

PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
Food and Nutrition Special Interest Group
(FANSIG)
Member Update June 2010

1. New members- welcome to the new FANSIG members over the past couple of months. Our membership is growing fast has is now over 300!

March New members: Marie Walpole, Rachel Maria Carey, Kathryn Persley, Christopher Michael Lee, Marielle Neesham, Kerry Kent, Rebecca Lindberg, Jennifer Alden, Margaret, Miller, Melissa McDowell, Sinem Ismail, Julia Stafford, Jade Pestana, Jessica Beames, Charissa Feng, Kim Leighton, Margo Saunders, Laura Newstead, Brad Crammond, Deanne Minniecon, Lauren Hewitt

April New Members: Akilah Abadi, Dr Chintan Thanki, Lewis Kaplin, Fran Pekin, Nicole Senior, Katherine Foster, Amy Peachey, Karpakam Rajagopalan, Alexandra Skinner, Rachel Heenan, Kate Lawrence, Chantelle Honore, Lisa McPhail, Victoria Smith, Tiiu Sildva, Michaela Lodewyckx, Dr Matthew Haren, Friedemann Aaron Feuerstein, Lydia Sutakowsky, Elizabeth Kate Stephens, Dr Lisa Schubert, Anita Trezona, James Gruber, David John Panasiak, Dr Ian White, Saifuddin Essajee, Ndongayami Saurombe, Kylie Smith Julie Barker, Coreena Molony

May New Members: Lisa Yates, Dr Frances Doran, Graham Bidstrup, Dr Joanna McMillan Price, Elissa Campbell, Miss Jamie Ryan, Jo Noesgaard, Susan Anderson, Adriana Parrella, Mingshu Yan, Sylvia Zuiderduin, Sarah Worley, Leah Robbie, Petrina Margaret Logan, Suet Chun Lau, Angela Simons, Kylie Quigg, Stephen Pratt, Kerry Ivey, Kathy Ride, Hannah Matthews, Heather Grieve

2. 2010 Policy Updates

As previously advised FANSIG has three policies due for updating. The final touches to these revisions are currently occurring based on previous member feedback. If you haven't had an opportunity to comment please do so ASAP. These are due Tuesday 15th June.

Policies

- 2.1 Promoting Healthy Weight- The Prevention & Management of Overweight & Obesity in Australia- thanks to Assoc Prof Kylie Ball for taking the lead on this policy update.
- 2.2 GM Foods Policy- thanks to Dr Judy Carmen for taking the lead on this policy update.
- 2.3 Health Claims on Food- thanks to Assoc Prof Mark Lawrence for providing substantial input into this policy revision.

To see the policies- <http://www.phaa.net.au/policyStatementsInterim.php> . PHAA's policy revision process is also explained at this location for interested new members.

3. Previous Advocacy/Submissions- FANSIG has recently produced PHAA's submissions to

- 3.1 *Consultation on Total & Foundation Diets: A New Food Guidance System for Australia*
- 3.2 *Review of Food Labelling Law & Policy*

Both of these submissions can be reviewed directly from the PHAA website home page <http://www.phaa.net.au/>

4. Future Advocacy/Submissions-

4.1 *Nutrient Reference Values in the Australian New Zealand Food Standards Code- Potential Revision.* Submission to Consultation Paper due 30th July. Several FANSIG executive committee members participated in the FSANZ explanatory Webinar two weeks ago on the issues raised in this Consultation Paper. FANSIG members are welcome to send any comments to the committee for the preparation of this submission.

4.2 Dietary Guidelines for Australians & AGHE Review- FANSIG executive is having some preliminary discussions on key points for upcoming consultation.

5. Conferences

5.1 *Food Futures (April 2010)*- It was great to see so many members and new members at the inaugural Food Futures conference in Canberra. A very big thanks to Assoc Prof Heather Yeatman who spent tireless hours organising the conference content and giving such a fantastic presentation on "Community- as a driver for change". See Michael Moore & Mark Lawrence's articles in the May/June intouch newsletter.

<http://www.phaa.net.au/intouch2010.php>

5.2 *National Conference (Sept 2010) Adelaide.* Public Health in a 21st Century Society: New ways of knowing doing living. FANSIG will be running a workshop on Sunday 26th Sept before the conference in conjunction with FSANZ on Food Regulation & the Role of Public Health Nutrition. If you are planning to come the National Conference- put aside Sunday afternoon. The workshop will run 1 to 4pm at the Adelaide Convention Centre. You will be able to register for this SIG workshop after next week on PHAA's website. Cost will \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.

6. Membership Renewal

Many of you will have received your membership renewals in the mail. For FANSIG to continue with our advocacy work we need a strong membership. Your contribution is appreciated. Please get those renewals in soon!

If you have any issues/points you'd like to raise at any time please contact the committee.

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