

# The Nutrition Society Monthly Activity Round-up

May-June 2022



## INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS



### Georgian Nutrition Society.

Since supporting its establishment in 2018, and to assist raising its profile in the Caucasus and wider region, The Nutrition Society helped The Georgian Nutrition Society develop their first very successful Georgian International Nutrition Conference, which took place 19 and 20 May in Tbilisi Georgia. Professors Julie Lovegrove, Bernard Corfe and John Mathers spoke at the event, supplemented by regional scientific experts. Professor Philip Calder, President of FENS, joined the conference online to discuss the European perspective on nutrition science and capacity building.

### Sabri Ulker Foundation.

The Sabri Ulker Foundation, based in Istanbul, is an independent, scientific and non-profit foundation with the main goal of creating optimum health for society through public awareness on food nutrition and health. Following an approach from the Foundation for a collaboration The Nutrition Society supported the creation of a new conference with the theme: *Achieving Healthcare Through Diet*. The conference was held in Istanbul on 25-26 May with the aim to inspire healthcare professionals to consider nutrition as part of treatment and prevention of non-communicable diseases. The Society's President, Professor Julie Lovegrove, opened the conference with Professor John Mathers also delivering a Keynote Lecture.

### Low and middle income (LMIC) Collaboration.

In March 2022 the President of IUNS, Professor Alfredo Martinez, and the Society's CEO, agreed to support a new initiative from the Pakistan Nutrition and Dietetics Society (PNDS) to form LMIC collaboration within nutrition sciences. The group held its third meeting on 8 June, and now includes representatives from India, Pakistan, sub-Saharan Africa, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Philippines, and South Korea. The group has agreed to apply to become a recognised Task Force of IUNS, with The Nutrition Society CEO acting as an official capacity building advisor to the Task Force. The application will be considered at the IUNS Congress in Tokyo in December.

## EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS



### Royal Society of Biology (RSB).

The Society was represented at the annual Royal Society of Biology degree accreditation ceremony, held in London on 6 May.

### Academy of Nutrition Sciences (ANS).

The Academy's trustees met on 10 May, with the Society's CEO (as head of the Academy's secretariat) in attendance. The trustees reviewed and approved the 2021 accounts, the Annual Report, and arrangements for the AGM to be held on 4 July. The progress on position papers on Nutrition and Health Claims Regulation, Evidence Base for One-to-One Dietary Advice, and Dietary Sustainability were reviewed and the creation of a new communications group for the Academy was approved.

### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The Society's work and history is featured in the official publication of the Platinum Jubilee Pageant, published by St James House. The publishers held a celebratory reception on the day of the pageant, 5 June, to which the Society was invited. The CEO and Events Officer represented the Society.

## PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITIES

### All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG).

The Society has continued in its work to create a new APPG – **Nutrition: Science and Health**, and has now successfully recruited a number of founding members from the House of Lords and MPs from the House of Commons to join the new group. Work is continuing in June and July to find further members to achieve an all-party balance.



## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMMES

### Irish Section Conference 2022.

The Irish Section held their first face-to-face conference 15-17 June, since 2018. Hosted by University College Cork, the theme of the highly successful conference was: **Impact of Nutrition Science to Human Health: past perspectives and future directions**. The Irish Section held their AGM as part of the conference, where Professor Alison Gallagher was appointed Chair of the Irish Section, and Dr Emma Feeny appointed as Secretary.

Over  
**175**  
delegates attended

**86**  
Original Communications presented

**12**  
guest speakers attended

## PUBLICATIONS



In celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the *British Journal of Nutrition (BJN)*, an exhibition was held during the Irish Section Conference on 15 June at the Glucksman Gallery University College Cork. The event combined a static exhibition from the *BJN* archives with presentations from past Editors-in-Chief reflecting on their memories and experiences.

## GOVERNANCE MEETINGS



### Science Committee.

The Society's Science Committee met on 3 May. The committee reviewed the recent Scottish Section meeting, plans for the remaining 2022 conferences, and also for the 2023 conference portfolio. The committee also discussed the transition to a new annual Congress-style conference, which will be launched in 2024.

### Publications Committee.

The Society's Publications Committee held their annual meeting on 4 May. The committee, as in previous years, conducted an in-depth review of each journal, its progress in 2021, and the challenges and opportunities facing the individual journals in the coming years.

The Publications Committee also held their annual business meeting with Cambridge University Press (CUP), on 5 May 2022. The meeting reviewed the performance of the Society's journal portfolio in 2021, and established the budget and pricing strategy for 2022 and 2023.



### Nutrition Society Training Academy (NSTA) Committee.

The NSTA committee met on 12 May to continue developing ideas for webinars and workshops, including embedding workshops into future Society conferences. The Committee also reviewed the progress being made to create a new online learning platform, and considered the work needed to further enhance the identity of the NSTA within the nutrition and wider biosciences and medical sectors.



Members who may be interested in becoming involved in any of the activities which support the work of the Society are invited to contact Mark Hollingsworth, the Society's CEO,

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