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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The Nestlé Foundation for the Study of Problems of Nutrition in the World was established in 1966 by a donation by the Nestlé Company on the occasion of its 100th year of existence. The Foundation is financially and operationally independent of the Nestlé Company since its inception. The purpose of the foundation is to initiate and support research in human nutrition with public health relevance in low-income and lower middle-income countries. Research should lead to implementation and action and aims at enabling institution strengthening and capacity building in a sustainable manner in the host country. Research proposals are primarily supposed to come from local researchers from developing countries. The Foundation also supports a digital enLINK library, which gives researchers from low income countries free and full access to key nutrition journals, selected e-books and the Global Health Database.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Maternal and child nutrition
- Macro- and micronutrient deficiencies and imbalances
- Interactions between infection and nutrition
- Nutrition education and health promotion
- Strengthening of institutions and capacity building

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Nestlé Foundation seeks to sustainably improve human nutrition and therefore supports both basic and applied research in nutrition. When deciding on grants, the foundation puts a high priority on the public health relevance, as well as on aspects of sustainability, capacity building and educational issues. It supports projects into maternal and child nutrition (including breastfeeding and complementary feeding), macro- and micronutrient deficiencies, interactions between infection and nutrition, as well as on nutrition education and health promotion. The focus is on low-income and lower middle-income countries and projects are only sponsored if the researchers are from one of those countries. In cases where research projects are realized in collaboration with scientists at universities and research institutes in high-income countries, at least 75% of the budget has to be earmarked for use within the low-income country. There are different grant categories, which run for 1 or 2 years (training and pilot grants) or up to three years (small and large research grants and re-entry grants). Grants are capped at USD 100'000 per year.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The Council of the Foundation consists of five internationally well-known scientists with a specific expertise in different fields of nutrition. The President, Walter Wahli, directs the Foundation jointly with the Director, Paolo M. Suter.

PUBLICATIONS

For annual reports, publications and grant application forms, see:
<http://www.nestlefoundation.org/e/downloads.html>

For the enLINK library (access only to registered users), see:
<http://www.nestlefoundation.org/e/enlink.html>

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