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Dear AODA Members,

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is still looking for assistance updating position and practice papers. If you have expertise in any of the areas, please consider volunteering to assist with the process.

I will be sending information regarding AODA's activities at FNCE in Atlanta this year within the next couple of days. If you will be at FNCE, it would be great for AODA members to meet, so please keep an eye on your email inboxes for that information.

Sincerely,
Your Newsletter Editor
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Website Changes

The AODA website (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.

International Activities in the Academy's Strategic Plan

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics has included international activities within the Strategic Plan.

Goal 4: Members collaborate across disciplines with international food and nutrition communities

The strategies include the following:

[ADA Web Site](#)

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1. Collaboration with the International Confederation of Dietetic Associations to support a global dietetics workforce using evidence-based practice standards.
2. Collaborate with international colleagues to provide evidence on the effectiveness of dietetic and nutrition-related interventions.
3. Build professional development programs in partnership with international colleagues.
4. Establish collaborations and networks to foster research activities on a global level using international accepted processes and terms.
5. Explore the Academy's current structure to facilitate the development of an international division.
6. Strengthen relationships with key stakeholders and external organizations to advance the Academy program of work and strategic direction.

More information can be found [here](#).

Food and Research Action Center (FRAC) Focus: Obesity and Poverty

The Food and Research Center (FRAC) is re-launching the FRAC Focus: Obesity and Poverty periodical e-newsletter, which focuses on obesity as it relates to low-income children and adults. It looks at the intersection of obesity, income, food insecurity, the federal nutrition programs, and federal food and nutrition policy. The most recent issue includes information about socioeconomic disparities, food insecurity and obesity, school nutrition and wellness, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and food access. If you are interested in reading this issue and sign up for the newsletter, go to www.frac.org.

Definitions Related to Public Health Nutrition and Community Nutrition

In November 2011, the president of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics appointed a Public Health Task Force. The purpose of the task force was to address a strategic priority in the Board of Directors Program of Work to enhance the relevance of public health nutrition within the Academy and increase public health organizations' awareness of the Academy's and member's involvement in public health nutrition and community nutrition.

One of the actions to be taken was development of consensus on definitions for public health nutrition and community nutrition, including functions of these two areas. Also, definitions for public health nutritionists and community nutritionists were developed.

[Final definitions](#), adopted by the Academy, describing public health nutrition, community nutrition, and their

functions, along with describing the role of nutritionists in these areas were approved and have been published to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics website under the Academy's [Definition of Terms](#).

International Symposium on Agroecology at the FAO in Rome

The International Symposium on Agroecology for Food and Nutritional Security was held on the 18th and 19th of September of 2014, at the headquarters of the Food & Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO) in Rome. This marked the first time that the FAO has ever officially and directly addressed the topic of agroecology.

"The science, practices and movement of agroecology are the product of centuries of accumulated peasant and indigenous knowledge, knowledge of how food was produced for humanity since long before farm chemicals were invented. This knowledge has been organized through a 'dialog of knowledges' (dialogo de saberes) with the western sciences of ecology, agronomy, rural sociology, etc."

It is believed that peasant agroecology is a fundamental building block in the construction of food sovereignty.

The summary of conclusions from the Symposium, presented by the reporting team emphasized positive points, including the affirmations that:

- agroecology is based on a set of principles and is not a tool box nor a set of recipes,
- agroecology implicitly questions the contemporary agrifood model and promotes a radical transformation, which would place peasants and family farmers at the center of the social process,
- agroecology is based on a dialog of knowledges and, thus, must continually link science with peasant knowledge, innovation, and practices.

The principal challenges to be faced must address complex but urgent issues, such as:

- public policies that support and promote agroecological transformation at local, national, and regional scales,
- the alliance of farmers with conscious and responsible consumers, based on the need for a radical transformation toward a socially just food system,
- support for the efforts by rural social movements to bring agroecology to a territorial scale.

To read the entire article, click [here](#).

Call for Assistance with Position and Practice Papers

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, through the Academy Positions Committee (APC), is soliciting for individuals with expertise in the following areas to work on developing the position and practice papers. Papers that are being updated can be found at <http://eatright.org/positions>.

Position Papers:

- Food Insecurity in US
- Child & Adolescent Nutrition Assistance Programs
- Food & Nutrition Programs for Community-Residing Older Adults (Joint paper with the American Society for Nutrition and the Society for Nutrition Education)
- Nutrition Supplementation (to be completed using the Academy's evidence analysis process)

Practice Papers:

- Nutrition Intervention & Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection (Position paper expires December 31, 2014 and will be updated as a practice paper)
- Dietary Supplements: Guidelines for Considering Supplements for Patients/Clients-New paper!
- Ketogenic and Other Diet Therapies for Treatment of Medication Resistant Epilepsy in Children and Adolescents-New paper!

Position and Practice Paper on the same topic:

- Local Support for Nutrition Integrity in Schools (position) and Comprehensive School Nutrition Services (Position paper expires December 31, 2014 and will be updated as a practice paper to coordinate with the Local Support for Nutrition Integrity in Schools position paper)

APC is asking you to identify individuals who would be qualified to serve as an author of a position/practice paper, a content advisor to provide guidance during the development of a paper, and/or a reviewer of a draft manuscript.

Hunger in America 2014

The [Hunger in America 2014 National Report](#) is now available from Feeding America.

This is the latest report of those conducted every four years since 1993. The study results are based on surveys of food programs in the charitable food assistance network supported by Feeding America and clients that access services through that network in 2012-2013. The Hunger

in America 2014 reports an increased number of individuals relying on charitable assistance to access nutritious foods for themselves and their families.

CDR Webinar on Practice Competencies Initiative

Leanne Worsfold of iComp Consulting and Barbara Grant, chair of CDR's essential practice competencies development initiative, are conducting a webinar. This will include updates on steps taken during 2014 toward the continued development and finalization of the competencies, a report on CDR's national competencies validation study conducting in the spring, a review of the completed competencies themselves, and information concerning CDR's next steps in the implementation of the competencies into its Professional Development Portfolio (PDP) recertification process.

The presentation will run approximately 90 minutes and will be recorded for those who cannot attend and can be accessed [here](#).

ICD-10 Training and Preparation Webcast

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released a new webcast with information on ICD-10 training and preparation from the "Road to 10" tool. This is the second webcast in the new "Road to 10" series, and it discusses key elements to include in your training plan.

Four more webcasts will follow, all aimed at helping small physician practices get ready for ICD-10 by the October 1, 2015, compliance date. Registered dietitian nutritionists may also find this information useful as they prepare for the transition.

Go to the CMS ICD-10 [website](#) to get started on the "Road to 10" today.

New Chronic Kidney Disease Toolkit

The Evidence Based Practice Committee has announced the publication of the new [Chronic Kidney Disease Toolkit](#) on the EAL store.

The kit includes resources such as the following:

- Interactive sample documentation forms
- Encounter process instructions
- 3 case studies
- Outcomes monitoring forms
- Client educational resources

Update from the House of Delegates Representative

Spring 2014 House of Delegates Virtual Meeting

The House of Delegates met virtually on May 3-4, 2014, for the 91st meeting of the House and the 6th annual HOD virtual meeting. The mega issue discussed during the meeting was *Engaging Members in Research*. The purpose of the dialogue session was for delegates and meeting participants to:

1. Increase members' awareness of Academy research resources.
2. Recognize various ways members are utilizing and contributing to research.
3. Develop a plan to empower members (at all practice levels) to use, participate in and/or conduct research to benefit the profession and the public.
4. Identify ways that members can build a professional culture that encourages and embraces research.
5. Advocate for resources to conduct research.

One of the motions developed and approved by HOD requests:

The Council on Research to develop a concrete plan to engage members in research, which includes an outcome measures component. The plan will empower members at all practice levels and all practice areas to successfully use; participate in and/or conduct research; effectively connect members to existing research resources; recognize members' contributions to research; and create a strong culture of research for the profession.

This site also provides the complete information on the Spring 2014 HOD Virtual meeting.

Academy Updates Presented to HOD are as follows for your information:

1. [Academy President](#)
2. [Academy Treasurer](#)
3. [Academy Foundation](#)
4. [Academy Speaker](#)

Open Country Representative Positions

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

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

Membership Benefit Corner

Educational Stipend

The winner of the Educational Stipend for the second half of the year is Emily Hope Peterson. She received \$500 and attended the Asian Congress of Dietetics in Taipei. The conference highlights were provided in the most recent Passport issue. For the next Educational Stipend, we received 7 applications, and the Member Services Committee are busy reviewing the applications. The recipient will be announced in mid-October. Stay tuned for the next Educational Stipend opportunity.

Job Opportunities

Because the AODA website is currently undergoing changes, the job opportunities list is not available.

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

CPE and Training Events

Vitamin D: Moving Toward Evidence-Based Decision Making in Primary Care

The conference will provide a forum to identify and discuss issues focused on evidence-based decision making for vitamin D in primary care settings, for example, screening for vitamin D status, interpreting laboratory measures, and determining interventions such as supplementation.

December 2-3, 2014

National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, USA

Also available by webinar

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Health Informatics Infrastructure

A webinar about the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Health Informatics Infrastructure (ANDHII) is available for viewing.

Grassroots Marketing of MNT to Employers and Insurance Companies

The link to the recording of this webinar that was conducted on June 25 is available.

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.

Save the Dates: Upcoming Conferences and Events

[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

[30th Montreux LC/MS Symposium - Food Allergens and Safety Testing \(FAST\)](#)

Charleston, South Carolina, USA, November 5-6, 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

[Health Benefits of the Mediterranean Diet Conference](#)

Tucson, Arizona, USA, January 28-30, 2015

[4th International Conference and Exhibition on Metabolomics and Systems Biology](#)

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, April 27-29, 2015

[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:

Canada

Carmen Richardson
Jasmine Smith

Hong Kong

Tsz Ching Vanessa Chow

Israel

Avital Pato-Benari

Pakistan

Amna Kashif

Philippines

Juvy Martillos

Singapore

Claudia Correia

Turkey

Filiz Karaoglu

United Arab Emirates

Alexis Schnedler

United States

Durra Alsumaiti
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Mission:

Empower members to be international food and nutrition ambassadors

Vision:

Optimize health internationally through food and nutrition

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