9th International Graduate Course on Production and Use of Food Composition Data in Nutrition

Announcement

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FoodComp 2009

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Wageningen, The Netherlands

Organised by

Graduate School VLAG (Advanced Studies in Food Technology, Agrobiotechnology, Nutrition and Health Sciences) and the Division of Human Nutrition of Wageningen University

In co-operation with

United Nations University (Food and Nutrition Programme for Human and Social Development)

Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (Food Policy and Nutrition Division)
Background

Objectives of course
The aim of FoodComp 2009 is to demonstrate how to produce, manage and use good quality food composition data in a standardized way, using harmonized procedures, so that the requirements of the multiple users of food composition data can be met. The course will be based on the philosophy that the preparation of nutritional databases requires close understanding of the needs of the users by both compilers and producers of analytical data. The course will show how this understanding can be achieved and the benefits that flow from the collaboration of users, analysts and compilers.

Course structure
FoodComp 2009 will be structured around the second edition of the book 'Food Composition Data, Production, Management and Use', by Dr H. Greenfield and Professor D.A.T. Southgate. The course will cover: ways in which nutritional databases are used and how these determine the range of nutrients for which values are required; stages in the production of a nutrient database; selection foods for which nutrient values are needed; sampling procedures and the statistical aspects involved in sampling; choice and validation of analytical methods to give nutritionally relevant values using novel work forms such as E-learning; quality control, quality evaluation and quality management of food composition data, food description and classification... Participants will become familiar with rules for data documentation as well as structures for constructing computerised relational databases.

Who should attend
FoodComp 2009 is intended for those involved in nutritional database programmes as analysts and/or compilers and will be of value to those teaching nutrition and nutritional aspects of food chemistry. Users of nutritional databases who wish to have a better understanding of how databases are prepared and the constraints upon their use will also find the course useful.

Course content
The major elements of the course, which will comprise lectures, seminars, excursions, E-learning, and group work, will be:

- Requirements and use of nutrient databases at different levels
- Steps in establishing a food composition database
- Selecting and establishing priorities for including foods, nutrients and other food components in databases
- Sampling of foods
- Methods of analysis: critical evaluation and choice of methods
- Data quality (management) and evaluation
- Reviewing existing data
- Format and modes of expression
- Food nomenclature, classification and identification
- Recipe calculations
- Compilation of data
- Nutrient calculation software
- National and international activities in food composition issues
- Documentation and database management
Venue and duration
FoodComp 2009 will be held at the Hof van Wageningen, (formerly known as Wageningen International Conference Centre - WICC) in Wageningen, The Netherlands for two weeks from 11 - 24 October 2009.

Language
The language of the course is English. Therefore, fluent English is essential.

Registration and course fee
Please register by completing the attached application form. The final registration date is June 1, 2009. The number of participants is limited to 30. The course fee, including a Euro 350 non-refundable deposit, is Euro 3500. The fee covers accommodation and meals from 11-24 October 2009 at the Hof van Wageningen (former Wageningen International Conference Centre), a copy of the handbook and other course materials, tuition fees and excursions. It does not cover the cost of travel to the course, medical insurance and pocket money. The fee is payable on notification of acceptance for the course.

Fellowships
A limited number of fellowships for suitable candidates from selected developing countries will be available. After receipt of the application forms candidates for such fellowships will be identified by the FoodComp board. The European Food Information Resource Network of Excellence (EuroFIR) also makes fellowships available for staff members of EuroFIR partners. More information will be announced on the EuroFIR website. Please note that the graduate school VLAG and the Division of Human Nutrition are not in a position to supply fellowships for the course.

All requests for fellowships should be made to the FoodComp Secretariat and NOT to the fellowship granting organisations.

How to apply
All applicants should fill in the application form attached and send it together with their curriculum vitae before 1 June 2009 to the Course Secretariat. Candidates for a fellowship are recommended to apply as soon as possible, preferably before 15 May 2009.

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Application form
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Please complete and return this form at the latest before 1 June 2009 together with your curriculum vitae to: Course Secretariat of FoodComp 2009 (see address above). Applications can also be made by using the application form at http://www.vlaggraduateschool.nl/courses/food-comp.pdf

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Address for correspondence: ___________________________ (if different from above)

Wishes to be considered for a fellowship ___________________________ YES/NO

Name and address of current employer: ___________________________

Will your employer meet the cost of you attending the course by paying for tuition fees, travel and allowances ___________________________ YES/NO

(Please attach letter confirming the above if YES)

Invoice for tuition fees should be sent to (if not candidate or employer, then provide name and address of person/institute providing funds)

☐ Candidate for admission to course
☐ Employer
☐ Other:

Declaration and signature of candidate seeking admission:

I declare that the information given on this form and in the attached curriculum vitae is correct. I have read and understood the arrangements for payment of tuition fees to which I will adhere. I understand that the course may be cancelled if numbers prove insufficient and that in such circumstances course fees will be refunded.

Date ___________________________ Signature ___________________________