“Wageningen” International post graduate Food Comp courses

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Founding fathers

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“Wageningen” International post graduate Food Comp courses: 1992-2008

General description (1):

- Full two-week courses on Production and Use of Food Composition data; each year since 2005 (in 2006 and 2008 location Bratislava under EuroFIR umbrella)
- Course philosophy: preparation of nutritional databases requires a close understanding of needs of users by compilers and producers of analytical data
- Course aims:
  - Increase understanding how the quality and usefulness of food composition data is determined
    - By the quality of the production of analytical data for nutrients in foods
    - And by the quality of compilation of these and other data into food composition databases
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General description (2):

- General themes covered: Application of FCDB, sampling, analytical methods, data quality, component identification, recipe calculations, Langual, building a database
- Educational activities: lectures, projectwork, excursions, E-learning, assignments and dynamic group interactions
- 3 ECTS plus certificate award
- Evaluation: at the end of course and follow-up after 6 month

Period 1992-2008: 257 participants from 87 countries trained in Wageningen and Bratislava
Planned:

• November 2010: Joint course with University of Pretoria (SA)

• October 2011: 10th International Course in Wageningen

To Come: 5th ECSAFOODS course

• 15 November – 26 November 2010 in Pretoria, South Africa
  • University of Pretoria
  • Wageningen University
  • MRC
  • Agricultural Research Council
• Financially supported by the collaborating organizations
• Forms part of a BSc Hon course at University of Pretoria
A snapshot of active learning related to sampling