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**TFOM Workshop reports**

**Nutrition information**

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The second workshop on nutrition information, organized by the Task Force on Overseas Members (TFOM) and chaired by Barrie Margetts, was attended by about fifty people. The purpose was to discuss the progress made in providing information to overseas members and to plan future activities.

Alan Jackson gave a brief overview of the history and purpose of the Task Force. Andrew Tomkins from the Centre for International Child Health, London reported on the progress of the Wellcome Trust's Tropical Diseases Videodisc Project which, by the end of 1993, will provide eighty teaching packages, many of which will have a substantial nutrition component. Professor Tomkins also said that Teaching Aids at Low Cost (TALC) is revising many of its slide sets and is considering making some slide sets into coloured acetates.

The workshop then discussed the progress made in preparing Information Sheets for overseas members. The almost-final version of Information Sheet number 1 listing low-cost newsletters was circulated, some additions suggested and the Sheet approved. It was agreed that this and subsequent Sheets should be distributed through the regular Nutrition Society mailings and also sent to *SCN News*, (the newsletter of the United Nations Subcommittee on Nutrition) and *Food and Nutrition Bulletin* published by the United Nations University. Editors of these publications have agreed to publicize and possibly print the Information Sheets. It was suggested that Sheets might also be distributed through TALC's annual mailings.

The draft of the Information Sheet on training courses in human nutrition was discussed. It was decided that this should list only postgraduate and short courses and that a first version be sent soon to Nutrition Society members so that they can help to identify additional courses. The Sheet should include an address from which readers can get details of UK/Ireland-based undergraduate programmes.

Participants working overseas said that it would be helpful to have a list of journals with addresses, and, if possible, details of editorial policy, so that they could know where to submit scientific papers for publication. Nicola Ruck, Nuffield Institute of Health Services Studies, Leeds University, agreed to investigate the possibility of producing this Information Sheet which could also be useful to overseas librarians with funds for purchasing journals.

There was general agreement that the proposed Information Sheets are one good way to provide information to overseas members. It was felt that a structure for continuing

this activity will be needed when the TFOM is disbanded and that consideration should be given to this in the Task Force's final report to Council.

Progress on the activities discussed at the workshop will be reported at the 1993 summer meeting of the Society.