

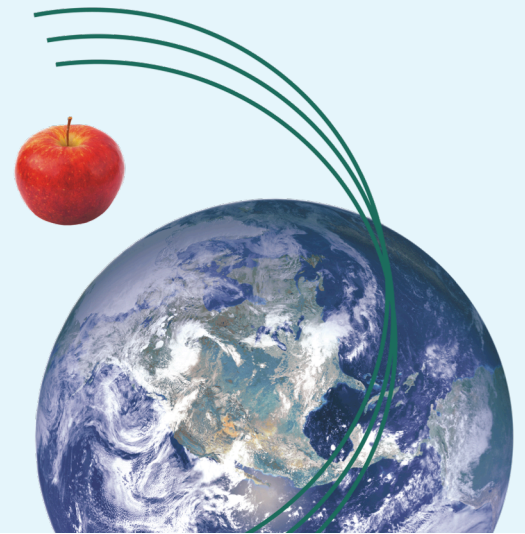


4th International Congress Hidden Hunger

Hidden hunger and the transformation of food systems: How to combat the double burden of malnutrition?

February 27 - March 1, 2019

University of Hohenheim
Stuttgart, Germany



Call for Abstracts

This call invites all experts from academia, civil society, public and private sector to submit abstracts and hereby to apply for presenting their experience and knowledge related to one of the topics mentioned below.

The Congress will provide opportunities for short presentations (15-minute talks + about 5 minutes for questions / discussion) and poster presentations from as many attendees as possible. We encourage contributions which look at the topics from a broad range of perspectives. Oral contributions will be selected accordingly.

The **4th Congress Hidden Hunger: Hidden hunger and the transformation of food systems: How to combat the double burden of malnutrition?** will be held from **February 27 to March 1, 2019**. It is a continuation of the successful, international event series "Congress Hidden Hunger" which started in 2013 in Stuttgart, Germany.

At the 1st Congress Hidden Hunger the causes and consequences of hidden hunger as well as possible solutions were discussed. The 2nd Congress Hidden Hunger which was hosted in 2015 addressed the specific problem of hidden hunger during pregnancy and the first years of life. Associated, serious consequences for child development and the increased risk for maternal mortality were also discussed. In March 2017, the 3rd Congress Hidden Hunger considered the question of how far the Post-2015 Agenda and other programs and measures adopted in 2015 to fight against world famine and poverty

have already been implemented. To achieve this, political parties and industry representatives as well as representatives of civil society and advocacy groups (NGOs) were invited to take a position. Furthermore, successfully established projects and initiatives (such as the special initiative "One World – No Hunger" of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)) were presented at this previous event off the "Congress Hidden Hunger" series.

As in case of the previous congresses in this series, the 4th Congress Hidden Hunger taking place in 2019 will bring together members of different disciplines: nutritionists, agricultural scientists, economists and sociologists. Moreover, the Congress will encourage the dialogue between scientists, policy-makers and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the private sector. It will review the available evidence on the double burden problem, present new research findings on underlying causes and consequences, feature innovative strategies to deal with the problem and discuss the roles and responsibilities of governments, development organizations, civil society and the private sector in combating the double burden of malnutrition.

The "Congress Hidden Hunger" provides a platform for global interactions of members belonging to the scientific community, representatives from politics, government and the media as well as members of civil society organizations, advocacy groups and private and public sector bodies. The considerable and continuous feedback to the first three congresses convinced the organizers to host the 4th Congress Hidden Hunger with the title "Hidden hunger and the transformation of food systems: How to combat the double burden of malnutrition?".

The program will cover the below mentioned and related topics to which we invite proposals / submissions:

Topic 1: The double burden of malnutrition: Prevalence, causes and consequences

The prevalence, causes and underlying causes of the double burden of malnutrition must be discussed to better understand this phenomenon. The worldwide increase of obesity is a consequence of changes in lifestyle and nutrition, called the nutrition transition. The factors leading to this transition and related diseases fall into four different categories of research and policy: health, economy, socio-cultural factors and exercise. Presentations on health will focus on new insights on epigenetics and the appearance of non-communicable diseases. Social inequality contributes to the coexistence of obesity and micronutrient malnutrition among the poorer sections of the population in high-income countries.

We invite proposals addressing the following and related topics:

- 1a: Underlying causes of the double burden: The role of research and policy
- 1b: Social inequality and the double burden

Topic 2: Policies and strategies to combat the double burden of malnutrition

Considerable progress has been made in the assessment of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive programs in combating energy and micronutrient deficiency. However, there are notable knowledge gaps regarding policies and strategies that are suitable to deal with the problem of obesity and with the coexistence of obesity and micronutrient malnutrition. The available evidence on the effectiveness of different types of policies and strategies should be assessed to deal with the coexistence of micronutrient deficiency and obesity. We need, for example, to better understand approaches to elucidate the obesogenic environment.

We invite proposals addressing the following and related topics:

- 2a: Double burden: Impact and future projections
- 2b: Private companies and the double burden

Topic 3: Different types of interventions: What works where and why?

All experts from academia, civil society, public and private sector are invited to present their concepts for interventions. The focus can, for example, be placed on pregnancy, early childhood development, nutrition education and regulatory possibilities.

We invite proposals addressing the following and related topics:

- 3a: Educational approaches and nudging
- 3b: Regulatory approaches and taxes
- 3c: What role can ICT-based solutions play?
- 3d: Health effects and prevention
- 3e: Fortification and bio-fortification

Abstracts can be submitted at the website of the 4th Congress Hidden Hunger:
<https://hidenhunger.uni-hohenheim.de/en>

Please note the “Abstract Submission Terms and Guidelines” published there!

Thank you! The Congress Team looks forward to your proposals and wishes you success in submitting your abstracts!