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The 15th International Congress on Nutrition and Metabolism in Renal Disease
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<http://www.isrnm-lausanne2010.org>

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The 16th International Congress of Dietetics (ICD) is in Sydney, Australia – plan now!

For our invitation and preliminary information please visit the
website <http://www.icd2012.com>

September 20-22, 2010 - 23rd biennial congress of the Nutrition Society of South Africa and the
11th biennial congress of the Association for Dietetics in South Africa
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23rd biennial congress of the Nutrition Society of South Africa and
the 11th biennial congress of the Association for Dietetics in South Africa.
Durban, South Africa,
20 – 22 September 2010.

<http://www.nutritioncongress.co.za>

June 25-28, 2010 - 67th Congress of the European Renal Association/European Dialysis and Transplant Association (ERA-EDTA)

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will be held in Munich, Germany from 25-28 June, 2010.

<http://www.era-edta2010.org>

American Dietetic Association Website Redesigned to Focus on Eating Right for Health and Life
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Country: United States

If you are looking for resources to add to your computer's favorites list consider adding the newly redesigned American Dietetic Association website, <http://www.eatright.org>. The site has increased its the scientific-based information that is available to the public and health-care professionals. Jessie Pavlinac, ADA president, invites viewers to the site, "The new eatright.org contains beneficial, audience-specific information for the general public, dietetics students, media, health professionals and ADA members alike. Each section is tailored to its specific audience and aims to provide helpful, actionable advice in a clear concise manner."

One of the website's featured areas includes ADA Position and Practice Papers. An example of the content is the position paper, Nutrient Supplementation that was published in December 2009. The position abstract states:

It is the position of the American Dietetic Association that the best nutrition-based strategy for promoting optimal health and reducing the risk of chronic disease is to wisely choose a wide variety of nutrient-rich foods. Additional nutrients from supplements can help some people meet their nutrition needs as specified by science-based nutrition standards such as the Dietary Reference Intakes. The use of dietary supplements in general, and nutrient supplements in particular, is prevalent and growing in the United States, with about one third of adults using a multivitamin and mineral supplement regularly. Consumers may not be well informed about the safety and efficacy of supplements and some may have difficulty interpreting product labels. The expertise of dietetics practitioners is needed to help educate consumers on the safe and appropriate selection and use of nutrient supplements to optimize health. Dietetics practitioners should position themselves as the first source of information on nutrient supplementation. To accomplish this, they must keep up to date on the efficacy and safety of nutrient supplements and the regulatory issues that affect the use of these products. This position paper aims to increase awareness of the current issues relevant to nutrient supplements and the resources available to assist dietetics practitioners in evaluating the potential benefits and adverse outcomes regarding their use.

Other sections of the website include videos highlighting all aspects of dietetics practice, information on dietetics education programs, consumer advice on maintaining a healthy weight and the prevention and management of chronic diseases including diabetes and cancer. Featured in the American Dietetic Association Foundation section is the Healthy Weight for Kids initiative that showcases the Healthy Schools Partnership and how ADA members are working with schools and physical activity experts to bring good nutrition messages to our nation's children.

The ADA strategy for the website is to keep it updated on a regular basis. Daily health tips,

press releases on monthly Journal articles and reviews of popular diet books are some of the information that is produced on an ongoing basis. The ADA looks forward to having you visit the website.

Submitted By: Karen Lechowich, MBA, RD, ICDA Representative for USA.

Apply now for the following International Awards from the American Dietetic Association Foundation:
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First International Nutritionist/Dietitian (FIND) Fellowship for Study in the USA:

This award is given to assist foreign nationals who are pursuing postgraduate work in the USA and have a clearly articulated plan to return to their country. Deadline to apply is December 1, 2010. Award amount: \$2,000.

Wimpfheimer-Guggenheim Fund for International Exchange in Nutrition, Dietetics and Management:

This award is given to provide for the international exchange of needed nutrition, dietetic and/or management information for the benefit of the nutritional health of the world community. Award amount: \$1,000. Up to two awards may be given. Deadline to apply is December 1, 2010.

The 2011 Wimpfheimer-Guggenheim International Lecture:

The ADA Foundation is currently accepting proposals for the Wimpfheimer-Guggenheim International Lecture taking place at ADA's annual conference in San Diego, CA, September 24 to 27, 2011. The focus of the lecture is to raise the nutritional health of the world community by highlighting original international projects in food and nutrition, dietetic education, research and foodservice management. Practical application of innovative, creative or novel yet feasible solutions to local problems that can be applied in a variety of settings will be strongly considered, especially in developing countries. The lecture may also focus on work that international not-for-profit organizations are doing to improve the nutritional health of the world community. Registered dietitians (or International Equivalent) nutritionists, health professionals, officers of international health organizations or government agencies promoting partnership for improving global nutrition and universal well-being are eligible to be selected for the lecture. To be considered as a lecturer, please complete the proposal located on the ADAF website, www.eatright/foundation.org, and provide a CV/résumé for a potential lecturer, lecturers or panel of lecturers. All proposals are due to Beth Labrador, by October 26, 2010.

All award applications are available online at <http://www.eatright/foundation.org> or by contacting Beth Labrador blabrador@eatright.org.

Association for Dietetics in South Africa Comes of Age
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Country: South Africa

The members of the Association for Dietetics in South Africa (ADSA) recognised the 21st birthday of the association, marked by an enjoyable party, during the biennial congress. This was an opportunity to look back on what the association has achieved in past decades, and to look forward to coming events.

Members of ADSA have elected new branch and executive committees, all of whom have taken office. The Association is delighted that past President, Rene Smalberger, will be serving a second term of office as President. This will strengthen the continuity of recent projects and all will benefit from her ongoing enthusiastic leadership.

ADSA is proud of the smooth functioning of the Continuing Education Programme and the level of participation from members. Continuing education is now mandatory for registration with the Health Professionals Council of South Africa. The early voluntary system, introduced for dietitians 14 years ago, has made compliance easily achievable. A new aspect has been introduced to widen the scope of ways to get points, and that is through personal Learning Portfolios.

A new portfolio has been introduced to the Executive Committee on a trial basis, Public Sector Dietitians. Many dietitians who work in the public sector have challenges that limit their participation in ADSA, and their professional practice. ADSA plans to actively seek ways to assist this category of dietitians, starting with formative research identifying issues which should be addressed. This work will also allow ADSA to build the profile of dietetics among a wider section of the country's population.

ADSA continues to participate in National Nutrition Week, organised by the National Department of Health. The theme during 2009 was, "Healthy eating for children". Messages were taken to primary schools, emphasising foods that should be included in a healthy eating pattern. The chosen theme forms part of the Healthy Lifestyle Campaign of the Department of Health. Three key messages highlighted during this campaign were: Enjoy a variety of foods; Drink lots of clean, safe water; and Be active! During NNW ADSA worked with a number of partner organisations to take a more detailed nutrition message to primary schools regarding healthy eating choices. Teachers and tuck shop managers were invited to a supermarket tour, to learn more about healthy eating options, based on the Guidelines for Healthy Eating. This hands-on method of learning proved to be enjoyable and was appreciated by participants.

A drive to promote understanding of dietetics as a career option was launched by the previous executive committee and based on its success is now being expanded. Called "Adopt a school" members are invited to approach a local high school and speak to learners about dietetics.

South Africa has recently passed legislation controlling registration as a nutritionist. At present the Professional Board for Dietetics, of the Health Professionals Council, will oversee both dietitians and nutritionists. A challenge in this regard is going to be the prevention of the term by international “celebrity” nutritionists, who have powerful public relations programmes, and vast financial resources to promote themselves.

The ADSA website <http://www.adsa.org.za> continues to develop, and statistics of use show that it is well used. As internet access becomes more widely accessible, the site can be used more actively as a channel of communication with members and the public. Member-only access to part of the site is to be introduced and public information included.

European Network for Dietitians (DIETS) and European Federation of Associations of Dietitians (EFAD)

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Country: United Kingdom

The European Union funded a network of dietetic associations, higher education and other agencies across Europe (2006-09) to facilitate and realise growth in the quality of education for dietitians. The European Commission (2007) and the WHO (2008) have set goals and an action plan to improve the nutritional health of Europe and this will require the responsiveness of both academia and the dietetic profession to engage fully in lifelong learning, reflective and evidenced based practice. The 28,000 plus dietitians in Europe are key to meeting strategic goals for better nutritional health. DIETS has provided a successful model for cooperative working across large geographical areas between 128 individual organisations, coordinated through the University of Plymouth with The European Federation of Associations of Dietitians (EFAD). DIETS quickly engaged dietitians through organising face to face visits (see DIETS Report 2, 2009a) and a virtual communication network (see DIETS Report 1 and 3 2009 b&c) and the DIETS website (www.thematicnetworkdietetics.eu). The public pages of the web site were accessed by 112 countries in 2009 and 17% of these visits were from non-European countries. Regular Newsletters and conferences (DIETS 2009d) allowed partners to be kept informed and inform eg at the 2009 conference 49 posters were displayed.

The 48 exchange visits between academic and practice placement teachers over three years resulted in information about assessment, teaching methods and best practice plus the development of draft guidelines for quality practice placements (DIETS Report 2009d). Dietetic competences for European dietitians were developed and unanimously adopted by EFAD delegates and translated into 15 European languages (EFAD, 2009). These statements complement the European Academic and Practitioner Standards for Dietetics (EFAD, 2005) used by Higher Education throughout Europe.

However important these effects have been and will continue to be a critical question must be asked; has the DIETS project had an impact on policy change for dietetic education in Europe? The European competence statements, when used widely, will encourage the development of a safe and competent professional approach by dietitians across Europe. As standards are benchmarked it will be possible for dietitians to move more freely around Europe providing the same level and quality of service and could lead to a Europe wide registration of dietitians. During the project four countries introduced bachelor degrees and DIETS was asked to engage with the French Minister of Health and support the German Dietetic Association to discuss moving education in those countries to bachelor level. DIETS and EFAD were able to draw on data gathered Europe-wide as evidence; a powerful force for change.

EFAD has now formally adopted the Network as their Education Committee and integrated the DIETS and EFAD websites thereby sustaining the impact that the Network has, and will have, on

policy change for dietetic education in Europe. The powerful dissemination network of dietitians (DIETS Report 4, 2009e) is a critical legacy ensuring that dietitians continue to work together, whether in academia or practice, providing a strong axis for change to education and an excellent basis for further development of the Profession in Europe.

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November 6-9, 2010—Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo
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From the Chair of the Board

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Happy New Year and welcome to 2010, our 58th year. We have come such a long way in that time both as an organisation and as a profession. During the last six months we have commenced our effort in two areas, both of which are reported on in this edition. Dietitians of Canada have commenced the work on moving forward on evidence based practice and we have participated in the WHO Global Network initiative. Please read the reports of both of these activities – they are a great start to implementing our plans for the next four years.

Also as part of our strategic plan we agreed to modernise our logo and then our website to make it more user friendly and a little more contemporary. The Board received six proposals to undertake the logo re-design and selected Rivet Design Studio of India to do the work, so watch this space for our new material!

Our colleagues from the European Federation of Associations of Dietitians (EFAD) received disappointing news when it did not receive the additional funding requested to proceed with the program on dietetics education and standards in Europe that has been in progress for the last few years. ICDA was a partner group in that application and has continued support by joining as a partner in the new application that EFAD has lodged in 2010. This is an example of how we believe the groups of dietetics associations can pool strength to advantage us all.

During this year we will be continuing to work on our strategic plan and encouraging new members throughout the world. By working together we hope to realise our mission. I am sure you will agree that the articles in this edition of our newsletter highlights how our colleagues around the world are improving the health and welfare of the citizens of their country and making a great contribution to dietetics around the world.

All best wishes for the year!

Sandra Capra
Chair, Board of Directors

Health Professionals Global Network – <http://hpgn.org>

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In June 2009 ICDA was invited to participate in a workshop hosted by the WHO Department of Human Resources for Health entitled “Global consultation: The contribution of health professions to primary health care and the global health agenda”.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide a forum for a broad spectrum of health professions to network, discuss global health challenges and identify synergies to foster collaborative efforts and work across professional boundaries and conventions to support a primary health care (PHC) approach to reducing health inequalities and improving the health of populations. Forty six organisations were represented along with eighteen WHO speakers and facilitators. The organisations included: Medical, nursing, AHP professions, pharmacy, dental; Specialist organisations representing paediatrics, obstetrics, respiratory, mental health, aging, occupational health, environmental health, public health, family therapy; International Alliance of Patients Organisations; Medical law; Interprofessional education and collaborative practice; and WHO Collaborating Centres.

A series of presentations provided the background and rationale for this initiative, which was within the context of the WHO report 2008: Primary Health Care: Now More Than Ever. Other documents quoted in the presentations which provided drivers for the initiative were the Millennium Development Goals 2000; Commission on the Social Determinants of Health; and the Kampala Declaration 2008 produced by the Global Health Workforce Alliance hosted by WHO.

A Framework for Action on Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice was launched at the meeting. This sets out the elements that need to be put into place to produce people who are ready for collaborative practice, not needing to be trained to work in that way.

Much of the meeting was participating in World Café round table discussions aimed at producing recommendations for a “Framework for action: the contribution of health professions to primary health care and the global health agenda” encompassing: what needs to be put in place to support multi-professional collaboration; what realistic ways can health professionals work together across conventional boundaries; and what should be done to foster interprofessional collaboration.

The final purpose of the meeting was to continue the dialogue and collaboration by creating a virtual community: the Health Professionals Global Network (HPGN) using knowledge networking. In the library of the virtual community are the PowerPoint presentations and materials prepared for the meeting.

The first activity of HPGN arising from the workshop has been a virtual Global Discussion Forum

on Interprofessional Collaboration in Education and Practice. This ran from the 1st – 12th February 2010 and attracted over 1000 people interested in following the discussion, from more than 100 countries. In total there were 282 contributions from 44 countries. The whole discussion forum will be summarised and the key issues, experiences and conclusions reached will be highlighted and these will be used in the future to inform policy and practice dialogue.

The next discussion forum starts on 1st March and it will be addressing Patient Safety.

This network is open to any interested health professional, so please register and contribute to or follow future discussions which are relevant to dietitians worldwide.

<http://hpgn.org>

Carole Middleton

ICDA Director, British Dietetic Association Representative

Improving Nutrition Around the World Through Evidence-based Dietetic Practice
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Country: Canada

In 2000, the International Confederation of Dietetic Associations (ICDA) was created with a mandate to enhance the image of the dietetic profession around the world through increased awareness of standards of education, training and dietetic practice. To that end, ICDA has created a definition of Dietitian, standards for the education of dietitians, a code of ethics, and a code of good practice in nutrition and dietetics. During this same period of time, there has been an overwhelming call for all health disciplines to adopt evidence-based approaches in the care they deliver. Several of the statements in the International Confederation of Dietetic Association's Codes of Ethics and Good Practice speak to the need to ground dietetic practice in evidence:

- * "Develop practice based on evidence
- * Interpret, apply, participate in or generate research to enhance practice
- * Competently apply the knowledge of nutrition and dietetics and integrate this knowledge with other disciplines in health and social sciences
- * Systematically evaluate the quality of practice and revise practice on the basis of this feedback
- * Provide services based on the expectation and needs of the community or client"

From: 2008 International Code of Ethics and Code of Good Practice

Thus it was a natural next step for the ICDA Board to commission a working group to create an international definition of evidence-based dietetic practice in June of 2009. This definition will be developed by expert representatives from national dietetic associations around the world, validated with members of these national dietetic associations and promoted by ICDA as a component of its standard of good practice in dietetics.

Currently, 32 volunteers have come forward from more than 15 countries to lend their expertise to the task. They bring knowledge of the many roles that dietitians may have around the world and the many kinds of evidence that dietitians use every day in their practices. The working group's goal is to create a broad definition of evidence-based dietetic practice in order to meet the needs of all dietitians, regardless of practice area.

The working group is being chaired by two member representatives from Dietitians of Canada. Our first step was to survey working group members about existing definitions, and how they

were developed and are currently used. We learned that five countries have developed or adopted a definition of evidence-based dietetic practice. These definitions were either borrowed from other definitions or a process was followed whereby a search of existing definitions was completed; member input was then sought and the most suitable definition was adopted. These definitions of evidence-based dietetic practice are used:

- * to improve patient care
- * to evaluate the dietetic process
- * to develop best practice guidelines
- * to guide dietetic practice (code of conduct, scope of practice)

When the working group was asked: Why do you think it is important that an international definition of evidence-based dietetic practice be developed? They responded:

- * To have a common language.
- * To share experiences.
- * To improve professional practice of dietitians.
- * To make it easier to collect data on the impact of dietetic practice.
- * To empower dietitians around the world.
- * To enhance the prestige of our profession.

The working group will build its recommended definition through consensus means. Member national dietetic associations will be consulted at least once during the process. A final definition will be presented to the ICDA Board in January of 2012, followed by final review and approval by official representatives at the ICDA annual meeting in Sydney Australia September 2012.

Submitted by
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Chairpersons of the Working Group

Introducing the AEDN
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Country: Spain

The Dietician-Nutritionist profession started recently in Spain, and faces many challenges ahead. This is why the AEDN (Spanish Association of Dieticians-Nutritionists) was greatly surprised and happy to be appointed the organising body of the seventeenth Congress of the ICDA to be held in Granada in the year 2016 and which, undoubtedly, will be the final recognition of the group of dieticians-nutritionists.

We wish to introduce the AEDN and its activities in our first contribution to the newsletter.

The AEDN was founded in 1988 with the aim of making it possible for a university degree in nutrition to be obtained, which was finally achieved in the year 1998. Then came two big challenges: creating the General Board of Dieticians-Nutritionists and getting the professional included in the Public Health System.

Regional associations of dieticians-nutritionists were set up, and the presidents of regional associations have formed part of the AEDN's governing board since 2006. A common logo has been created that represents the profession and helps to promote corporatism.

Each of these associations is working on creating the Official Regional Colleges and currently, we have 6 Official Colleges. The General Board of Official Colleges of Dieticians-Nutritionists for Spain, a group which will be of tremendous help for the profession to develop and which will serve as an only interlocutor, will be created shortly.

Apart from these, the AEDN is actively working on the European Area of Higher Education for nutrition and dietetics degree certificates from different universities for professionals to be of the highest possible quality. In addition, continuous training is offered, the journal "Actividad Dietetica" is published, congresses are organised every six months and, recently, the first postgraduate university course endorsed by the AEDN and only meant for dieticians-nutritionists was presented.

As a result of these efforts of many years, the AEDN is becoming the association of reference for the food industry. The industry chooses AEDN as its first option when preparing its publicity campaigns, thanks to the seriousness of our work and to the work of the Revision, Study and Positioning Group (GREP-AEDN).

With the purpose of facing the new challenges, 17 work committees have been set up, one of which will be organising the II AEDN Forum to be held in November, 2010 where the strategic lines for the next few years will be drawn up.

Collaboration with the food and pharmaceutical industries –

An example of the work carried out is the collaboration with the food and pharmaceutical industries that place their trust in the AEDN as a consultant organisation for their products and as an organization that disseminates their novelties to everyone associated, which is a total of about 3,500. For the company, contacting the AEDN means reaching almost all the dieticians-nutritionists who are currently working in our country.

Our presence at key points –

- * The AEDN is present wherever there is a nutritional or dietetic issue which has to be assessed or studied. It has recently taken part in activities for a cardio-healthy life program organised by the Spanish Heart Foundation.
- * AEDN is a member of FESNAD (Spanish Federation of Nutrition, Food and Dietetic Companies) and also participates in their program.
- * In its endeavour to defend the citizens' interests, AEDN has signed a collaboration agreement with the Communication Users Association in order to guarantee full, authentic and scientific information on food habits.
- * The "5 a day" Association has also placed its trust in AEDN for it to play a key part of its assessment committee in promoting the consumption of fruits and vegetables among the Spanish population.
- * The Eroski Foundation regularly collaborates with our dieticians-nutritionists for its food projects.
- * The First Team Foundation and the AEDN have also signed an agreement to encourage training in nutrition and health among the foundation's members.

Services for the member –

- * Publication of the scientific journal "Actividad Dietetica". The dieticians-nutritionists are urged to publish their works and research in this publication.
- * Publication of the profession's "Newsletter", a practical document in which the activities carried out by the AEDN and the Regional Associations and Colleges are summarised to keep members informed.
- * Access to the private area of the AEDN's website where information is found that is only meant for members.
- * Access to job vacancies on a national scale.
- * Access to a Third Party Insurance negotiated on a national scale with interesting coverage.
- * Access to the Easy Diet by Bicentury, an on-line software only for members of the AEDN.
- * Free on-line registration for access to the Journal of the American Dietetic Association.
- * Scientific assessment from the GREP (Revision, Study and Positioning Group).
- * Membership of the EFAD and the ICDA.
- * Continuous training of relevant subjects.
- * Discounts in training and registration for congresses and courses.

Moving Forward: Role of the Registered Dietitian in Primary Health Care – A Canadian Perspective
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Country: Canada

Dietitians of Canada recently released a new role paper that articulates a national vision for dietetic services in primary health care (PHC) settings. Canada's health care system is managed by the 13 provinces and territories, and the country faces major challenges in providing health care to its diverse population spread over Canada's large geographic area. Developments in Canada parallel world-wide development and reform of PHC systems. Current thinking on such reform efforts was distilled in the 2008 WHO Health Report, Primary Health Care – Now More Than Ever (WHO, 2008). This latest report focuses on four main structural and management reforms to further develop and maintain sustainable PHC systems:

- * Universal coverage reforms to ensure universal access and social health protection
- * Service delivery reforms that are responsive to changing needs while producing better outcomes
- * Public policy reforms that integrate public health with primary care
- * Leadership reforms to improve system management.

While Canadians have universal access to medically necessary services in all jurisdictions, nutrition care is not currently defined in law as a medically necessary service. Dietitians are, however, increasingly employed by diverse organizations as members of inter-professional teams. The number and scope of such teams is increasing rapidly across the country, as provinces seek to reform the delivery of PHC.

It is well recognized in Canada that PHC is key to maintaining and improving Canadians' health, and to the quality and sustainability of the health care system. Canada's nutrition issues are linked to the major chronic diseases, exacerbated by Canada's high obesity rates. These conditions can be prevented and managed with lifestyle interventions, including diet, reducing or eliminating the need for medications.

Building on an earlier role paper (Dietitians of Canada, 2001); the new role paper describes the range and types of services Registered Dietitians provide in the many types of PHC organizations seen in Canada. Depending on the practice setting, Registered Dietitians in Canada may be responsible for a wide range of services:

- * In public health, Registered Dietitians practice population health planning, community-based needs informed research, health promotion and disease prevention. Public health dietitians provide reliable nutrition information to the public, educators, health professionals, policy makers, and the mass media.
- * In community health centres, physician led teams, and similar settings Registered Dietitians practice individual and group nutrition therapy, counselling, health promotion and disease

prevention.

The organization of PHC services in communities across Canada varies widely, with limited or no access to specialist nutrition services in many PHC settings. Access requires adequate numbers of Registered Dietitians in PHC to ensure the health of Canadians.

Dietitians of Canada makes specific recommendations that provincial and federal policy decision-makers:

- * Develop and apply appropriate population needs-based funding mechanisms that support PHC nutrition services within their jurisdictions.
- * Establish effective systems that integrate nutrition services into all models of PHC.
- * Support systems for effective monitoring and ongoing evaluation of PHC nutrition services that ensure effectiveness and efficiency.

Dietitians of Canada further recommends that professionals involved in implementation and evaluation of health services:

- * Establish long-range plans that ensure nutrition services match PHC needs of communities.
- * Implement appropriate population needs-based funding mechanisms that support PHC nutrition services within their jurisdictions.
- * Integrate nutrition services in all areas of PHC, including public health, telehealth, and other approaches to promote nutritional well-being.
- * Monitor and evaluate PHC nutrition services to ensure effectiveness and efficiency.

Dietitians of Canada further recommends that professional associations, educators, researchers, practitioners and others involved in PHC development:

- * Promote strong inter-professional collaborative education and practice, including the expertise of Registered Dietitians as integral members of PHC teams.
- * Continue to develop and evaluate new models for inter-professional PHC nutrition practice, with a particular focus on prevention and treatment of Canada's major chronic diseases.

The role paper is being used in a variety of advocacy contexts to support Canada's PHC service delivery reform initiatives to increase access to care by promoting the Registered Dietitian role in the Canadian PHC context. The paper is available at:http://www.dietitians.ca/news/highlights_positions.asp

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April 15-17, 2010 - Navigating Changes in Nutrition Management of Genetic Disorders
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Genetic Metabolic Dietitians International (GMDI) is holding a conference
“Navigating Changes in Nutrition Management of Genetic Disorders”
from April 15-17, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Baltimore, MD, USA.

This conference will provide up to date information on research and nutrition management strategies for the treatment of inborn errors of metabolism as well as provide excellent networking opportunities for dietitians and other health care professionals.

15 CPE hours have been applied to the American Dietetic Association for registered dietitians.
For program information and registration
visit <http://www.gmdi.org/Conference/tabid/159/Default.aspx>

Turkish Dietetic Association (TDA) and the media are hand-in-hand in Turkey
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Country: Turkey

TDA reaches out to the public through the media to increase awareness on nutrition. Some of the TDA media studies in recent months include -

Healthy nutrition for religious feast, Healthy child nutrition and increasing parents awareness of their children's weight problems, World Food day 2009, Nutrition recommendations for prevention from H1N1 (Swine Flu), Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO), Psychological and philosophical dimensions of Obesity, Nutrition Problems in the Handicapped People, Nutrition in Examination Period, Fasting and Nutrition, Nutrition for school children and Food safety at World Nutrient Day.

Our association also focuses on social and artistic activities in addition to scientific activities. For example, "Dietitian Painters Exhibition" was conducted successfully. Trips to the world-famous mountain Nemrut, historical Castle and archaeological museum in Gaziantep, Turkey, were organized recently.

A Note on Turkish Dietetic Association

The training of dietitians started in Turkey in 1962. Today, there are 14 universities offering "Nutrition and Dietetic Training" within Republic of Turkey.

The Turkish Dietetic Association (TDA) was constituted in the year 1969. In 1970, our periodical called "Nutrition and Diet" was published and continues to date.

TDA and its branch offices have experienced an activity-intensive year in 2009. Some of these activities are – Clinical Nutrition Support, Gaziantep Nutrition and Dietetic Days, Sports Nutrition Strategies, Bariatric Surgery and Nutrition Approach in Morbid Obesity, Sports Nutrition, Nutrition Strategies in Kidney Diseases, Nutrition with Cancer, Food-Drug Interaction and Carbohydrates Count in Diabetes Treatment.

Why did we change from 'Dietetic' to 'Dietitians'?

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Dietitians New Zealand (formerly New Zealand Dietetic Association) is being launched this month after a review of the constitution in 2009. Focus groups and survey data showed a clear preference for the practitioner title rather than the area of practice to be visible in our name. Raising the profile of dietitians was seen as an important means of achieving the objectives of the association and the word dietetic was not well understood in the wider community.

One of the key actions for this year is to increase introduce 'Dietitians NZ' and in so doing to increase an understanding of how dietitians can help in diverse ways.

We have retained our visual identity by incorporating core features of the old NZDA logo into the new logo.

We are looking forward to a very positive year ahead where we will be engaging with members and stakeholders in a Strategic Planning exercise. Best wishes to other 'Dietetic' and 'Dietitians' associations for the new decade.

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