

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUTRITION SOCIETY

The Summer Meeting of the Nutrition Society with l'Association Française de Nutrition was held at the University of Aberdeen on 11–14 July 1995

International Committee of the Nutrition Society (ICONS) Workshop Report

Nutrition information and support for overseas members

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The objective of the workshop, which was attended by over fifty people, was to report on, and discuss, International Committee of the Nutrition Society (ICONS) activities and future plans. Written and verbal reports were presented.

Joyce Kikafunda commented on the hospitality arrangements for overseas members attending the meeting and the participants agreed that a social event for overseas and new members should be held near the beginning of future Summer Meetings, that the registration form should enable these members to be identified, that a 'welcome' letter and a list of participants should be included in participants' packs.

Jackie Landman said that the Nutrition Association of Kenya remains the only Society to have made formal links with the Society.

Ann Burgess reported on the status of the Information Sheets. During the year, six new or updated Information Sheets were distributed and two are ready for the next mailing. Sue New requested information on sources of funding for the Information Sheet she is preparing. *SCN News* has published the Information Sheets on training programmes and several Information Sheets are being adapted for the British Council to send to their libraries. A book list for these libraries is also being prepared.

There was discussion about the editorial help that ICONS might provide for professionally-isolated overseas contributors to the Society's publications. It was agreed that personal in-country advice was best and that a notice requesting members to help in this way be put in the *Gazette*.

Jackie Landman reported that the Publications Management Group wants ideas for updating its list of recipients for free copies of the Society's publications. Participants suggested the British Council and Least Developed Country libraries.

The future structure of ICONS was discussed. Council does not like bodies outside the Group structure and Mike Gibney felt it would be best administered under the International and Public Health Group. Catherine Geissler disagreed and said the activities of the two were different. Alan Jackson said more time was needed for discussion. The workshop felt ICONS should continue in some, perhaps more

democratic, form and suggestions for additional activities, such as giving more encouragement to young overseas researchers, were made. It was announced that Alan Jackson was standing down as Chair of ICONS and that Prakash Shetty had agreed to take over. The workshop thanked Alan for his work in initiating and organizing, first, the Task Force for Overseas Members and then ICONS.