

FAO Expert Working Group on Protein Quality Assessment in Follow-up Formula for Young Children and Ready to Use Therapeutic Foods

Call for Experts

As follow-up to a request submitted by the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) *, FAO is seeking experts to participate in a four day working group session to be held at the FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy, from 6 to 9 November 2017.

The objective of this working group will be to provide scientific advice on setting up guidelines for Codex members to determine protein quality using the Protein Digestibility–Corrected Amino Acid Score (PDCAAS) in Follow- up formula (FUF) for young children (12 – 36 months) and Ready to Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF).

Interested experts should apply by submitting their curriculum vitae (CV) to the FAO Nutrition and Food Systems Division. Before applying, please check the selection criteria, process, and application guidelines detailed here below.

Selection criteria

Applicants should meet the following general criteria:

- advanced University/College degree in nutrition science, food science, or related fields;
- good knowledge of the English language, both written and oral;
- experience with *in vitro/in vivo* models/assays on the digestion and efficiency of utilization of protein and amino acids;
- experience in research and application of the PDCAAS method in assessing protein quality in foods;
- scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals, in particular published in the past ten years;
- ability to prepare scientific documents and to work in an international environment with scientists from various disciplines;
- 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.

Selection process

FAO places great value on the technical quality and independence of the participating experts as well as on the transparency of its selection process.

Applicants' CV 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. 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. Experts will not represent their government, nor their institution. Attendance expenses (travel and per diem) will be covered by FAO. No other remuneration is foreseen.

Application guidelines

Interested experts should submit their CV to Dr. Warren T K Lee (warren.lee@fao.org), cc. Ms. Cristiana Fusconi (cristiana.fusconi@fao.org), by **15 September 2017**.

CVs 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 copies of your publications in your submission, unless specifically requested at a later date).

Experts will be asked to indicate in writing any possible conflict of interest (financial and intellectual) that may affect their scientific independence as an expert. For transparency purposes, experts will be required to also indicate their employment (past or present) in any commercial enterprise or private or civil sector association; benefit of research/study grants; shareholdings in commercial enterprises active in fields related to food and nutrition. These declarations will be evaluated and retained by the FAO Secretariat. In addition, experts will be requested to sign a confidentiality undertaking to ensure proper handling of dossiers and information.

Meetings and correspondences will be conducted in English, no translation service will be provided.

All applications should be sent electronically to:

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*Link to the [Report](#) of the 38th session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses