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To all Adhering Bodies of the IUNS.

Subject: New IUNS dues structure.

In a letter of July 5, 2001 I proposed a new IUNS-dues structure agreed upon by the IUNS Council officers. The proposal was based on demographic and economic indicators as used by other ICSU members like IoFOST. As a response to my letter I received some constructive and some concerned comments. This led to a new discussion by Council with a revision of the new structure. At its meeting on August 30, 2001 in Vienna, the General Assembly agreed in principle to this revised structure but suggested a new calculation using the most recent data of the World Bank. This new calculation confirmed the revised proposal (see attachment 1). The General Assembly also agreed to cluster countries with similar indicators into six groups (see attachment 2). The reasons for this new dues structure are the increased activities of IUNS detailed in the letter: Future activities of IUNS (see attachment 3). Also the dues have not changed since 1989, whereas costs for operating the business of IUNS has. Our main concern, however is the inability of a number of countries to pay their annual dues. Yet, these countries are anxious to stay involved with the activities of the international nutrition community. IUNS wants them to have full opportunity to participate, with the right to nominate candidates and vote at the General Assembly which is not possible for Adhering Bodies in arrears.

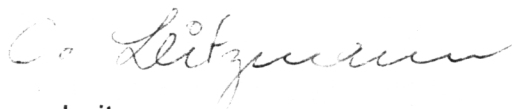
For these reasons we took the unusual measure to lower the dues for about one-third of the IUNS members from 375 to 100 US \$ per year. The dues of other countries were increased slightly from 375 to 500 US \$. Countries with strong economies are asked to accept higher dues. In most cases the increase was a moderate one-step to the next higher category. In addition to the formula used (population x GNP x nutrition strength), a disastrous financial situation or the apparent ability to pay were taken into consideration. It was the feeling of Council and the General Assembly that on the basis of the neutral parameters chosen, a just assessment was possible.

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Since some countries may have difficulties to pay the higher dues right away, the General Assembly suggested, that the new dues structure come into action as soon as countries are able to do so. This means countries are asked to pay their new dues as soon as possible but not later than for the year 2004. In order to nominate candidates and to vote at the General Assembly in Durban in 2005, countries have to have paid dues for 4 years (2002 —2005).

I hope this letter is not confusing and finds your acceptance and support. In case of any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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**Attachments:**

1. revision of new IUNS-dues structure
2. groups of countries
3. letter: future activities of IUNS