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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

April, 10, 2025

9am – 10.30am CET

The Members of the Association met in Maputo, Mozambique and online (on Zoom) as part of the IANPHI 2025 Annual Meeting for the General Assembly. The votes were casted on JotForm.

The Bureau was present at the Radisson Blu Hotel, 141, Av. Marginal, Maputo, 1100, Mozambique. It consists in Anne-Catherine Viso, Secretary General.

The General Assembly was chaired by Prof. Duncan Selbie, IANPHI President.

The General Assembly was convoked according to the Association's Statutes.

### Members present or represented:

61 IANPHI Members were present or represented, in person or online. **Among them, 47 were Members with voting rights.** Members with voting rights are National Members, and only one institute per country if a country has more than one National Member.

According to article 9.5 of the Statutes, the quorum to hold the General Assembly is 1/3 of the voting Members (86), so 29. **The quorum for the only vote at the agenda was also 29.**

**The item for approval requires an approval by a simple majority.**

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Consequently, the General Assembly can deliberate.

### Agenda:

- Presentation of the arrangements for the hosting of the new Secretariat and the transition process
- Speech by the new Secretary General
- Short presentation from THL (Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare)
- Approval of the replacement of one Management Board Member
- Presentation of the current activities of the Secretariat
- Signature of the MoU with ECDC
- Certificates ceremony for the recognition of success contest 2024
- Certificates ceremony for the new Members

## **Item 1 - Presentation of the arrangements for the hosting of the new Secretariat and the transition process**

Johanna Hanefeld, acting vice-president of the Robert Koch Institute (Germany), took the floor to express her institute's pride in taking over the hosting of the IANPHI Secretariat. She detailed the hosting arrangements that have been agreed:

- A new full time secretary general
- New staff based in Berlin, Germany

She explained that the independence of IANPHI is important and that RKI will secure it, even if the RKI will provide resources to the Association, just as Santé publique France did for the past years.

## **Item 2 – Speech by the new Secretary General**

Prof. Neil Squires gave a quick speech following his appointment as new IANPHI Secretary General by the Management Board on April 3, 2025.

## **Item 3 – Short presentation from THL (Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare)**

Mika Salminen, Director of the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare, was invited by Anne-Catherine Viso, IANPHI Secretary General, to speak about how his institute is supporting WHO Euro in this time of changes with the U.S. withdrawal. The idea was to present a solution that other institutes could follow, in Europe or elsewhere.

THL is discussing with WHO so they can have a cooperation agreement/ MoU for the deployment of Finnish national staff in other European countries (where WHO need them) for short periods. National staff could also work from their office but for WHO specific missions.

## **Item 4 – Approval of the replacement of one Management Board Member**

A.-C. Viso presented the application for Board Member from Prof. Jianwei Wang, the new Director of China CDC. Following the departure of Prof. H. Shen from the Directorate of China CDC, he expressed his interest in taking over his position as IANPHI Board Member.

The replacement of Prof. H. Shen by Prof. Jianwei Wang as IANPHI Board Member was approved (29 votes, all in favor).

## **Item 5 – Presentation of the current activities of the Secretariat**

A.-C. Viso, IANPHI Secretary General, presented her last update before she leaves her position. She first re-introduced the new Management Board Members, elected in December 2024. Then, she reminded that IANPHI has now 128 members in 107 countries, following the approval of 6 new members in December 2024.

She mentioned the membership dues collected, which are to fund the core activities of the Secretariat. Not all members can afford to pay so some members request discounts or waivers.

A.-C. Viso then introduced the newly signed MoU with the WMO (World Meteorological Organization) and the MoU with ECDC (European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention) that was signed just after.

She presented the upcoming events for the Association:

- A workshop in London in June, organized by the IANPHI Thematic Committee on Climate Change and Public Health with the WMO.
- A workshop in Lyon in November, organized by the TC on Climate Change, the AFD (French Development Agency), and the EEA (European Environmental Agency) which hosts the European Climate Change Observatory.
- A workshop in Paris in June, hosted by Santé publique France, organized by the Thematic Committee on Social and Public Health Inequalities and funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Then, she presented the ongoing publications:

- The Framework for the creation of NPHIs, leaded by Angela Fehr, being finalized
- the Code of Practice, leaded by Bjorn Iversen, already available on the IANPHI website
- Reports on extreme weather events of the TC on Climate Change, available on the website

She also mentioned several other projects, including a cooperation with WHO on essential public health functions, and another one with the European Commission (DG INTPA) and the Public Health Agency of Sweden to support the development and strengthening of NPHIs in Africa.

#### **Item 6 – Signature of the MoU with ECDC**

Dr. Pamela Rendi-Wagner, Director of the European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention made a quick speech online before signing the MoU. Simultaneously, Prof. Duncan Selbie, IANPHI President, signed the MoU in Maputo.

#### **Item 7 – Certificates ceremony for the recognition of success contest 2024**

Prof. Duncan Selbie invited one by one the four winners of the Recognition of success contest 2024 to join him on stage. They delivered each a 5-minute speech and received their certificate.

They were: Dr. Otto Helve (to represent the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare), Dr. Bernardo Hernandez Prado (to represent the INSP Mexico), Dr. Ivalda Macicame (to represent the INS Mozambique), and Jia Lee (to represent, online, the Korea CDA).

#### **Item 8 - Certificates ceremony for the new Members**

Prof. Duncan Selbie invited all directors of new IANPHI Institute Members (or Associate Members which became National ones in 2025) to join him on stage. He gave them their membership certificate.