

Minutes of the meeting of the IUNS Taskforce on “*Evidence Based Nutrition*”

The Taskforce on Evidence Based Nutrition (EBN) of the IUNS met in London at the WCRF Office in London on Monday 15th November 2004 at 2 PM. The following taskforce members were present: Jim Mann, Martin Wiseman and Prakash Shetty (Chair). Also present at the meeting were Mark Walquist (President IUNS) and Claus Leitzmann (Treasurer IUNS).

Other members of the taskforce are: Dimitri Trichopolous, Andrew Tomkins and Joseph Mutuku.

The main topic of discussion related to the production of the IUNS position paper on Evidence Based Nutrition. The problems related to the delay in the production of this document were discussed and it was decided that a draft framework be circulated by the Chair for comments among the membership of the EBN Taskforce before the Christmas break in December. Tentative agreements of sections to be written by members were discussed and agreed upon. It was agreed that a two day intense meeting session of parties/individuals involved in producing and finalising the position paper will take place soon after the WCRF meeting either in Rome or London next year from 13-15 May 2005. The report will then be circulated for comments and approval for sponsorship by FAO, WHO, UNICEF and UNU after which it will be published for distribution at the Durban Congress in 2005.

Brief discussion was also held about the Plenary/ symposium on evidence based nutrition at the Durban Congress to explore possibilities of involving UN agencies to co-sponsor this event along with WCRF.