

Task Force on Traditional, Indigenous and Cultural Food and Nutrition

The Task Force has 2 main activities to report:

1) We have developed and will present a Parallel Symposium at the IUNS ICN in Grenada, Spain, 2013. Our symposium is entitled “Traditional, Indigenous and Cultural Food and Nutrition.” Our symposium is Wednesday morning, September 18 in the Albenez Room, 8:00-10:00. We look forward to seeing you in Grenada and at our symposium!

2) Our project that was developed with encouragement and support of the IUNS over the last 10 years has now been finalized. The third book resulting from the project is printed and distributed through the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome. The book is titled. “Indigenous Peoples’ Food Systems and Well-being: Interventions and Policies for Healthy Communities”, edited by Harriet V. Kuhnlein, Bill Erasmus, Dina Spigelski and Barbara Burlingame. 2013, FAO, Rome. There are 16 chapters, 338 pages, and 32 full color photo pages. The book is available from the United Nations book stores, and is also free on-line for download by chapter or in full. <http://www.fao.org/docrep/018/i3144e/i3144e00.htm>

The release of the book took place at the United Nations complex in New York City on May 25 on the occasion of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. The book launch press release is attached. It describes the other major publications resulting from the project. We sincerely appreciate the role played by the IUNS in the development and finalization of the project.