BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP OF IUNS
The objectives of the IUNS are to promote advancement in nutritional science, research, and development through international co-operation at the global level and to encourage communication and collaboration among nutrition scientists through modern communication technology.

IUNS was established in 1946 to represent the broad interests of nutrition scientists globally. Its’ members are country and regional Nutrition Associations (Adhering Bodies) and other international organizations such as UN agencies and regional or global scientific groups with a nutrition-related emphasis (Affiliated Bodies). Currently, there are over 80 Adhering Bodies, but others are joining from all continents. IUNS works with regional bodies such as the Federation of European Nutrition Societies (FENS) and the Federation of Asian Nutrition Societies (FANS), Federation of African Nutrition Societies (FANUS), OCEANIA, Sociedad Latinoamericana de Nutricion (SLAN) on a range of issues including the provision of Travel Grants for students and young scientists to attend their conferences.

The promotion of advancement in nutrition science at the global level is the IUNS’ number one priority in terms of development within the organization. The feedback received from our Adhering and Affiliated Bodies will be used to construct strategies and developmental plans to encourage positive, effective, and continuous communication and collaboration between the Adhering Bodies of the IUNS to strengthen and improve the global family of nutrition scientists within IUNS.
Being a member of the IUNS provides an Adhering Body with the opportunity to be linked in with developments in nutrition science. The IUNS International Congress of Nutrition (IUNS-ICN) that takes place every 4 years allows all Adhering Bodies to come together and exchange on the latest findings in nutrition science research. Participation in IUNS-ICN presents an excellent opportunity to contribute to global discussions and most importantly, meet and communicate with other nutrition scientists which further encourages communication between the members of the IUNS. Travel grants to the IUNS-ICN are available for selected applicants.

The highest decision-making body of the IUNS is the General Assembly which meets at the IUNS-ICN. As an IUNS member, Adhering Bodies are eligible to vote at the General Assembly, which means there is an opportunity to influence IUNS policy. You also can participate in Nutrition Leadership Programs and professional development programs at regional conferences, as well as being eligible for occasional grants from IUNS or its associated organizations, such as ISC and IUFoST among others.

We promote the events and activities of our Adhering Bodies and involve our members in global issues their participation in our Task Forces. The IUNS Task Forces, which receive IUNS funding, tackle current global nutrition issues.
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Adhering Bodies of the IUNS can get involved in these Task Forces and their development by contacting the Chairman of the Task Force. IUNS gives visibility to its Task Forces among its members as well as at other events.

In addition, IUNS invites applications from early-career nutrition scientists (whose national Adhering Body is in good standing) for the IUNS Re-Integration grant. This grant is designed to enable early-career nutritionists who have completed their doctoral training in a developed country to start their careers and/or settle into their jobs in their home country.

Launched in 2022, the Dr Nevin S. Scrimshaw prize was created to support and acknowledge the work of mid-career nutrition scientists working in clinical research, community nutrition and/or policy in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. The prize winner must be from an Adhering Body, in good standing. The prize includes a plenary lecture at the next IUNS-ICN, attendance at the congress, and a monetary award.
There are many benefits of membership in IUNS, including:

- Being a member of the IUNS provides an Adhering Body with the opportunity to be interconnected with developments in nutrition science.
- International links to Nutrition Associations and Organizations around the world.
- Participation in the IUNS International Congress of Nutrition (IUNS-ICN), which takes place every 4 years, presents an excellent opportunity to contribute to global discussions and most importantly, meet and communicate with other nutrition scientists which further encourages communication between the members of the IUNS.
- Voting rights at the IUNS General Assembly and therefore an opportunity to influence IUNS policy.
- Opportunities for members of your organization to serve on the IUNS Council.
- Bidding for the 4-yearly IUNS Congress to be held in your region.
- Periodic newsletters that provide up to date information on upcoming congresses, meetings, the latest IUNS activities, and opportunities for Adhering Bodies and their members.
- Opportunity for members of each Adhering Body to apply for Travel Grants to the IUNS-ICN and other nutritional science conferences.
- Participation in Nutrition Leadership programs and professional development programs at regional conferences.
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- Opportunities to be involved in the work of IUNS Task Forces. IUNS gives support and visibility to the important work these Task Forces undertake to further the research and evidence base of underserved or emerging global nutrition issues.

- Early Career Scientists (who are members of an Adhering Body in good standing) can apply for the IUNS Re-Integration Grant. This grant is designed to enable early-career nutritionists who have completed their doctoral training in a developed country to start their careers and/or settle in their jobs in their home country.

- Mid Career Scientists (who are members of an Adhering Body in good standing) can apply for the Dr Nevin S. Scrimshaw Prize. Launched in 2022, the prize is awarded at the IUNS-ICN and celebrates a mid-career scientist’s contributions to nutrition science in their region.

- Training opportunities. The IUNS Capacity Development Committee has collated a collection of online nutrition training and courses suitable for early-career nutrition scientists to continue developing their skills. IUNS scholarships are available for some of the courses, but many of the courses are free.