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SPEAKERS

Prof Hettie C Schönfeldt, University of Pretoria, ZA

Professor Schönfeldt is the director of the new African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) Centre of Excellence for Food Security led by the University of Pretoria in collaboration with the University of Nairobi and the University of Ghana, Legon. She is a National Research Foundation (NRF) B3 rated scientist and a principal investigator in the Department of Science and Technology/National Research Foundation Centre of Excellence in Food Security. Her research focuses on linking nutrient quantity and quality of foods to sustainable food systems for attaining nutrition and food security for all.



She continually publishes evidence on why country specific food composition data is essential to make it possible to interpret the dietary outcomes of countries from both an under- and over-nutrition perspective. Prof Schönfeldt serves as scientific advisor to the SA National Department of Health, which includes tasks such as the development of policies, advisory panels and Codex. She serves as scientific advisor to AFROFOODS, a network on the African continent, training 164 individual participants from 24 different African countries forming part of IUNS/UNU/FAO INFOODS Task Force. She was the reviewer of the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME)'s School Feeding Scheme and the DPME Implementation Evaluation of Nutrition Interventions for Children from Conception to Age 5.

She has published extensively, with more than 120 articles in scientific journals, books, chapters in books and conference proceedings, and has authored more than 170 research reports. She has supervised/co-supervised more than 31 postgraduate MSc and PhD students.

Janet Cade, PhD, RNutr, FAFN, University of Leeds, UK



Prof. Janet Cade leads the Nutritional Epidemiology Group at the University of Leeds. She obtained her PhD from the MRC Environmental Epidemiology Unit in Southampton under the guidance of David Barker. Her main areas of research are nutritional epidemiology, development of new diet assessment methods (eg. <https://www.myfood24.org/login>), and the relationship of diet to chronic disease development.

She serves on the UK Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment (COT). An independent scientific committee that provides advice to the Food Standards Agency, the Department of Health and other Government Departments and Agencies on matters concerning the toxicity of chemicals. She has published over 400 papers, abstracts and book chapters and generated over £6 million in research income (the majority as PI).

She was the first Registrar for the Association for Nutrition (<http://www.associationfornutrition.org/>), the professional body for nutritionists. Protecting the public and promoting high standards in evidence-based science and the professional practice of nutrition. Check the website to see if you can register!

Mirjana Gurinovic MD. PhD Nutrition, Scientific Research Advisor, FAO Nutrition consultant, IMR, RS



Mirjana is research leader at the Centre of Research Excellence in Nutrition and Metabolism, Institute for Medical Research, University of Belgrade, Serbia, www.srbnutrition.info is recognized public health nutrition scientists, actively engaged in research on nutrition, food composition data bases, public health nutrition epidemiology, harmonization of the dietary intake assessment, nutrient recommendations, food and nutrition policy, nutritional tools development and research infrastructure for food and nutrition research, preschool and schoolchildren nutrition improvement, diet and health and capacity development in food and nutrition specific for CEE countries.

She had leading and active role in national and international food and nutrition research projects (EC FP6 and FP7 NoE projects, including EURRECA, EuroFIR, BaseFood , CHANCE, EuroFIR-Nexus , BACCHUSS, ODIN , four EFSA projects and member of project advisory board in Euro DISH project). Dr. Gurinović is a Chair of the Network for Capacity development in Nutrition in CEE Countries (CAPNUTRA) (www.capnutra.org) which was established in 2005 in FAO in Budapest and contributed to food & nutrition capacity development in this region. She has over 300 published peer-review papers, abstracts, and reports in national and international journals. Dr. Gurinovic is a member of a number of professional associations including: Europe Expert Group on 'Evaluation of New Methods for Dietary Intake Assessment', EFSA Scientific Network on Food Consumption Data, World Public Health Nutrition Association (WPHNA), Nutrition Expert Group in European Heart Network where she contributed to the European food and nutrition recommendations for cardiovascular diseases prevention. She is research professor at the integrated food science module for PhD students at the University of Belgrade.

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Research Manager, Adjunct Professor, PhD (Human Nutrition, Univ. of Helsinki, Finland), MSc in Food Science and Technology/Food Toxicology (Oregon State University, U.S.). Her research interests have been in dietary interventions studying associations between diet, especially quality of fat and carbohydrates and chronic disease risk factors, in dietary monitoring methodologies, food information, as well in nutritional risk assessment.

Since 1991, she works as a senior scientist at the National Public Health Institute of Finland (since 2009 the National Institute for Health and Welfare, THL) in the Nutrition Unit (since 2018 Public Health Promotion Unit).

In addition, since 2001, she serves as an Adjunct Professor in Human Nutrition at the University of Helsinki. Between 2009-2014 she served as a Senior Scientific Officer at the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), Evidence Management Unit (DATA) e.g. coordinating the harmonisation of European dietary surveys through the EFSA EU Menu initiative. Since 2015 she has been coordinating the Nordic Food Analyses Network and other food information related activities among the Nordic countries and Estonia. She has over 100 peer-reviewed and 80 other publications on food composition, human dietary interventions as well as monitoring nutrition and health.

Antonio Marques, Senior Researcher, IPMA, PT

Antonio Marques is Senior Researcher at the Portuguese Institute for the Sea and Atmosphere, Division of Aquaculture and Upgrading. AM has a PhD in Applied Biological Sciences. AM is biologist with expertise on seafood quality and safety (chemical contaminants and microbiology), and in the application of new technologies in the improvement of seafood quality/safety. AM has published > 80 peer-reviewed articles and is Guest Editor of Environmental Research and Food Chemical Toxicology. He has expertise in leadership positions in EU projects (coordinator of H2020 SEAFOODtomorrow, FP7 ECsafeSEAFOOD, FP6 RISKFOODCONT; WP leader in ACRUNET, SEA-ON-A-CHIP, LOBSTERPLANT, SHELLPLANT, MUSSELSALIVE, CRUSTASEA) and Portuguese (FRESHFISH) programs. He also serves as EFSA contact at IPMA.



Anna Giertlová, VUP, SK



Anna is a young scientific worker, she works in National Agricultural and Food Centre, Food Research Institute in food composition databases area for 10 years.

In 2011-2013 she was a co-investigator of EuroFIR Nexus - Project of the Seventh Framework Program and investigator of the project from The European Union: The Centre of Excellence for contaminants and microorganisms in food.

Currently she is principal investigator of the task: The Official Slovak Development Support Programme in food composition area for Central and Eastern European countries. In 2016-2017 she was the principal investigator

of international project named Collection and documentation of analytical food composition in Europe and Central Asia funded by FAO.

In 2017 she worked on classification of food included in National food catalogue (Národný katalóg potravín) according to actual Slovak food legislation.

Dr Carolyn Lister, Institute for Plant & Food Research, NZ

Dr Carolyn Lister is a Principal Scientist at the NZ Institute for Plant & Food Research and is based in Lincoln. She completed her BSc (Hons) and PhD in plant biochemistry through the University of Canterbury, New Zealand.

A fellowship at the University of Glasgow fuelled her interest in the role of plant pigments in human health. Her team works with a range of food and supplement companies and industry groups to quantify nutrients and phytochemicals and aid in product development.

Dr Lister's expertise extends to developing health claim messages that meet the legal framework of Food Standards Australia/New Zealand (FSANZ), and she understands the current regulatory processes that govern health claim labelling in Australia and New Zealand.

She has assisted commercial clients in the collation of health claim dossiers for self-substantiated health claims. More recently her work has extended to the international regulatory environment and she has knowledge of European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and regulatory environments in a number of Asian markets. A current major project involves implementation of improvements to the New Zealand Food Composition Database to make it more accessible and relevant to the food industry.

