

INFOODS task force/ IUNS meeting on 22 October 2007, Sao Paulo, Brazil

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Regional Data Centre activities
3. Next International Food Data Conference
4. Training Courses
5. Journal of Food Composition and Analysis
6. Other business

Regional Data Centre activities

- AFROFOODS has limited activities. South Africa is updating their table and Lesotho has published their national food composition table through a FAO TCP project. It is intended to revitalize AFROFOODS activities through a FAO/EC project if it gets funded.
- ASEANFOODS developed reference material based on rice which can also to be used in proficiency tests. Vietnam, the Philippines, and Thailand are revising their food composition tables.
- Paul Finglas reported on EuroFIR activities including a meeting in Nantes, France, in 2007, the 2nd EuroFIR International Conference in Granada, Spain, in September 2007. More meetings and training activities are planned for the next two years. In Wageningen, the Netherlands, the 7th and 8th International Graduate Course on the production and use of food composition data in nutrition were held in 2005 and 2007 in which many EuroFIR partners were trained.
- LATINFOODS said that there are some countries without activities; the 7th IFDC was organized and is being held; FAO provided funds for a technical cooperation project (TCP) for Argentina, Chile and Paraguay on updating food composition data including food analysis; EuroFIR organizes a training course in Argentina on food composition.

There are discussions on signing a memorandum of agreement between EuroFIR and LATINFOODS.

- NORAMFOODS reported on the next Nutrient Datatbank Conference to be held in Ottawa, Canada, in May 2008. USDA is updating their data including meat, cholin and flavonoids.
- OCEANIAFOODS published the proceedings of the OCEANIAFOODS conference; the next conference with a satellite training course is planned in next year in Australia; SPC has stopped food analysis; SPC has produced a set of food leaflets; in Fiji, a total diet study took place, and the laboratory has been updated and is now able to analyses folate and POPs; Australia and New Zealand updated their databases.
- In SAARCFOODS, a food composition course took place in Hyderabad, India, in November 2006. Pakistan obtained 480 million rupees for food composition analysis from WTO together for India. India and Pakistan are updating their food composition tables. There is an intension to put food composition tables on the web.

Future IFDC

It was agreed that the 8th IFDC will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 1-3 October 2009 as a satellite conference tot the IUNS conference. The theme was discussed intensively and preliminary agreement was reached on “Improving food data quality for health and trade”. Prapasri Puwastien intends to attract more analysts and users of food composition data. Ruth Charrondiere proposed to offer reduced fees for students and local participants in order to increase the number of participants.

For the 9th IFDC in 2011 Europe and India are interested and as Europe already competed with Thailand for the 8th IFDC it was agreed that the 9th IFDC would be held in Europe. Paul Finglas informed the participants that he plans to hold it in Norwich, UK, mid September 2011. India could hold the 11th IFDC in 2015 as the 10th IFDC in 2013 should be hold in Spain as the IUNS conference is held in Granada, Spain. Hettie Schoenfeldt noted that there were more disadvantages than advantages holding the 7th IFDC in conjunction with the IUNS conference, especially in terms of industry sponsors. She suggested that we could reconsider this rule for the future.

Journal of Food Composition and Analysis

Barbara Burlingame invited everyone to participate in the editorial meeting taking place on 23 October after the 7th IFDC.

Training courses

The issue was not discussed during the meeting due to lack of time

Other business

It was requested by Jehangir Khan Khalil to revitalize the three working groups proposed in 2003:

- Food identification, description and classification
- Calculation standards, including missing values, retention and yield factors :
- Data Quality including source origin