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ASN CO-SPONSORS NIH CONFERENCE ON VITAMIN D AND BONE HEALTH

September 5, 2007– The American Society for Nutrition (ASN) is co-sponsoring a conference titled *Vitamin D and Health in the 21st Century: An Update*, September 5-6 on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) campus. Speakers will present the significant points of emerging research since the 2003 NIH Vitamin D conference, including an evidence report by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), *Effectiveness and Safety of Vitamin D in Relation to Bone Health*.¹ The goals of the conference are to evaluate the efficacy and safety of vitamin D, identify gaps in knowledge on the efficacy and safety of the vitamin, inform NIH and other federal agencies on vitamin D and health research priorities, and to disseminate the conference findings to the broad scientific nutrition community.

Joining ASN as cosponsors are the NIH Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS), the National Cancer Institute (NCI), and the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS). The conference is free but registration is required. Please visit <http://vitamindandhealth.od.nih.gov> to see if space is available.

“We are very pleased to be a sponsor of this conference, which will highlight the importance of vitamin D to the diet and also evaluate the safety and efficacy of the vitamin,” said ASN President Joanne Lupton, PhD. To read about recent research on vitamin D published in ASN journals, please view the attached document.

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¹ The report is available online at www.ahrq.gov/clinic/tp/vitadtp.htm.