Short Minute - Strategy day for Centre for International Health

Date and time: Monday 16th December 2019 0830-1500
Location: Legenes Hus – meeting room


1. Welcome and introduction / Bente Moen
   Centre for International Health (CIH) needs a new strategy, – not only because the previous one ends in 2019, but because we see a shift at CIH: Old professors leave, new ones have come. We have a different student group than before. The funding situation is different. Our society is different. We need to be more visible and give more political input. We therefore need a new strategy – and will, together, develop a new one – starting today.

2. Global health and International Health and CIH
   Reflections from Copenhagen – by professor Flemming Konradsen on Skype.
   K.M Moland and A. Blystad gave a brief introduction to the topic and a presentation of Flemming. He was part of an evaluation panel in 2014 regarding development research at UiB. CIH is mentioned several times in this evaluation report. See the report here: http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=7aa3783c0e8f67134a239c7f8b50dcef
   Discussion lead by K.M Moland and A. Blystad

3. CIH today; a summary and comments – BE Moen/AB Kolmannskog
   Bente gave an overview over recent activities at CIH. See presentation here: http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=898c74c9db276946d5ad0f1f0bc527c3

4. How do we want CIH to look like in 5 years from now?
   The role of CISMAC in CIH – Halvor Sommerfelt presented. CISMAC supports a new strategy for CIH. Important to reflect on possible directions, both thematically (broad vs. focused) and economically (BOA vs gjennomstrømning).
   The role of BCEPS – Global Health Priorities – O.F. Norheim presented and reflected on identity. From the outside, today, CIH looks a bit old-fashioned. Teaching, research and communication must be included in the strategy. Competition from outside. Politically, there are major changes. Still important to conduct global health research. Capacity building will still be important in the future.

   Global challenges at UiB – B.E. Moen presented.

5. Group work followed by a short discussion.
   Question 1. Should the vision and mission for CIH be changed?
   Question 2, b)How should CIH best be described; what is a centre?
There is a broad agreement among the attendees that the center needs a renewed profile. We must work on a new vision and mission reflecting our ambitions for our work.  

**Keywords from the discussion:**  
Focus vs. broadening  
Specialization  
Progressive work  
Revitalization  
Global vs international  
Marginalized vs poor, correct use of words is important  
Global dynamics of marginalization processes  
Our Master Programme called Global Health, must be reflected in the curriculum given to the students  
The center may need to change name, but this will have implications for branding  
Climate must be part of the strategy  
Unique opportunity to use UiB’s global strategy to our advantage.

A group was appointed to work on vision/mission: Ingunn Engebretsen, Melf-Jacob Kühl and Anne Berit Kolmanskog + Bente E. Moen.

6. **The University work environment – challenges for a good and safe workplace**  
Presentation by Tone Bergan, Senior adviser, psychologist, Division of Human Resources, UiB  
See the presentation here:  
[http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=9bc127a99d219a09164c34771eaf035e](http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=9bc127a99d219a09164c34771eaf035e)

7. **The administration at CIH**  
Administrative needed at CIH – B.E. Moen  
Administrative plans for CIH to continue the good work – Siri Smith  
The plan of the Department to support CIH - Guri

The presentations was followed by a short discussion.  
The administration at CIH is an important support to all scientific personnel maintaining, and even increase, scientific activity. It is of great importance for CIH to retain stable administrative support in order to uphold and increase its activity. IGS wants to co-locate parts of the administration at Alrek, especially education and economics, in order to extract positive synergies from co-location. At CIH there is concern about administrative support being reduced. IGS assures that this is not the case. Good communication between leaders and staff will be very important in this process.

8. **Plan forward- working groups; dates**  
Flemming is visiting CIH 3/2. The working group will provide a proposal for a new vision and mission: Melf, Ingunn, Anne Berit. The proposal will be discussed at the first Monday staff-meeting in 2020 and also before 20. January. The next strategy day will be held in an even week. The strategy will be presented for the CIH advisory scientific group and the CIH board in May 2020.

*The meeting ended with a dinner.*