



Network for Education
in International Health

Minutes of tropEd General Assembly Meeting
11th to 13th February 2016
Public Health Graduate Program
Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Gadjah Mada
Jalan Farmako, Sekip Utara, Yogyakarta 55281.

Meeting participants:

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Bernadette Peterhans (BP), Basel;

Günter Fröschl (GF), Munich;

Ning Beyer (NB), Basel;

Núria CASAMITJANA (NC), Barcelona;

Pauline Grys (PG), Heidelberg;

Pol De Vos (PDV), Antwerpen;

Prisca Zwanikken (PZ), Amsterdam;

Siswanto Wilopo (SW), Yogyakarta

Wongsa Laohasiriwong (WL), Khon Kaen;

6 full members, 2 collaborating members

1. **Welcome address:** The Dean of Faculty of Medicine warmly welcomed the GA to Yogyakarta. The hospitality and the organization of the meeting have surprised the GA members a lot. Prof. Siswanto Wilopo gave a presentation about the history of UGM and the education programmes at the university. The department of public health consists of three departments: health policy and management; health promotion and environment; health statistics, epidemiology and population health. Under these departments there are Masters/PhD programmes in eleven areas. Most of the research areas have collaborations with universities overseas. The international programme is run in English and the national ones in Indonesian language. Prof. Siswanto expressed his hope to improve the international collaboration of UGM through the tropEd meeting.
2. **Agenda of Yogyakarta GA meeting is accepted.**
3. **Minutes of the Basel GA are approved without any changes.**
4. **Information from Secretariat:**
 - a. **The following courses have been accredited since last GA:**
 - Basel: Medical Priorities & Clinical Tropical Medicine in South East Asia
 - Edinburgh: Strengthening Health and Health Systems in Fragile and Conflict-affected States
 - Edinburgh: Gender, Health and Development (GHD)
 - Munich: Infectious Disease Diagnostics
 - Munich: Learning Science
 - b. **Drop out:** unfortunately, **University of Copenhagen** informed the Secretariat that they will step back from the tropEd membership. Secretariat has communicated with them to make sure the current accredited course are valid until the end of this academic year and guarantee the quality of the courses and deliver of the grade report to the students.

The secretariat will take out the courses from Copenhagen at the end of the year 2016 and will make an announcement on the website. In general we as a network have to set up rules for such cases. **To do: The secretariat will draft this rules and we will discuss it in the next meeting.**
 - c. **Decision on site visit to Geneva,** We have received the self-evaluation report from Geneva. **Nuria will do the site visit soon.** Some EC members are still doubtful about this very special master's programme, they cannot deliver a masters of international health as the other members.
 - d. **UCL ECTS issue:**

The UCL is running two credit systems for the programme. From UCL's perspective – and that of students on other programmes – 150 learning hours will equal 15 UK credits and 7.5 ECTS. Within the consortium, a different conversion system will apply and 150 learning hours will equate to 6 ECTS. It would be helpful

if the module descriptors can explain this briefly so that students understand the difference. The key thing is that they are all investing the same time and receiving the same number of UCL credits. For the tropEd students it would be helpful for the grade report to include columns for both ECTS credit points and a footnote explaining the difference.

5. Agreement on the competencies

Based on the discussion in Basel GA, now the GA members have agreed the new competencies as follows:

A student completing a master in international Health should be able to:

1. Advocate for, and work to address the principles of equity and human rights in international health;
2. Identify current and emerging health problems in different population groups and analyse the key factors that influence these problems;
3. Identify the needs for, and generate ethically sound evidence to address health problems through research and evaluation;
4. Formulate effective and efficient responses to complex issues related to international health;
5. Initiate and manage collaborative relations; communicating and interacting effectively across disciplines and cultures within complex environments;
6. Advocate for the use of evidence in decision making that promotes the health of populations.

6. Impact indicators for the MIH within the network

The meeting participants were working in three groups and looked at the impact indicators in three different aspects: personal, organizational and society.

From personal aspects:

- Self-Satisfaction with the professional work: Did you fulfil your expectations to the study programme? What surprised you the most?
- Global scope of working possibility, change from the individual point of view to the health system/public health perspective.
- Confident to take the responsibility to take on the leadership
- Confident to continually self-reflect and self-develop
- Have developed proposals for research and evaluation at different levels
- Taking leadership for and have implemented responses to research, intervention and programmes
- Actively engage in use of - and advocacy for - evidence based decision making

From institutional/organisational aspects:

- Competency 1: To which extent are you critically reflecting/appraising, stimulating the change where necessary and/or putting into practice the principles of equity and human rights at your work place?
- Competency 2,3,4: To which extent did you contribute to the organisational development and professionalization of your work place? (For example in

- problem analysis and response formulation by using sound methodology)
- Are you supported by your working environment to initiate changes within your organisation?
- Competency 5: To which extent do you represent your organisation adequately in your organisations collaborative networks

From Society aspects: (besides the overlapping from the other two groups)

- Aware of emerging health issues
- Aware of different key stakeholders and key factors
- Research evaluation, using evidence, present the results.
- Use social media
- Self-reflection and self-development,
- Starts and lead change programme,
- Establish relations to other organizations, sharing,
- Organizing meetings conferences, offering platforms

7. Plan a next joint alumni survey

Based on the impact indicators, a task force was set up to prepare the next tropEd alumni survey. PG, AK, NB, PDV, one from Barcelona, PZ or LG, AH, WL will join this task force. **To do: a first draft of the questionnaire in the GA meeting** in Heidelberg. We will **To do: send out the information again to all members** and invite all the interested members. The inclusion and exclusion criteria should be reconsidered. Not necessary only ask the tropEd students who have recognition. The main difference compared to the last survey should be clear.

Some questions were suggested such as: evaluate mobility, compare the tropEd master to other masters, reaction/ satisfaction with curriculum, learning gained skills and knowledge, use of skills. satisfied to get a job they want, not necessary got the better paid job, professional empowerment, PhD programme, publications, etc.

8. Professional profile

PZ and GF presented the revised version of professional profile as follows:

An international health expert is engaged in health related challenges in inter-sectoral environments across multiple levels that range from the community to the international stage, with a special focus on disadvantaged populations. The expert formulates and implements sustainable actions guided by both equity principles and scientific evidence (or aiming at sustainability).

To do: Axel will ask an English native speaker to check the English again. And decision will be made in the next GA in Heidelberg.

9. Accreditation and re-accreditation of advanced modules (Details please see annex 1)

10. Election of tropEd President

PG chaired this election. She verified that six full member institutions are legally represented at the meeting. She stated that the assembly is able to take decisions on the composition of the Executive Committee.

NC stood for election of tropEd President. After voting, she has received 5 votes and one abstention. PG then announced that NC was elected as new President-Elect and will join into the tropEd Executive Committee for three years. NC accepted the position and thanked the GA for the vote of confidence.

After this election, RR will become the tropEd president and PG will become the tropEd president past. PG thanked CK for her great work in the past three years in the EC.

11. Recognition

The following three graduates have fulfilled the requirement of tropEd recognition and have been awarded the tropEd recognition certificate in this meeting:

- Khadija Said Ibrahim
- Katsiaryna Kashynskaya
- Francesco Di Donna

12. Financial report-Internal Auditing

GF and AK have reviewed the financial documents 2015 and suggest discharging the EC members for their work in 2015. However, since there are only four votes from full members present, the decision making will be postponed to the June GA meeting in Heidelberg.

13. Update on WHS, ECTMIH, WFAIGH, EAGHA, PhD, etc.

WHS and WHAIGH: It costs 900 Euro for 2-3 days of WHS. A group working on global health are set. AH and NC are in this group and already have telephone conferences. At the moment the working group is planning the health forum in Geneva in April. This year there will be one session with WFAIGH on global health with the title: Academic Global Health determining the status and the way forward. Definition of global health; what are the value of education in Global health for students from LMC and HC; what are the existing education in global health and what are the gaps; the content in Global health education are the four main topics in this session. This session will be 90 minutes. Axel will be there.

Graduate school of Geneva, they are the first one to offer bologna master in international health. Beat Stoll is involved in it and it is based on the faculty of medicine. Swiss TPH will have a booth there.

EAGHA: no news so far

PhD: coordinated by VU in Amsterdam. The new intake starts September 2016, selection was done for the 7 scholarships confirmed from the agency. Many of the candidates have the Master of International Health. Many of them are quite active in

research. They are from Kenya, VU/Cameroon, the Philippines, VU/Nigeria, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Canada.

The consortium will decide in the next meeting whether they will apply for the second round, maybe Bordeaux will drop out and maybe new partners can join in.

EM+, a seminar is planned for October GA meeting. This spring modules will be developed. Next year starts the tracks and then the consortium will start the evaluation of virtual mobility. The tracks are as described as in Basel meeting. Advertisement will come soon. There are scholarships for 8 students per institution; they still have to pay for their core course. The eLearning courses are funded.

ECTMIH 2017 in Antwerp, should we place the tropEd meeting there as well? Around 2000 person participated in Basel ECTMIH. tropEd did a presentation on medical and public health education in Africa. We should also think about how to collaborate at network level to a network in Africa instead of contact the individual institutions. It must not be necessarily a network of universities, but the network for specific topics.

14. Log frame and work plan 2016

To do: Task force has been set up and will present the new version in one of the future EC meetings before the next GA. The group member including: BP, PG, NC, NB.

15. Upcoming meeting, dates & locations

16-18 June 2016	Heidelberg
October 2016	Amsterdam

To do: A doodle link will be made in order to decide the date between 13-15 and 27-29, October.

February 2017	Barcelona
May/June 2017	Munich