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ASN MEMBER APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CNPP

July 10, 2009– Rajen Anand, PhD, DVM, a member of the American Society for Nutrition (ASN), has been appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to serve as Executive Director of the USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP). “We are pleased that a distinguished member such as Dr. Anand has been appointed to this important post at USDA,” said ASN President James O. Hill, PhD. “ASN looks forward to working with him on federal policy initiatives such as the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.” Anand, a nutrition scientist who also holds a degree in veterinary medicine, is no stranger to the Agency, having served as both CNPP Deputy Director and then Executive Director under President Clinton from 1995-2001. He most recently was a professor of physiology at California State University, where he also has served as Department Chair.

The CNPP’s mission is to improve the nutritional status of all Americans by linking research to the dietary needs of the consumer. The Center is best known for the development of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the MyPyramid food guidance system. ASN is actively weighing in on the development of the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and partnered earlier this year with CNPP on an initiative to promote a “small changes” approach to adopting positive dietary habits.

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