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Australia/OCEANIAFOODS  
Training Course February  
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Trainees - 31

- \* Australia – 10
- \* New Zealand – 2
- \* Europe (UK, Norway) – 2
- \* Asia (Cambodia, Philippines, Hong Kong, Malaysia) – 5
- \* Africa – 1 (Zimbabwe)
- \* Middle East (Saudi Arabia) - 1
- \* Pacific Islands (FSM, PNG, Solomon Is, Fiji, Vanuatu, Samoa) –10



## Sponsors

- \* Places:
  - International Nutrition Foundation (1)
  - Secretariat of the Pacific Community (9)
  - Nutrition Society of Australia (1)
  - Crawford Fund (1)
  - EuroFIR (1)
  - Employers or governments (17)
- \* Course budget/Employers: speakers' travel and accommodation
- \* FAO (publications)



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## Course content

- \* 9 d + 1 d overlap with O'foods conference
- \* Lectures (44)
  - Uses (10)
  - Methods of analysis (11)
  - Organization, sampling, compilation etc (17)
  - Quality issues (6)
- \* Group exercises (9 h)
- \* Assignment time from 5 pm every day



## Course surveys

- \* Survey 1 – expectations
- \* Survey 2 – mid-course feedback
- \* Survey 3 – after-course feedback
- \* Survey 4 – to be done in February 2010 (ie after 12 mos)

### Key issues flagged

- \* Most (63%) rated knowledge as basic/v.basic
- \* The major need identified for learning:
  - Uses of FCD (90%)
- \* Dissatisfactions mostly about facilities and some topics
- \* Final survey ratings for overall course >85% satisfied/v.satisfied

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## Organizers' evaluations

- \* Funding affected by GFC
- \* Core faculty issues - understaffed
- \* Speaker issues – more needed on (some) vitamins; more needed on compilation
- \* Speakers need more specific briefing
- \* Training issues – some missed point of course, meaning course failed to meet trainee expectations
- \* Summary – future (!) approaches - less labour-intensive modes e.g. with distance modules, live-out arrangements; possibly more targeted to specific trainee groups