Fomentando la interacción global en el campo de la nutrición
The Mission and Objectives of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences are:

- To promote advancement in nutrition science, research and development through international cooperation at the global level.
- To encourage communication and collaboration among nutrition scientists as well as to disseminate information in nutritional sciences through modern communication technology.
The International Union of Nutritional Sciences features contemporary global nutrition issues, such as:

- The Global Challenge of Obesity
- The nature and determinants of child development and their implications for programmatic interventions with young children

The IUNS also embraces global nutrition agenda to address:

- Food and nutrition problems in developing countries
- Training for nutritionists

**Vision**

- To live a life without malnutrition is a fundamental human right. The persistence of malnutrition, especially among children and mothers in a world of plenty is immoral. Nutrition improvement anywhere in the world is not a charity but a societal, household and individual right.
The proposal to form the International Union of Nutritional Sciences was first discussed in July 1946 in London, where a meeting had been convened by the British Nutrition Society. This meeting was attended by 22 research workers from 13 countries. Two years later, a meeting of an International Provisional Committee was held with sessions in London on 10 and 11 June 1948. Statutes and bylaws were discussed, and the principal objects of the Union were defined as: a) the exchange of information, b) the organization of international congresses, c) the publication of the results of scientific investigation. A small Executive Committee was appointed, and Professor E.J. Bigwood (Belgium) was elected Chairperson, and Dr. Leslie J. Harris (UK) Secretary General.

Since then the Union has grown steadily. At first the holding of the congresses was its main task, but, in the course of the years, other equally important activities have developed which need long-term planning and efficient administration.

The work of the Union is directed by the General Assembly, which meets at the time of the international congresses. The General Assembly, consisting of delegates appointed by the Adhering Bodies, is the highest authority of the Union, and the Council serves as an executive group between the meetings of the Assembly. The number of the delegates from the Adhering Body depends on the membership category which the Body has chosen. Members adhere to the Union through National Academies or other appropriate scientific groups. At present, IUNS has 80 Adhering Bodies and 15 Affiliated Bodies.

According to the IUNS Statutes and Rules of Procedure, Commissions and Committees are established to accomplish more extensive international cooperation among scientists in nutrition-related research and education. The work of the Committees is expected frequently to result in reports that are published, subsequent to their approval by the President. Several important meetings of individual Committees have been held and large conferences of the Commissions and Committees have been arranged. In the selection of the personnel for the Committees, due consideration is given to balanced geographical representation from different areas. The Commissions and Committees work in close collaboration with each other under the supervision of the President and the three Vice-Presidents. For financial reasons much of the work is done by correspondence.

At the 1968 meeting of the General Assembly of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), the IUNS was elected to membership. The admission to ICSU was an important step in the history of IUNS: the Union’s status as an independent scientific body was thus recognized; its financial situation was improved by ICSU grants; and appropriate collaboration with other scientific organizations and participation in current international projects were strengthened. The International Unions of Biological Sciences, Physiological Sciences, Biochemistry, Pure and Applied Biophysics, Pharmacology, Immunological and Micro-biological Societies, with the IUNS, form the so-called “Bio-Unions” of ICSU.

The IUNS has a special consultative status with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the Administrative Committee on Coordination/Subcommittee on Nutrition and is an associate member of the Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences (CIOMS), and has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations University (UNU). Close cooperation exists with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and various ICSU bodies, and with the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST), including establishing joint committees and working groups.
• **Statutes and Rules**
  
  The IUNS Statutes and Rules have recently been revised. Draft Statutes and Rules for the Union can be online accessed. These are currently approved from the Adhering Bodies of IUNS and received ratification at IUNS-ICN Argentina in 2017.

• **Guidelines**
  
  • IUNS Conflict of interest, funding and Private Sector engagement guidelines
  
  • Guidelines on attending meetings on behalf of IUNS for council members
ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS

The International Council for Science (ICSU)

The World Health Organisation (WHO)

The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)
ARGENTINA : Argentine Society of Nutrition (Sociedad Argentina de Nutrición)

AUSTRALIA : The Australian Academy of Science

AUSTRIA : Austrian Nutrition Society

BANGLADESH : Nutrition Society of Bangladesh (NSB)

BELGIUM : Belgian Nutrition Society

BULGARIA : Bulgarian Scientific Society for Nutrition and Dietetics

BURKINA Faso : Société de Nutrition du Burkina Faso (SNB) – Nutrition Society of Burkina

CAMEROON : Cameroon Association of Nutritional Sciences

CANADA : National Research Council Canada

CHILE : Sociedad Chilena de Nutrición, Bromatología y Toxicología (SOCHINUT)

CHINA : Chinese Nutrition Society

CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF : National President of Association of Nutritionists and Dieticians (ANUDICO)

CÔTE D’IVOIRE : National Nutrition Programme

CUBA : Institute of Nutrition and Food Hygiene (Instituto de Nutrición e Higiene de los Alimentos)

CZECH REPUBLIC : Czech Society of Nutrition

DENMARK : Danish Nutrition Society

EGYPT, ARAB REPUBLIC OF : Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT)

ESTONIA : The Estonian Society of Nutritional Sciences

FINLAND : Finnish Society for Nutrition Research

FRANCE : Société Française de Nutrition

GAMBIA : Gambia Food and Nutrition Association

GERMANY : German Nutrition Society (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Ernährung e.V.)

GHANA : Ghana Nutrition Association

GUINEA : Reseau Guineen des Nutritionistes

HUNGARY : Hungarian Society of Nutrition (Magyar Táplálkozástudományi Társaság)

ICELAND : Unit for Nutrition Research (Icelandic Organisation MNI)

INDIA : Indian National Science Academy

INDONESIA : The Food and Nutrition Society of Indonesia

IRAN : Iranian Nutrition Society

IRELAND : The Nutrition Society – Irish Section

ISRAEL : Israel National Committee on IUNS

ITALY : Italian Society of Human Nutrition

JAPAN : Science Council of Japan

KAZAKHSTAN : Kazakhstan Institute of Nutrition

KENYA : Kenya Coalition for Action in Nutrition

KOREA : The Korean Nutrition Society

KUWAIT : Kuwait Nutrition

LEBANON : Lebanese Academy for Nutrition and Dietetics

LIBYA : Food Science Department

MADAGASCAR : National Union Nutrition Scientists

MALAYSIA : Nutrition Society Malaysia

MEXICO : Mexican Federation of Nutritional Sciences

MONGOLIA : Mongolian Nutrition Society

MOROCCO : Moroccan Society of Nutrition (SMN)

NETHERLANDS : Dutch Academy of Nutritional Sciences (Nederlandse Academie van Voedingswetenschappen NAV)

NEW ZEALAND : Nutrition Society of New Zealand

NIGERIA : Nutrition Society of Nigeria

NORWAY : Norwegian Nutrition Society (Norsk Selskap for Ernaering)

PAKISTAN : Nutrition Society of Pakistan

PALESTINE : Palestinian Food and Nutrition Association (PFNA)

PERU : Peruvian Nutrition Society (SOPENUT)

PHILIPPINES : Nutrition Foundation of the Philippines, Inc.

POLAND : Polish Academy of Sciences

PORTUGAL : Sociedade Portuguesa de Ciências da Nutrição e Alimentação

ROMANIA : Romanian Society of Diabetes Nutrition and Metabolic Diseases

RUSSIA : Institute of Nutrition – Russia

RWANDA : Rwanda Nutritionists Society (RNS)

SAUDI ARABIA : Directorate of International Cooperation (KACST)

SÉNÉGAL : Association De Nutrition Et Alimentation Du Senegal

SERBIA : Serbian Nutrition Society

SIERRA LEONE : Nutrition Society of Sierra Leone

SINGAPORE : Singapore Nutrition and Dietetics Association

SPAIN : Spanish Nutrition Society (Sociedad Española de Nutrición – SEN)

SRI LANKA : Nutrition Society of Sri Lanka

SUDAN : Nutrition Division, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare

SWEDEN : The Swedish National Committee of Nutritional Science

SWITZERLAND : The Swiss Committee of IUNS

TAIWAN : Nutrition Society of Taiwan

TANZANIA : Food and Nutrition Association of Tanzania (FONANA)

THAILAND : Nutrition Association of Thailand (NAT)

TUNISIA : Société Tunisienne des Sciences de la Nutrition

TURKEY : Turkish Nutrition Society

UGANDA : Uganda Action for Nutrition

UNITED KINGDOM : The Nutrition Society

USA : American Society for Nutrition (ASN)

VIETNAM : Vietnam Nutrition Association (VINUTAS)

ZIMBABWE : Food and Nutrition Association of Zimbabwe
AFFILIATED BODIES

- African Nutrition Society (ANS)
- Asia Pacific Clinical Nutrition Society (APCNS)
- European Academy of Nutritional Sciences (EANS)
- Federation of African Nutrition Societies (FANUS)
- Federation of Asian Nutrition Societies (FANS)
- Federation of European Nutrition Societies (FENS)
- Groupe de Recherche en Pediatrie (GRP)
- International Confederation of Dietetic Associations (ICDA)
- International Nutritional Anemia Consultative Group (INACG)
- International Symposium on Clinical Nutrition (ISCN)
- International Zinc Nutrition Consultative Group (IZiNCG)
- Iodine Global Network (IGN)
- Mexican Federation of Societies of Nutrition
- Middle East and North Africa Nutrition Association (MENANA)
- Sociedad Latinoamericana de Nutricion (SLAN) – Capitulo Venezolano
- The Micronutrient Forum
- World Obesity Federation
- World Public Health Nutrition Association (WPHNA)

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Current Task Forces

- Nutrition and Cancer
- Sustainable Diets
- Dietary Fat Quality
- Benefit-risk and cost effectiveness of micronutrient interventions
- Precision Nutrition
- Capacity Development in Nutrition
- International Malnutrition
- Traditional and Indigenous Food Systems and Nutrition
- Toward Multidimensional Indicators of Child Growth and Development
ACTION POINTS

• Attention to Adhering Bodies and Affiliated Societies
• Education and Online courses/Competence development
• New Task forces implementation
• Documents conflicts of interest and Private Sector
• Regulation of relation with private sector
• Unrestricted grants Seeking
• Guidelines for Council Members and meetings planning
• ICN IUNS in Japan 2021