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## Bioavailability 2001

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About 170 participants from 24 countries gathered in Interlaken, Switzerland to attend “Bioavailability 2001; Bioavailability of Micronutrients in Relation to Public Health”, May 30-June 1. State-of-the-art research related to bioavailability of minerals and trace elements, vitamins and provitamins and minor plant constituents was discussed during the plenary lectures, workshops and poster sessions. The plenary presentations included current topics such as “Genetic engineering and plant breeding approaches to improve zinc and iron bioavailability from foods” (Dr. Janet King), “Genetic polymorphism and mineral absorption” (Dr. Roger Sunde), “Phytoestrogen absorption and metabolic action” (Dr. K. Setchell) and “Folate bioavailability and health” (Dr. A. Molloy).

The Local Organizing Committee was based at the Institute of Food Science at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich. The Local Organizing Committee and the Scientific Committee were chaired by Drs. Lena Davidsson and Richard Hurrell (ETH).

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