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FOREWORD

During 1994 IUNS Council was starting to review and prepare for activities in future.

One of the points of main concern was the organization of IUNS Committees. These committees are very valuable activities for IUNS and do contribute much to the identity of our Union. We do realize that we are asking much from committee members especially of the Chairpersons. Although IUNS Council is willing to support as much as possible, financial support is however a problem and can be only very limited which we do regret very much. Nevertheless, we are very proud about the IUNS committee performances. IUNS Council was concerned that not sufficient renewal took place in the past years and therefore decided to give the whole IUNS committee structure a new and fresh start. This again caused some confusion and it took us more time than expected to start a new committee structure. However, we feel as Council that we are on a good track for the future.

IUNS Council also has decided that we will celebrate the 50-years Anniversary of IUNS during the next IUNS Congress in Montreal in 1997. For this purpose we have asked Professor C. Gopalan, IUNS President 1975-1978, to prepare a video presentation to highlight the first 50 years of IUNS. This Anniversary does not mean that we will only look back in history. On the opposite IUNS Council is in the process of review about its mission and organization structure in the coming 50 years. We have asked all IUNS Adhering Bodies to help us in defining future mission and structure in order to come to an agreement about this at the 1997 IUNS General Assembly Meeting in Montreal.

IUNS Council did meet in January 1994 in Wageningen (The Netherlands) and discussed issues such as mentioned above. IUNS Council also organized a special workshop to review funding of IUNS activities by the food industry and to formulate an IUNS policy on this subject. A draft proposal of an IUNS Code with regard to this topic is published in this Annual Report and should be used by IUNS and its Adhering Bodies as a guideline.

IUNS Council will meet again in October 1995 at the FANS Nutrition Congress in Beijing where progress of activities will be reviewed. One important point for discussion will be the next IUNS Congress in Montreal (1997). We also had discussions on an IUNS Council meeting in 1996. The preliminary ideas are to have this Council meeting in Thailand and to organize at the same time a workshop in cooperation with UNU on "Institution Building for Research and Advanced Training in Food and Nutrition in Developing Countries". Finally IUNS Council wants to indicate that we welcome any suggestions for the future of IUNS which means the future of our nutrition sciences and our professional identity worldwide.

IUNS OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

1993 - 1997

PRESIDENT	A. VALYASEVI (Thailand)
PRESIDENT - ELECT	B.A. UNDERWOOD (USA)
VICE - PRESIDENTS	S. BERGER (Poland)
	V. REDDY (India)
	A.A. RÉRAT (France)
TREASURER	E. MENDEN (Germany)
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	J.E. DUTRA DE OLIVEIRA (Brazil)
SECRETARY GENERAL	J.G.A.J. HAUTVAST (Netherlands)
COUNCIL MEMBERS	M. AMADOR (Cuba)
	O.M. GALAL (Egypt)
	R.S. GIBSON (Canada)
	SOOK HE KIM (Korea)
	R. ORRACA-TETTEH (Ghana)
	M.L. WAHLQVIST (Australia)
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	R. JANSSEN (Netherlands)

HONORARY PRESIDENTS

E.J. Bigwood (Belgium)
R. Buzina (Yugoslavia)
D.P. Cuthbertson (UK)
J.E. Dutra de Oliveira (Brazil)
M.K. Gabr (Egypt)
C. Gopalan (India)
C. den Hartog (Netherlands)
C.G. King (USA)
N.S. Scrimshaw (USA)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

B.O. Schneeman (USA) (Chairperson)
Dr. Masa Kanamori (Japan)
Dr. Abdulaziz I. Al-Othaimeen (Saudi-Arabia)
E. Menden (Germany) (ex-officio)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The eighth General Assembly, during the XV International Congress in Adelaide, Australia, elected Prof. J.E. Dutra de Oliveira, Immediate Past President, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Also elected, each to designate a member of the Nominating Committee, were the following eight Adhering Bodies:

**Austria, Finland, Japan, Malaysia, Nigeria,
Switzerland, United Kingdom and U.S.A.**

RECIPIENTS IUNS AWARD

Dr. T.N. Maletnlema (Tanzania) IUNS Award 1985
Dr. C. Gopalan (India) IUNS Award 1989
Dr. F. Monckeberg (Chile) IUNS Award 1993

IUNS HONORARY FELLOWS 1993

Prof.Dr. Gyorgy Biro (Hungary)
Dr. D.H. Calloway (U.S.A.)
Prof. J.E. Dutra de Oliveira (Brazil)
Dr. R.F. Florentino (The Philippines)
Dr. A.L. Forbes (U.S.A.)
Dr. J. Gay (Cuba)
Dr. C. Gopalan (India)
Dr. Po-Chao Huang (Taiwan)
Dr. Carmen L. Intengan (The Philippines)
Prof.Dr. J. Leibetseder (Austria)
Prof. R. Luyken (The Netherlands)
Dr. Vinodini Reddy (India)
Dr. N.S. Scrimshaw (U.S.A.)
Prof. Antonia Trichopoulou (Greece)
Prof. Yang Guangqi (P.R.C.)
Dr. A.R.P. Walker (South Africa)

PAST OFFICERS OF IUNS

Elected	President	Secretary General	Treasurer
1946	E.J. Bigwood (Belgium)	Leslie J. Harris (UK)	
1952	E.J. Bigwood (Belgium)	Leslie J. Harris (UK)	
1954	E.J. Bigwood (Belgium)	Leslie J. Harris (UK)	
1957	E.J. Bigwood (Belgium)	Leslie J. Harris (UK)	
1960	D.P. Cuthbertson (UK)	M. van Eekelen (Netherlands)	
1963	D.P. Cuthbertson (UK)	H. Gournelle de Pontanel (France)	R. Ammon (FRG)
1966	C.G. King (USA)	R. Ammon (FRG)	P.K. Roine (Finland)
1969	P.K. Roine (Finland)	J.C. Somogyi (Switzerland)	J.A.B. Smith (UK)
1972	C. den Hartog (Netherlands)	B. Isaksson (Sweden)	J.A.B. Smith (UK)
1975	C. Gopalan (India)	B. Isaksson (Sweden)	J.A. Campbell (Canada)
1978	N.S. Scrimshaw (USA)	Dorothy F. Hollingsworth (UK)	J.A. Campbell (Canada)
1981	R. Buzina (Yugoslavia)	Dorothy F. Hollingsworth (UK)	J.A. Campbell (Canada)
1985	M.K. Gabr (Egypt)	J.G.A.J. Hautvast (Netherlands)	E. Menden (Germany)
1989	J.E. Dutra de Oliveira (Brazil)	J.G.A.J. Hautvast (Netherlands)	E. Menden (Germany)
1993	A. Valyasevi (Thailand)	J.G.A.J. Hautvast (Netherlands)	E. Menden (Germany)

IUNS GENERAL INFORMATION

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 the Union has 63 full members and 12 affiliated bodies.

The international congresses have been held as follows:

Basle 1952, attendance 150 from 18 countries;
Amsterdam 1954, attendance 360 from 32 countries;
Paris 1957, attendance over 1000 from 22 countries, 367 papers;
Washington 1960, attendance over 2000 from 65 countries, 413 papers;
Edinburgh 1963, attendance about 1500 from 63 countries, 225 papers;
Hamburg 1966, attendance about 2100 from 81 countries, 800 papers;
Prague 1969, attendance 1800 from 62 countries, 896 papers;
Mexico City 1972, attendance over 2000 from 66 countries, 834 papers;
Kyoto 1975, attendance about 2300 from 55 countries, 900 papers;
Rio de Janeiro 1978, attendance about 3500 from 92 countries, 1200 papers;
San Diego 1981, attendance about 2500 from 83 countries, 1011 papers;
Brighton 1985, attendance about 2333.
Seoul 1989, attendance about 3500 from 104 countries.
Adelaide 1993, attendance over 2600 from 91 countries.

The XVI International Congress of Nutrition will be held in Montreal, Canada, 27 July 1997 to 1 August 1997.

The Austrian Society for Nutrition Research has invited the IUNS to hold the XVII International Congress in 2001 in Vienna (24 August - 1 September)

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 Microbiological 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. From 1981 the international congresses of the two Unions, IUNS and IUFoST, are to be held at alternate two-year intervals.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The IUNS has continued to receive valuable financial assistance from the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) in the form of grants from ICSU itself and also from the UNESCO subvention through ICSU. The IUNS has also received considerable financial support for specific projects from the UNU, UNICEF, other UN agencies, and national and international institutions and foundations. These valuable contributions are very gratefully acknowledged.

The IUNS Secretariat is housed in the Graduate School VLAG (Advanced Studies in Food Technology, Agrobiotechnology, Nutrition and Health Sciences), Department of Human Nutrition, Wageningen Agricultural University, Wageningen, The Netherlands.

STATUTES AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

(See IUNS Annual Report 1992)