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## **NATIONAL COMMITTEES FOR SCIENCE National Committee for Nutrition**

### **2012 BUSINESS PLAN or WORK PLAN Including TIMELINES for up to 5 years**

It is anticipated that this Plan would provide information on:

#### 1. Aims of this National Committee

- Propose and encourage scientific activities in Australia, either jointly or separately;
- Strengthen leadership in the nutrition profession.
- Develop a five-year plan for the NCN.
- Promote gender, age and geographic balances within the Committee and discipline;
- Provide strategic advice in regards to the health of the related discipline, and develop strategies to maintain, or increase, its health in Australia and Internationally;
- Provide expert advice to Government and Industry through submissions and answers to specific queries;
- Ensure the maximum participation by Australian scientists in relevant activities of the international body;
- Liaise with the appropriate national and international bodies and societies;
- Keep the International Union of Nutritional Sciences informed at appropriate times of opinions and plans.

#### 2. Strategies to allow these aims to be achieved.

- Increase the profile of the NCN in the nutrition community in Australia. To this end, members of the NCN have copies of a short power-point presentation outlining the aims and activities of the NCN which have been used by members at relevant meetings in 2011/2012.
- Improve the interaction between the NCN and the Nutrition Society of Australia (NSA) through continuing dialogue and support of NSA activities.
- Offered to sponsor one speaker at next year's annual scientific meeting of NSA in Wollongong.
- Sponsored a mid-career workshop at the recent annual scientific meeting of NSA in NZ, where the current Editor of the premier nutrition journal spoke on publishing in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition.
- Co-sponsored a meeting on saturated fats with ILSI SEAR Australasia in Melbourne in November 2011.
- Improve the interaction between the NCN and the Dietitians Association of Australia through continuing dialogue. Two members of the NCN have been invited to speak at the International Dietitian's meeting in Sydney (2012).



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- The Chair met with the President of the International Union of Nutrition Sciences in Singapore in July 2011 to discuss Australia's membership of IUNS.
- Committee considered membership of NCN now and into the future.
- Committee discussed organising a seminar on vitamin D status in Australia in 2012 ("Is there a role for supplementation of food?").
- Committee to consider the draft NHMRC Guidelines on Dietary Guidelines for Australians.

### 3. Plan of work/activities for up to 5 years including timelines

- Meetings of NCN in 2012 – Feb & October (phone conference); June/July – face to face meeting in Canberra.
- Conduct a seminar/workshop on Vitamin D in Canberra, June/July 2012.
- Investigate a program/s to strengthen scientific content of NSA annual scientific meetings.
- Strengthen leadership in the nutrition profession through support of mid-career nutrition researchers at NSA annual scientific meeting.
- Support for one speaker at the annual scientific meeting of NSA in Wollongong in Nov/Dec 2012.
- Co-sponsor one nutrition-related workshop in 2012 in Australia.
- Allocate time in the first half of 2012 developing a draft five-year work plan for the NCN (Health, food security and sustainability in the midst of climate change will be a primary focus for the next 5 years).
- Develop succession plan for the NCN for next five years.
- Initiate formal discussions with the Nutrition Society of the UK in relation to building strong links the NS-UK.

### 4. Proposed budget details (Please use the attached spreadsheet)

**See attached**

Note each National Committee is allocated:

- \$3,000 per annum to support committee meetings.
- Up to \$2,500 each for up to three approved voting delegates, upon presentation of a report and receipts/invoices, for attendance at the triennial/quadrennial General Assembly meetings of the corresponding International Union.

#### **National Committee Initiatives fund**

Committees can also apply for additional funding of up to \$10,000 for projects. Please use the attached spreadsheet, and complete the "**National Committee Initiatives Additional information for larger projects**" form for projects seeking \$5,000 or more.

*Progress against these identified Work Plan activities will be reported on in the Chairs' annual reports to the Academy. Work Plans for 2011 can be viewed at [www.science.org.au/natcoms](http://www.science.org.au/natcoms)*



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**Note:** This plan will be published on the National Committee page of the Academy of Science website [www.science.org.au/natcoms](http://www.science.org.au/natcoms).