



FAO TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON PROTEIN QUALITY EVALUATION CALL FOR EXPERTS

As follow up to the 2011 review of dietary protein quality evaluation in human nutrition *, FAO is in the process of identifying experts to participate in a working group to further consider a crucial issue from the 2011 review and to *provide recommendations on the best methods to measure and predict digestion and efficiency of utilization of protein and amino acids in humans*.

Experts would be expected to participate in a four day meeting at St. John's Research Institute, Bangalore, India in early March 2014 (dates to be determined).

Applicants should meet the following general criteria:

- Advanced University/College degree in nutrition science, food science, or related fields or a medical degree.
- Experience with *in vitro/in vivo* models/assays for the digestion and efficiency of utilization of protein and amino acids
- Scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals, in particular, relevant publications within the most recent ten years
- Good knowledge of the English language, both written and oral.
- Leadership or invited participation in national or international scientific bodies, committees, and other expert advisory bodies pertinent to the scope of this work is desirable
- Experience with determination of requirements of protein and amino acids in humans.

Selection of experts

FAO places great value on the technical quality and independence of the participating experts as well as on the transparency of its selection process. FAO has a procedure for selecting experts that promotes the excellence and independence of opinions provided. Applicants' curriculum vitae will be reviewed on the basis of the criteria listed above by a selection panel consisting of three or more individuals including at least two independent, internationally recognized external experts appointed by FAO. In selecting experts FAO will consider, in addition to scientific and technical excellence in the topic of the review, balanced geographic representation, including developing and developed countries, as well as gender. Selected experts may be requested to assist in the preparation of background papers.

Appointment of experts

The experts will be invited to contribute only in their individual scientific capacity. An expert will not represent the government of country of which he or she is a citizen, or the

institution with which he or she is associated. The experts designated will not receive any remuneration; however, travel costs, subsistence allowance and other related expenses will be the exclusive responsibility of FAO.

Applications

Interested applicants should submit their curriculum vitae (CV) to the FAO Nutrition Division, at the address provided below.

Your CV should include a description of education and work experience and a list of peer reviewed publications relevant to the factors indicated above (please do not include reprints in your submission unless specifically requested at a later date).

Before participating in any related activity, the selected experts will be required to declare all interests associated with the subjects that will be evaluated through completion of a standard form developed by FAO. You will be asked to indicate in writing any interest (financial and intellectual) on your part or that of your spouse that may affect your scientific independence as an expert, including one or more of the following conditions: employment (past or present) by any commercial enterprise or private or civil sector association; a recipient of research or other study grants from such enterprises or associations; or shareholdings in commercial enterprises active in fields related to nutrition. These declarations will be evaluated and retained by the FAO Secretariat. In addition, a confidentiality undertaking is also to be signed to ensure proper handling of dossiers and proprietary information.

Deadline

Applications should be sent to FAO by **17 January 2014**.

*Link to the Report of an FAO Expert Consultation on dietary protein quality evaluation in human nutrition and the two sub-committee reports):

<http://www.fao.org/ag/humannutrition/35978-02317b979a686a57aa4593304ffc17f06.pdf>
<http://www.fao.org/ag/humannutrition/nutrition/63158/en/>

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IT IS PREFERABLE TO SEND THE APPLICATION BY E-MAIL IF POSSIBLE.

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