##

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## Action Against Hunger

# Research for nutrition CONFERENCE - #r4nut

***The Continuum of Undernutrition Prevention and Treatment:***

***Sharing current Scientific Evidence***

*Paris, FRANCE – 20th and 21st of November 2019*

*Venue: To be announced later*

The R4NUT Conference aims at highlighting the latest research with a potential to improve operational interventions.

SCOPE

This year again, the R4NUT is inviting actors engaged in the fight against undernutrition to share innovation and best practices for the measurement, detection, diagnosis of acute malnutrition as well as prevention and treatment interventions in development and humanitarian contexts, with special emphasis on prevention.

The R4NUT will be seeking submissions describing scientific results which can improve operational interventions. Abstracts on process, methodology or protocol can also be considered.

Presentations will be organised in separate thematic sessions. Some of the sessions will be determined in advance with guest speakers invited by AAH, and some sessions will be based on the outcomes of abstracts’ selection.

**Oral Presentations**

Authors of oral presentations will have a maximum of **10 minutes** to present their results in plenary session, and a time dedicated to questions & answers from and to the public.

**Poster Presentations**

**Poster presentations will take place during the breaks. The template for posters (A0 = 84,1 x 118,9 cm) will be sent once the selection process is completed, in October.**

**Innovation Pitch**

**The innovations to be presented here will be selected upon abstracts received.**

**Panel Discussion**

For the 2019 edition, thematic of panels will be identified partly in advance and partly from abstracts selection. Experts from each thematic area will be invited to facilitate the discussion and illustrate their talks with lessons learnt from concrete field examples.

Selection process

An independent Scientific Committee comprising of members of AAH’s International Scientific Council and other external guests from the North and South will receive all abstracts for review. They will evaluate them based on criteria listed below and rank them. They will propose a preliminary selection and a final programme to the conference Steering Committee.

This Steering Committee will be comprised of AAH researchers, Technical directors and the Chair of the Scientific Committee. It will be responsible for the final selection of abstracts and themes for either oral or poster presentations and the final programme of the conference.

**Criteria of selection**

**For oral presentations, posters and innovation pitch:**

* + **Thematic relevance**: the topic is related to measurement, diagnosis, treatment or prevention of undernutrition;
	+ **Operational relevance**: the submitted research has operational outcomes;
	+ **Scientific quality**: the presented research is scientifically sound;
	+ **Impact**: the results have potential to influence large scale programming;
	+ **Innovation**: the submitted research has not been presented in other fora. The project has not been already presented in R4NUT previous conferences.

**How and when to submit?**

**Authors should submit abstracts according to the template below (to attach to the message) by SEPT 1, 2019**

**and by email to the following address:** R4NUTabstract@actioncontrelafaim.org

**General Rules for oral and poster presentations**

* **Language: abstracts should be submitted in English. The offical conference language will be english but translation will be provided for French speakers.**
* U**se the template provided on next page:** Background or Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Limits, Conclusions, Research uptake.
* **All the speakers are requested to highlight how their research can bring potential for better action in their presentation, besides the results of their study.**
* **First name and surname** of all authors must appear in the abstract. For each author, indicate institutions and/or organizations, and country(ies).
* The presenting author should be indicated and contact information provided. In case the presenting author can be changed until November 1.
* **Conflict of Interest**: Please provide a Statement to disclose any conflict of interest over the last 5 years
* For the speaker, **a short biography** and a **picture** will be included in the abstracts’ book, if possible.
* Maximum length of abstract: **600 words.**

The final decision of the scientific committee will be sent by email to the authors by **October 1, 2019. If your abstract is accepted**, it is required that the presenting author be**registered for the Conference before November 1, 2019**, to ensure that the abstract will be listed in the final programme.

Guidance and further information on how to prepare contributions will be provided after acceptance.

Information about the venue and other services such as accommodations in Paris will be sent to participants at a later stage.

For more information, please contact:

R4NUTsecretariat@actioncontrelafaim.org

***Abstract submission form (2 pages max) - to provide as Word document attached to email***

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| **Author and presenter (to present at R4NUT)** | Name (capital letters) and surname **surname** (first letter in capital, small letters), contact email |
| **Organisation or affiliation of presenter** |  |
| **Short biography in 10 to 20 lines** (describe briefly your initial background and current position, your current research projects and recent publications in relation to the conference topic).This will be added to the conference communication documents and Proceedings of the Conference. |  |
| **Other abstract Authors – provide name(s) and affiliation(s)** | **Name (Capital letters) and surname** (first letter in capital, small letters) of all authors must appear in the abstract. For each author, indicate institutions and/or organizations, and country (ies).  |
| **Abstract (600 words)** | including Background, Methods, Results, Limits, Conclusions, Research Uptake |
| **Sources of funding of the present work** | *Please describe here all sources of funding used to conduct the work presented in the abstract.*  |
| **Conflict of interest disclaimer** | *Please describe here any conflict of interest you may have in the last 5 years related to your abstract work due to* ***financial aspects*** *(personally receiving financial benefit from a patent, ownership, stock ownership, consultancies, speaker’s fee, grant or fellowship, etc.), or due to other* ***ethical aspects*** *(being a board member of a food company, of a business company related to the present abstract work, etc.).*  |
| **Consent to vouch your image rights for picture & videos by AAH during the event and for later use:** Do you accept that AAH use your image from picture and videos made during the R4NUT for public communication such as Report on proceedings of the conference, posting on AAH websites, Facebook, Youtube and Twitter accounts and other internal communication tools?  | [ ]  I consent [ ]  I refuse to give my consent  |

**Key dates**

* **Deadline for receipt of abstracts:** by Sept 1, 2019
* **Selection of abstracts**: final response to authors by October 1, 2019
* Deadline for registration for presenting authors (free): by November 1, 2019
* Deadline for registration (free): November 15, 2019