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Dear AODA Members,

I'd like to thank everyone that has sent interesting resources and upcoming events with me to provide to our members. It helps to have a perspective on events that reflects our global membership.

The resources in this newsletter focus on food insecurity, an issue that persists in developing and developed countries and benefits from our collective food and nutrition-related knowledge and experience.

Sincerely,  
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### Website Changes

The AODA website ([eatrightoverseas.org](http://eatrightoverseas.org)) is currently undergoing a move to another provider. In the meantime, you may notice that the website or certain pages (particularly in the Members' Section) is down over the next couple of weeks. Please be patient during that time, and we will let everyone know when the website is fully functional again.

### Nutrition and Dietetics Technician, Registered

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Board of Directors has recently issued a communication regarding the credential Nutrition and Dietetics Technician, Registered.

This credential builds upon the existing DTR Pathway III and differentiates between degree levels to obtain the credential. In this communication, the Board lists the advantages of the credential including:

- Maintaining the integrity of current professional designations (RDN, RD, NDTR, DTR)



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- Providing a timely opportunity for eligible DPD graduates to become certified and to remain connected to the Academy
- Allowing the Academy to collect and analyze data on the utilization and practice implications of the enhanced DTR Pathway III, and making evidence-based decisions on what, if any, changes are needed.

More information on the NDTR credential will be made available as it is developed.

To learn more about the intent of the credential and the Board's position, please read the entire [communication](#).

### **Strengthening Partnerships, Results, and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING) Project**

The USAID-funded Strengthening Partnerships, Results, and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING) project recently released a global review of nutrition programming through Feed the Future's 19 focus countries: [Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition Impact Through the Feed the Future Initiative](#). The report reflects data collection between August 2012 and April 2013 and focuses primarily on approaches to integration, value chain selection, and application of the agriculture-to-nutrition pathways across the 19 countries.

Major findings are reported for integration, value chains, pathways, social and behavior change communication, monitoring & evaluation, and gender-specific issues.

### **Online Food Security Information Service**

The Thomson Reuters Foundation signed an agreement with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in early July to improve global information and awareness on hunger and food-related issues including food production, food security, food waste, agriculture, land use, and malnutrition.

This partnership will result in the creation of a new section on trust.org, the Thomson Reuters Foundation portal, that will be dedicated to news on hunger and food issues. It is expected to be launched next fall.

For more information, please read the story [here](#).

### **Food Insecurity & Hunger in the US**

The Food Research & Action Center and Children's Healthwatch have released the 3rd issue of [Food Insecurity and Hunger in the US: New Research](#). This issue focuses on "Reflections on Household Food Insecurity: An Interview with Dr. Mark Nord", who is a leading food insecurity researcher in the US who is now retired but did work at the USDA Economic Research Service. Eight recent studies related to food insecurity, including studies

discussion demographic trends, chronic disease, mental health, and the new WIC food package are summarized.

### New Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Toolkit

The Evidence Based Practice Committee has announced the publication of the new [Spinal Cord Injury \(SCI\) Toolkit](#) on the EAL store, which describes the therapy in 3 separate phases: Acute Care, Rehabilitation, and Community.

The kit includes resources such as the following:

- Summary of recommendations for spinal cord injury nutrition
- Initial and follow-up progress note forms
- Sample documentation note, including 3 case studies
- Outcomes monitoring forms
- Patient education and professional resource lists

### Open Country Representative Positions

We are currently seeking volunteers to act as country representatives (CRs) in **Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru.**

As a CR, you would:

- Represent AODA within the country by establishing relationships with nutrition associations and dietetic professionals.
- Integrate AODA members for nutrition issues within the country.
- Serve as an expert resource for AODA/Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and interested parties for all nutrition issues within the country.

For more information or to share your thoughts, please contact Marianella Herrera, AODA Country Representative Chair, at [cr-chair@eatrightoverseas.org](mailto:cr-chair@eatrightoverseas.org)

### Membership Benefit Corner

#### Membership Benefits

AODA offers a \$500 USD Educational Stipend to a member who would like to attend a food/nutrition related conference. For a conference between December 1, 2014 and May 31, 2015, the application deadline has been extended for this period to **August 31, 2014.**

Download the application [here](#). All applications should be emailed by the stated date to Charmain Tan, the Member Services Chair, at [msc@eatrightoverseas.org](mailto:msc@eatrightoverseas.org).

### Job Opportunities

The full list of jobs are available on the [AODA website](#).

The University of Tennessee is currently seeking an [Assistant/Associate Professor](#) in the Department of Nutrition.

*Note: Positions are not necessarily endorsed by AODA or the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*

### CPE and Training Events

#### **Statistics for Nutrition Research**

This one-day Nutrition Society course will cover experimental design, sample size, and power calculations in addition to more advanced techniques such as modelling outcomes, ANOVA model selection, and linear regression, including mixed models.

University of Westminster, London, UK: September 4, 2014

#### **Bioinformatics and Metabolomics for Nutritionists**

This one day workshop, run by the European Bioinformatics Institute and Cellular and Molecular Theme Leader, Dr Bernard Corfe, is designed to make use of freely available open-source specific bioinformatics databases, containing data on ontology of chemical entities.

London, UK: September 23, 2014

#### **Dietary Assessment Methods Workshop**

The workshop brings together current knowledge and practice on dietary assessment methods, with a particular focus on choosing correct assessment techniques for optimizing dietary intake data measurement. Practical guided session enables delegates to trial computational analysis of dietary data parallel to one to one drop-in discussions with experts in the field.

#### **Nutrition Informatics for Registered Dietitians**

This online CE module series focuses on defining healthcare and nutrition informatics. You will discover how nutrition informatics fits into the larger framework of healthcare informatics that includes medical, nursing, pharmacy, and public health information. The program can be completed on your own time, at your convenience, and anywhere that you have internet access.

#### **3rd International Advanced Course on Exposure Assessment in Nutrition Research**

The following topics will be addressed:

- State-of-the-art and recent developments in dietary assessment for different research questions and study designs, including issues relevant to collection of biomarkers in practice.
- Study designs for evaluation studies assessing validity and reproducibility, focusing on level of intake, nature of variation in diet, ability of ranking subjects, followed by the

application of results in calibration of exposure and deattenuation of associations.

- Error models in exposure assessment, addressing systematic and random errors (group level bias, intake related bias, person-specific bias, day-to-day-variation, instrumental bias).

- Statistical methodology to estimate usual intake and uncertainty in dietary assessment. Wageningen, The Netherlands: August 25-29, 2014

### Save the Dates: Upcoming Conferences and Events

#### **2014 Asian Congress of Dietetics**

Taipei, Taiwan, August 21-24, 2014

*Workshop: "Empowering dietitians for decision-making in patient care" regarding the privilege of registered dietitians to independently order therapeutic diets in hospital settings.*

#### **3rd Regional Conference: Nutrition in Obstetrics & Gynaecology 2014**

Kuala Lumpur, August 22-24, 2014

#### **Meals on Wheels Annual Conference and Expo**

Scottsdale, AZ, USA, August 26-28, 2014

#### **WHO Consultation: Fortification of condiments and seasonings with vitamins and minerals in public health: from proof of concept to scaling up**

New York, NY, USA, August 26-28, 2014

#### **Nutrition Society of New Zealand Annual Conference**

Queenstown, New Zealand, August 28-29, 2014

#### **International Conference on Diet and Activity Methods (ICDAM9)**

Brisbane, QLD, Australia, September 1-3, 2014

#### **Building Health Food Systems: A New Imperative for Public Health**

Oxford, England, September 8-9, 2014

#### **Public Health England Annual Conference**

Coventry, England, September 16-17, 2014

#### **25th Congress of the Nutrition Society of South Africa and the 13th Congress of the Association for Dietetics in South Africa**

Johannesburg, South Africa, September 16-19, 2014

#### **2014 Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo (FNCE)**

Atlanta, GA, USA, October 18-21, 2014

#### **Walk 21: XV International Conference on Walking and Liveable Communities**

Sydney, NSW, Australia, October 21-23, 2014

**Fourth International Conference on Holistic Medicine (ICHM-2014)**

Kottayam, Kerala, India, October 24-26, 2014

**Food Analysis Congress**

Barcelona, Spain, October 29-30, 2014

**III World Congress of Public Health Nutrition**

Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain, November 7-12, 2014

**Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2)**

FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy, November 19-21, 2014

**Research Society For The Study of Diabetes In India (RSSDI) Bangalore 2014**

Bangalore, November 21-23, 2014

**ACN2015: 12th Asian Congress of Nutrition**

Yokohama, Japan, May 14-18, 2015

Visit our [website](#) for more information.

**New Members & Supporters**

The AODA would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members and supporters:

We had no new members for the month of August.

**Mission:**

**Empower members to be international food and nutrition ambassadors**

**Vision:**

**Optimize health internationally through food and nutrition**

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