Background and purpose
The first Master class on Diet and Cancer was organized by Wageningen University and VLAG Graduate School in 2007 in celebration of the launch of the Second Expert Report of WCRF/AICR Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and the Prevention of Cancer: a Global Perspective. Many studies have been conducted since then, which are continuously monitored by World Cancer Research Fund International and analysed in the Continuous Update Project (CUP) to keep the evidence up to date. Also, since then, the focus of many research groups on diet and cancer was extended to diet and nutrition during and after treatment of cancer.

World Cancer Research Fund International unifies a global network of cancer charities dedicated to the prevention and control of cancer by means of healthy food and nutrition, physical activity and body weight. Wereld Kanker Onderzoek Fonds, seated in Amsterdam, is a member of this global network. This meeting aims to discuss the current progress in Diet and Cancer Prevention as well as Diet in Cancer Prognosis with PhD students, postdocs and other experts / professionals interested in the field, and to provide tools for ongoing and future research. Professor John D. Potter, one of the world leading cancer epidemiologists, and Prof. Wendy Demark-Wahnefried, who is well-known for her research on cancer survivorship will bring us up to date on the newest results, thoughts and challenges on diet and cancer: from prevention to survival.

Other national and international experts are invited to speak about their current research on diet and cancer prevention and progression. The course format is designed to be highly interactive, with ample time for stimulating discussions, interdisciplinary interactions, and meetings alongside the scientific sessions.

Course format
The main themes will be introduced by a selected number of invited speakers of international reputation. A significant number of slots will be available for oral presentations, oral flash presentations as well as poster presentations. The posters will be on display throughout the course and a poster session will be organized. The Scientific Committee will select oral and poster presentations based on submitted abstracts.

Target group
The course is at postgraduate level and aims at professionals from various fields (e.g. nutritionists, epidemiologists, health promoters, physicians, health policy makers, nutrition educators, biologists, food scientists) interested in the subject. The course may be of specific use for PhD students and postdocs working in this field.

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PLENARY SPEAKERS
- John Potter (Auckland, New Zealand)
- Wendy Demark-Wahnefried (University of Alabama, Birmingham, USA)
- Neli Ulrich (DKFZ, Heidelberg, Germany)
- Mazda Jenab (IARC, Lyon)
- Teresa Norat (Imperial College, London)
- Marilyn Gentry (WCRF International)
- Kate Allen (WCRF International)
- Panagiota Mitrou (WCRF International)
- Matty Weijenberg (Maastricht University)
- Martijn Bours (Maastricht University)
- Alina Vrieling (Radboud UMC, Nijmegen)
- Meeke Hoedjes (VU University, Amsterdam)
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Programme Topics

- Diet and cancer prevention: meta-analyses and from epidemiology to biology
- Energy balance and cancer risk
- Diet-gene interactions
- Dietary biomarkers, metabolomics and cancer risk
- Diet, epigenetics and gene-expression
- Diet and cancer prognosis: meta-analyses
- Lifestyle change in cancer survivors
- Body composition and weight management in cancer patients

GENERAL INFORMATION

Duration/Language
The course is scheduled for 1 October (17.00h) – 3 October 2014. The course language will be English.

Study load
0.6 ECTS credit points

Location/Accommodation
The course venue is the Conference Centre Hof van Wageningen. The town of Wageningen is 5 km from Ede-Wageningen railway station, with transport options being taxi or bus. Ede-Wageningen railway station is about one and a half hours from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport. For train schedules visit: www.ns.nl.

The organising committee has blocked a sufficient number of hotel rooms at the Hof van Wageningen. Hotel reservation is handled directly by Hof van Wageningen. Accommodation costs are € 75 (single room) or € 92 (twin room (also for single use); bed & breakfast, excluding tax) per night. Participants have to book their own room by sending an email to: info@hofvanwageningen.nl. Please mention booking code D&C14. Reservation after 15 August 2014 will not guarantee accommodation.

Course fee
The course fee (which includes materials, coffee/tea during breaks, lunches and one course dinner (Thursday) but does not cover accommodation) depends on the participant's affiliation:
- University Staff / Non-Profit organisations / Postdocs: € 700
- VLAG Postdocs: € 400
- PhD students: € 400
- VLAG PhD students: € 150

Grant information
WCRF NL makes grants available to cover the registration fee for a limited number of postdocs and PhD students.
For information see: http://www.vlaggraduateschool.nl/courses/diet-cancer.htm

Registration
The number of participants in the course is limited to 40. You can register on-line at: www.vlaggraduateschool.nl/courses/diet-cancer.htm
The final registration date is 1 September 2014.
Applicants will be informed of acceptance of their registration before 5 September. They will then receive instructions for payment, and further course details. Cancellations may be made free of charge until 5 September 2014. After this date the charge will be 25 % of the course fee already paid or due. Substitutions for participants may be made at any time until the start of the course.

Call for abstracts
Participants are encouraged to send an abstract of the design of their study or results from their own work for oral or poster presentation. Deadline for abstract submission is 15 August. Authors will be notified about the acceptance of their contribution by 5 September 2014. Abstracts submitted for consideration as oral presentations, for which there is no space in the programme of lectures, will automatically be considered for poster presentation.

Rules for abstract submission
- Abstracts should be submitted as a Word document to yvonne.smolders@wur.nl.
- Include title, full name, initials, affiliation(s) of the authors and contact details in the heading.
- Abstracts must not exceed 300 words below the heading.
- Do not include Tables or Figures.

Sponsors
Wereld Kanker Onderzoek Fonds allocated financial support to the course.

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