



Conference Program

Nutrition Disparity Network: “Collective Action on Nutrition Disparity”

Friday November 20, 2020

10:00-12:00 (CET)

Moderated by: prof. dr. ir. Edith Feskens

9.45-10.00: Check in

10.00-10.55: Keynotes

prof. dr. Sharon Friel

People, policies, and power: The challenges of intersectoral action for nutrition equity

The fundamental determinants of inequities in nutrition and diet-related health outcomes are made up of a system of values, policies and institutions by which society manages its affairs. This occurs through interaction within and among the state, civil society and private sector; a mix of economic, social and health priorities, and prevailing institutional and social norms and values. The pursuit of intersectoral action for nutrition equity is not a straightforward technical process; policy decision-making processes are highly complex, non-linear and involve multiple actors. Understanding how these processes function can inform strategies for socially-oriented actors to more effectively advance nutrition goals.

prof. dr. Frank van Lenthe

Promising interventions to reduce inequalities in diet: The road to development is always under construction

Dietary intake contributes to socioeconomic inequalities in health. If so many national and local governments have aimed at reducing the gap in health between socioeconomic groups in the past decades, why are we still talking about ‘promising interventions’? In this presentation, I will outline some of the reasons why the road to development is still under construction from the perspective of a researcher. I will confess: the story is more complex than knowledge and money.

11.00-12.00: Interactive panel

The panel will begin with a ten-minute video from students funded by the *Edema-Steernberg Foundation*, who will share priority areas they have uncovered in their studies to improve healthy eating. Panellists will then share their perspectives on nutrition disparities and identify the joint actions needed to move nutrition equity forward.

Panel:

dr. ir. Gerda Feunekes

prof. dr. Lotte Holm

prof. dr. Marianne Geleijnse

dr. ir. Lenneke Vaandrager

Moderator



Edith Feskens (PhD) is Professor of Global Nutrition and Chair at the Division of Human Nutrition & Health at Wageningen University in the Netherlands. Her epidemiological and nutritional research focuses on determining the dietary patterns and interventions that are needed for optimal health. She is Nutrition Advisor at the Dutch Diabetes Foundation (DFN), Chair Scientific Advisory Board Joint Programming Initiative a Healthy Diet for a Healthy Living (JPI HDHL), and a member of the working group 'External communication and public trust' under the Federation of European Nutrition Societies (FENS).

Speakers



Sharon Friel (PhD) is Professor of Health Equity and Director of the Menzies Centre for Health Governance at the School of Regulation and Global Governance (RegNet), Australian National University. She was Director of RegNet from 2014-2019. She is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences Australia and co-Director of the NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in Health Equity. She was the Head of the Scientific Secretariat (University College London) of the World Health Organisation Commission on Social Determinants of Health between 2005 and 2008. In 2014, her international peers voted her one of the world's most influential female leaders in global health. Her research focuses on the political economy of health; governance and policy related to the social determinants of health inequities, including trade, food systems, urbanisation, and climate change. Her 2019 book "Climate Change and the People's Health" highlights the importance of addressing the global consumptagenic system.



Frank J. van Lenthe (PhD) is Professor Social Epidemiology at the Department of Public Health of Erasmus University Medical Center Rotterdam, and Professor Spatial Diversity and Inequality in Urban Health, Faculty of Geosciences and Spatial Planning at Utrecht University in the Netherlands. His research concentrates on the explanation and reduction of socioeconomic inequalities in health and health behaviour, with a specific focus on the role of determinants in the urban environment. He is a former editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Behavioural Nutrition and Physical Activity (IJBNPA).

Panel



Gerda Feunekes (PhD) is Director of the Netherlands Nutrition Centre (2014), a government-funded authority that translates nutrition science to the consumer to stimulate healthy and sustainable eating habits. She studied at Wageningen University & Research, where she received an MSc in Nutrition (1989) and a PhD in Food Choice (1996). She participates in several advisory committees, including Wageningen UR Social Sciences Group, World Food Centre, Action Plan Fruit and Vegetables, and National Breastfeeding Council. She chairs the European Public Health Nutrition Alliance (EPHNA), the network that unites 17 organizations responsible for nutrition and health communication on a national or regional level to take nutrition communication to the next level. She also worked in the food industry as Global Nutrition and Health Director, focusing on global salt reduction (2008-2014).



Johanna M. (Marianne) Geleijnse (PhD) is Professor in Nutrition and Cardiovascular Disease at the Division of Human Nutrition and Health at Wageningen University in the Netherlands, and Vice President of the Health Council of the Netherlands. Marianne obtained an MSc in Clinical Epidemiology from the Netherlands Institute for Health Sciences, Rotterdam, and obtained a PhD from Erasmus University Rotterdam with a thesis on salt and blood pressure (1996). Her research focuses on healthy, sustainable nutrition for the prevention and treatment of cardiometabolic diseases. In her research, she addresses vulnerable population subgroups and patients, keeping an eye on socioeconomic disparities. She is the Principal Investigator of the Alpha Omega Cohort and fellow of the American Heart Association.



Lotte Holm (PhD) is Professor of Sociology in the Department of Food and Resource Economics at University of Copenhagen in Denmark. Her research addresses a wide range of themes related to food consumption, such as meal patterns and household food practices, health and body weight management, eating practices, risk and trust, sustainability, and climate impact of food consumption. Using population surveys and qualitative methodology she has contributed to large multi- and cross-disciplinary projects and comparative cross-national research. Her recent and ongoing projects address social inequality in household food practices and food consumption. This research includes a multi-method study about food budget pressure in the Danish population and its association with health and climate impact of diets as

well as a qualitative interview study investigating how social disadvantage translates into healthiness of diets.



Lenneke Vaandrager (PhD) is Associate Professor Health and Society in the Department of Social Sciences of Wageningen University in the Netherlands. Her overall research focus is to analyse and contribute to the development of inclusive healthy settings: contexts in which people engage in daily activities in which environmental, organizational and personal factors interact to affect health and wellbeing. Examples of settings are cities, social enterprises, communities, workplaces and families. Most of her work is inspired by systems thinking and salutogenesis.