

Minutes - CIH staff meeting Monday 11th of May 2020, 1300-1400, Online - Zoom.

Present: Bente, Gunhild, Karen Marie, Elinor, Thorkild, Ane J., Marte, Ana Lorena, Ingvild S., Cathrine, Sven Gudmund, Halvor, Graziella, Ane S., David Sam, Hanne, Ingunn, Themina, Cecilie, Anne Berit (minutes).

Agenda for the scientific meeting:

1. Minutes from 27/4. Our last meeting was 20. April, please find the minutes here: <https://www.uib.no/en/cih/72009/staff-meetings#2020> Bente reminded everyone applying for NORHEDII to be aware of NORHED information in the Minutes. There are still issues to be clarified regarding budgeting. We recommend everyone to read the budget guidelines thoroughly. <https://www.uib.no/boa/134835/norhed-ii>
Regarding overhead: From the guidelines we have: Indirect costs are included in the lump sum for salary compensation only. Overhead will not be added to the total budget as this is not permitted. The lump sum for one annual full-time equivalent position at South-based partner institutions shall be calculated in accordance with the institutional salary compensation scale at Assistant Professor level with an additional 45 % to cover social costs, indirect costs and general running costs at the institution. For more information see budget guidelines.
Regarding "Frikjøp" of scientific staff employed at UiB: Scientific staff divide their UiB time 50/50 research and teaching. When calculation the need for "frikjøp" from any given activity in a research project the total can not extend that 50 % UiB research time without applying to the institute leadership. Important to distribute project activities in such a way that nobody employed at UiB is engaged more than they have at their disposal for research. "Frikjøp" in research cannot be compensated by minimizing teaching obligations at UiB.
2. Professor Halvor Sommerfelt presented the new, planned project '*SARS-Cov-2 infection and COVID-19 in women and their young infants in Kampala, Uganda*'. The project will be funded by RCN, congratulation! Sommerfelt presented the background and objectives. The team plan to capture the evolving epidemic regarding prevalence and incidence in the population, especially among high risk of serious disease. They also seek to evaluate impact of wide-ranging preventive measure to control COVID-19 on women giving birth during the epidemic, their children, and their families. Marte will conduct a qualitative sub study on the perceived consequences of the measures. A discussion followed. Question to Sommerfelt was raised and future research actions was discussed. CIH can engage more in COVID-19 projects in LMIC. In these countries, the challenge is different than in our part of the world.
3. Information sharing
 - Bente and Gunhild will gather information on upcoming events relevant for all CIH PhD candidates, including webinars from CISMAL.
 - New corona information: Home office is still the main rule. Remember to apply for access to your office at ODH if you plan a return.

<https://www.uib.no/korona/135773/koronatiltakene-slippes-gradvis-opp-uib-d%C3%B8rene-%C3%A5pnes-flere> We are happy to see that we will be allowed to teach on campus in the Autumn semester! Hopefully, there will be more information next week about the plan of entering ODH again. The situation seems to be improving, but we have not received any new information on this issue, involving us.

4. AOB