

First Announcement



39th

Scientific Conference

Strategic Alliance to Combat Malnutrition: *Whole of Government, Whole of Society Approach*

30 - 31 July 2024 | AVANTÉ Hotel, Bandar Utama, Petaling Jaya, Selangor

Important Dates

Conference:
30-31 July 2024

Registration & Abstract submission open:
10 May 2024

Abstract submission deadline:
10 July 2024

Early bird registration deadline:
22 July 2024

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

You are invited to submit abstracts for presentation in the free paper presentation or poster sessions of the Conference. Abstracts can be in any of the symposia titles or any relevant topic in food and nutrition. Please note that we are utilising **ONLINE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION** and registration system and abstract submission will be available from **10th MAY 2024** onwards and closed by **10th JULY 2024**. Abstracts (200-300 words in MS Word format) must follow exactly the prescribed format. Details of the Conference, submission and acceptance status will be updated from time to time through the NSM Conference's official website.

About The CONFERENCE

Malaysia's health situation is at a critical juncture, having to deal with the threat of its population bearing the double burden of nutrition. Undernutrition persists among selected groups across Malaysia, which is accompanied by a rising incidence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) alongside their risk factors. Despite the many efforts through various nutrition action plans implemented throughout the years, previously set nutrition goals remain unachieved. In fact, the findings from several national health reports have cited that malnutrition levels have reached alarming levels.

To combat nutrition-related disorders in the country, it is imperative to take a holistic and collaborative strategy. The solution lies in adopting a whole-of-government approach, wherein different government ministries and agencies work closely together to address the multifaceted challenges posed by these disorders. It is also important to foster collaboration with other stakeholders, namely academic institutions, professional bodies, private sectors and non-governmental organisations. Implementing the identified strategies by forming strategic alliances, pooling together resources, and ensuring a unified effort, becomes the key to forging a path towards promoting nutrition and achieving a lasting and meaningful impact on public health.

In light of this, the 39th NSM Scientific Conference has aptly chosen the theme, ***"Strategic Alliance to Combat Malnutrition: Whole of Government, Whole of Society Approach"***. This year's theme highlights the urgency of the matter and emphasises the crucial



need for such strategic alliance to be seriously implemented, and not remain as mere rhetoric. Serving as a pivotal platform for collaboration, the NSM conference facilitates the exchange of knowledge and experience, providing a space for in-depth discussion on prevailing nutrition-related issues in Malaysia. The conference aims to share emerging findings, data, and insights derived from recent nutritional programmes and research. The conference strives to bring together key stakeholders, creating a synergy that is crucial for devising comprehensive holistic strategies to address and overcome the challenges of malnutrition in Malaysia.

Who Should Attend

- Nutritionists in public and private sectors
- Dietitians in public and private sectors
- Nutrition researchers in academic and research organisations
- Nutrition undergraduates/postgraduate students
- Healthcare professionals

DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAMME OUTLINE

TIME	CONFERENCE DAY 1	CONFERENCE DAY 2
0800	REGISTRATION	Poster Viewing/ Trade Exhibition
0900	Opening Ceremony & NSM Awards	<i>Nutrition Update 1 (free paper presentation)</i>
1000	Coffee Break & Scientific Poster Viewing	Coffee Break & Scientific Poster Viewing
1030	Keynote Lecture 1	Keynote Lecture 2
	Symposium 1: Nutrition for Maternal, Infant & Young Children	Symposium 3: Nutrition of Older Persons
	Invited Lecture 1	Invited Lecture 3
1300	Lunch Symposium 1	Lunch Symposium 2
1400	Symposium 2: Food Environment & Nutrition	Invited Lecture 4
	Invited Lecture 2	Symposium 4: Community Lifestyle Intervention Programmes
	Young Researchers' Symposium	<i>Nutrition Update 2 (free paper presentation)</i>
1800	End of Day 1	Prize Presentation & Closing Ceremony

Tentative Plenary Lectures/ Symposium/ Topics:

- Maternal nutrition
- Infant & young child nutrition
- School children & adolescent nutrition
- Nutrition of older persons

- Functional ingredients
- Nutrition education & communication strategies
- Physical activity & sedentary behaviour

Registration Details

Categories	Early Bird Rate	Late fee/ on-site <small>(After 22nd July 2024)</small>
NSM MEMBERS		
Normal member	RM550	RM750
Post – grad students	RM350	RM470
NON – MEMBERS		
Participants	RM900	RM1200
Exhibitors	RM550	RM550
Nutrition Undergraduates	RM200	RM200
Other Undergraduates	RM300	RM350

Notes:

- All members (except Life members) must have paid up their annual membership fees, including that for 2024, to be eligible to attend at NSM member rate.
- Postgraduate students must be members of NSM to attend at member rate.
- Final year undergraduate students of nutrition programmes in local universities will be invited through their respective Heads of Departments to participate in the Conference.

NSM Conference link:

<https://www.nsmconference.org.my/>

Best Poster Presentation Competition

- For postgraduate students, it is open to all local and international institutions

**Only research studies in human nutrition are eligible*

- Open for undergraduate students

**Only students from 11 universities with nutrition programmes are eligible – see list of universities below*

1. Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)
2. Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)
3. Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)
4. Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA)
5. UCSI University
6. International Medical University (IMU)
7. University of Nottingham Malaysia
8. Management & Science University (MSU)
9. Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS)
10. Monash University Malaysia
11. Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology (TAR UMT)

HRDF: NSM will re-apply to HRD Corp to obtain permission to enable eligible participants to apply for claims. Further details will be provided in subsequent announcements

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