



## tropEd Feb GA (Munich / hybrid) 2023

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Institutional Members: 20

Individual Members: 1

Student representatives: 3

09:00 – 09:30 – Opening and Welcome

## Session 1: 09:30-10:30, Chair: GF.

Present: RK, GF, WB, EK, KG, EM, YA, MF, TM, SGH, RB, LH, NC, ML, JP, AJ, JaP, BB, GvH, CM, FK, AF, FY (FY joined the second part of the session).

### Implementation of the Agenda, Acceptance of Minutes

- GF presented an overview of the agenda. **Voting on the agenda: 11 acceptances, 0 rejection, 0 abstention.**
- GF went through the minutes of the Fall GA, page by page, which took place in Hamburg from the 9th until the 11th of September 2022. **Voting on the Sept GA 2022: 10 acceptances, 0 rejection, 1 abstention.**

### Update on tropEd as Legal Association

- GF explained the history of the network and its statutes that were not officially and legally updated since 2003. Additionally, the composition of the EC was not registered since 2011. He explained the necessity of changing 3 points in the statutes during the spring GA in the legal office in Munich, after getting the votes from tropEd institution representatives. The 3 points are: 1) moving the seat of the association from Berlin to Munich, 2) allow GAs in hybrid and online modes, 3) register the EC as confirmed in the spring GA 2023.
- KG: who are the people who should be present at the legal office to sign and approve the changes and is it possible to change the seat of the association in the future?  
GF: 3 out of 5 EC members will have to sign. Changing the seat of the association should be done every time the secretariat is changed. In that case, the change should be taken to the legal office. Additionally, when changing the composition of the EC

every year, we should go and make the change also at the legal office. In the present, the legal presentation of the EC is 3 out of 5 members. A proposition would be to change it to 1 out of 5 members, for the sake of practicality. However this open for discussion: how do we want to present the network in the legal office?

NC: we can use this chance to make further changes in the statutes in order to have an improvement. For example the section 3 of the GA is not clear if it is about the GA. Also section 8, which has a description of the GA, confuses between EC and board of directors.

GF: that could be because of different terminologies in English and German. The word 'Vorstand' in Germans means both the EC and the board of directors. Associative members, which is not used anymore, can be taken out completely because we are accepting full members only.

GvH: the changes mentioned my NC for sections 3 and 8 were done already but not registered at the legal office.

## Presentation of Candidates and Election new President Elect, Voting for all EC Members

-GF: we can change the statutes only after electing the president elect. As a reminder, we have a rotating presidency at tropEd- 5 members rotating every year. One revoting can happen for the same candidate. The Ex Officio and Executive Secretary stay in their positions for 5 years. We received 3 nominations for the positions of president elect: ML, KG, YF. KG and YF declined their nomination. Give the word to ML to say about her experience in the EC in the last 3 years.

ML: it takes time to learn how to do the work in the EC, which she liked. She is up to contribute for 3 more years and find herself comfortable to do it. She will continue to be in the WG on scientific session but cannot foresee what else will come.

GF: the work at the EC is intense, where the member should be very engaged. He was very happy with the work done by ML and would support her again.

JaP: Should the Ex Officio be an individual member or an institutional representative?

GF: Can be both. GF was Ex Officio before. Rodney Reynolds became Ex Officio as institutional representative of UCL, which dropped out of the network later because of Brexit. So he became an individual member.

**- Voting for ML as the new president elect: 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.**

- Based on the statutes, ML accepted the new position.

- Confirmation of the EC:

GF: we will not register or report all the changes that happened since 2011, but the last EC. The lawyer from the law office in Munich will represent us in front of the judge in the court. Hopefully the judge will agree to only register the last EC.

**Confirming AM as Past President: 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention.** AM wrote a confirmation for the position before.

**Confirming JP as Acting President: 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention.** JP accepted the position.

**Confirming GF as Executive Secretary: 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.** GF accepted the position.

**Confirming RR as Ex Officio: 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention.** RR wrote a confirmation for the position before.

## Changing of Statutes, Presentation, Voting

**Voting on the statutes changes:** 1) moving the seat of the association from Berlin to Munich, 2) allow GAs in hybrid and online modes, 3) register the EC as confirmed in the spring GA 2023: **12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention.**

## Session 2: 11:00-12:00 & 14:00-15:30, Chair: GF.

Present: RK, GF, WB, EK, KG, EM, YA, MF, TM, SGH, RB, LH, NC, ML, JP, AJ, JaP, BB, GvH, CM, FK, FY, MC, NT, AF, RW, FE.

## Office, Finances

EM and KG will do the financial review of 2022.

## Course Accreditation

Presenting the accreditation results. EC members gave their impressions/feedbacks. NC replaced Rodney Reynolds in leading the red reviewing group.

Discussing and Voting on a new accreditation procedure:

This topic been discussed before in the GAs and EC meetings. JP prepared a document (in the drive) summarising the points. The tropEd EC has therefore identified 3 options for the GA to decide upon: 1) To conduct the tropEd course accreditation procedure entirely as part of the GA, as was the case prior to the COVID-19 pandemic – that is, allocation to review groups, individual reviewing of courses, group discussion, decision and announcement of grades are all to be done during a GA. 2) To conduct the tropEd course accreditation procedure mostly online prior to the GA as has been the case since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic – that is, allocation to review groups, providing individual feedback in Google docs, group discussion, and decision on the grades are all organised virtually, and only the grades will be announced at the GA. 3) To conduct the tropEd course accreditation procedure partly online prior to GA, and partly during the GA – that is, allocation to review groups, providing individual feedback in Google docs are to be done online/virtually by a set deadline prior to a GA, and the group discussion, the decision and announcement of the grades will be done during the GA.

- EM: Does option 3 means that the procedure is done in hybrid?  
GF: Yes. Always in hybrid or presence.  
FK: Regarding option 3, ist hat done one entire group or shall we have sub-groups?  
GF: we have to do it is smaller groups, with up to 5 people per group.  
NC: it is important to highlight the idea of the learning process even if being in the network for while- not being a new member. It is also important to keep only one version of the document, the original one.  
GF: maybe then have 1 PDF file that cannot be changed.  
GvH: for the sake of the dynamics: so the questions should be written on the document first and then the representative has to answer them. Where does the answering procedure take place, online or in the GA?  
GF: we do not want to have a pre-GA updated document. The document should be presented with the issues raised before to the group. These issues will be clarified by

the representative in the GA. We do not want to have double discussion- before and during the GA.

KG: would like to add to the learning process point, because we are also advising students and the accreditation process add to the learning process. Cat 1. course sheets can be synthesized and cat. 2 can be quickly summarized and brought to discussion.

- **Voting on the accreditation procedure: 1 votes for option 1, 2 votes for option 2, 9 votes for option 3** → tropEd course accreditation procedure partly online prior to GA, and partly during the GA – that is, allocation to review groups, providing individual feedback in Google docs are to be done online/virtually by a set deadline prior to a GA, and the group discussion, the decision and announcement of the grades will be done during the GA. Half a day session will be booked for the accreditation procedure in every GA.

## Membership News

- We did not hear back from Kathmandu University School of Medical Sciences, maybe they lost interest. A small reminder will be sent tot hem.
- Bonn will have the Site Visit Report presented by ML during this GA.
- University of Caracas, Venezuela and University of Minnesota are preparing the self-evaluation reports.
- Discussion on the membership procedure: Which step should be in presence and which one can be allowed to be online?

GF: self presentation is the first interaction with the institution. Having it in presence would be beneficial. But in the same time, it would be easier to reject the application if the self presentation is online.

FY: regarding option 2, with the special allowance to LMICs. She understands teh financial barrier but what about the people traveling from faraway like the US? She understands the financial equity point but option 2 does not allow equity in complications of travel. US and Venezuela are examples, who came all the way to Hamburg.

NC: prefers to participation in presence, which allows interactions. But also understand the challenge for some institutions. Exceptions can be accepted for self presentation to be online, when they have a good reason for that- a reason accepted by the EC.

BB: with having tthe self presentation online for everyone, because it allows both sides (tropEd and the applying institution) to test the water from both sides. It also increases our accessibility. For reasons of equity, agree with FY, to have online self presentation for everyone.

GvH: having the self presentation online might be challenging fort wo reasons: having much more applications, not being able to make filtraton and selection at that stage.

ML: agrees with GvH, but it will be easier to discuss all the points freely in the GA when the presenter/applicant is online. It is harder to say no to potential applicants, when they are having the self presentation in presence.

BB: does not agree with the idea/expectation that there will be a rush where the network has 20 applicants in every GA.

GF: if that is the case, then it might be an opportunity to increase visibility by having more applicants. We can also always shorten the self presentation to 10 to 15 min.

JP: is it really the case that we can reject? Because the institution maybe has contacted someone internally in the network and has this connection.

BB: agrees with JP. To be careful and take it lightly. To be stricter, to have more criteria, define what they have to submit in the self report.

JP: wouldnt be easier to wait after the GA to deliver the decision? If it is negative or positive?

ML: the problem with saying not hat we have is that they contact us even before coming tot he self presentation.

GvH: when new candidates presented themselves, there was always a projectory. Almost always having a link with a member. However, that should not be a problem. We should not fear to say no at any step of the process.

GF: declines never took place because of the trajectory with tropEd members. Usually there is a telephon communication first. However, just to give an example, an institution from the UK was interested in the network, got to know how it works, but did not continue the process. We can procces and vote on the thee options. It is important to mention that the EC can always do an exception in the membership process and that based on the case. As example, a site visit cannot be done to An-Najah University for security reasons.

- Options for the procedure: 1) Self presentation online and site report presentation in presence. 2) Allow online self presentation only for LMICs. 3) Both participation in presence.
- **Voting on the membership procedure: 12 votes for option 1, 1 vote for option 2, 1 vote for option 3** → Self presentation online and site report presentation in presence.
- The membership procedure application should be modified in the bylaws.

## Working Groups (WGs)

- Scientific Session (WG1; Marie Lindkvist): it is working well, KG and BB will take of the session today and RK will be happy to talk about her research in the next GA in Witten.
- Recognition (WG2: Farzana Yasmin and Bruno Broucker): no requests were submitted.
- Teaching in Times of COVID-19 (WG3: Jani Puradiredja): submitted an abstarct on behalf of tropEd for the ECMI conference in the Netherlands. Regarding the survery, she was optimistic to have 3rd wave of the survey for this GA, but it is been working on and looks for contribution from all.  
FE: KIT also have submitted to ECMI and asked for tropEd contribution. KIT wanted to develop a session on decolonising global health and integrating more equity in teaching of global health education. The deadline of ECMI has been extended to 19 Feb. The plan is to have a role play while having an open discussion about it.
- Students Issues (WG4: Rodney Reynold): no updates.
- tropEd summer school (WG5: Jani Puradiredja and Nuria Casamitjana): the idea ist o have an online synchronized summer school. There is a positive experience as an example from ISGlobal. The summer school will be directed to people who will start their master studies and we will try to motivate them to take the tropEd track. We also want to advertise the network. So there will be different lectures in global health topics. tropEd representatives will have the chance to introduce their institutions. The



registration link, zoom links, and fee payment will be organized centrally in Munich. There is also the option of not charging participants from LMICs and tropEd students. FK: it is a great idea, but there is a problem with the dates, since they are overlapping with the dates of the summer school in Berlin. We will try to make it as institution tot he tropEd summer school.

GF: maybe do a doodle request to see the availability of the different institutions? But then they definitely have to contribute.

FE: are there any topics really missing from the program? To keep it in mind.

JP: the dates of the summer school will be from 28.08. to 01.09. It would not be a problem to have two people talking about the same topic, but giving different perspectives and make these perspectives connected.

BB: ITM would join. The team will discuss and see how they can contribute.

GF: really supports this initiative. We have important institutions in the field of global health who should contribute.

FE: what about ECTS points?

JP: certificates of participation will be given but no ECTS. Giving ECTS is problematic because the summer school should be accredited first. Any ideas on how to find a solution for accreditation?

GF: what about tropEd accreditation? Maybe the summer school is not very advanced to receive accreditation.

BB: would suggest to first try the summer school and see which institutions are up for it, because once deciding on accreditation then an assesment should be added.

LH: why would a student pay a fee if the certificate will not have ECTS? Why not to offer the summer school for free? What should actually be covered with the fee?

JP: the fee will go to the network, as support. ISGlobal did not give credits tot he summer school, only a certificate, and they still had 500 participants. There is a huge interest there.

YF: but our situation is different than ISGlobal. We do not offer only content but also infro about tropEd. Maybe we add a fee after two trials? We should try it first.

### Scientific 3: Scientific Session on Hybrid Teaching: 15:30-17:30, Chairs: KG & BB.

Speakers: Lai Jiang from ITM & Christoph Pimmer from Swiss TPH.

The speakers gave presentations on hbyrid teaching. KG created 3 zoom breakout rooms to discuss the challenges of hybrid teaching and possible solutions. Participants who attended the GA in presence did the discussion also in presence in the room.

Main points of discussion:

- Having bad experience with the technology- never worked ad planned.
- Hybrid mode being stressful for teachers. Having students online and in presence means the necessity of having different means of communication.
- When having big number of students joining one big event from different universities: very hight cost + challenge in term of human resources + need of expert in tech.
- Requirement of high coordination.
- Challenges in terms of: pedagogy, technology. Human resources, and institutional support.



- The examination should be made personal, related to the context, and with open-ended questions. This will avoid cheating. Most likely they will not copy then from other students or the internet. The questions will be then: how will the lecturer give feedback, how much time is needed to evaluate/grade, should it be done online or with handwriting?
- The importance of teachers to be flexible themselves while thinking of learning space and guidelines. It is a process. It is a social contract that has to be thought: how to deal with online students?
- This topic is something that we are confronted with. We are at/have different levels of confrontation.
- There is no much evidence on the topic. It is still very much an exploratory one.
- Aspects of struggles are: technology, students, resources, need of communication, coordination, institutional support.
- There should be clear communication, management, setting, expectation, rules, curricula.
- There should be a training for students and facilitators + always have a back up solution.
- It is important to create a certain atmosphere and attitude for work.
- tropEd as a network finds an opportunity in hybrid teaching, but it is not suitable for all course. So maybe it will be a mix in the future?

### **Closing of Day 1 of the GA.**

## **Session 4: 09:00-10:30, Chair: ML.**

### **Discussion on: Future Changes to Statutes on EC Composition and on Legal Representation of the Network.**

ML explained the situation of tropEd and the presidency dynamics every 1 year + the necessity to have 3 members of the EC every year in Munich to go to the legal office and change the legal statutes. The network is opening the discussion on that:

GF: tropEd exists as a legal entity under German law since 2003. There are specific German laws for organisations, since there is a taxation exemption involved. Statutes changes done on the day of the GA, 09.02.23, make the network able to act as an association again through the legal office. But how to prevent the same legal problem from happening again? We can have a discussion and presentation of different perspectives. No voting is needed at that point.  
BB: is it a big issue that 3 EC members should come to Munich every year to go to the legal office and sign?

NC: this was done in the past every year in Berlin, when NC was part of the EC but then that stopped at one point for a reason. What are the legal solutions/options that we can have?

GF: Axel is still officially the executive secretary since 2019. The change was not done before because digital signatures are not accepted by the legal office.

KG: what has been discussed before?

NC: at some point the discussion has been stopped. There was not a follow up from NC after stepping down from the EC, that happened 12 years ago.

ML: we should move to the discussion. ML's suggestion is as following: the acceptance of being in the EC should come with the necessity/acceptance of traveling once per year to Munich to sign at the leagl office. But what about people from LMICs? It is harder and more expensive fort hem to do that.

GF: GF's suggestion is to separete the statutes, which are the official and legal regulations, from the bylaws, which decide how we fuction and are not legally inacted. The proposition is to separete them from each other where the rotating presidency is respected according tot he bylaws but to keep the legal roles only to two people, the Ex Officio and the Executive Secretary, since they have a more stable position that is not rotating. As a reminder, the decision making is not done by the EC but the GA. So the change will be on the level oft he statutes, where 2 EC members have the legal role.

BB: the main question should be: what is good for tropEd? We have to keep the EC as diverse as possible. Rodney Reynolds, the present Ex Officio, is an individual member, not even represeting an institution (in terms of giving his position the legal power oft he EC). BB's suggestion ist o have a fixed EC with fixed mandate for 3 years. This will allow diversity and the members will have to come to Munich only every 3 years.

NC: supports the suggestion of BB. The decision making power is in the GA and the network is represented through the EC. So in the case of the suggestion, the same EC can rotate for 3 more years but not more. Again, about the individual members: they have no voting rights so they shold not be part of the EC. We need to rething the Ex Officio member. Let's change the rotation system and have a more stable EC that make us in compliance with the law.

EK: could a vollmacht solve the issue? Or should it be done all in person?

GF: in that case, there should be a definition from the beginning of who has to travel and be there. So maybe we will not have a feasible system. Rotating presidency is important to have commitment for a short time + preparatory year before becoming president.

BB: the positivity of 3 years commitment is generating a portfolio that is stable for the network-like a stable WG that is working for 3 years. In that case we also give an opportunity for an overseas member to be part oft he EC. We have to give more structure and solid ground tot he network. What kind of EC do we want? What is good for tropEd?

NC: we all commit to the EC for 3 years when we accept the position. We need to have a member from overseas to attend the EC with special tasks. Maybe for one year, like a representative of overseas.

GF: whatever we decide, it should be fort he good oft he network. We can increase the members that have the role oft he Ex Officio and Executive Secretary to 3 members instead of 2. So we will have 6 EC members then instead of 5.

BB: we can have a 1 year mandate in case the 3 years one is not possible. Why a fixed EC is problematic?

GF: the 3 positions that are fixed in the should be synchronized. Having a rotating + non-synchronized positions means that the handing out would be easier/ soft handing over from 1 year to the next.

BB: supports BB's opinion. Why cant we do a comination of both options: 3 EC members that change every 3 years and have the legal power and that to be mentioned in the statutes and also 3 members that are rotating every year and that to be mentioned in the bylaws.

GF: agrees, it is a good combination of 2 options.

KG: what if we decide to move teh seat from Munich?

GF: we decided, after discussion, that the seat moves where the executive secretary is, for practical reasons (for legal and bank account issues). However, that is nit written in the bylaws.

We can do that change. In case we move the seat abroad, then the association will dissolve under German law. As an example: if it moves to Mali, then it will be under Mali's law.

ML: it would be a good idea to form a WG, where active members and EC members engage in the discussion.

BB: agrees with ML's discussion. Is there a timeline that we have to keep in mind?

GF: we can take all the time needed. The issue will come again in the spring GA of 2023 when electing a new president.

ML: will chair the new WG. An email will be sent to everyone from RK regarding that.

### Upcoming Events announcements by NC:

- ECTMIH 2023 (conference of the network festmih): shaping the future of equitable and sustainable planetary health from 20 to 23 Novembre 2023. TropEd submitted and abstract. FE: the session of KIT should be shared by the secretariat.
- CUGH 2023: Global Health at a Crossroads: Equity, Climate Change and Microbial Threats. Follow up should be done with Rodney Reynolds, since he submitted the abstract on behalf of tropEd.
- European Global Health Research Institutes Network (EGHRIN): sharing its website.
- Eurasian Academic Alliance for Global Health (EAAGH): will get to know about their annual meeting during their presentation on the 2nd day of the GA.
- GF: EUGLOH is a network that includes 9 institutions in the EU. Is there any competition with tropEd? They are a network of European funded universities with a focus on research and training. They have different modules from the different institutions of EUGLOH to be incorporated on the programs/teaching. GF was invited to be part of the academic board of EUGLOH.  
NC: maybe we invite someone from EUGLOH to the GA and see how we can collaborate to prevent any competition.  
GF: EC will take this suggestion into consideration.

### Suggestions of Summer and Fall 2024 GAs: 1 in Europe and 1 overseas

- Regarding the summer and fall GAs of 2023:  
NC: the summer GA of Barcelona will take place in September. This is a high season of tourism and we need to book really early. All hotel stays should be booked before June. ISGlobal will reach out to the network.  
RW: slides on the city of Witten + the region + the university + the tropEd advanced modules offered by Witten/Herdecke University.
- Fall GA 2024: possibility to make it in Antwerp or Amsterdam.

### Institutional annual report for the year 2022- Deadline: 28.02.2023

- Reminder by the secretariat coordinator that the form concerning the institutional annual report should be submitted by the 28th of February 2023, with only one submission by institution.

## Session 5: Memberships Presentations: 10:30-11:30, Chair: JP.

Present: RK, GF, WB, EK, KG, EM, YA, MF, TM, SGH, RB, LH, NC, ML, JP, AJ, JaP, BB, GvH, CM, FK, FY, AF, RW, FE, BF.

ML presented the site visit report on University of Bonn, University Hospital Bonn, and their MSc in Global Health. WB and EK were the representatives of the university in the GA. After the presentation, WB and EK were open to answer the questions of tropEd institutional representatives:

- FE: your program is for full time students, so it will be hard for them to take courses from other institutions, such as tropEd institutions. Maybe online courses can be an option but in presence once are hard due to constraints when it comes to physical mobility. How will that be addressed?

WB: we are officially introducing the part time option of the program. That was tried with medical doctors who were studying medicine.

SGH: you require your students to have internships with credits, how is that organized/done?

WB: they have to make an internship for a duration of 6 months. It is not a problem to organize by the students from the EU. However, the main problem is for students from Sub-Saharan Africa is the language because internships are always in German.

EK: we do not preselect internships because students come from different countries and backgrounds. We do offer career counseling services and provide the students with cover letters.

GF: your program has core courses as part of the basic track of education that we might consider advanced courses. This will make it challenging in comparison to what we see as advanced and core courses.

WB: the reforming of the master program is done while having tropEd in mind. The optional modules that we want to offer tropEd are considered specialized with an advanced in content.

GF: what does it mean to have UN universities on board? You have many entities involved in formal terms with your degree.

WB: It is a decentralized entity being based in Tokyo but having different institutions involved. UNU and Bonn worked together on the disaster preparedness.

- WB and EK left the meeting so institution representatives can continue the discussion: JP: do you have any comments or major concerns?

FE: what are the risks to have more German institutions in the network?

BB: it is a difficult decision to make regarding that. We are inclusive and this reason should not be an obstacle. But we should be careful to keep diversity in the network.

JP: agree. We should recruit institutions outside of DE and EU to join the network.

GF: should we think of quota for every country? It would be hard to argue/explain that. Maybe we should not discuss that now but it should not be a reason of rejecting an application. Bonn has great people that can contribute to the work of the network.

KG: agrees with GF. Bonn has a lot to offer and they are already considering the reformation to have tropEd courses. Maybe we can ask them about a timeline? When can we send students to them? We also need diversity in the network. We can see how European the GA is again. It is challenging for us to bring overseas institutions and make them active on board. How to bring more diverse institutions? Question to ML: did they mention how they take themselves diversity into account?

ML: no nothing was mentioned, by the have overseas partners in Africa.

GF: we have to engage more in this direction, engage with the overseas institutions directly when having already contact with or can establish one. This is a call for all institution representatives.

- **Voting on the membership application of Bonn University: 12 approvals, 1 rejections, 0 abstentions.**
- WB and EK were allowed to join the meeting again and the voting result was announced to them.
- RK will send a formal letter of acceptance with the signatures of the acting president and executive secretariat. Bonn will have to start paying the membership fee starting 2024.

## Session 6: Guest Presentation by EAAGH: 16:30-17:30, Chair: RK.

Jamila Nabieva was the speaker and gave a presentation on the history and work of Eurasian Academic Alliance for Global Health (EAAGH).

- Q&A after the presentation:
 

WB: are you a training alliance exclusively focusing on training?  
Nabieva: we aim through our work to build skills for global health research. So we focus on practice and research as well.

RW: can you tell us about the structure of EAAGH?  
Nabieva: the alliance is considered a 3rd component of a project that involves ERASMUS+ and BACE.

NC: just a suggestion- where tropEd and EAAGH join a conference through a joined session.  
Nabieva: will discuss this idea with colleagues and get back to tropEd regarding it.

GF: tropEd has no institution from Eurasian region. We welcome the, to join the network where there is a daily business to work with different institutions on quality management and quality monitoring. It is important to all work together, across borders, even if there are reasons not to do so on geopolitical levels.

NC: that is totally right. We provide as alliance regional certificate programs, teaching materials with 45 ECTS, and have partner institutions who would be interested in joining the network.

## Closing of Day 2 of the GA.