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## **OBESITY EXPERT TAKES HELM AS PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR NUTRITION**

**June 4, 2008**—James O. Hill, Ph.D., an expert in obesity and weight loss, took office as President of the American Society for Nutrition (ASN) on June 1. Hill serves as Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine and Director of the Center for Human Nutrition at the University of Colorado Denver.

Dr. Hill will concentrate his year-long term on raising the profile of the society and emphasizing the importance of nutrition research to daily life. “Many Americans say that nutrition news is constantly changing and that it is confusing. ASN is here to lessen the confusion through our expert scientists and our spokespeople.” As leader of the Society for the next year, Dr. Hill will support increased funding for nutrition research at a time when funding for science is shrinking dangerously. In addition, he sees opportunities to join forces when approaching health problems that face America today. “I see great value to the public’s health by partnering ASN with other organizations to address growing health issues. Combining forces can be an effective way of tackling a problem like obesity,” he added.

Hill holds a B.S. degree from the University of Tennessee and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Physiological Psychology from the University of New Hampshire. He served as Chair of the first World Health Organization Consultation on Obesity in 1997. Hill also served as a member of the Expert Panel on Obesity of the National Institutes of Health that developed the first U.S guidelines for the treatment and prevention of obesity.

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