



48th Council Meeting of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences

Venue: Anaheim, USA

Date: April 23-24, 2010

Brief Minutes of the Meeting

1. MEMBERS PRESENT

(a) Officers

President: Dr. Ibrahim Elmadfa (Chair)

Vice President: Dr. Lindsay Allen - (Present on Day 1, but excused on day 2)

President Elect: Dr. Anna Lartey

Secretary General: Dr. Rekia Belahsen

Treasurer: Dr. Suzanne Murphy

(b) Past Presidents and Secretary General:

Immediate past President: Dr Ricardo Uauy

Immediate past Secretary General: Dr Osman Galal

Past President: Dr Barbara Underwood (Present on Day 2 of meeting)

(c) Council Members:

Dr. Malgorzata Schlegel-Zawadzka

Dr. Godwin Ndossi

Dr. Emorn Wasantwisut

Dr. V. Prakash

Dr. Xiaoguang Yang

Dr. J. Alfredo Martínez

After a word of **WELCOME** from the President and the acceptance of the agenda by all council members the following agenda were discussed in detail: (highlights are shown below).

(1) President and Secretary General visited the office of the Former Secretary General at University of California at Los Angeles to discuss and to take charge of IUNS files that have been there with the Past Sec. General over the past 15 years. The files were taken charge by the Present Secretary-General.

(2) The council members discussed the IUNS internal organization concerning the **Role of Office bearers in IUNS** and the **concerns about the services provided by VIC. DUTIES allotted to the Secretary General, Treasurer and VIC** were reconsidered. In the aim to

facilitate the work of the President, Sec Gen and Treasurer, it was proposed that funds be made available to hire Assistants to work with each of them for their first year in office.

(3) Regarding the **BUDGET** the reports from ICN Bangkok-2009 was presented and the President thanked the ICN organizers for the successful meeting and for the transfer to be made to the IUNS account. Then the IUNS **Treasurer** circulated the **financial report** and informed the Council about the issues concerning proceeds from AB dues in 2009. Ways to encourage AB to pay their annual dues were also discussed.

(a) It was suggested that a Committee be set up to decide how to use the Development fund account set up from monies donated from consulting activities of IUNS past Office Bearers and also to lay the rules and regulations to receive such funds from industries following the UN regulations and other ethical considerations for IUNS.

(b) Also discussed was the possibility for IUNS to increase its levies from future ICNs and also for having a say in Scientific programmes to ensure sustainable Quality tasks in all the IUNS.

(4) The need to **Revamp IUNS WEBSITE** was discussed. A Committee was suggested to identify the structure and components and contents of the website of IUNS so that it can be revamped.

(5) The status of the current **task forces** was reviewed to determine which should continue and which should be terminated and new task forces were established for a term of four years after discussions. Members agreed that IUNS should have clear guidelines on activities of Task forces and the following are the new Task forces with its Chair.

1. Diet, Nutrition and Long-Term Health, Chair – TBN
2. Traditional, Indigenous and ethnic foods, Chair-Harriet Kuhnlein
3. INFOODS, Chair- Barbara Burlingame
4. Prevention and Control of Malnutrition, Chairs- Ann Ashworth/Alan Jackson
5. Redefining Food Quality, Chair- L Allen
6. Harmonizing Nutrient-Based Guidelines, Chair- I. Elmadfa
7. Capacity Development and Leadership in Nutrition, Chair- I. Elmadfa
8. Nutrition Security and Rural -Urban Transition, Chair- Osman Galal
9. Gene-Nutrient Interactions: Knowledge to Action, Chair- Ben van Ommen
10. Assessing benefits of Nutritionals and Nutraceuticals, Chair- V. Prakash

(6) The invitation of **IUNS to Collaborate with UN Organizations** was also discussed; WHO Non-Communicable Disease network, IUNS and Codex, WHO-EMRO, PAHO, WHO-Europe, IUNS-FAO and World Bank. Other Scientific Bodies of ICSU such as IUFoST requested IUNS collaborations in some of their programs and in principle IUNS would welcome in such networking.

(7) The President discussed the **IUNS Membership in International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU)** and announced that Council members will serve as representatives of IUNS in the ICSU Committees.

(a) The council also discussed the possibility of **collaboration with SCN** to improve the Networking.

(b) It was also proposed to make a schedule to coordinate the activities of regional IUNS Bodies.

(8) The President informed about his recent visit the **ICN 2013** site *in Spain* and informed that the arrangements are in good progress for the ICN.

(9) The council also discussed the **application** received by IUNS **for affiliation and/or for adhering bodies**. These were from World Public Health Nutrition Association (WPHNA), ANS (Africa Nutrition Society formerly called Africa Nutritional Epidemiology Conference (ANEC), South Asia Infant Feeding Network (SAIFRIN), and Rwanda Nutrition Society. More information would be required from these agencies.

(10) There was a detailed discussion regarding IUNS and **PUBLIC-PRIVATE-PARTNERSHIPS**. The council discussed **Agreement that has already been signed by earlier council**. The President mentioned that as a member of WHO International Advisory Council/IUNS, IUNS is reconsidering accepting funds from Private sector. The council discussed the forms of partnership between IUNS and Private sectors and wanted to lay down rules for these partnerships. All the council members agreed upon generic guidelines to be established and a committee from IUNS Council will look into the matter.

(11) A discussion on the **IUNS Nutrition Leadership Program (NLP)** currently being addressed in different regions and that are partly industry supported. These programs need to be encouraged and their encouragement in other AB's was also pointed out (China, Japan, MENA).

(12) **IUNS Council also met with the American Society for Nutrition (ASN) Executives**. President, IUNS proposed to ASN to consider their fusion with Canada to form an IUNS Region, North American Societies of Nutrition (NASN). Discussion on the possibilities of exchange and of co-operation with IUNS was the highlight of this meeting.

13) The agenda of **IUNS Membership Dues** and the need for IUNS to consider revising the fees for adhering bodies was also discussed and a committee from the Council would revert back on the issue.

(14) The **next Council meeting** would be in Madrid, Spain, 2011 and the date will be finalized in due course of time.

The President thanked the entire Council and other invited members attending the Council meeting. The meeting ended at 5.10 PM on April 24, 2010, with Thanks to the President for efficiently and ably conducting the meeting and completing all the agenda items in time.
