

20th Anniversary Celebrations for the Korean Society of Community Nutrition “Multidisciplinary Approaches in Nutrition Programming to Promote Public Health”

by Mary Murimi, SNEB President Elect

Dr. Kendra Kattelmann, Past-President, and I attended the 20th anniversary of the Korean Society of Community Nutrition at the invitation and courtesy of the KSCN. The invitation and attendance was a purposeful step in strengthening our almost 5 year old partnership.

The two day conference was attended by over 400 attendees from all over Korea, Japan, Hong Kong and the USA. It was a major event that marked the organization’s 20th year.

The conference offered a wide spectrum of topics that covered public health and food production and utilization across the lifespan, among others. Dr. Kendra Kattelmann gave a presentation titled, “An Overview of the Development of 2015 Guidelines,” while Dr. Murimi’s presentation was titled, “Closing the Disparity Gap and Fostering Healthy Lifestyles Among Vulnerable Population: Point of Testing and Mentoring Approaches.” Both presentations were well attended and appreciated.

The Korean Society of Community Nutrition has reached major milestones, like promoting the organization at the national level. With a membership of over 4,000 members, they have developed nutrition educational materials and resources for promoting nutrition, including two community education journals. One is published in Korean and the other in English. I was personally very proud to be associated with an effective and forward thinking organization and I look forward to a stronger relationship between KSCN and SNEB.

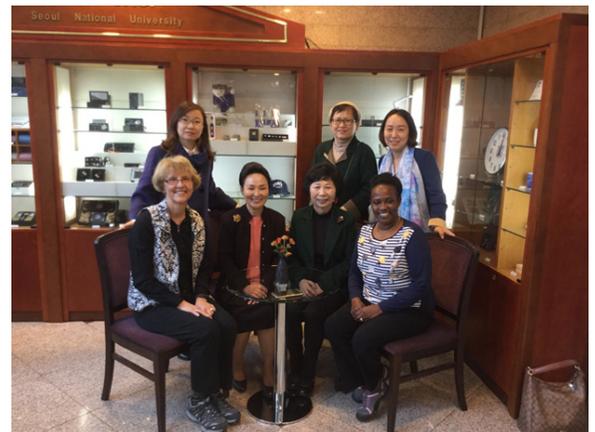
In addition to attending the conference, Kendra and I had the privilege of having a meeting with the board members of KSCN before we left. The results of that meeting will be discussed in another message.



Left: speakers of the conference



A major point of interest was spending time with the founder of the KSCN organization, a 90 year old emeritus professor of Seoul National University. She is an example of a life well lived and a delight to be with. She was physically active and a great speaker at the opening session of the conference.



From left to right, front row: Kendra Kattelmann, SNEB Past-President; Professor Yong-Ok Kim, KSCN Past-President and the champion for the partnership; Professor Mee-Sook Lee, President of KSCN; Dr. Mary Murimi, President Elect SNEB. Back row: Dr. Soo Kyung Lee, incoming International relations; Professor Kyung-Hea Lee, President Elect KSCN; Dr. Joungh-hee Lee, outgoing international relations.