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From Sandra Capra, Chair of Board of Directors, ICDA

Welcome to 2016 – yes it's the Chinese year of the Red Fire Monkey but it's also the year of the 17th ICD in Granada. Only six months to go so I hope you all have your travel plans well in hand. It is a really terrific program and there is still time to register!!

The ICD is a really important time point for the ICDA – we have a series of workshops and important meetings at the same time and this is where we get feedback from you. Your Official Representative has received information from us about the International Competency Standards (ICS) and we are looking for feedback from them very soon. We are also, right now, collecting the information on the education and work of dietitian-nutritionists. We present the findings at the ICD and then will be publishing the report. This is a really important piece of work as we have a series of four yearly reports going back many decades now – a wonderful repository of knowledge showing how the profession has developed and expanded over the years.

Forbes has some predictors for 2016

(<http://www.forbes.com/sites/reenitadas/2015/12/10/top-10-healthcare-predictions-for-2016/#200f6a252f63>) which are of relevance to us. The rise of wearable technology for health and fitness tracking, the use of mobile apps, special banks to serve healthcare in underserved populations and the rise of insurance for healthcare across the world to allow better access. All of these spell a bright future for dietitian-nutritionists, as they should increase demand. But only if we are ready, willing and able, and ready for change. We call on dietitian-nutritionists everywhere to embrace these changes and seek ways to leverage these to our advantage.

As we start a new year, looking forward is better than looking back, although we must learn from the past. For in the past and present are the ideas and innovations we need – we just need to recognise them when we see them and learn from them. I call all of

you to arms in the fight against diet related chronic diseases and malnutrition. We have a real opportunity to make a difference if we are alert for opportunities be they local, national, international or technology driven. We are stronger together.

We are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible in Granada in September.

Sandra Capra
Chair, Board of Directors, ICDA

Feature Article

Global Nutrition Forum – Elevating Nutrition on the Global Agenda

The inaugural meeting of the Global Nutrition Forum (GNF) was held on October 25th and 26th, 2015 in Amsterdam, co-hosted by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND), the AND Foundation (ANDF) and the European Federation of Associations of Dietitians (EFAD). Twenty-one dietitians and nutrition experts attended, representing: AND, ANDF, EFAD, the International Confederation of Dietetic Associations (ICDA), Dietitians of Canada, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Dietetic Association of Zimbabwe, Clinton Global Initiative, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), US Agency for International Development (USAID), Abbott Nutrition (meeting sponsor), and an expert from each of Sustainable Food and Nutrition Security Malawi, Federal University of Sao Paulo and North West University South Africa.

The purpose of bringing the group together and gaining a commitment for continuing collaboration was: To accelerate improvements in nutrition and food interventions and health outcomes thereby decreasing malnutrition globally by:

- Bringing together multi-sectorial actors with international dietitians (or other nutrition professionals where dietitians do not exist in a country) to identify priorities for action;
- Establishing a mechanism for global coordination of actions and the monitoring of effectiveness; and
- Making commitments and pledges of support to empower dietetic and nutrition communities to take action.

A short presentation from each organization or initiative provided orientation for the attendees. The presentation made by Lawrence Haddad, an economist and co-author of the Global Nutrition Report (GNR) www.globalnutritionreport.org published by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), generated a focus for planning a

Global Dietetics Initiative. The GNR provides an annual assessment of progress, actions and outcomes, against 80 indicators for 193 countries. It contains a wealth of information, but many countries fail to report against some or all of the indicators. It was identified the GNR could be a useful tool for dietetic associations and dietitian-nutritionists to raise awareness of the gaps in their countries and what the profession can offer to improve health outcomes. IFPRI would welcome input from the dietetic community.



A series of workshops explored in detail what a Global Dietetic Initiative could do and what needed to be put in place to enable action.

The Management Framework was agreed as:

- A Leadership Team made up of the Stakeholders at the meeting, those unable to attend and others identified to close some obvious gaps;
- A Secretariat, generously provided by AND; and
- Project Groups, on a task and finish basis to undertake pieces of work, accountable to the Leadership Team.

The projects initially identified were:

1. Communication and Advocacy

Communication was identified as key, as there is a lack of understanding of the impact of nutrition and the role of dietitian-nutritionists on most of the global agendas.

2. Tools

Many tools were identified during the meeting for different purposes with potential duplication and questions about reproducibility. To allow easy access for dietitian-nutritionists a website repository was proposed for educational resources and tools available for community, population, and international policy/planning tables.

2. Data

Many countries are investing in nutrition, but the paucity of country level data continues to be challenging. The development of tools to assist countries in collecting, interpreting and using data to determine the best actions was proposed.

There was great deal of enthusiasm and willingness at the meeting to collaborate to take the initiative forward. It was agreed that the next steps were:

- To seek funding to allow future meetings and include a proposal for a Fellowship to enable someone to support the Initiative.
- The Leadership Team and the Project Groups to meet virtually to progress some of the actions.
- A Proceedings Paper to be produced from the October 2015 meeting, to be published in appropriate journals.
- To raise awareness of the Global Dietetic Initiative and the Global Nutrition Report with National Dietetic Associations and their members.

Actions and outcomes will be reported by each of the participants to their respective organisations and through articles in *Dietetics Around the World* and on the ICDA website.

Carole Middleton (on behalf of the Directors of ICDA)
Director – ICDA Board
Country Representative – British Dietetic Association

National Dietetic Association Reports

Country – Argentina

Professional Education Activities in Argentina

During the year 2015, the Argentinean Association of Dietitians and Nutritionist Dietitians (AADYND) carried out several online and onsite courses, workshops and other continuing professional education sessions. A total of 850 professionals and students participated in these activities. Some of the topics addressed at onsite courses were: Nutritional and Anthropometric Assessment, Nutritional Support, Mediterranean Diet, Diabetes, Obesity, Ontological Coaching and Neuro Linguist Programming (NLP), Physical Activity and Indirect Calorimetry. Also, a diploma program in Diabetes began through the AADYND platform. Online courses have addressed topics such as Community Nutrition, Food Safety, Adherence to Treatments for Chronic Diseases, Gastroenterology, Elderly and Childhood Nutrition.



Annual meeting in Buenos Aires

The Annual Meeting of Nutritionists & VI Conference of Nutrition of the City of Buenos Aires, were held on August 19th and 20th of 2015 in the Abasto Hotel, with the presence of recognized national and international food and nutrition experts. The meeting was a great opportunity where different research projects were presented, and sessions were conducted under the motto: "Non-communicable Chronic Diseases: Nutritional Approach". More than 500 participants attended and there was a colorful commercial exposition with the participation of a variety of food and pharmaceutical companies.



Session in progress at the conference

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AADYND

Country – Australia

40 years of DAA

In 2016, the Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) is excited to be celebrating 40 years - and we have lots to celebrate! DAA strives for leadership in dietetics, food and nutrition for healthier people and healthier nations. As the peak body of dietetic and nutrition professionals in Australia, we are proud to currently represent more than 5,800 members ranging from student members through to Advanced Accredited Practising Dietitians (AdvAPDs) and Fellows of DAA (FDAA).



One of DAA's greatest achievements over the past 40 years is the development of the Accredited Practising Dietitian (APD) program – a credentialing program ensuring that dietitians participate in regular continuing professional development (CPD), abide by DAA's Code of Professional Conduct, and new in 2016 – are demonstrating recency of practice. The APD credential is the only credential for Australian dietitians that is recognised by the Australian Government (for Medicare purposes) – reiterating APDs as the experts in nutrition and dietary advice.

Other achievements include our Corporate Partnership Program – allowing DAA to increase its capacity to provide accurate and practical nutrition information to the Australian public and support public nutrition education programs. Established in 1990, the successful Corporate Partnership Program provides DAA the best opportunity to inform the Australian public regarding health and nutrition, and to influence the food supply for the better.

Since 1999, DAA has also run the invaluable Spokespersons Program, which ensures highly-skilled, media-trained dietitians are available around the country to represent DAA in the media. DAA Spokespeople are experts in a range of areas from obesity, allergy and intolerance, women's and children's health – and ensure that nutrition information in the public arena is accurate and informative.

DAA's *Nutrition & Dietetics* is Australia's leading peer-review journal in its field and continues to provide dietitians and the international research community with evidence-based information – all available online. Our Editorial Board is dedicated to publishing relevant and quality research on a quarterly basis via [Wiley Online Library](#).

These are just a few of the things we are celebrating this year. Keep an eye out for our new website and new DAA and APD logos, which we'll be launching this year. We are also hosting two special events in 2016 – Dietitians Day 2016 and National Conference 2016 – both of which will provide an opportunity to celebrate 40 years of DAA!

Dietitians Day 2016

On March 11, 2016, DAA hosts its third Dietitians Day in 2016 – a day to celebrate all that is great about being a dietitian. This year we are encouraging dietitians to meet up socially in their local area with friends and colleagues (and to even make new dietetic connections). With a focus on being social and networking – we hope that dietitians share in the success of DAA and celebrate their own achievements on this special day.

National Conference 2016 – On Track for the Future

40 year celebrations will continue in Melbourne with DAA's 33rd National Conference being held from 19-21 May 2016. DAA is hosting the largest and most comprehensive DAA National Conference ever, embracing the strengths of dietetics in Victoria – and also across the country.

On Track for the Future

DIETITIANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

33RD NATIONAL CONFERENCE

MELBOURNE 19-21 MAY 2016



For more information on any of DAA's above mentioned achievements, or our 40 year celebrations, please contact nationaloffice@daa.asn.au

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Country – Austria

5th MTD Forum in Vienna, Austria

MTD (Medizinisch Technischer Dienst) stands for a collective group of seven Medical Health Professionals. These are:

- Physical Therapists
- Speech Therapists
- Radiological Technologists

- Occupational Therapists
- Dietitians
- Professions in Biomedical Science
- Orthoptists

The MTD's are grouped in a collective law and work under equal legal regulations. MTD-Austria is a group comprising of the 7 Medical Health Profession Organisations. MTD-Austria works together with the common interest of achieving political and professional goals. Some of these goals are registration, promoting master degrees and PhD's in health professions, research and professional development.

The 5th MTD Forum was held on November 13, 2015 at the University of Applied Sciences (FH Campus Wien) in Vienna, Austria. The forum concentrated on celebrating the achievements of the past 10 years. HEI for health professions, students now complete their studies with a bachelor degree. Future developments on education and training were a topic of primary interest.

The president of MTD-Austria Ms. Gabriele Jaksch and the Business Manager of the University of Applied Sciences FH Campus Wien Mr. Wilhelm Behensky stressed in their opening talks that the development of good health cannot be separated from the educational aspect. It takes networking at all levels within the health professions itself as well as within the respective ministries. A point of view shared by Ms. Meinhild Hausreither who attended the forum as representative from the Austrian ministry of health.

In her impressive keynote, Professor Anne de Looy, President of EFAD, articulated the European political health challenges as well as the importance of the health professions within the context of these challenges. The interaction between health professions is much more now, and innovative solutions and approaches are required.

Despite the active research commitment medical health professionals still encounter little public support. Several lectures indicated the lack of understanding of the

importance of education and research.



*MTD Forum, November 13th
2015, Vienna*

From left:

*Prof. Andrea Hofbauer, President
of the Austrian Association of
Dietitians*

*Prof. Anne de Looy, Honorary
President of EFAD*

*Ms Gabriele Jaksch, President of
MTD Austria*

Workshops

In the workshops MTD representatives compiled proposals and points of view into a structured catalog. By way of a resolution this catalog will find its way into the professional political discourse.

Award

During the Forum the interdisciplinary team of the Health Perception Lab received the Annual Austrian Innovation Award for Medical-Technical Professions. The study won over the conference participants through its novel approach and interdisciplinary teamwork.

About the study

An interdisciplinary approach as a key to success – Health Perception Lab / Laboratory for Sensorics and Health

The newly established Health Perception Lab (HPL) is seeking to make a mark in the sector of obesity prevention and treatment via the interdisciplinary orientation of seven institutes at the FH Joanneum University of Applied Sciences (Austria). Only by combining the competences of diverse scientific disciplines can new pathways be explored and innovative solutions developed.

Therefore a pilot study of 60 pregnant women started at the beginning of January 2014 with the aim of developing new methods to examine the factors affecting the programming of infants. A team comprising experts in the disciplines of biomedical analysis, dietetics & nutrition, health promotion and public health, midwifery, communications and media design, medicine, and psychology is:

- testing methods for the analysis of sensory perception parameters
- examining anthropometric and biomedical markers (samples of faecal, blood and breast milk), associated with metabolic programming in children and
- examining possible inter-relationships between the various anthropometric, sensory and biomedical parameters involved in the metabolic programming of children.

The data is being recorded at the Health Perception Lab with the use of innovative technical aids, such as an advanced 3D Facial Analysis Coding System designed to determine taste preferences in babies and infants. First results of the study will be available in summer 2016.

Excerpt out of: "Diaetologen" Journal for Nutrition Management and – Therapy Nr. 4, 2015

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Country – Canada

Canadian Dietitians Collaborate on Inter-Professional Practice and Dietetic Education Accreditation

Over the past year, Dietitians of Canada has been involved in several major projects to enhance inter-professional learning and collaboration amongst allied health professionals. Working with pharmacists, Dietitians of Canada, created a unique learning program for health professionals on drug-nutrient interactions. The online course aims to improve practitioners' ability to identify, prevent and manage clinically relevant drug-nutrient interactions. The course is also designed to foster inter-professional collaboration. This program has been recognized as a significant initiative and will be presented at the International Lifelong Learning in Pharmacy Congress in Split Croatia in July 2016. We also partnered with the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists and Speech-Language and Audiology Canada to host the first national inter-professional conference on dysphagia assessment and management. The 'Charting New Ground' event brought together mid-career registered dietitians, occupational therapists and speech and language pathologists with experience practicing in dysphagia, with the stated intention of fostering enhanced collaboration and communication amongst team members for the best possible patient care. The event was a sold out success and further collaborative initiatives are being planned. More on this program will be presented at the International Congress of Dietetics in Granada in September 2016.

Dietitians of Canada has entered a new age of dietetics education accreditation through a collaborative inter-organizational network with dietetics educators and regulatory bodies in Canada. Using updated entry-to-practice competencies, accreditation standards and policies, and a newly constituted Accreditation Council, accreditation is now managed in a way that includes all sectors with an interest and mandate in dietetics education.

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Country – Finland

The Second Trial for Getting the Right to Prescribe Medical Nutrition Products in Finland

The Association of Clinical and Public Health Nutritionists in Finland has tried to change the current situation of how medical nutrition products are prescribed in Finland. This is in order to get financial support from the state when buying these products. At present, only medical doctors are allowed to prescribe these products.

Our first trial was five years ago, and at that time the nurses got limited rights to prescribe certain medicines. As a result of our initiative we almost managed to get the prescription rights for dietitians, too. Unfortunately, dietitians (or clinical nutritionists - this term is more often used in Finland) were removed from the final law text. Last autumn we had a second opportunity. Our association received an invitation from the Ministry of Health to continue the discussion of the possibility to get the authority to write and sign prescriptions for medical nutrition products for those patients, whose need for these products is confirmed by a medical doctor.

The process is still going on, so we don't know what the outcome will be. But we are very optimistic and looking forward to changing the current situation.

Our colleagues in the neighboring country, Sweden, already have these rights.

Leena Rechartt

Executive Director

The Association of Clinical and Public Health Nutritionists in Finland

Country – India

Indian Dietetic Association's 48th National Conference Deliberates on "Nutrition in Transition – A Global Challenge"

Indian Dietetic Association (IDA) in its endeavor to encourage evidence based nutrition organized its 48th Annual National Conference from 19th to 21st November at Bengaluru, India. The conference spearheaded by Sheela Krishnaswamy, National President of IDA, and Priyanka Rohatgi, Organizing Secretary of the conference, along with the organising committee, witnessed the participation of nearly 1200 delegates coming from across India, USA and Australia. The theme titled "Nutrition in Transition – A Global Challenge" brought forth thought provoking messages, deliberations, anecdotes and factual awakeners from eminent nutritionists, scientists, researchers and media. Workshops on Sports Nutrition, Research Methodology and RD Update ran to full capacity.

The conference was inaugurated by Dinesh Gundu Rao, Minister of State for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumers Affairs and Legal Metrology, Government of Karnataka, India, who expressed interest in a liaison between his government and IDA for productive, sustainable

nutrition activities. A presentation on actual and perceived food safety, food risk assessment, communication to consumers was made by Chief Guest Dr Sudershan Rao, Deputy Director, working in Food and Drug Toxicology Research Centre of the National Institute of Nutrition, India. Introspection on right concept of balanced diet, precision nutrition, embracing friendly technology was emphasized upon to change the dietetics scenario. The scientific sessions deliberated on burning issues of rising epidemic of non-communicable diseases across socio demographic groups, changing nutrition trends across life span, transition in food production & consumption, global diets, nutrigenomics and safety of packaged foods. Utilization of media to disseminate the right nutrition information to the public was emphasized. Introduction of Practice-based Evidence in Nutrition (PEN) helped delegates to learn how to keep abreast with evidence-based practice in the dietetics world.

Apart from scientific sessions, the national conference showcased the International Year of Pulses 2016 and introduced an hour of 'Have Your Say', which provided an exclusive platform for members to express issues related to IDA.

Summing up, it's pertinent to adopt an integrated approach to combat the rising epidemic of chronic disease in the community by bringing the nutrition body, food industry and government together. The conference was instrumental in addressing key nutrition challenges and imparting knowledge to explore paths for a healthier nation.

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Country – Philippines

Philippine Dietitians Lobby for Upgrade of the Nutrition and Dietetics Law

The advocacy for the Nutrition and Dietetics (ND) Bill has been a tremendous challenge especially for nutritionist-dietitians who are not familiar with how legislation works in the Philippines. The arduous task of lobbying and connecting with legislators in the House of Representatives and in the Senate has been faced with courage and determination by the Nutritionist-Dietitians' Association of the Philippines (NDAP), including Member Benefits Committee headed by Ms. Josephine Jamon. With assistance from a lawyer, lobbying started in 2013 up to 2014 when NDAP found its champions in the House of Representatives and in the Senate to craft a bill intended to update the Nutrition and Dietetics Act (Presidential Decree 1286 enacted in 1978) which regulates the practice of Nutrition and Dietetics in the Philippines.



NDAP delegation led by President Adela Ruiz and Legislation Chair JP Jamon supported the filing of the ND Bill by Rep. Neri Colmenares in the House of Representatives; lobby with House Speaker Sonny Belmonte and with the Legislators who sponsored the bill.

The ND bill that was filed in the House of Representatives (HOR) was crafted from the draft made by NDAP after a series of round-table discussions with the sponsoring legislator. The bill which became House Bill No. 4742 was filed in July 2014 coinciding with the celebration of the Nutrition Month. The bill was sent to the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation of the 16th Congress. In August 2014 the ND Bill was filed and became Senate Bill No. 2356 which was sponsored by the Chair of Civil Service & Government Reorganization Committee. The ND bill in the Senate was routed to the different government agencies concerned with Nutrition like the National Nutrition Council and the Department of Health and the Food and Nutrition Research Institute-Department of Science and Technology, among others to solicit their comments. When questions, comments and suggestions needed to be addressed in the bill, NDAP actively participated in clarifying provisions or in the crafting of amendments.

NDAP officials and members took turns in attending Committee hearing in the Upper and Lower Houses of Philippine Congress. The House Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation scheduled hearing on the ND bill in March 2015 where NDAP President Ruiz served as spokesperson of the lobby group. The Committee approved HB 4742 subject to style and amendments. In May 2015 some 20 registered nutritionist-dietitians (RNDs) representing various areas of practice including Board of Nutrition & Dietetics Chair Virgith Buena of the Philippine Professional Regulation Commission, sought audience with Speaker of the House of Representatives, Congressman Feliciano (Sonny) Belmonte to lobby for HB 4742. The bill passed second reading after comments were consolidated from the different House Committees like Appropriations

and Budget and became House Bill 6077. The ND bill passed the third and final reading in the Lower House on October 9, 2015 and was transmitted to the Philippine Senate on October 21, 2015.

In the Senate, the ND bill underwent amendments and was substituted with another bill - SB 2582 which was filed on January 2015 but did not sail as smoothly. NDAP members had to repeatedly attend sessions but the ND bill was not tackled due to additional amendments brought about by interpellation from a concerned Senator. It took a year for the ND bill to pass second and third reading in the Senate.



NDAP Lobby work with Philippine Senators and attendance to Senate Hearings

The ND bill still has to go through a bicameral committee to arrive at a common version which will be submitted to the President of the Philippines for his signature to become a law. Due to the impending national elections in May 2016 where some Congressmen and Senators are candidates for higher positions, the NDAP group has to be vigilant to help expedite the process by working with the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office and the Committee on Rules of both Houses. RNDs are hopeful that the ND bill will be enacted into law before the 16th Congress ends on June 2016; otherwise NDAP will start again with the advocacy and go through the same process in the 17th Congress commencing July 2016 until June 2019.

There were many lessons learned in advocacy, lobbying and legislation procedures. When the ND bill is enacted into law, NDAP still has to be proactive so that the implementing rules and regulations of the law will capture the reforms envisioned with the upgraded legislation covering the practice of Nutrition and Dietetics in the Philippines.

*Prof. Dr. Adela Jamorabo-Ruiz, RND
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Country – USA

Activities of Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, USA

Global Nutrition Forum

A Global Nutrition Forum was hosted in Amsterdam in 2015 by the Academy, its Foundation and the European Federation of Associations of Dietitians (EFAD). The forum brought together dietitians and nutrition experts to identify collaborations to reduce malnutrition on a global scale. The Academy will serve as the Secretariat of the resulting Global Nutrition Consortium. Funding was provided by the Foundation's Wimpfheimer-Guggenheim Fund.

Society of Latin American Nutritionists (SLAN) Conference

AODA Academy members Marianella Herrera, Vicky Tijerina Walls, Sylvia Escott-Stump, Camilla Rising and Katie Brown, the Academy's Foundation's Chief Global Nutrition Strategy Officer, presented "Defeating malnutrition at the regional level in Latin America" at the 2015 SLAN conference in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Sylvia Escott-Stump also represented the ICDA at a breakfast meeting hosted by the International Union of Nutrition Societies (IUNS).

United Nations Women's Health Forum

Former Academy president and Foundation chair Susan Finn represented the Academy and the nutrition and dietetics profession in February 2015 at the first World Women's Health and Development Forum held at the United Nations headquarters in New York City. The forum was sponsored by the Programme of the Royal Academy of Science International Trust (RASIT), an independent international NGO that promotes women and girls' health, research, and policy development.

International Work Through the Evidence Analysis Library (EAL)

Collaborative projects include Malnutrition in Pregnancy, Chronic Kidney Disease, and Nutrition in Athletic Performance established with Dietitians of Canada, the International Society of Renal Nutrition and Metabolism, and the WHO. A systematic review with global mapping exercise for nutrition guidelines has also been initiated.

World Health Organization (WHO) Collaboration

Following a visit to the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS and WHO facilities in Geneva, Switzerland, the Academy will work with WHO on a systematic review of interventions to promote and support exclusive breastfeeding in HIV-infected women.

Nutrition Care Manual for Adolescence and Adults Living with HIV

In collaboration with the United States Agency for International Development, National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Tufts University, the Academy is developing a nutrition care manual for adolescents and adults living with HIV, primarily for use in Africa.

Meeting with Chinese Nutrition Society

The Academy hosted a meeting in 2015 at its headquarters with leadership from the Chinese Nutrition Society, the Chinese Academy Member Interest Group, the Board of Directors and Academy staff. Discussions included development of both the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the Dietary Guidelines for China, research activities, and sustainability issues.

Sylvia Escott-Stump
ICDA Director and Country Representative
USA

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Resources

Did you see the resources for IYP 2016?

Dietitians of Canada volunteered to prepare resources to support ICDA members to promote the International Year of Pulses 2016 (IYP 2016). We have posted eight images you can use on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and in power point presentations. They are available on the ICDA website [here](#). We'd like to hear if you found these resources helpful. Please contact Janice Macdonald (janice.macdonald@dietitians.ca) with your feedback.

The official site of the IYP 2016 is <http://www.fao.org/pulses-2016/>. You can download the official IYP 2016 logo from this website. The logo is available in nine different languages. Pulse organizations around the globe including the Global Pulse Confederation have posted toolkits, videos, and other resources to their websites. You may find some of these resources helpful too.

Janice Macdonald
Dietitians of Canada

Directory of Resources for International Food, Nutrition and Dietetics Professionals

Individuals pursuing a professional degree, or professionals who are seeking continuing education, training or work experience nationally or internationally, will find these resources helpful. This free directory is designed for practitioners, graduates with baccalaureate (or equivalent) or graduate degrees in nutrition (biomedical), food, dietetics, public health, agriculture, foodservice management, food science, food science technology and related areas. Included are general guidelines and contact

information for numerous organizations that offer financial assistance for studies in the United States and other countries. View the directory at:

<http://www.eatright.org/Foundation/content.aspx?id=6916>. Contact Beth Labrador at blabrador@eatright.org with questions or to add enhancements to the directory.

Directory of International Collaborations in Nutrition, Dietetics, Foodservice Management and Health Sciences

A new directory identifies nutrition, dietetics, food management, and health science collaborations between U.S. universities sponsoring dietetics education programs and other global organizations. The entry-level programs must be accredited by the Accreditation Council on Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). If additional institutions or organizations are interested in forming partnerships or being listed in the directory, contact Beth Labrador at: blabrador@eatright.org.

Nutrition Education Resources for Health Practitioners

The Academy Foundation and the Wimpfheimer-Guggenheim Fund for International Exchange in Nutrition, Dietetics and Management recently launched a project to collect free nutrition education resources for health practitioners working in developing countries. During an extensive survey, over 140 health professionals from 10 different countries responded. About half of survey respondents had experience working or volunteering in Central America. The most commonly addressed nutrition topics were general nutrition, infant nutrition, sanitation and hygiene, nutrition for breastfeeding and pregnancy, iron-deficiency anemia and diseases of over-nutrition. Challenges that were noted included low literacy and multiple dialects among the populations served. The first phase of the pilot will be available on eatrightPRO.org later in 2016. Food pictures and graphics recognizable to the target audiences have proven to be essential for providing successful nutrition education.

Awards and Grants

Wimpfheimer-Guggenheim ICDA Welcome Fund

This fund supports new member countries in the ICDA. The fund provides resources for greater participation in ICDA activities. Contact Beth Labrador at blabrador@eatright.org for more information.

Colgate Palmolive Fellowship in Nutrition, Oral Health/Dental Education

The \$15,000 Colgate Palmolive Fellowship in Nutrition, Oral Health/Dental Education is given to support research in nutrition and oral health or dental education. The deadline

to apply for the 2016 Colgate Fellowship is April 1, 2016. Non-US residents may apply. For more information or to download an application:
<http://www.eatright.org/Foundation/content.aspx?id=6998>

Gardens for Health International Fellowship

An Applied International Nutrition Research Fellowship supports a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) member of the Academy to participate in a one-year antenatal nutrition intervention and research project in Rwanda with Gardens for Health International (GFHI). The GFHI is a non-profit organization working to bridge the gap between health and agriculture in partnership with 18 health centers in two districts of Rwanda. Janice Giddens an RDN from Atlanta, Georgia was selected for this award.

Calendar of Events

Dietitians Association of Australia's 33rd National Conference – On Track for the Future

19-21 May 2016 in Melbourne, Australia

The Conference will explore three plenary themes – Food, Leadership and Translation – and showcase eight outstanding keynote speakers. 33 workshops and 130 concurrent presentations are planned. Also includes a conference dinner in Federation Square, overlooking the wonderful host city.

<http://daa2016.com.au/>

MDA-AODA Conference 2016 – Translating evidence based into skills and competency

25-28 May 2016, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Email - mdaaoda2016@mci-group.com

Website - www.conference.dietitians.org.my

Stronger Together - Dietitians of Canada National Conference

June 8 – 11, Winnipeg Manitoba, Canada

Dietitians around the world are invited to Winnipeg for the annual conference that brings together experts, academics, students and speakers across the breadth of professional practice. The program includes sessions on acute care, home care and long term care, public health and public policy, career building and more.

www.dietitians.ca/conference

National Nutrition Congress, 2016

The 26th Congress of the Nutrition Society of South Africa and the 14th Congress of the Association for Dietetics in South Africa

3-5 September 2016 in Somerset West, Lord Charles Hotel, Cape Town

Theme – Science at the centre of sound nutrition.

17th International Congress of Dietetics (ICD) - Going to a Sustainable Eating
7th to 10th September, 2016 in Granada, Spain
Visit the website www.icdgranada2016.com