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**The International Meeting of the Micronutrient Forum to be held in
Beijing, China, May 12 to 15, 2009**

Washington, D.C. – The Biennial Micronutrient Forum meeting will take place May 12th -15th 2009, at the Beijing International Convention Center in Beijing, China. The Forum acts as a catalyst and convener for sharing expertise, insight, and experience relevant to the control of micronutrient deficiencies in vulnerable populations around the world. The theme of the conference this year is “Micronutrients, Health, and Development: Evidence-based Programs.”

The Forum focuses on the impact of micronutrient deficiencies on public health and development, concentrating specifically on populations that are deficient in vitamin A, iron, folate, iodine, and zinc. The conference acts as a meeting-ground for leading scientists, policy-makers, and programmers to collaborate and share new research and operational findings.

The meeting offers the highest quality scientific program, featuring global experts and recognized speakers in the field of micronutrients. The latest micronutrient-related issues will be covered in the plenary sessions, as well as parallel symposia, panel discussions, oral and poster presentations. The global report on vitamin and mineral deficiencies will be released at the meeting. Participants will also have the opportunity to learn about micronutrient-related programming and commercial initiatives around the world through exhibits from our NGO, government, and private sector partners.

Delegates and speakers at the conference come from academic and research institutions, international agencies, food and ingredient industries, national ministries, educational institutions, NGOs, and clinical and community nutrition organizations. Collaboration between these cross-cutting groups promotes and advances the development of innovative solutions for reducing vitamin and mineral deficiency around the world.

Individuals who are interested in participating in the Forum are encouraged to register at <http://www.micronutrientforum.org/Meeting2009/registration.cfm>. There is no cost for registration. Applications for travel grants are also available on the Forum’s website.

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