

Proposed work plan of INFOODS for 2011 to 2013

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Objective

- Increase INFOODS activities and visibility

Assumptions

- INFOODS can only be as active as members are willing and able to contribute
- FAO has very limited funds available and can finance only very few activities in the regions, mostly through TCP (FAO Technical Cooperation Programme) for which the countries need to prepare a proposal
- Funding needs to be sought from other than FAO sources
- Collaboration as IUNS task force will increase

Data Centres and INFOODS secretariat

- FAO to support at least one regional data centre meeting per year (in 2011 ASEANFOODS and AFROFOODS meeting; in 2012 LATINFOODS meeting), preferable in conjunction with existing conferences or meetings to make them cost-effective
- Each regional and sub-regional data centre develops an annual or biannual plan of action, also using e-mail, skype or telephone
- Annual or biannual reports should be published at INFOODS website, and at the regional data centre websites if existing
- Give regular input into the development and update of INFOODS standards, databases and websites, e.g. on tables and databases or changes in data centre coordinators, etc.
- Each data centre to present a document with the defined roles of national and regional data centre coordinators, election process and duration of terms (if this is desired by data centres). This documents should be put on the INFOODS and regional data centre website
- Common reflection on how to assure funding for food composition, biodiversity and sustainable diets at national, regional and international level
- Biennial Regional Data Centre meetings of coordinators at IFDCs (in 2011 at 9th IFDC)
- Short biennial report to IUNS on global activities and progress of INFOODS (sent in 2011 and 2012) and present a more comprehensive report at ICNs

Standards

- In collaboration with all INFOODS members and EuroFIR, update INFOODS tagnames (ongoing)
- In collaboration with all INFOODS members, develop
 - guidelines for food matching (published in 2011 and updated in 2012)
 - guidelines for conversions (published in 2012)
 - *newly added task: guidelines on data checking before publication (published in 2012)*
 - guidelines for selection of most appropriate food composition sources (in progress)
 - Sampling guidelines (in progress)
- Periodically, INFOODS to provide comments on relevant CODEX and other standards to ensure harmony between international standards
- enlarge keyfood approach to biodiversity, if possible

Capacity development

- FAO to publish in 2011 the French and Spanish translation of the Food Composition Study Guide ([published in 2011](#))
- FAO to publish in 2011 the second revised version of the Food Composition Study Guide in English ([published in 2011](#))
- *Newly added task: FAO/INFOODS to develop an E-learning Course on Food Composition Data ([to be published in September 2013](#))*
- INFOODS members to collaborate with universities to introduce food composition and biodiversity into the curricula of nutritionists, food scientists etc, e.g. by using the Food Composition Study Guide or in future the FAO/INFOODS E-learning Course on Food Composition Data
- FAO will offer two to three six-months-on-the-job-training opportunities on the compilation of a national/regional food composition table/database in Rome through e.g. the internship programme (700 USD/month) or the volunteer programme (no compensation) – this would however need co-funding from national institutes

Food Composition tables/databases

- Publish at least one new national or regional food composition table/database per year with FAO/INFOODS technical support ([in 2011 FCT published for Armenia; in 2012 West African Food Composition Table; in 2013 FCT for Bangladesh](#))
- In collaboration with all INFOODS members, update annually the FAO/INFOODS Food Composition Database for Biodiversity ([launched in 2010 and updates published in 2011, 2012](#))
- In collaboration with all INFOODS members, develop, publish and update regularly a FAO/INFOODS Food Composition Database containing solely analytical data ([launched in 2012](#))
- In collaboration with all INFOODS members develop and publish a fish user database ([to be published in September 2013](#))
- Publish a density database ([published in 2011 and updated in 2012](#))
- Publish a Manual on Nutrient Analysis ([published by ASEANFOODS in 2011](#))
- In collaboration with all INFOODS members, develop, publish and update regularly a FAO/INFOODS Database on Amino Acid Composition and Protein Quality
- Develop a database on bioavailability. Prapasri Puwastien volunteered to make first draft of a possible format.
- Develop a database on laboratories carrying out nutrient analysis with QA measures

Advocacy at international conferences and meetings

- INFOODS members to present posters and oral presentations or to organize symposiums on food composition, food biodiversity and sustainable diets (done at several congresses)
- Publish success stories on the INFOODS and regional data centre websites, if existing
- Identify an ‘Ambassador’ for INFOODS
- Produce a brochure and or video on INFOODS and importance of food composition

Nutrition Indicators for Biodiversity

- In collaboration with all INFOODS members, FAO will revise the templates for reporting on the nutrition indicator for biodiversity on food composition
- In collaboration with all INFOODS members, FAO will report annually on the nutrition indicator for biodiversity on food composition ([published in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013](#))

Analytical capacities for food composition

- Assist in developing project proposals for FAO's Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP), sometimes in conjunction with food safety or food control, to strengthen analytical capacities on food composition (in preparation for Angola and Zimbabwe)

Funding

- Together with INFOODS coordinators write a grant proposal for INFOODS