Greetings

It gives us great pleasure to present WGH Norway and its initial list of dedicated members. With this searchable member booklet, we wish to highlight the broad and deep experience, expertise, passion, and diversity that exists among women working within the field of global health in Norway. We hope that this can be useful to form new collaborations and to find new and perhaps unknown resource persons for courses, seminars, and other engagements. We are grateful for all the support in the work so far and we look forward to continuing the work towards full gender equality!

Background

Women in Global Health (WGH) is a US 501(c)(3), founded in 2015 for the purpose of achieving gender equality in global health leadership. Today, WGH is a global movement with more than 25,000 supporters across more than 90 countries, and it continues to grow. Dr. Roopa Dhatt, the Executive Director, and the WGH Global team, work with a transnational network of WGH chapters to promote gender equity in health by mobilizing a diverse group of emerging women health leaders, advocating to existing global health leaders to commit to transformations within their own institutions, and holding these leaders accountable. 23 official WGH chapters have been established all over the world, with many more in development.

WGH Norway is a national platform established to connect, further strengthen, and advocate for gender equality in global health within academia and in the public and private sectors. It serves as an independent country chapter and, together with WGH Global and the many WGH chapters, makes up the Women in Global Health movement. As a national chapter, the Norwegian network shares the vision of a diverse and gender-balanced leadership, which is key for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We provide a platform for discussions and a collaborative space for leadership by facilitating specific education and training, garnering support and commitment from the global community, and demanding change for gender transformative leadership. WGH Norway supports the WGH Global movement, which works with global health organizations to encourage stakeholders from UN agencies and other multilateral organizations, governments, civil society sectors, foundations, academic and professional associations, and the private sector to achieve gender equality in global health leadership through their spheres of influence.

Norway is considered to be one of the most gender equal countries in the world. However, a number of challenges to gender equality remain, and new gender issues continue to surface. Norway has a unique opportunity and obligation to strive for full gender equality and equity, thereby being a model to countries with gross gender inequality. Gender equality is both a goal in its own right and a means to contribute to healthy lives for all. It is also key to obtaining the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
Gender equality is furthermore regarded as instrumental for poverty reduction and development by the Norwegian government, and it is one of the four cross-cutting pillars of its development policy (the others being human rights, climate and the environment, and anti-corruption).

The international gender composition of global health leadership, as well as the national gender gaps in income and leadership positions, underscore the importance of continued efforts towards greater gender equality. For example, in the field of international global health governance, women represent 25% of all leadership positions, while making up 75% of the overall global health workforce [1]. In Norway, an economic gap between men and women still exists. Looking at mean annual gross income, women earned 69% of men’s income in 2018 [1] and, within the health service sector, women in leadership positions earn 80% of the salary of men in the same positions [2]. Furthermore, only 25% of the top leaders in Norway are women, with even lower numbers in the private sector [3], and though women are well represented among PhD and postdoctoral fellows, only one in three (32%) of the full professors at Norwegian universities are women [4].

It is hence evident that Norway would accept the invitation from the Women in Global Health (WGH) movement to form a WGH Norway chapter. Initiated by Andrea S. Winkler and Ingeborg K. Haavardsson at the invitation of Ilona Kickbusch and Roopa Dhatt in 2018, the secretariat is currently hosted by the Centre for Global Health (CGH) at the University of Oslo (UiO). WGH Norway has been developed alongside a fast-growing global movement and, since its inception in November 2018, the Norwegian chapter has grown from a small group of 15-20 women to 300 members.

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Skills: Global health; NCDs; gynecology and obstetrics
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Skills: Analysis; statistics, languages (Norwegian, English, French, Spanish)

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Competencies: Project management; teaching; supervision; writing
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Secretariat

The secretariat is currently based at the Centre for Global Health (CGH) at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo (UiO). The secretariat includes Ingeborg K. Haavardsson (Leader) and Gabriella Rodriguez (Communications Officer), supported by various ad hoc taskforces. The secretariat is also assisted by an Advisory Group (AG), guiding on the priorities of WGH Norway.

Ingeborg K. Haavardsson is a management and communication specialist, with over 25 years of management and event experience within the international development and research sector. She is the Managing Director of the Centre for Global Health at the Medical Faculty at the University of Oslo since 2016, and manages the Oslo secretariat of the Lancet One Health Commission. She leads the Norwegian chapter of Women in Global Health, a network she co-founded in 2018. From 1999-2005 she was the Information Director at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), and from 2005-2016 she worked as PRIO’s Special Advisor for External Relations. She was instrumental in building up the Peace Research Endowment, an independent unit in the USA, and was its Executive Director from 2011-2013. Her previous employment is with the Norwegian Church Aid and the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration. She holds an M.A. in International Conflict Analysis from the University of Canterbury, Kent, UK and a Cand. Mag. (French, History, Comparative Politics) from the University of Oslo and the University of Bergen.

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