

## **Report to IUNS: July 11, 2014**

### **IUNS Task Force on Traditional, Indigenous and Cultural Food and Nutrition (2013-2017)**

#### **Activities** to date:

The Task Force members met during the IUNS Congress in Grenada and determined that the Co-chairs would be T. Longvah and H.V. Kuhnlein. A draft list of prospective members and activities were determined for follow-up by the co-chairs.

The **prospective members** were contacted and confirmed as follows:

Co-chairs: T. Longvah and H.V. Kuhnlein

Members: D. Markowicz Bastos (Brazil), R. Belahsen (Morocco), T. Delormier (USA), N. Ene-Ebong (Nigeria), E. Falahi (Iran), M. Iwasaki (Japan), S. Lemke (Germany), M. Roche (Canada), S. Sirisai (Thailand)

A list of members and their coordinates is in a separate file.

The **research objectives** outline to be addressed by the members was determined as:

- a) Identification of unique and sustainable cultural dietary patterns; compilation of unique species and biodiversity for suitable internet venues to share the information
- b) Compilation of data on traditional dishes while saving time and providing livelihoods for women
- c) Compilation of data on how to access traditional dietary patterns in urban areas; how small scale urban agriculture can preserve cultural food patterns
- d) How local people can receive benefits from increasing sales and prices of traditional foods

Arrangements were made with the IUNS management office for budget matters of the Task Force.

#### **Projected activities in 2014-2015**

- a) Members will proceed with a research initiative relevant to one or more of the objectives.
- b) A meeting is planned for 2015 for members to discuss their research findings and prepare for a publication of these findings to be finalized for the 2017 IUNS meeting in Argentina. The 2015 meeting will be held in Shillong, India, in proximity with the Slow Food Indigenous Terre Madre (ITM) gathering. Task Force members will present a session at the ITM, and will have their independent meeting October 27-28, 2015. Interested TF members will then be invited to attend the International Food Data Conference to be held subsequently in Hyderabad, India.
- c) Preliminary preparations will be made for attending the IUNS ICN in Argentina in 2017.
- d) Funding quest for these activities will be operationalized.