IGS group)
Leader: [Ingunn M. S. Engebretsen](#)
- [Malaria research, climate and Health](#) (informal, CIH rg)
Leader: [Bernt Lindtjørn](#)
- [Tuberculosis Research Group](#) (informal, CIH rg, apply now for formal status)
Leader: [Tehmina Mustafa](#)
- [Global Health Priorities/BCEPS](#) (affiliated)
Leader: [Ole F. Norheim](#)
- [Patient- and community based clinical dental research](#) (affiliated)
Leader: [Anne Nordrehaug Åstrøm](#)
- [Bergen oral cancer group](#) (affiliated)
Leader: [Anne C. Johannessen](#)
- [Occupational and Environmental Medicine](#) (affiliated)
Leader: [Ole Jacob Møllerløgken](#)

c) An example of a research group; short presentation of the group Global Mental Health by Ingunn.

Ingunn Engebretsen presented the Global Mental Health research group from their start in 2015 until today. The group has since they started been successful getting funding for projects, they supervise PhD-candidates in the group, teach and publish articles. Ingunn emphasizes the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to global mental health. Read about the research group here: <https://www.uib.no/en/rg/gmh>

d) 'Rules' for the groups / how to be accepted as an 'IGS research group'

– and is that another type of group than a 'CIH research group'?

Guri Rørtveit gave a presentation about research groups at IGS, and how to become a formal research group at IGS:

A research group can be formally attached to IGS, but it is also possible to have a research group without the formal attachment.

A formal research group must:

- Be approved by the IGS Department Council (Institutttråd)
- Be led by a scientific employee at IGS
- Include at least two members from scientific staff

- Have a strategy and a vision
- Have a webpage under the IGS webpages
- Have regular meetings

The text in the requirements is under revision now, and you are welcome to give comments.

A researcher can be member of more than one RG, but they must be member of one formal research group at IGS.

The RG leader is responsible for:

- Reports to the section leader
- Being elected for 2 years (can be re-elected)
- Being part of strategic forum at IGS
- Having overall responsibility for research in the group
- Administration and communication
- Support and encouragement of the members to apply for funding
- Identifying and encouraging young talents

The RG leader can choose to delegate some of their responsibilities to others in the group.

e) Is CISMAL a research group?

As it is now, is CISMAL not registered as a formal research group. CISMAL can choose to apply to become a formal research group (or not). CISMAL scientific staff employed at IGS can be members of one of CIH's formal research groups.

SEFAS - Senter for alders- og sykehjemsmedisin, has chosen to be a formal research group as well as a centre. This is also the case for BCEPS.

2) Information sharing

-We continue to be on home offices until at least 31/1-21.

-Short summary from this week's meeting in CIH board: A good meeting; the board was quite impressed by all achievements. No solution related to the use of labs at the hospital; must make a follow-up (promised by Per Bakke).

-Filiz has broken her ankle and Cecilie has broken her arm in the new year. They are both on sick leave now. We will send flowers.

-ECTMIH2021: Abstract submission is open: <https://ectmih2021.no/abstracts/>

-Thorkild: There will work on a call for a new national research school. CIH needs to discuss if we want to participate in an application. The deadline is in September. This will not be a continuation of the existing NRSRGH. CIH/Bergen should consider a request to be the coordinator for the school. The current school is run from NTNU. We suggested Thorkild to lead the process and think CIH should be in lead of Norway.