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Report from the 55th IUNS Council Meeting

The 55th IUNS Council Meeting took place on the 1st and 2nd February 2016, at the Nutrition Society Offices in London. The Nutrition Society holds the Secretariat of IUNS. The agenda for the meeting was very full and key decisions were made on several agenda items.

Revised Statutes and Rules
The IUNS Statutes and Rules have been thoroughly revised over the past year in several iterations by a committee of previous council members, the current President and Secretary General, the current Council and The Nutrition Society. In late December the Statutes and Rules were sent out to Adhering Bodies for comment and approval. The majority of Adhering Bodies approved the revised documents and a few made useful suggestions that were discussed in the Council Meeting. Several small amendments were made, with one significant change in the Statutes. It was agreed by Council Members that the maximum length that a person can serve on the IUNS Council will be reduced from four terms (16 years) to three terms (12 years) as four terms was deemed too long by Council Members and some Adhering Bodies. The Statutes and Rules will now be made available on the website and ratified at the General Assembly at 21st IUNS-ICN in October 2017.

21st IUNS-ICN, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Dr. Mabel Carrera, President of 21st IUNS-ICN, and several members of the Technical Secretariat, Fase20, joined the Council Members for the first day of the Council Meeting. They reported on the progress of the IUNS-ICN and informed Council Members of a change of date. The IUNS-ICN will now be held on 15th–20th October 2017. This change is due to a change in venue; the Congress will now be held at the Buenos Aires Convention Centre. At the Council meeting an Executive Committee was appointed to assist with the planning of the Scientific Programme for 21st IUNS-ICN. Professor Angel Gil, who successfully chaired the organising committee for the 20th IUNS-ICN in Granada, Spain, has been appointed as Director of this committee – welcome on board Angel! Other members include Dr. Mabel Carrera (Chair), Professor Alfredo Martinez (Co-Chair), Dr. Gabriela Saad (Secretary), Dr. Olga Ramos, Dr. Carlos Gonzalez-Infantino, Dr. Zulema Stolarza, Professor

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Reynaldo Martorell (IUNS Council Member), Dr. Benjamin Caballero, Dr. Nora Slobodianak, Professor Ascension Marcos and Professor Lynette Neufeld (IUNS Council Member). They will help guide the Congress to great success.

Conflict of Interest Policy

The Council reviewed the following IUNS Conflict of Interest documents: i) IUNS Private Sector Engagement Policy and ii) IUNS Policy on Managing Conflict of Interest for Council Members. Amendments were made to the latter and adopted for use with immediate effect. Each Council Member was asked to complete a declaration form concerning any potential conflicts of interest with IUNS. It was agreed by Council Members that the Private Sector Engagement Policy, which is due for review, would be sent out for external review and Adhering Body consultation. It will be finalised at the next Council Meeting in January 2017.

IUNS Website

In 2015, the IUNS website was updated and re-designed to ensure easier access for Adhering Bodies and a more logical set-up. Task Force reports, IUNS Newsletters and many other IUNS publications will be available on the website, which will regularly be updated with IUNS news and news from Adhering Bodies. The new website can be viewed at www.iuns.org.

Task Forces

IUNS Council Members were updated by means of their annual reports on the work of the 9 Task Forces, which focus on special interests within nutrition. Professor Anna Lartey, President of IUNS, gave particular recognition to Dr. Cristina Tirado, Chair of the Nutrition and Climate Change Task Force for her work on the Task Force. Cristina has worked hard to disseminate the outcomes of the Task Force at major meetings, including the COP21 in Paris with presentations on 'Climate Change, Food Security and Nutrition' and 'Co-Benefits of Nutrition Sensitive Adaptation and Mitigation'.

In other Task Force news, the Capacity Development Task Force, chaired by Anna Lartey, has recently launched a 'Re-Integration' grant. This grant is intended for early career nutrition scientists who have completed their doctoral training in a developed country and would like to start their career in their country of origin. Grants can be awarded to one nutrition scientist from each of these three regions: Africa, Latin America and Asia. The applicant will have to be a member of an Adhering Body that is in good standing with IUNS.

Collaborations with Unilever

IUNS continued its collaboration with Unilever in the areas of salt reduction, dietary lipid composition and capacity building. Professor V. Prakash, Vice-President of IUNS, reported that 3 workshops on salt reduction are planned for this year, the first in Sri Lanka in March. Professor Helmut Heseker, Treasurer of IUNS, oversees the collaborations on dietary lipids.

IUNS General Assembly 2017

Preparations for the IUNS General Assembly in 2017 are well underway. The IUNS Council has appointed a three-person Committee of eminent experts to oversee the selection of the Lifetime Award. The Nominating Committee which has the task of checking the nominations for IUNS Officers and Council is composed of the following countries: New Zealand, Switzerland, Russia, Indonesia, Senegal, Morocco, Peru and USA. The nominating countries were approved by the General Assembly in 2013 in Granada. The IUNS Council is in the process of appointing the Chair of this committee. Notices inviting all Adhering Bodies to submit names for potential Council Members for the 2017–2021 period will be issued later in the year.

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Announcements have been issued inviting Adhering Bodies to submit a Letter of Intent if they would like to host the 23rd IUNS-ICN in 2025. The deadline for receipt of the Letter is 30th April, 2016. If you are from an Adhering Body and would like to be considered to host the 23rd IUNS-ICN in 2025, please send a Letter of Intent to office@iuns.org, stating the following information: 1. Where the IUNS-ICN would be held (country, city, venue), 2. Confirmation that the plenary hall is large enough to accommodate 4,000–5,000 participants, 3. The number and capacity of simultaneous break-out rooms, 4. Nearby hotel accommodation and travel options (airport, train, etc.), 5. Experience in organising and managing large international conferences, 6. Secretarial and technical assistance and 7. Any other information you consider relevant for your situation.

The IUNS Council is very much looking forward to seeing as many members of Adhering Bodies as possible, as well as others, at the 21st IUNS-ICN in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 15th–20th October 2017. Adhering Bodies not in good standing are reminded that their members are not eligible for any of the IUNS benefits such as travel grants, election of Officers and Council members, and re-integration grants.

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