

**Nutrition and Nurture in Infancy and Childhood:
Bio-Cultural Perspectives**

Three day international, interdisciplinary conference

**Wed 10th, Thurs 11th and Fri 12th June 2015
Grange over Sands, Cumbria**

Conference Announcement and Call for Papers

Our sixth international interdisciplinary conference is being organised by the Maternal and Infant Nutrition and Nurture Unit (MAINN), University of Central Lancashire. MAINN is led by Fiona Dykes, Professor of Maternal and Infant Health.

The conference links closely with the international journal *Maternal and Child Nutrition* (Wiley-Blackwell Publishing) that has its editorial office in MAINN. Dr Victoria Hall Moran, based in MAINN, is Senior Editor.

There is a growing understanding of the complex interactions between socio-cultural, biological, political and economic influences upon infant and child feeding, eating and nutrition.

The conference aims to:

- Illuminate socio-cultural, political and economic influences upon infant and child feeding practices.
- Explore the nature of relationships within families in connection with various types of nutritive and nurturing behaviour in infancy and childhood.
- Increase understandings of breastfeeding as a bio-psychosocial activity.
- Enhance understanding of the complex interactions between socio-cultural, psychological and biological factors in infant and child feeding, eating and nutrition.
- Focus on key initiatives that may impact upon practices related to infant and child feeding, eating and nutrition.

Keynote Speakers

- Alison Baum, CEO, *Best Beginnings*, London, UK www.bestbeginnings.org.uk
- Dr Arun Gupta MD, FIAP, Regional Coordinator – IBFAN Asia, Co-Chair – IBFAN Global Council, Chair, global Breastfeeding Initiative for Child Survival (gBICS), Delhi, India.
- Dr Victoria Hall Moran PhD, Senior Editor of *Maternal and Child Nutrition* and Associate Professor, MAINN, UCLAN, UK.
- Dr Chessa Lutter PhD, Senior Advisor, Food and Nutrition, Pan American Health Organization/WHO, Washington, DC, USA.
- Dr Adelheid W Onyango PhD, Regional Adviser for Nutrition, World Health Organization, Regional Office for Africa, Brazzaville, Republic of Congo
- Dr Irena Zakarija-Grkovic MD, FRACGP, IBCLC, PhD, School of Medicine, University of Split, Croatia.

Participants

Participation and attendance is encouraged from practitioners, academics and students across a spectrum of disciplines to include:

- Anthropologists and Medical Sociologists
- Biological Scientists
- Dieticians and Nutritionists
- General Practitioners
- Infant Feeding Specialists, Peer Supporters and Lactation Consultants
- Maternal and Child Health Nurses, Nurses and Health Visitors
- Midwives and Neonatal nurses
- Paediatricians and Neonatologists
- Public health specialists
- Psychologists

Abstract Requirements (Deadline 30th Nov 2014)

Papers or posters are invited on:

- Infant and child nutrition and feeding (to include biological, social, cultural, psychological, political, economic and practice issues). The scope includes fetal and neonatal nutrition, infant and child nutrition, feeding and eating, up to and including adolescence.
- Nurturing the infant–parent relationship. The scope includes infants, parents, staff and/or organisations.

Thirty minute papers will be presented at concurrent sessions and posters will be displayed and discussed during designated poster sessions.

Abstracts should be submitted by email (Microsoft Word file preferred) to Liz Roberts in the Conference Team healthconferences@uclan.ac.uk.

The subject line of the email should clearly state “Nutrition & Nurture Conference Abstract”. All abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Scientific Review Committee chaired by Professor Fiona Dykes.

The abstract must include the following:

- Title of abstract
- Author/presenter name(s), institution represented, postal address, email address
- Primary contact person for the conference information
- Corresponding author for liaison regarding publication of the abstract
- The abstract should contain an introduction, methods, results and conclusions
- The abstract should not include subheadings
- The abstract should be referenced, citing between 2–4 references
- The references should be presented in Harvard APA
- Length between 500 and 750 words
- Please state your preference for a paper or poster presentation

Please also supply a short biography of each author.

Maternal & Child Nutrition journal would like to invite you to submit your abstract for publication in the MAINN published conference proceedings. The proceedings will have open online access. Please note that abstracts will be subject to peer review. Should your abstract be accepted for publication in this special issue of *Maternal & Child Nutrition*, it will not preclude you from subsequently publishing your research in full in any journal.

Please indicate if for any reason you prefer not to have your abstract published in the book of proceedings.

MAINN website:

http://www.uclan.ac.uk/research/environment/groups/maternal_and_infant_nutrition_and_nurture_unit.php

Grange Hotel

The conference venue is The Grange Hotel, Grange Over Sands, which is situated on the fringe of the Lake District in beautiful surroundings. For details on the charms of this stylish location go to <http://www.grange-hotel.co.uk/>.

Conference Booking and Enquiries

All presenters will be required to register for the conference and pay the fee which will be £395 for the three days, non-residential. However, if you cannot attend for the full three day event, a daily rate is available at £135.

For conference enquiries please contact Liz Roberts, Conference and Events, University of Central Lancashire, Preston PR1 2HE

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Conference web site: www.uclan.ac.uk/conferences

For academic queries please contact Professor Fiona Dykes on fdykes@uclan.ac.uk

For queries regarding publishing your abstract in *Maternal and Child Nutrition* please contact Dr Victoria Hall Moran on mcjournal@uclan.ac.uk