1st Australia/OCEANIAFOODS Training Course February 2009

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Trainees - 31

- Australia – 10
- New Zealand – 2
- Europe (UK, Norway) – 2
- Asia (Cambodia, Philippines, Hong Kong, Malaysia) – 5
- Africa – 1 (Zimbabwe)
- Middle East (Saudi Arabia) - 1
- Pacific Islands (FSM, PNG, Solomon Is, Fiji, Vanuatu, Samoa) –10
Sponsors

- Places:
  - International Nutrition Foundation (1)
  - Secretariat of the Pacific Community (9)
  - Nutrition Society of Australia (1)
  - Crawford Fund (1)
  - EuroFIR (1)
  - Employers or governments (17)
- Course budget/Employers: speakers’ travel and accommodation
- FAO (publications)

Course content

- 9 d + 1 d overlap with O’foods conference
- Lectures (44)
  - Uses (10)
  - Methods of analysis (11)
  - Organization, sampling, compilation etc (17)
  - Quality issues (6)
- Group exercises (9 h)
- Assignment time from 5 pm every day
Course surveys

- Survey 1 – expectations
- Survey 2 – mid-course feedback
- Survey 3 – after-course feedback
- Survey 4 – to be done in February 2010 (ie after 12 mos)

Key issues flagged

- Most (63%) rated knowledge as basic/v.basic
- The major need identified for learning:
  - Uses of FCD (90%)
- Dissatisfactions mostly about facilities and some topics
- Final survey ratings for overall course >85%
  satisfied/v.satisfied

Organizers’ evaluations

- Funding affected by GFC
- Core faculty issues - understaffed
- Speaker issues – more needed on (some) vitamins; more needed on compilation
- Speakers need more specific briefing
- Training issues – some missed point of course, meaning course failed to meet trainee expectations
- Summary – future (?)! approaches - less labour-intensive modes e.g. with distance modules, live-out arrangements; possibly more targeted to specific trainee groups