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Call for Participation
INGSA Asia Grassroots Science Advice on Nutrition and Health (India)
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(17th -18th December, 2019)

The International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA) Asia, in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology, MNNIT Allahabad, Prayagraj, U.P., India is organising the INGSA Asia Grassroots Science Advice on **Nutrition** and **Health** Workshop on 17th and 18th of December 2019 at the MNNIT Allahabad, Prayagraj, U.P., India.

Policy makers need scientific advice to tackle the various societal problems and challenges. But, it is not always possible to address the modern challenges of the society by only the scientific advice or ideological experiences. For that, policy makers need to appraise other factors as well than scientific advice. In any form of disastrous situation like natural disasters, disease or for the food security, policymakers take the scientific advice for their decisions. There is an intense need for scientists to have science advice and problem solving skills to get the evidence based policies for positive impression to all the stakeholders. Scientific advice ensures that inventors perform the correct evaluations and studies for getting the marketing authorization without any objection. Due to its prospective nature, scientific advice focuses on developmental strategies to support a marketing-authorization application. This INGSA Workshop will be a great platform for participants to become aware of the importance of science advice as well as gain skills relevant to effective science advice. The workshop also aims to create a support network and stimulate the exchange of ideas, experience and knowledge in the interdisciplinary field of science advice.

The theme of the Workshop is **Science Advice on Nutrition and Health**. So we are looking to identify participants who have an interest in this thematic area.

Programme Structure

The INGSA **Science Advice on Nutrition and Health** Workshop is developed as a highly interactive workshop that includes training, application, peer support and mentorship. Participant will attend a 2-days intensive on-site programme at MNNIT Allahabad, Prayagraj, U.P., India. Throughout the 2-day workshop, participants will be involved in:

A. Skill-training

- Understanding of food/diet nutrition values
- Food choice skills based on their nutritive values
- Correlation of food/diet versus health
- Food safety and security
- Problem solving skills

- Effective communication skills

B. Monitoring and Assessment of workshop

- Live demonstration based learning and analysis
- Insights from experienced science advisor

C. Expected Outcomes

- Participants will get to know value of nutritious foods for healthy life style
- Skill development for making healthy food choices
- Participants will get a chance to interact with researchers and educationists working in the field of health and nutrition

Costs

Course material, meals and accommodation costs will be covered by the organisers for all selected participants.

Selection criteria and application process

Applicants will need to showcase a captivating evidence of their interest in science advice. This potential can be established in different fields including research excellence, talent development, advocacy, connection, outreach and education etc. The selection process will consider individual qualities along with focus on ensuring diversity of culture, subject background (natural and social sciences, engineering, arts, humanities etc.). The following criteria will be as a guide for the nomination and selection of fellows:

- A continuing research/academic position at a research institute, institution of higher learning, or industry;
- Interest in translating and communicating the results of their work to create positive impact in society;
- Demonstrated leadership ability in research and beyond;
- Interest in collaborations across disciplines and sectors (e.g. industry, government, etc.);
- Commitment towards engaging in the activities of the region; and
- Intent to share what is learned in the programme with their broader networks.

All applicants need to register by filling the registration form available at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYURQY2YC64744Zb784od1glcZ8uitFenOuuzbmErqQit-3w/viewform?usp=sf_link. Please ensure that the support letters are sent on institutional letter head. The referee needs to commit for involvement in future communications and mentorship of successful participant. This referee should also express their enthusiasm to support the INGSA Asia participant's development as an academic leader.

Deadline of applications is on 30th November 2019.

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