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Bier Selected as new Editor of *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*

The American Society for Nutrition (ASN) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dennis M Bier, MD as the new Editor of *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition (AJCN)*. A past president of the ASN and a member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) at the National Academies of Sciences, Dr Bier brings to the *AJCN* a wealth of experience in clinical research, as well as editorship of medical and scientific journals. He currently serves as Associate Editor of the *Annual Review of Nutrition* and has served as Editor-in-Chief of *Pediatric Research*. The author of over 240 scientific publications, Dr Bier has received numerous research awards, including the McCollum Award from the ASN, the General Clinical Research Centers Award for Excellence in Clinical Research from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Distinguished Service Award from Washington University School of Medicine.

In addition to his research credentials, Dr Bier is a member of numerous national boards and advisory committees. He is Chairman of the Board of the International Life Sciences Institute Research Foundation and a member of the FDA Pediatric Advisory Committee. He has served as Chairman of the NIH Nutrition Study Section, Chairman of the NIH General Clinical Research Centers Committee, and President of the International Pediatric Research Foundation. In 1995 he was a member of the Health and Human Services/US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee.

Dr Bier is Professor of Pediatrics, Director of the USDA/Agricultural Research Service Children's Nutrition Research Center, and Program Director of the NIH General Clinical Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine. He is a fellow of the ASN and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and is Chair of the IOM Food and Nutrition Board. "Dr Bier's past experiences in editorship and demonstrated leadership roles make him an ideal Editor to sustain the prominence that the *AJCN* now enjoys and to develop innovative approaches that will expand the value of the journal to the readership, and to keep pace with the electronic publishing world," said Stephanie Atkinson, PhD, President of the American Society for Nutrition. "Dr Bier will be assisted in his Editor's role by a small number of ASN members who will be appointed as Associate Editors. This announcement will follow shortly."

The appointment of Dr Bier was the result of a national search conducted over the past six months by a search committee comprised of ASN members who are leading research scientists. Dr Bier is expected to begin his responsibilities for the Journal in July. In accepting the position as Editor of the *AJCN*, Dr Bier stated, "I'm truly delighted to take on this responsibility, since the *AJCN* is simply the best clinical nutrition research journal in the world."

The *AJCN* is the highest-ranked peer-reviewed journal in nutrition and dietetics. The primary focus of the *AJCN* is the publication of basic and clinical studies relevant to human nutrition. With over 2800 members, the ASN is dedicated to improving the quality of life through the science of nutrition. The ASN publishes both the *AJCN* and *The Journal of Nutrition*.

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