

38th National Nutrient Databank Conference

Overview of the 38th National Nutrient Databank ConferenceDiane C. Mitchell^{a*} and Elizabeth Braithwaite^b*^aDepartment of Nutritional Sciences, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 18802, USA
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Abstract

The 38th National Nutrient Databank Conference (NNDC) was held in Portland, Oregon in May 2014. The proceedings highlight a variety of topics related to food composition presented at the meeting either as an oral or poster presentation. The theme was a fitting tribute to the city of Portland, “Food Composition: Bridging the Gaps”. Some of the highlights of the conference included a keynote speaker, Phyllis Stumbo who also is the 2014 recipient of the NNDC Lifetime Achievement award. In addition, the conference served as a listening session to introduce and inform our attendees on the Public-Private Partnership on “Branded Food Products Database for Public Health.”, an important initiative that will significantly enhance our national food and nutrient databases. During our Steering Committee Meeting we set priorities for the future of NNDC and made some important decisions regarding future meetings and direction. Sadly, we say farewell to some treasured colleagues who have generously contributed to NNDC over the years.

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1. NNDC Proceedings

The “National Nutrient Databank Conference: What is it?”¹, a detailed overview of NNDC was published as part of the 36th NNDC proceedings and provides the purpose and organization of our conference. These current proceedings represent our 38th NNDC held in Portland, OR in May of 2014. The meeting was graciously hosted by the Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU). Julia Jordan (OHSU) served as chair of the Local Arrangements

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Committee with support from OHSU faculty, staff and students. Elizabeth Braithwaite (ESHA Research) served as chair of the Program Committee and included 6 additional members from government and academia. This three-day conference had well over 100 attendees with 73 oral and poster presentations. The conference theme was “Food Composition: Bridging the Gaps”; a tribute to Portland, famous for its many bridges. The full program organized by topic areas, speakers, presentation titles, and poster presentations is included in these proceedings. Proceedings provide an important outlet for publishing research on food composition. Proceedings are reviewed by members of the NNDC Steering Committee. Diane Mitchell and Elizabeth Braithwaite served as guest editors for the proceedings and greatly appreciated the work of the reviewers (Table 1) who provided thoughtful comments and suggestions to us and to the authors. *Procedia Food Science* is an open access journal providing easy access to conference materials.

Nomenclature

NNDC	National Nutrient Databank Conference
OHSU	Oregon Health Sciences University
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
ATIP	Agricultural Technology Innovation Partnership
ILSI	International Life Sciences Institute

Table 1. Manuscript reviewers for the 38th NNDC Proceedings

Reviewer	Institution
Carol Boushey	U of Hawaii Cancer Ctr., Honolulu, HI
Elizabeth Braithwaite	ESHA Research, Salem, OR
Catherine Champagne	Pennington Biomedical Res., Baton Rouge, LA
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Julie Eichenberger Gilmore	VA Health Care System, Iowa City, IA
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Laura Sampson	Harvard U, Boston, MA
Phyllis Stumbo	U of Iowa, Iowa City, IA (retired)
Rose Tobelmann	Innovation Lifecycle Consulting, MN
Thea Zimmerman	Westat, Rockville, MD

2. Conference Highlights

This year’s presenters offered innovative ideas for obtaining and maintaining nutritional data relevant for today’s needs - bridging the gaps between the past and the future. Dr. Phyllis Stumbo started us out with a historical look at food composition data with her keynote address, “Origins and Evolution of the National Nutrient Databank Conference; Chronicling Food Composition Databases”. The manuscript based on her presentation is published as

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