IUNS 55th Council Meeting in London, 9–10th April 2015

The IUNS Council held its annual face-to-face meeting at the offices of the current secretariat (The Nutrition Society) in London, on the 9th and 10th of April 2015. The main items of discussion and decision included the following:

**IUNS Statutes:** The Council is currently revising the Statutes to clarify and remove any ambiguities in relation to interpretation and also to bring them up to date for the electronic age. It was decided to separate the Statutes from the Rules to allow for greater flexibility in changing Rules while maintaining the constitutional composition of the Statutes.

**IUNS-ICN Conference:** Plans for the next IUNS-ICN Conference in Argentina in 2017 are progressing well. It is scheduled for 22–27th October, 2017, in Buenos Aires. The International Scientific Committee is currently receiving names of speakers for the selected themes. The Program has made space for all IUNS Task Forces to hold sessions.

**IUNS Secretariat:** The Nutrition Society of UK and Ireland is hosting the secretariat facilities for IUNS effective from January 1, 2015. The Council reviewed progress in the services so far and decided to extend the contract until December 2017. The IUNS e-mail address has been changed to Office@IUNS.org.

**Re-Integration Grant:** The Council has agreed to establish re-integration grants for post-docs who have completed their training in developed countries and seek to start up their careers in their home countries. An application form will be downloadable from the IUNS website. Applicants should provide an outline of what they are planning to do with the grant. IUNS will provide a grant for each of the following regions: Africa, Asia and Latin America.
Conflict of Interest: The Council agreed to prepare a Conflict of Interest document to cover all areas of business including Task Forces.

IUNS Website: The IUNS website is being revised to enable a simple and logical set up and to give greater functionality. A password-protected ‘members only’ section will be provided to enable members (Adhering and Affiliated Bodies) to access Council Minutes and other relevant documents. Each Task Force will have its own page on the website.

Mailshots: The Council discussed the need to communicate more effectively with the Adhering Bodies. It was felt that too many mailshots could be counter-productive. It was agreed that the frequency of mailshots would remain the same, including a Newsletter twice a year.

Unilever: The scientific collaboration with Unilever will focus on salt and fat reduction, as well as capacity development of young nutrition scientists.

Task Forces: Task Forces should report to the Council on an annual basis by providing a written report in September which will be disseminated to the membership through the website. The Council also discussed the progress of the eNutrition Academy (eNA), and some members felt this should be made a global initiative. Trustees of the eNA have decided to focus, in the first instance, on Africa in line with their three-year plan. Once completed, the eNA will focus on other regions.

IUNS Leaflet: The Council agreed that an information leaflet on IUNS and member benefits should be produced for dissemination at conferences. Information will cover vision, mission, history, membership benefits, activities and Task Forces.

Upcoming Conferences: Members of the Council will represent IUNS at the following meetings:

- Federation of African Nutrition Societies (FANUS)
The main focus of which is to take stock of whether Africa has achieved the Millennium Development Goals, and to set goals for the next round of nutrition development in Africa. It will be held in Arusha, Tanzania, on 25–29th May 2015
- 12th Asian Congress of Nutrition (FANS)
The theme of the conference will be Nutrition and Food for Longevity in Yokohama, Japan, on 14–18th May.
- 12th Federation of European Nutrition Societies (FENS)
The conference will be in Berlin on October 20–23rd, 2015.
- Federation of Nutrition Societies of Latin America (SLAN)
The congress will be held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic from 8–12th November, 2015.
- 12th China Nutrition Science Congress
Beijing, on May 16–18th, 2015, at which the Chinese Nutrition Society celebrates its 70th anniversary.