

Vision Statement: Professor Jacques Delarue
Candidate for President-Elect, IUNS

Dear Chairs of Adhering Bodies, dear Colleagues,

As a candidate for the position of President-Elect of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences (IUNS), I pledge to support the new President, Professor Hyun-Sook Kim, with dedication and loyalty. I will also contribute diligently to the activities of the new Council in the role assigned to me.

According to the IUNS statutes, the President-Elect becomes the President of the IUNS at the end of the next IUNS-ICN conference. Therefore, my vision statement also encompasses this role if you do me the honour of electing me.

I bring a bold, future-focused vision rooted in collaboration, innovation, and sustainability. My commitment is to lead IUNS into a new era—one defined by practical global impact, inclusion of emerging leaders, transparency, and financial resilience.

I believe the time has come to reimagine how the IUNS delivers on its mission. The world of Nutrition needs stories of action, innovation, and measurable outcomes. Beyond the traditional Task Force model, I will propose to lead a dynamic **Case Study Approach** driven by real-world projects across regions, each telling a compelling story of change, and each delivered with efficiency and purpose. This approach will reduce fiscal pressure on the IUNS, while increasing transparency, visibility, and global relevance.

At the heart of my vision lies **the empowerment of the Early Career cohort**. These are not merely future leaders—they are leaders now. Under my leadership, IUNS will become a vibrant platform for Early Career professionals, offering them the tools, mentorship, and opportunity to develop and lead international and regional initiatives. Their energy and innovation will shape the IUNS' future, and we will provide them with the space to thrive. While these younger leaders are spread across all regions and countries, I will be particularly attentive to ensuring that the IUNS can help facilitate the necessary resources for those working in low- and middle-income countries.

In my view, **communication** between IUNS and its Adhering Bodies, and between the Adhering Bodies themselves and external parties, is a major issue. I propose that the Council organises an annual virtual meeting with the Adhering Bodies to inform them of IUNS's activities, and hear about their proposals. This will be accompanied by an annual report. Emails, the newsletter and the website will be used to share early updated information about funding and collaboration opportunities, events, as well as about activities of adhering and affiliated bodies. I will promote all ways to facilitate networking and dialogue between Adhering Bodies. I propose the perpetuation of holding an annual virtual scientific meeting with the Affiliated Bodies, as we did recently with FENS. One of the major challenges we will have to address is the way we use social media to promote IUNS activities and convey positive messages about nutrition.

Finally, I will champion the **development of a sustainable financial model** to secure the long-term future of the IUNS. A model that is resilient, diversified, and aligned with our values. Through strategic partnerships, innovative funding mechanisms, and a focus on value-driven operations, we will build a foundation that supports IUNS for decades to come.

I believe in an IUNS that is leaner, stronger, and more connected—a true global catalyst for nutrition science and action. With the many global challenges being faced by our Adhering Bodies, this is IUNS' moment to lead with purpose, act with courage, and shape the future of Nutrition on a global scale.

Building on my experience as Secretary-General of the IUNS and President of the Organising Committee for the 23rd IUNS-ICN in Paris in 2025, I promise to serve with diligence and energy in the spirit of collective goodwill and transparency if you place your trust in me. I will respect the IUNS rules.

With kind regards.

