**International Relations**

The Academy has a variety of international activities focused on key areas such as education, research, credentialing, professional development, position statements and practice guidelines. In addition, the Academy participates in several networks to maintain international relationships with colleagues around the globe.

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# Networks:

**International Confederation of Dietetic Associations (ICDA)** Established in 1955, ICDA has 40+ member countries representing 160,000 dietitians around the world. The Academy holds a seat on the Board of Directors. ICDA supports the Academy’s *International Dietetics & Nutrition Terminology (IDNT)*. The ICDA mission is to support national dietetic associations and their members, beyond national and regional boundaries, by achieving an integrated communication system, an enhanced image for the profession and an increased awareness of standards of education, training and practice in dietetics. www.internationaldietetics.org

The organization sponsors the International Congress of Dietetics every four years. The next Congress in 2016 will be in Granada, Spain. The Congress theme is Going To Sustainable Eating.

**European Federation of Dietetic Associations (EFAD)**

This organization developed from the European common market countries. They work on education standards and training and practice standards. They hold an annual conference in one of the member countries. www.efad.org

**Asian Congress of Dietetics**

This organization is a network of Asian countries. It holds a Congress every four years in a member country.

**Guideline International Network**

This organization is focused on the development and use of clinical evidence-based practice guidelines. The membership has 46 countries represented.

**Health Professions Global Network**

International discussion forum developed from the 2009 WHO Global Consultation on the Contribution of Health Professions to Primary Health Care and the Global Health Agenda.

**The Cochrane Collaboration**

This organization is an international, independent, not-for-profit network of over 28,000 contributors from more than a 100 countries, dedicated to making up-to-date, accurate information about the effects of healthcare readily available worldwide.

## Affiliates:

Academy has two international affiliates. They each have a representative in the House of Delegates.

**American Overseas Dietetic Association**

This affiliate has 811+ members in 70+ countries. AODA provides a channel for professional development and has country network representatives in 44 countries.

**Puerto Rico Chapter of Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics**

This affiliate has approximately 354 members.

## Projects:

**Can dietitians reduce interdialytic weight gain in at risk hemodialysis patients through tailored education on dietary sodium and fluid intake?**

This project, planned by a group of thought leaders from Brazil, Sweden, New Zealand, Australia and the US is piloting the concept of international practice-based research network work. Renal dietitians in the US, Australia, and New Zealand will participate in this 7 month prospective intervention study and will enter data into ANDHII. This project is managed by the DPBRN and builds off the DPBRN’s previous domestic work and IDOS study.

## International Workgroups:

The Nutrition Care Process and Terminology (NCPT) International Workgroup is comprised of 12 members representing Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore, Sweden, and EFAD and ICDA. The workgroup has implemented a website, Academy International Nutrition Care Process, to disseminate NCP content internationally to all interested parties, <http://www.aincp.webauthor.com/>