

AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

National Committees for Science: ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL on 2010 activities

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR: Nutrition

CHAIR: Professor Jennie Brand-Miller

PERIOD COVERED IN THIS REPORT: 1 January - 31 December, 2010

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MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE MET ON:

16 February 2010 by teleconference

4 July 2010 Chair met with Professor Robert Gibson (University of Adelaide) in Shanghai for planning of agriculture-nutrition workshop

7 September 2010 Chair and Professor Maria Makrides met with Professor Robert Gibson (University of Adelaide) in Adelaide for planning of Nutrition Adelaide 2020 Workshop

9-10 December 2010 Nutrition Adelaide 2020 included 4 members of the committee

THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS ARE PROPOSED FOR 2011 (include date and place, if possible):

15 March 2011 teleconference

14 June 2011 face to face meeting

13 September 2011 teleconference

1 December 2011 face to face in Queenstown (coinciding with NSA Annual Meeting)

MEETINGS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AFFILIATED WITH ICSU

IN 2010 THERE WAS A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF (include date and place):

IN 2011 THERE WILL BE A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF (include date and place):

The next GENERAL ASSEMBLY/CONGRESS will be held in 2013
At 20th International Congress of Nutrition (IUNS) 21-25 September 2013 in Granada Spain

I RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THE FOLLOWING VOTING AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION: (include title, name, address, telephone, email and fax number)

Professor Andrew Sinclair, Deakin University
Professor Maria Makrides, Women's and Children's Health Research Institute

AUSTRALIAN OFFICE HOLDERS IN ICSU AND AFFILIATED BODIES

AUSTRALIANS WHO HELD OFFICE IN 2010 WERE:
(include all appointed/elected memberships of subsidiary bodies, standing committees, commissions etc. as well as appointments to Bureau/Executive positions in the governing body).

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THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS WILL BE MADE IN 2011:

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ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE – Please include comments on progress achieved on projected activities identified in your 2010 Business Plan. 2010 Business plans can be viewed at www.science.org.au/natcoms

Go to <http://www.science.org.au/reports/2010anrep.html>, to view the Chairs' Reports on 2009 activities.

I SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REPORT TO COUNCIL ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE IN calendar year 2010 (200-250 words):

The National Committee for Nutrition (NCN) believes that it is critical that agriculturalists, nutritionists and health workers begin a dialogue. If the diseases of affluence are to be avoided or overcome around the world, part of the answer lies in improving the nutritional content of our food supply. During 2010, the NCN's primary focus was the organisation of a 2-day international workshop in December aimed at identifying the gaps in knowledge at the nexus between sustainable agriculture and health. The changing environment (food security, climate change, elevation of CO₂ levels, increasing global prevalence of obesity/diabetes/cardiovascular disease and nutritional deficiency) were a backdrop to these discussions.

The workshop was held under the auspices of FoodPlus, University of Adelaide and the NCN. The international invited discussants included Professor Bo Lonnerdal, UC Davis, USA; Professor Dennis Bier, Baylor, Houston and Editor in Chief of the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, USA; and Professor Peter Aggett, University of Central Lancashire, UK. Approximately 30 national opinion leaders in the areas of nutritional science, agriculture (plant and animal breeding, plant and animal nutrition), food science, food manufacture and health attended. Attendance was by invitation only. The outcomes of the workshop are now being analysed as a backdrop to our decadal plan.