

CALL TO FENS MEMBER SOCIETIES TO NOMINATE

MEMBERS OF FENS WORKING GROUPS



FENS will establish three working groups to consider how to improve standards in the science of nutrition. This follows from initial discussions and a Workshop at FENS2019 in Dublin.

Working Group 1 (“Concepts and methodologies”) will focus on what concepts in nutrition science need revision and how this can be achieved, and what will be the consequences for methodologies in order to have credible and capable scientific research.

Working Group 2 (“Organisation, capabilities and funding”) will focus on:

- how research on nutrition and health is currently organized and funded in different countries and continents, including interactions among the various scientific disciplines;
- whether that organization is optimal, and, if not, what structures, capabilities and interactions are required;
- how nutrition science is communicated “internally” (i.e. within the scientific world);
- how nutrition science can better recognise and deal with interactions with different stakeholders, including industry.

Working Group 3 (“External communication and public trust”) will deal with the steps required to better assure “public trust” in nutrition science. “Public” includes those professionals who apply nutrition sciences in their daily practice as well as consumers and patients.

Each working group will have a Chair and a Secretary and up to 6 other members who will be a mix of established and early career researchers. The Chair’s responsibility will be to guarantee the progress of the tasks defined by the working group. The Secretary’s responsibility will be to prepare and update the necessary documents for discussions in the working group; organise the (telcon and face-to-face) meetings; and write the minutes of meetings. Members of the working groups will be, as far as possible, spread equally across European countries and have a diverse distribution. Member’s responsibilities will be to:

- attend and actively contribute to the discussions of the working group;
- review the documents that are the input for discussions;
- support the Secretary with required (scientific) input on updating discussion documents.

Each working group will receive an initial briefing of activities. The briefing will be adapted according to the vision of the working group and foreseen activities of each working group must be achievable within the time frame of 3-3.5 years.

Each year a 2-day face-to-face meeting will be organized to have a discussion within each working group (1 day) and between the working groups, the Steering Group, and the Advisory Committee (1 day). Output of the working groups will be presented at international conferences and symposia where possible (e.g. American Society of Nutrition congresses in 2022 and the IUNS Conference in 2021). The frequency of digital meetings will be determined in close contact with the Chair and Secretary of the steering group.

It is aimed to complete the overall activity 6 months before the next FENS conference in Belgrade in 2023. It is anticipated that each working group will report its findings at that conference.

The form for you to nominate one or more members is below. **Please return the completed form(s) to the President of FENS, Professor Philip Calder at pcc@soton.ac.uk**
NOMINATION FORM (Please use a different form for each nominee)

Nominations will close at 5pm (CET) on 21 March 2020.

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Name of nominating society	
Name of nominee	
Position & affiliation	
Email address	
Reason for nomination	
Which working group would the nominee fit best (1, 2 or 3)?	

