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Subject: Invitation to Support the Global Nutrition Observatory for Medical Nutrition Education (GNOME) Initiative

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

We are pleased to announce the formation of the **Global Nutrition Observatory for Medical Nutrition Education (GNOME)** — a collaborative global initiative jointly led by the **NNEdPro Global Institute for Food, Nutrition and Health** and the **Physicians Association for Nutrition (PAN) International**. Learn more at <https://www.nnedpro.org.uk/gnome>.

GNOME represents a landmark step forward in our collective mission to **strengthen the role of nutrition within medical and healthcare education worldwide**. Building on the achievements of prior projects such as NEPHELP (Nutrition Education Policy for Health Professionals), GNOME will serve as a **global observatory and evidence-generation platform** — promoting research, policy dialogue, and implementation strategies that embed nutrition competence within healthcare training systems.

To mark this significant milestone, both **NNEdPro and PAN International have each pledged seed funding of £5,000**, establishing the foundation for GNOME's first global cycle of activities, including:

- The *soft launch* and peer-review session of the GNOME Global Survey at the **NNEdPro Global Food, Nutrition and Health International Summit 2025** in St Andrews.
- Development of the GNOME microsite and joint visibility campaign;
- Establishment of a global data collection framework across NNEdPro's ten Regional Networks (encompassing over 1,000 professionals worldwide); and
- Publication of the inaugural **Global Observatory Report** on the state of medical nutrition education.

We now warmly **invite partners, institutions, and supporters** who share our vision to join this global effort by **pledging financial or in-kind support** towards GNOME's development and sustainability. Contributions will directly enable evidence generation, capacity building, and policy influence in nutrition education across regions.

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By joining GNOME, you will become part of a growing international alliance committed to **advancing medical nutrition education, promoting health equity, and empowering the healthcare workforce** to address future nutrition challenges.

To discuss partnership or pledge opportunities, please contact Prof Sumantra Ray at s.ray@nnedpro.org.uk.

To support us, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gnome>

With appreciation for your continued collaboration and support,

Yours sincerely,

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