

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
IV LATIN AMERICAN NUTRITION CONGRESS**

The IV Latin American Nutrition Congress recommends:

1. That denomination of the process "to watch over with great attention, authority, and often with suspicion" and responsibility, the nutritional situation, be unified as a "Food and Nutritional Surveillance System" (FNSS).
2. That SLAN integrate a Permanent Working Group on the FNSS which, among other responsibilities, should also contemplate the following:
 - 2.1 Preparation of an operational definition of the FNSS.
 - 2.2 Collection and maintenance of an updated bibliography on the FNSS, informing of this action to the persons integrating the Permanent Working Group through their correspondents in each country.
 - 2.3 Maintenance of information exchange on the different experiences in each one of the countries.
 - 2.4 Coordination and stimulation of research in the different components of the FNSS process.
3. That SLAN request the corresponding international organizations to study the feasibility of organizing an Information and Documentation Center in Food and Nutrition, in compliance with the recommendation issued in this respect at the World Food Conference by Resolution V, paragraph 13 (Rome, 1974).
4. That SLAN take the necessary steps for PAHO/WHO and other UN international agencies to finance and organize jointly with the Society, orientation and training activities on the FNSS in Latin America.
5. That SLAN organize a specific meeting to consider and evaluate the experiences obtained with the FNSS in the countries.
6. That SLAN support the activities and collaborate with the agricultural and livestock information systems currently developed in Latin America, such as those being carried out in the Central American Isthmus, and suggest - through the most convenient channels - their extension to the other countries of the Region. This is a necessary action since such enterprises fulfill a badly-felt need and are important components of an FNSS, as they will allow a dynamic, permanent, reliable, updated and comparable flow of agricultural and livestock information of socioeconomic nature.