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Food and Nutrition Board

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Dear Colleague:

We invite your nominations for a new workshop planning committee that will plan an international workshop on Global Harmonization of Methodological Approaches to Nutrient Intake Recommendations. This workshop will explore questions about the uses of nutrient intake recommendations, the frameworks used for their development, the status of nutrient intake recommendations globally, and experiences and expertise in methodological approaches. The workshop is intended to review current nutrient intake recommendations; discuss the feasibility of harmonizing approaches to setting such recommendations globally; examine the development of principles by which they may be applied in diverse contexts that relate to individuals or populations, or regulatory purposes; and examine perceptions and acceptance of nutrient intake recommendations by different stakeholders. The goal is to develop discussion topics about ways to provide a uniform and consistent basis for setting nutrient intake recommendations across countries while accommodating culturally and context-specific food choices and dietary patterns. Specific issues for consideration include:

- Identifying appropriate uses for and ways to reach consensus on nutrient intake standards;
- Developing a harmonized framework and approaches for the derivation of nutrient intake recommendations;
- Cultivating international partnerships to evaluate methodologies and approaches to reviewing nutrients;
- Reviewing the process for harmonization approaches and development of nutrient intake recommendations to maximize their acceptance;
- Reviewing criteria and approaches for establishing priorities for nutrient reviews;
- Suggesting processes for incorporating different contextual issues and addressing differences across regions and countries, including but not limited to, documenting case studies;
- Undertaking evidence reviews on topics related to setting acceptable recommendations;
- Reviewing mechanisms for performing and/or evaluating nutrient reviews;
- Assuring accessibility to data across global partners; and
- Maintaining cost effectiveness by:
 - o Using cost effective approaches that do not compromise on quality;
 - o Sharing cost across global partners to reduce the burden to any single country and/or international agency;
 - o Establishing consistency in approaches to reduce the overall cost burden

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Expertise Needed: In addition to a chair, the planning committee will include experts in the following areas:

- Nutrition science;
- Dietary Reference Intakes;
- Dietary patterns;
- Epidemiology;
- Clinical trials;
- Study design and methodology;
- Statistics/biostatistics;
- International nutrition standards;
- Global and public health

We invite you to nominate one or more individuals for any of these categories of expertise. **A nomination grid is attached if you wish to use it.** Contact information and comments regarding qualifications of nominees are greatly appreciated. You do not need to contact the persons you nominate to determine their willingness to serve; we will contact potential committee members as we balance the expertise needed with the many factors involved in convening the most qualified committee to address these important issues.

The National Academies is committed to increasing participation of under-represented minorities in all phases of its work. Your assistance in identifying potential committee members especially from under-represented minorities is greatly appreciated.

Please send your suggested nominations by e-mail at ayaktine@nas.edu, by January 6, 2017.

Thank you,

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