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10:00 – 10:30 – Opening by GF and NC, welcome speech by P Quique Bassat, group photo

Session 1: Acceptance of Minutes, Office, Finances, Membership News, WGs, 10:30-12:00, Chair: GF

Implementation of the Agenda, Acceptance of Minutes

GF presented an overview of the September agenda. No objections were raised by any of the GA participants.

GF went through the minutes of the spring GA, page by page, which took place in Witten from the 15th to the 17th of June 2023.

Voting on the June GA 2023: 13 acceptances, 0 rejection, 0 abstention.

Updates on tropEd as Legal Association

The present EC composition of the network is registered at the legal office. The next step is to open a new bank account at Sparkasse Munich. The handling of the account and execution of payments should be done in Munich and all issues regarding this will follow the same modality as before.

Voting on Opening of a New Association Bank Account

The General Assembly of tropEd is voting as per tropEd Statutes §8 section 4 ff.:

“I agree with the opening of a new association bank account as the final and only bank account for the financial operations of tropEd at Sparkasse, Munich; the account will be handled under procuration by the Executive Secretary of the network, Guenter Froeschl.”

Voting on the June GA 2023: 14 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

Need of New Secretariat Coordinator

RK will be leaving the network at the end of November 2023. An announcement will be done soon to find a new secretariat coordinator to the network.

Financial Report of 2022

EM and KG as reviewers of the financial report of 2022 confirmed that all payments have been checked and confirmed. EK invited the GA to vote on the financial report of 2022.

Voting on release of EC of financial reporting duties for 2022: 13 acceptances, 0 rejection, 3 abstentions.

Updates on Membership Issues

GF gave quick feedback regarding the membership application status of four institutions: Kathmandu University School of Medical Sciences (self-presentation in this GA), School of Global Health of Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok (self-evaluation report expected in December 2023), University of Caracas in Venezuela (planned site visit in fall 2024 by NC. The visit was officially approved and NC is waiting for information regarding logistics and exact dates), and University of Minnesota (site visit report presentation by AM in this GA).

Feedback from the Working Groups (WG)

Scientific session (WG1: led by ML):

ML: it is working successfully and should be kept as a permanent WG.

tropEd recognition (WG2: led by FY and BB):

BB: no applications have been submitted since the last GA in Witten. FY is on parental leave until June 2024. BB will solely lead the group until then and will reach out to the network in case issues come up and assistance is needed.

Teaching in times of COVID-19 (WG3: led by JP):

JP: the results of the 1st survey were published in an article and presented at ECTMIH 2021. The data of the 2nd survey was not analysed. The idea is to have a 3rd survey to bring issues, concerns, or changes in the way we approach things (on online and hybrid education). But do we all feel that we need a 3rd round of surveys? Maybe rather focus on AI and ChatGPT. With the workload and time constraints that all institution representatives have, it is better to focus our energy in a direction that we all want.

RR: it might be good to bring the WG to a closure by having a 3rd round of surveys through which we look at COVID consequences on online teaching and the availability/ offer of online courses.

JP: I am sure that you do not only mean technical issues, if we are going online or not?

RR: true, not that. ISGlobal as example developed a strategy in response to the pandemic in terms of online education and courses. It would be interesting to see if other institutions developed/ followed such strategies in the learning process of that.

NC: we can focus on questions of equity and access to education in higher education.

FK: I would suggest to have another attempt but with an open way. This means having mixed-methods including face to face interviews or focus group discussions on hybrid teaching, equity, and economic courses (with a fee). Maybe there is a need then for a research question.

PK: online teaching is not a temporary topic that came with COVID. There was even before that a demand for online teaching. In terms of equity, it would be interesting to also to tackle the brain drain topic.

JP: it is clear that a 3rd wave is needed then.

GF: what do you need from us in terms of support? It is possible to have the 3rd wave by the end of the year?

JP: this is hard because there will be phases of data collection and analysis.

RK: why not to have a student of research assistant if the plan/ aim is to have a publication as a scientific product.

KG: I agree with RK. What is the result that we want to have out of the WG. It all depends on that.

JP: I will think about it and come back to you soon.

Students Issues (WG4: led by RR):

RR: the original idea is to use KARA as a platform for tropEd students and alumni. Concerns regarding data protection were flagged, especially in the EU. Now the servers are moved out of the US to West Africa. A data protection plan was moved by the owner and will be shared with the EC. He will work on this further with a business proposal.

tropEd summer school (WG5: led by JP and NC):

JP: we will have a long session on Saturday to discuss the summer school but it was great opportunity to raise awareness on the network. We have a high number of participants and also a big number actually paid the administrative fee, which was surprising.

EC reform (WG6: led by ML):

ML: we have a session scheduled for that so I will postpone the discussion.

AI (WG7: led by RR):

RR: nothing is new so far. It will all depend on the scientific session that will take place tomorrow on AI. We will have to discuss if we want to generate a publication. Everything is still very broad because we do not have a specific research question.

Session 2: Voting on EC Legal Reform, 12:00-13:00, Chair: ML

ML gave an overview on the three options that need to be discussed and then voted on:

Option 1: Keeping the rotating presidency with continuous governance by the GA but with legal representation solely by 1 person: the Executive Secretary.

Option 2: Keeping the rotating presidency with continuous governance by the GA but with legal representation by at least 2 members in the EC following the four-eyes principle.

Option 3: Changing the annually rotating presidency to a fixed 3-year term with an EC of 3 years, the signing at the legal office is only needed every 3 years.

NC: I have a clarification regarding option 2. An EC member stays for 3 years. So we do not need to choose someone yearly. It can be the executive secretariat in addition to one EC member.

FK: Is it possible that the executive secretary and one EC member have power of attorney? A kind of authorisation?

KG: regarding option 2, how should the changes be registered in the legal office? Lets say the votings and changes are done in the Feb GA, can they be taken to the legal office in August?

GF: Every new EC composition and changes should be reported to the legal office as soon as possible. Once changes are done, they should not be ignored, like it was done before. This is problematic and done by many organisations. Option 3 means that voting for all EC members will take place in the same time. Back to FK point on mutual representation: GF is in favor of that. For that purpose, maybe option 2 can be modified to have two EC members with mutual representation + make the signatures: the Ex Officio and the Executive Secretariat, since their positions are more stable.

LH: can options 2 and 3 be chosen and used? Option 2 is for internal use (keeping the rotating presidency) and option 3 is for external use (3 years of composition with the legal representation). Does that work legally speaking? Another issue is that the Executive Secretariat position should also be rotating. If the bank account and the seat of the network are always connected to the Executive Secretariat, then it will always be in Munich. So a structure on no structure.

NC: It was discussed before to have a rotation for the seat of the network but that was not brought forward. Option 2 focuses on the 4 eyes principle. So in case of authorisation, the principle effect will not be there anymore. One additional issue concerning the ex officio member: the position itself was started because of an experienced person who was long in the network and could still contribute to the EC. For that reason, it should be a member institution and not an individual member. We should request this because institutions have activities related to the network.

JP: All other associations have division of tasks. The Executive Secretariat at tropEd does a lot of work and we should question practicality and the split of tasks: why not to give it/ share it between institutions?

BB: Principle and practicality are put together in our discussions. We should start with the principle then practicality. Here we are talking about the 4 eyes and governance principles. If we accept the authorization, then we go back to the same issue: only one person doing the legal representation. What do we need as group of governance? Option 3 gives what we need.

FK: As an opinion, can options 1 and 2 be joined? To keep the power flat, experiment the options, and bring people together? We should think of well functioning structure and practicality should come second. That's why we have to think more strategically. Are the options considered with the legal office?

GF: No.

AM: The discussion is being done again and again. We have to move forward and vote. We are a flexible and an easy group and we can test the chosen option (based on voting) for 1 year.

RR: We have chosen before continuity over change. Change will bring financial elements as well. Having the same EC composition for 3 years might bring uncertainty. It can be a challenge to find people who want to do that.

ML: When visiting the legal office in Munich in February this year, the 4 eyes principle was mentioned by the employee there. Also in democratic countries, the power of one person should be reduced.

JP: Even during our academic work, when we submit a scientific article, it is reviewed by 2 persons to also have the 4 eyes principle. What we have in the moment is the executive secretary being the following: legal representative, treasurer, managing the bank account. This is too much to do and also not common.

BB: The questions in this case are: are we still a network? What is the role of the EC? Are we having a distribution of tasks and responsibilities?

GF: the word 'feeling' was mentioned. Are we having an emotional approach here? Decisions are made by the EC and during the GAs, based on voting. This is not to be replaced by anything. What about equity? Does it make sense for a person to travel just to make a signature for 10 sec? Especially someone from the LMICs?

ML: There will also be European people in the EC.

GF: Legal representation is connected to a position in the EC. You cannot change the position if someone comes from LMICs.

ML: We can also choose/vote for the person but not the position.

GF: I don't think it can be connected to a person, legally speaking.

ML: We can choose who goes to the legal office, like we did in Munich.

FK: 3 years does not solve the problem to come to Europe from LMICs.

Voting on EC Legal Reform: 3 for Option 1, 9 for Option 2, and 3 for Option 3.

Option 2: Keeping the rotating presidency with continuous governance by the GA but with legal representation by at least 2 members in the EC following the four-eyes principle.

GF: For option 2: How are the two people identified? Is it the Executive Secretariat and the Ex Officio or someone who is available?

ML: It is something to be further discussed in the WG.

Session 3: Membership Presentations, 15:00-16:00, Chair: JP

Kathmandu University School of Medical Sciences, Nepal, by Biraj Karmacharya

The self-presentation was given by Biraj Karmacharya.

NC: What could bring to the network? What can you offer in terms of courses and accreditation?

Karmacharya: In our case, the National Health Professional Council and the Medical Education Commission are the governing bodies doing the accreditation. We will try to align with ECTS in terms of hours. Concerning the network, the global health setting and knowledge are of significant value for the students and the scholars. Additionally, our programs will be enriched with new dimensions through the network.

RR: One big value of tropEd is mobility. Is it possible for your institution?

Karmacharya: We can for sure send students to other institutions. We have ERASMUS funding and mobility experience. Also online participation in courses is possible, to which credits will be received. An example of that, is the long collaboration with China and Washington.

GF: It is important for the network to have member institutions who keep up with meetings and engage and interact quite closely and actively with other institutions. Would you be able to join WGs and GAs? Another question: since you mentioned the accreditation bodies, are you able to decide on the content of courses? Can you develop and change it?

Karmacharya: It will be possible to join the WGs and GAs. It is something that is guaranteed. As for accreditation, the bodies do not decide on the course level but the facilities and number of instructors. We can develop our own courses and run them. An example could be planetary health and development integration.

GF: Is it possible to do thesis projects in Kathmandu University? Research projects with joined supervision?

Karmacharya: It depends of course on the number of students that we will receive. We have already PhD students and other international students.

NC: Do you have collaboration with other institutions through which master thesis and research projects can be done?

Karmacharya: Yes, we have collaborations with NGOs, where 2 students are doing their thesis in the frame of international cooperation. Topics such as gender and health financing are done in collaboration with GIZ and UNICEF.

NC: Is a certain language course needed?

Karmacharya: No.

JP: It is an achievement to have an entire master program. What can you say about that?

Karmacharya: It is the best learning experience when there is an individual learning on a local level, field experience, and have internationals additionally. Students in this case become the best investors.

Karmacharya and his colleagues were moved to the zoom waiting room so tropEd members could have a private discussion.

GF: It is not a very well prepared presentation but it will be very interesting to have someone from the region.

JP: It is very interesting that they have a full master degree. They can offer core and advanced modules.

RR: The advantage is that they can support mobility, provide courses, and offer research options on health research and community based research.

NC: I can see a lot of potential. An example is one of our students who went to Indonesia and was very happy with her experience. Having a home institution outside the EU that can offer a core course is good. However, they did not reflect on what joining the network brings.

AM: We do not know if it is about one person or if a group of people is around him. What about their short courses, how many do they have? This was not clear in the presentation. But the atmosphere at their institution looked very energetic.

GF: Maybe they get the dean's office institution support. The question now is: should they repeat the presentation or move to the next step?

RR: I feel confident by the answers given that they have enough to take it further.

KG: Regarding the next step, the self report, will they come and do it in person? Will we have the opportunity to interact?

GF: Yes, they will have to do it in presence.

JP: I am also confident.

Voting on the membership application (going to the next step of self-report): 11 acceptances, 0 rejection, 1 abstention.

University of Minnesota, USA, by Alberto Matteelli

The site visit report was presented by Alberto Matteelli in the presence of James Nixon (in person) and Nathan Bertelsen (online) from the University of Minnesota.

GF: Did you (AM) have the chance to talk to the students' body?

AM: Yes. Short interviews were done with American as well as international students. They expressed positivity and happiness concerning their experiences at the university.

Nixon: I would like to add here that our international students get the support to organize and plan their courses, schedule, and program. We have annual budget to fund participants from partner sites to come to Minneapolis and do the courses rotation.

RW: Do you have mainly graduates in the Medical School taking the courses?

Nixon: We have also physicians and nurses taking them. We do not give credits beyond CME credits. So that could be a problem/ an obstacle, since the students can't go and convert the credits somewhere else.

RR: Practically speaking, this limits the opportunities for EU students to go to the University. What about the alignment of semesters and credits? Time wise also. Also, vice versa, US students in the EU. Can the collaboration with Brescia be an example for tropEd students?

Nixon: Here the advantages of the online courses come in place. They can be done in asynchronously and the students will have certain hours to complete the courses.

Bertelsen: We mainly work with medical professionals but we have the interest to expand that. We want to have courses that will be designed with tropEd requirements in mind for master students. Examples are courses on communicable diseases and disaster management, which are less medical and more public health courses. At the moment we have 7 online courses and we plan to have more. Also something to plan with our partners in East Africa and Thailand.

Nixon left the room and his colleagues were moved to the zoom waiting room so tropEd members could have a private discussion.

RR: I think that what they have fits very well, in terms of courses and size.

GF: I have met other colleagues from their institution and they are interested in the European landscape. So it is not about one person. Will be up to accept the first American university.

ML: Agrees and feels positive after Alberto's presentation.

DL: It also gives an opportunity to focus on tropical medicine not only in Africa.

Voting on the membership application (joining the network): 10 acceptances, 0 rejection, 2 abstentions.

Closing of GA Day 1.

Session 4: Courses Accreditation, 10:00-13:00, Chair: GF

No.	Institution	Course Name	Status	EC Member	Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Institutional Representative	Category
1	Heidelberg	Applying the Rights-Based Approach in achieving health-related SDGs	Re-accreditation	Günter Fröschl	Francine Egberts	Martina Fier		Anne- Kathrin Fabricius	2
2	Heidelberg	Quality Management in International Health	Re-accreditation	Günter Fröschl	Eva Mertens	Francine Egberts		Anne- Kathrin Fabricius	cond 1
3	Heidelberg	Facing the NCD epidemic in low- and middle-income countries: from data to service delivery	Re-accreditation	Günter Fröschl	Nguyen Thanh Ha	Paul Kadetz	Seydou Doumbia	Anne- Kathrin Fabricius	2
4	Heidelberg	Anti-Corruption and Health	Accreditation	Alberto Matteelli	Beatrice Formenti	Seydou Doumbia		Anne- Kathrin Fabricius	2
5	KIT	Core course Masters in International Health Netherlands Course in Tropical Medicine	Re-accreditation	Alberto Matteelli	Karin Gross	Ralf Weigel	Paul Kadetz	Francine Egberts	cond 1
6	KIT	Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights including HIV and AIDS	Re-accreditation	Alberto Matteelli	Anne Fabricius	João Piedade		Francine Egberts	cond 1
7	ISGlobal	Development and Application of Vaccines in Global Health	Re-accreditation	Marie Lindkvist	Fridemann Kinkel	Angelica Johansson	Dickson Lwetoijera	Nuria Casamitjana	1
8	Charite	Mental Health from a Cross-Cultural Perspective with a Special Focus on Traumatized Populations	Re-accreditation	Marie Lindkvist	Nuria Casamitjana	Seydou Doumbia		Hans-Friedemann Kinkel	2
9	Charite	Designing, Managing and Evaluating Projects for Improving Health: Issues for Donors and Implementers	Re-accreditation	Marie Lindkvist	Eva Kuhn	Dickson Lwetoijera		Hans-Friedemann Kinkel	2
10	Charite	Substance and Alcohol Use Disorder: Clinical,	Re-accreditation	Jani Puradiredja	Eva Kuhn		Jani Puradiredja	Hans-Friedemann Kinkel	2

		Social and Political challenges							
11	Charite	Advanced Vaccinology	Accreditation	Jani Puradiredja	Nuria Casamitjana	Nuria Serre	Jani Puradiredja	Hans-Friedemann Kinkel	3
12	Umea	Health Economic Evaluation Methods	Re-accreditation	Jani Puradiredja	Bruno Broucker	Friedemann Kinkel	Jani Puradiredja	Marie Lindkvist	2

Session 5: Scientific Session, 14:00-17:00, Chair: ML

Part 1: Detecting and dealing with AI authored content by Martyn Stewart, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

Part 2: Researchers and fieldwork: The Ethnographic Self by Rayan Korri, LMU

Closing of GA Day 2.

Session 6: WG Reflections, 09:00-11:00, Chair: JP and RR

Part 1: Summer School WG Reflections, Chair: JP

JP and RK gave a presentation on the history of the WG, how the summer school was planned and implemented, and the data that they have on the number of participants, their nationalities, professional backgrounds, the attendance rate, number of payments, and their feedback on the summer school.

NC: Since 70% of the participants did not know about the network, this means that we do not have a good communication. Regarding the big number of participants from Nigeria. It is one of the biggest African countries so it is normal to have that big number especially that they look for such opportunities to have some type of education. It would be nice to follow up on how the summer school affects us in terms of tropEd students and master applications in our programs.

FK: Maybe it can be done more regularly, like a small conference, and have a variety of topics or one topic of concentration and then sub-topics. The summer school was interesting. Maybe also make it linked to tropEd meetings? The Berlin summer school takes place in the last week of August, so one week before the students start their studies. So it would be better to choose different dates not to have an overlapping of summer schools.

RR: Congratulations on this achievement. It is nice to hear. What are the lessons learned on organizational level? Also IT?

JP and RK: It is better to have more than one institution representative during the sessions. So RK was taking care of the technical stuff and JP was taking care of introducing the speaker and the Q&A when possible. NC also did that. It would be important in the future to keep everything centralized at the secretariat level (zoom link, payments check, registration link...). FE: What should we do with the money? How to spend it? For the future, how was the workload on the secretariat and WG? It would be good to have more people who are engaged in the WG and have a rotation in the divisions of responsibilities. Also a recommendation regarding marketing of the summer school, it would be good to do it early enough. At least one month before its start.

RK: One point regarding the administrative fee: we say that it is only 50 euros but many participants requested a fee waiver (from Ethiopia, Nigeria, Yemen), because this amount is really high for them, especially when compared to their local currency.

JP: We have to think about how to judge that, how to decide on the requirements to have a reduced fee.

AM: How did the certificate look like? Was it issued by the secretariat? How is it recognized? Regarding the agenda: do we want to keep the same one for next year? Or do we want to change it?

JP: We generated a certificate with the tropEd logo and the names and websites of all institutions that gave sessions in the summer school, which was signed by the Executive Secretariat (GF) and the Acting President (JP). Concerning the agenda, it is always based on first come- first serve. ISGlobal has already a speaker and a topic for next year.

NC: We should keep it open where different institutions can come up with different topics every year. It could be then that the same participant can attend more than one summer school. We can also choose and focus on relevant topics of the moment, with morning and evening shifts.

GF: It would be good to vote on the summer school and if we want to have it next year, so we can support the WG in the future.

EK: Since the PR and communication components are weak, maybe we use the income that we got from the summer school for that purpose. Also, to cover the expenses of the students' representatives and speakers who will be participating in the GAs?

GF: We have generated an income of 4281 euros. But this was kind of fundraising because we have financial issues in the network. We can use some of it but not all of it. 760 euros are there in our annual budget to cover the expenses of the students' representatives. Regarding the organizational matters, I suggest to keep on using zoom webinar, have a rotation between institutions on the topics that are covered every year, and to send a Doodle link to ask about institutions availability and block that week of the year accordingly for the summer school.

AM: There should be a guiding side from the WG that gives a certain logic and structure to the flow.

NC: The summer school of this year happened more naturally.

GF: The strength of the summer school is that it had a single format with specific different topics. Regarding payments to speakers, we are a big network with 25 institutions. Finding experts who are available and willing to give a session will not be a problem. We can find enough speakers who are willing to do it for free.

Voting on having tropEd summer school in 2024: 12 acceptances, 0 rejection, 0 abstention.

Part 2: AI WG Reflections, Chair: RR

RR: The goal of the session is to get feedback on the scientific session that we had yesterday and to receive suggestions on how to move forward, with our WG on AI that has 8 people part of it.

GF: If we want to have a survey on that, should we include questions in the annual questionnaire for the annual report?

JP: Do we want to publish the data that we get?

RR: I think the perception of ChatGPT that is a cheating tool does not help. Maybe we have 2 surveys: one at baseline and another one at the annual questionnaire.

NC: One course that included AI was accredited in the last GA. Maybe we want to add AI in the handbook and have some indication on that.

EK: What does this WG and its work mean to us as an international network?

RK: I don't recommend having it in the annual questionnaire because it has questions about the year's performance within the network (no. of courses, tropEd students...). I think it is better to do it separately in order to take it seriously.

DL: African partners are not working on this, in terms of generating a policy, so tropEd work and its WG will be a lead for that.

GF: It is good to go back to the question of EK: what is beneficial for the network especially that many institutes are looking at the topic. The first point is to differentiate between policies and highlights/ attitudes towards AI. The second point is the mutual learning since the university administration are slow with their work and adaptation to the topic, so it feels that you want to do it yourself.

JP: We should only ask if the university is having a policy or not. We should also learn from Martyn.

PK: I would be concerned if the students are studying and moving between different institutions and these institutions have different policies. How would this look for them.

JP: We felt several times that the students should be included in this work and conversation.

RR: We should finalize a survey and move towards a direction with a deadline that is soon.

JP: Do we want to show only harmonization or also differences?

RR: Of course both. In addition to the students friction when they move from one place to another.

ML: We are in the beginning of this WG's work. Things will change and this will be a challenge. Maybe it will be difficult to work in the same direction in mind once we are in the spring.

JP: A lot of testing is done with English literature and articles. Maybe we have this strength and position to have different testing with different languages. English is centric in the tool because it is a particular language of communication. But what about Swahili, Swedish...

AM: It is important not to take so much time in generating the survey, like the other ones. We have to learn from that and make it out in the next 3 months.

RR: So the WG will move forward and you are all welcome to join.

Session 7: WG Reflections, 11:00-12:00

Upcoming events by NC

- ECTMIH 2023: tropEd abstract was not accepted but the network's institutions will have another way to participate through a session on decolonizing global health education that will be given by Charite, KIT, CIH, and BNITM.
- Book: Global Health Essentials: some tropEd member institutions contributed to the book (Munich, Barcelona, and Heidelberg).
- CHARM- EU, Master's in Global Challenges and Sustainability: Students in the program would like to approach the network to contribute to their work. I would like to have the permission of the network for that.

2024 GAs

- Next GAs in 2024:

Spring GA, completely online: 01 to 03 February 2024

Summer GA, in Mexico: 20 to 22 June 2024

- Need of a hosting institution for the fall GA 2024 (possible dates: 19 to 21 September 2024 or 26 to 28 September 2024):

FE: We wanted to host the fall GA 2024, but we will be starting a new master program, which will make things complicated because we will be very busy. Also we have a hotel

that is part of the institute, but it is not ready yet. It will be possible if we move the GA to October.

GF: Usually we stick to September to have it before the start of the academic year. It is important to stick to Thursday to Saturday GA. It is not possible to have it shorter because we always need more time. Elaborate of the suggested dates are possible, if they are not possible at all, then maybe October.

ML: We have to listen to the hosting institutions and their time preferences.

FE: I will get back to you regarding that in the next 2 weeks.

AM: Brescia will be an option B.

PK: QMU will be an option C.

JP had the closing remarks as tropEd Acting President.

Closing of GA Day 3.