

## **Report on INFOODS'activities from 2012-2013**

INFOODS achieved a lot in 2012-2013. In 2012, the emphasis was the publication of new guidelines and databases. Highlights in 2013 were the publication of FAO/INFOODS e-Learning Course on Food Composition Data in English, the 10th International Food Data Conference (IFDC), and the recognition of the importance of nutrition and biodiversity for agriculture through the Commission on genetic resources for food and agriculture (CGRFA).

### **Standard setting and guidelines**

- Component identifiers also called tagnames. INFOODS created a working group in 2013 on the attribution of AOAC methods to tagnames. A technical meeting was held on 10-11 September 2013. The meeting report was published in 2014 at <http://www.fao.org/infoods/infoods/standards-guidelines/food-component-identifiers-tagnames/en/> and the accompanying Excel files with the tagnames and the AOAC methods will come later in 2014.
- The FAO/INFOODS Food matching guidelines were updated in 2012. They aim to guide users on how to match food consumption data to foods in food composition databases/tables in order to obtain nutrient intake estimations. They are available in English at <http://www.fao.org/infoods/infoods/standards-guidelines/en/> . A French and Spanish version will be published in 2014.
- The FAO/INFOODS Guidelines for Checking Food Composition Data prior to Publication of a User Table/Database was published in 2012. The objective of this document is to outline comprehensively the internal checks to be carried out on the food composition data and documentation prior their publication in the user table/DB.
- The FAO/INFOODS Guidelines for Converting Units, Denominators and Expressions was also published in 2012. They aim to assist users to convert compositional data in a standardized manner.

### **Declarations**

- The Cordoba Declaration on Promising Crops for the XXI Century (2012) includes references to the importance of biodiversity and the knowledge of their nutrient composition. It is available at: <http://www.fao.org/infoods/infoods/publications/declarations/en/>

### **Publications**

- Many scientific articles were published by INFOODS members

### **Capacity development**

- Published the FAO/INFOODS e-Learning Course on Food Composition Data in English in 2013. It is a 10-hour-course teaching all important issues on food composition. It was especially designed to be integrated into the curricula of universities starting at bachelor level.
- The list of previous courses and participants is as well as new courses are published at the INFOODS website <http://www.fao.org/infoods/infoods/training/en/>
- Involved in and/or co-organized international training courses on food composition:
  - In 2012 in the courses held in Turkey and Vietnam
  - In 2013 in the course held in Wageningen, the Netherlands
- FAO/INFOODS organized several training courses
  - in 2012 and 2013 held a course at the University of Vienna, Austria

## Databases and tables

All FAO/INFOODS databases and tables can be downloaded as PDF or Excel file free-of-charge from the INFOODS webpage <http://www.fao.org/infoods/infoods/tables-and-databases/faoinfoods-databases/en/>

- FAO/INFOODS Food Composition Database on Biodiversity (BioFoodComp) was updated in 2012 and 2013 and hold now analytical data of over 6500 food entries. The first edition in 2010 had data for about 2400 foods.
- FAO/INFOODS Analytical Food Composition Database (AnFoodD1.0) was published in 2012. It is a global compendium of scrutinized analytical data (without any additional estimations, imputation or calculation of missing values) for commonly consumed foods.
- West African Food Composition Table/ Table de composition des aliments d'Afrique de l'Ouest (2012), co-published with WAHO and Bioersivity International.

## Biodiversity (<http://www.fao.org/infoods/infoods/food-biodiversity/en/>)

- Progress reports on the two Nutritional Indicators for Biodiversity on food composition and on food consumption were published in 2012 and 2013
- The Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA) in their 14<sup>th</sup> session in 2013, included for the first time nutrition and biodiversity as a main topic and endorsed their importance and requested FAO and partners to continue working on this issue

## International Food Data Conferences (IFDC) and IUNS conferences

- INFOODS co-organized 10 IFDCs taking place every second year in a different place and every 4 years as a satellite meeting to the ICN (International Conference on Nutrition). In 2013, INFOODS co-organized the 10<sup>th</sup> International Food Data Conference in Granada, Spain, 12-15 September. It was convened by INYTA of the University of Granada and FINUT in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Network of Food Data Systems (INFOODS). 23 participants were entirely or partly funded by FAO. Publication of the proceedings of the 10th IFDC in Food Chemistry will be co-funded by IUNS, FAO, FINUT and the University of Granada.
- A session on food composition was also held at the ICN Granada, which was very well attended for an early morning session. It was funded by FAO and the Task Force.

## Meetings

- Meetings of the IUNS/UNU/FAO INFOODS Task Force are held every two years at the IFDC. Reports of some of these meetings are available at <http://www.fao.org/infoods/infoods/structure-and-tasks-of-infoods/en/>

## Regional INFOODS data centres:

They created and maintain websites which contain many information as well as the reports of the regional and national activities

- INFOODS: [http://www.fao.org/infoods/index\\_en.stm](http://www.fao.org/infoods/index_en.stm)
- ASEANFOODS: [http://www.fao.org/infoods/index\\_en.stm](http://www.fao.org/infoods/index_en.stm)
- LATINFOODS: <http://www.inta.cl/latinfoods/> (in Spanish only for the moment)
- NEASIAFOODS: [www.neasiafoods.org](http://www.neasiafoods.org) (in Chinese only for the moment)
- EUROFOODS: for the moment more operating as EuroFIR <http://www.eurofir.net/>

## **Communication**

- The INFOODS website was completely redesigned in 2012 and much information was added, such as the role of coordinators, meeting reports, challenges. It is very regularly updated.
- The INFOODS listserv remains an important communication tool within the food composition community. It is actively used by members to ask questions but also by FAO to inform the community about new publications and events. There are about 700 members subscribed.