

Minutes - CIH staff meeting Monday 09th of November 2020, 1230-1400, Assembly area at CIH, ODH, 5th floor and on Zoom.

Present: Bente, Gunhild, Ingunn, Sven Gudmund, Thorkild, Linda, Astrid, Halvor, Hanne, Karen Marie, Ana Lorena, Marte, Ingvild S, David Sam, Elinor, Olga, Marianne, Ane S., Ingvild M., Catherine, Anne Berit (minutes).

Minutes from 02.11. Please find the minutes here: <https://www.uib.no/en/cih/72009/staff-meetings#2020>

Agenda:

1. Information sharing:

Welcome to CIH Olga! Olga Shangina Williams is our new economist after Filiz. She will mainly be working at CISMAL and with research projects at CIH.

<https://www.uib.no/en/persons/Olga.Shangina>

Home office. Information from UiB -

Access to campus will be restricted further. Home office is the main rule. Working from campus must be agreed upon with your leader. Those who must come to campus should walk or bike if possible. Public transport during rush hour should be avoided. The exception is employees at the dental clinic. Teaching is digital, as far as possible. Updated information on teaching and exams is to be found at MittUiB. Research activity: Access to campus will be given to master students, phd students, postdocs and preliminary researchers to secure progress in their projects. Meetings and seminars planned within November 23rd should be digital as far as possible. Physical meetings should take place only if absolutely necessary and after approval from centre leader Bente, who informs the department head.

Day Zero – SDG conference at UiB: Wednesday 10 February. Register your event for "Day Zero" - an academic festival with activities relevant to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. **Registration by 15 November.** <https://www.uib.no/en/sdgconference/138845/day-zero-wednesday-10-february>

On Tuesday-Wednesday 10-11 November, Julia Brandenberger will defend here Dr. Philos. thesis: "Asylum-seeking children at a Swiss tertiary hospital". Julia is a German-Swiss paediatrician who has worked for MSF in Niger (IDPs) and Tanzania (Burundian refugees) but her thesis is on health care of refugee children in Switzerland. Her self-selected trial lecture will be on "Humanitarian paediatrics" starting Tuesday 10 Nov at 13:15 (highly recommended!) and her trial lecture prescribed topic will be at 14:45, the topic is: "Frameworks, theories and hypothesis to cover the contexts and social-cultural underpinnings that come into play with health seeking for migrant children" The defence is 11 November starting 10:15.

1st opponent: PhD Santino Severoni 2nd opponent: Dr Philos Bernadette Nirmal Kumar. Associate Professor Anne Hatløy will be chairing the trial lecture and the public defence.

Here is the press release in Norwegian:

<https://www.uib.no/nye-doktorgrader/139366/hva-er-helsebehovene-til-asyls%C3%B8kende-barn>

The thesis can be downloaded here:

<https://bora.uib.no/handle/1956/24454>

ECTMIH 2021 going virtual. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic we have decided to host ECTMIH 2021 online. Important dates: Calls for organised sessions and panels is open Deadline: 15th December 2020, <https://ectmih2021.no/abstract/organised-sessions/>
Calls for abstracts for posters will open in November 2020

February call of the Norwegian Research Council If you are plan to develop a proposal, please contact our research advisor Ramune Midttveit and a project economist to get a good start on the application. You must use this form: <https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=9302779> . If you are in doubt about whether you will apply, please let Ramune know. No later than one month before the application deadline, you must provide more detailed information to the department by filling in this form: <https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=6225015> You will then receive a budget template for the relevant call. Collaborate with the project economist to set up a budget. One week before the deadline: Send a notice and a budget that is quality assured by the project economist to the head of department for approval. Copy the head of administration and the project economist who has set up the budget for you.

Strategic discussion-all day at Bryggen 7. Of December from 09-16. We are planning for a strategy day but it may be changed on short notice depending on local COVID restrictions. More information to come.

Rehabilitation of the main building at Makerere. Thorkild is working together with the rectorate at UiB to raise funds for the rehabilitation of the main building at Makerere. More information to come.

Staff meeting Monday 23 November. Rules when hiring people who are abroad

We will meet as usual - albeit digitally - at 1300, then we have a professional post by Tehmina - and then the meeting continues 1330 with an important topic for SIH. Ingvild Maden invites us to a meeting with the International Center at UiB Monday 23 November at 13.30-15.00

Zoom meeting; <https://uib.zoom.us/j/61266126671?pwd=QW43L1hjR0t3Tkp2SUdPZlBLSXZrZz09>

Due to new guidelines, as well as the corona situation, UiB have encounter a number of new issues recruiting employees working abroad. The International Center will inform us about the rules, as well as answer questions. Topics:

- Social security (work in Norway - NAV social security system, SPK, Insurance)
- Newly appointed international employees
- employees from Norway working abroad
- Employment abroad

These are important topics at CIH and we encourage everyone who can benefit to participate.

2. **Strategy meeting online**, with focus on SIH /CISMAC cooperation. This meeting was held in Norwegian. Theme: SIH / CISMAC work (education / research) the next 10 years? - thoughts after a few years with (CISMAC) experiences, introduction by Halvor Sommerfelt, followed by discussion.

CISMAC's overarching goal is to conduct high-quality research, and through this research build research competence with partners. Important premises for success are dedicated partners and relevant, partner-driven concepts. Generally, research collaborations is often reflected in numerus joint publications. In projects with components of competence building,

the first author position is often a collaborating partner. Many of our publications are published without the Norwegian partners as first or last author. These types of positions normal pay off financially in a Norwegian setting. It is therefore crucial to balance high-quality production between partners to also ensuring publications with Norwegian lead authors. This is especially relevant for young researchers establishing new research groups. We have over the years built several strong relationships with institutions how have become outstanding research environments. One question we need to ask ourselves now is; where do we want to go from here? What should be our future role towards our partners? Until now, our main agenda has been to build competence and strong partnerships with institutions. But should we continue to look for partners who need our support, or should we focus more on strengthening already existing collaborations? We should be open to a wide range of subjects and be aware of the power structures that can influence the collaboration. In addition to contributing to competence building at our partner institutions we need to ensure continuous competence within CIH. We need people situated at CIH that knows the field of Global health to be able to conduct excellent global health research in the future. Future action: The strategy working group will prepare a strategy draft document based on our discussion today. This document will be discuss in further detail at our next strategy meeting 7. Of December.

3. AOB:
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