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Message from the Editor,

The International Confederation of Dietetic Associations (ICDA) supports national associations of dietitians-nutritionists and their members, beyond national and regional boundaries, achieving:

- *An integrated communications system and more opportunities for international networking and professional development*
- *An enhanced image for the profession as leaders in enhancing health, supporting human development, and reducing disease.*
- *Increased awareness of standards of education, training and practice in dietetics and more adoption of evidence-based practice*.

Articles submitted to our newsletter from Members and from the Board of Directors communicate progress on our mission. Our members are *professional associations around the world in which at least 65% of the members are a dietitian-nutritionist, meaning, a professional who applies the science of food and nutrition to promote health, prevent and treat disease to optimize the health of individuals, groups, communities and populations*" and meets the ICDA international education standard.

Dietetics and Nutrition Around the World represents a major communication tool for the global community of dietitians-nutritionists. Our primary readership is the Members of ICDA and their members, which total more than 200,000 dietitians-nutritionists and others who are interested in developments in the dietitian-nutritionist profession. Members use it to communicate with other national dietetic associations and their members. The newsletter also features articles and announcements of interest to our readers as received from other food, nutrition, and health organizations.

Since 2013, *Dietetics and Nutrition Around the World* has been published three times a year in March, July and November with support being provided through Dietitians of Canada (website management) and our volunteer editor. The turnaround time for publishing is approximately six (6) weeks from the article due dates found in the Guide. A copy of the Guide for Authors and the newsletter editor's contact details are available on the ICDA website.

Since 2001, *Dietetics and Nutrition Around the World* is found on-line at http://www.internationaldietetics.org. There is no requirement to register on the website to read or to print the newsletter. A printable version is available from the website newsletter page. Back issues can also be accessed from the website. We welcome suggestions and comments for improvement of the service to you. Chika Ndiokwelu, RDN (Nigeria), PhD

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Submission Deadlines

The turnaround for online newsletters is 4 to 6 weeks from the article due date. This includes an internal review process and online production.

Target publication dates: March 15, July 15, and November 15

Country Articles Schedule and Due Date

March issue articles are due January 31

Argentina (2 Members), Australia, Austria, Belgium (2Members), Benin, Brazil, Canada, Caribbean, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece (2 Members) and Haiti.

July issue articles are due May 31

People's Republic of China (Hong Kong)**,** Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxemburg, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria and Norway.

November issue articles are due September 30.

Norway (KEFF), Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal (2 Members), Singapore, South Africa, Spain (2 Members), Sri Lanka, Sweden (2 Members), Switzerland, Taiwan (2 Members), Turkey, UK and USA.

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Submission Requirements

A Member association is to send articles through your official ICDA Representative or an alternate person who is authorised by your official Representative. All article authors are to be members of Member associations of ICDA.

Articles may be submitted more often than indicated on the schedule of articles by country, included on the prior page.

E-mail newsletter submissions to: cndiokwelu@yahoo.com and a copy to the ICDA Secretariat at ICDA@internationaldietetics.org.

Complete the subject line of the E-mail as: ICDA newsletter submission

All article submissions should state the author and country of origin clearly at the head of the document.

Text Requirements

Text should be typed in English, double spaced, Arial style, size 12 and formatted in Microsoft Word. No highlighting, bold, italic or underlined should be used. Text should be left aligned. Do not justify text. Margins should be 3.0cm [1.25 inches] width and 2.5cm [1 inch] height to fit A4 [US letter] paper. Graphics and photographs should be in .JPEG or .GIF format.

Article Length

Articles should be 700 words or less.

Review Process

All articles will be internally reviewed and may be edited for spelling, punctuation, grammar, consistency or word length to meet space limitations before publication.

Newsletter Enquiries

Submission enquiries are to be directed to the DNAW Editor Chika Ndiokwelu by email: cndiokwelu@yahoo.com

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Content and Style

Each on-line newsletter will have six to ten sections depending on the content received. The Editor makes the final decision on the section in which an article will be published.

1. Feature Article: Newsworthy articles chosen by the editor to feature as the main article in the newsletter. This may come from any Member association. This may come from any Member association. Examples may be details of a recent international congress (or conference), key issues facing ICDA, international decisions or changes to standards of practice. This section may also include regional association key issues, activities or reports.
2. Chairperson's article: An update / an article / a message from the Chair of the ICDA board about ICDA progress.
3. ICD: International Congress of Dietetics (ICD): Information and reminders regarding the next ICD.
4. National Associations Reports: Reports and articles submitted by member associations. These reports are to be sent to the editor of the newsletter by a member Representative and will be referenced by country of origin. Content may include significant changes to the constitution or policy, members of office, national conferences, innovative leadership skills or progressive change.
5. Awards/Grants: Notification of award presentations specific to member associations and international awards recognized by ICDA.
6. Announcements & Calendar of Events: Reminders and invitations to upcoming events, notifications including employment opportunities or significant changes, call for abstracts or papers for seminars and conferences.
7. Resources: Newly released books or resources of interest to dietitians, book reviews, updated resource versions, web-based education.
8. New members: A welcome note and an introduction of a national dietetic association that has recently joined ICDA.
9. The Editor might add other newsworthy sections temporarily, from time to time.

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Additional Guidance on Articles Submitted by ICDA Members

Every Member association has the opportunity to submit articles for publication. Articles may be submitted more often than indicated in the schedule shown under Submission Deadlines,

Articles should be clear and concise and should reflect views of the Member association as a whole, rather than an individual author's view.

The subject of articles should reflect the mission and goals of ICDA in their content and opinion. See ICDA website About Us pages for information on current Mission and Goals.

Examples of topics suitable for inclusion in the newsletter are as follows:

- News about the association in your country including improvements in quality, growth or international participation.
- Articles of interest on member activities
- Changes to dietetic training or curriculum
- Achievements of individuals or groups associated with the membership.
- Research in progress, grants awards and other types of recognition
- Notes of interest about students or recent graduates of a professional or scholarly nature.
- Upcoming calendar of events, seminars, conferences, international speakers
- Recent published literature representing the member association or international publications originating from the member.
- Opportunities in the professional or research field
- Newsworthy announcements
- New or revised resources

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