



# THE BRITISH DIETETIC ASSOCIATION

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# Media Release

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## DIETITIANS COME TO BELFAST TO DEBATE HOT NUTRITION ISSUES – INVITATION TO JOURNALISTS

The British Dietetic Association will be bringing the crème de la crème of dietitians to Belfast this month for its highly celebrated national conference.

The BDA Annual Conference and Awards are to be hosted in Belfast from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June and promise to bring lively discussion and debate over hot nutrition issues, from experts working in industry, academia and the NHS, and from the whole island of Ireland, in addition to England, Scotland and Wales.

The conference promises to be something special as the retiring Chairman of the BDA, Judith Catherwood, hands over to Ulster-based dietitian Pauline Douglas, with a new manifesto and a call to action for all those with an interest in public health.

The British Dietetic Association invites journalists and broadcasters to attend the conference and will be providing free press passes for entry to the conference at the Europa Hotel and will facilitate interviews with key speakers.

For more details about the conference programme, which includes sessions on improving hospital food, nutrition and genetics, functional foods and alternative dietary approaches for obesity, go to the BDA website [www.bda.uk.com](http://www.bda.uk.com).

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## **Notes to Editors**

1. The British Dietetic Association Awards Conference will be held at The Europa Hotel in Belfast, on 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2007.
2. The conference programme is available at [www.bda.uk.com](http://www.bda.uk.com). Journalists wanting more information, or to arrange for a press pass, should contact Dr Frankie Phillips on 01626 362474 or 07908 712277. Email: [pr@bda.uk.com](mailto:pr@bda.uk.com).
3. The British Dietetic Association, founded in 1936, is the professional association for registered dietitians in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It is the nation's largest organisation of food and nutrition professionals with over 5,000 members. About two-thirds of members are employed in the National Health Service. The remaining members work in education, industry, research, sport settings or freelance.

Registered dietitians hold the only legally-recognisable graduate qualification in nutrition and dietetics. They are experts in interpreting and translating the science of nutrition into practical ways of promoting nutritional well-being, disease treatment and the prevention of nutrition-related problems. Their advice is sound and based on current scientific evidence.

Registration, awarded by the Health Professionals Council, is an indication that a dietitian is fit to practise and is working within an agreed statement of conduct.

For further details about the British Dietetic Association, please visit our websites: [www.bda.uk.com](http://www.bda.uk.com)  
[www.bdaweightwise.com](http://www.bdaweightwise.com) [www.teenweightwise.com](http://www.teenweightwise.com).