

The Board of The Hepatitis Fund Appoints New Executive Director

Geneva, Switzerland: The Board of Directors of The Hepatitis Fund (aka “EndHep2030”), the only grantmaking foundation dedicated to the global campaign to eliminate viral hepatitis as a major public health threat, recently announced the appointment of **Finn Jarle Rode** as the foundation’s executive director, succeeding Wangsheng Li, acting CEO since its inception in 2019.

“The appointment of our first full-time executive director represents a major milestone for The Hepatitis Fund,” pointed out Wangsheng Li. “Finn brings decades of experience in leading international programmes. He will not only strengthen the foundation’s position as a cutting-edge programme but also lead its growth in the years to come,” continued Li.

“As a young organization, The Hepatitis Fund is at a critical juncture in its institutional growth and stability,” observed Gregg Alton, president of the Board of Directors. “We greatly appreciate Finn’s willingness to join the foundation and his confidence in the future of the organization. His extensive experience in global health and organizational development will benefit the EndHep2030 project greatly,” added Alton.

Prior to joining The Hepatitis Fund, Finn Jarle Rode was executive director of the Oslo Center. Before that, he served as director of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) headquartered in Geneva. He has more than 15 years of experience with IFRC and was IFRC’s Country Director in Afghanistan, North Korea and Eastern Africa, including the Indian Ocean Islands.

Reflecting on a new chapter in his professional career, Finn Jarle Rode shared that “I’m very excited and motivated by this new opportunity to be part of a history-making endeavour. I look forward to working with a group of highly committed Board directors. I’m deeply honored by their confidence in my ability to lead the foundation as a trailblazer in the global campaign to eliminate viral hepatitis as a major public health threat.”