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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hope everyone is having a healthy and productive summer. Each month I plan to update you on at least one of my four actionable goals for ASN for this year. First, a follow up to last month's comments on ASN involvement with ***helping to develop a policy for company/nutrition scientist collaborations that minimizes both actual and perceived bias***. On July 17 John Courtney and I attended FASEB's Call to Action meeting in Washington at the National Academies which addressed managing financial relationships between academia and industry in biomedical research. For those of you who are interested in conflict of interest issues I highly recommend FASEB's tool kit which can be accessed at <http://opa.faseb.org/pages/advocacy/coi/toolkit.htm>. In addition, we are partnering with ILSI on conflict of interest issues, both with respect to the development of a manifesto stating the rules of engagement for academic/corporate research relationships and considering research on potential bias in corporate/academic research reporting. On another front: our newly formed strategic oversight committee and our Executive Board are meeting in late October to draft our action-oriented strategic plan. More on this next newsletter.

FROM the PRESS ROOM

McCormick Science Institute (MSI) has established a new award at ASN called the McCormick Science Institute Research Award, to be presented annually to an investigator conducting clinical or translational research which has contributed to understanding the potential health benefits of culinary herbs and spices in humans. "These funds, generously provided by the McCormick Science Institute, will help to focus attention on important research accomplishments in the rapidly developing area of specific health benefits of phytochemicals..." said President Joanne Lupton. Read more about the award [here](#).

ASN [applauded](#) pledges announced July 18 by the companies participating in the Children's Food and Beverage Advertising Initiative of the Better Business Bureaus (BBB). Eleven leading companies have pledged to either shift their advertising directed to children under age 12 to that which promotes healthier dietary choices, or to refrain altogether from advertising products that do not meet certain nutritional standards to that age group. "These companies have taken a laudable step toward promoting healthier products to children and implementing changes in marketing practices that are truly meaningful," said ASN President Joanne Lupton.

Membership Renewal

Renew your ASN membership through 2008 today! All members should have received dues notices earlier this summer. Renewing now at www.nutrition.org/dues.htm ensures that your membership benefits will not lapse. Benefits include:

- Considerable savings on Experimental Biology (EB) registration
- Free online access to both the *Journal of Nutrition* and the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, and print subscription discounts
- Voting privileges for your preferred Council (Nutritional Sciences, Medical Nutrition, or International Nutrition)
- Research Interest Section (RIS) participation, discussion and networking.

Many new initiatives with member value continue to progress. Thanks to the many ASN members who have already renewed, and to our new members across the world, ASN membership continues to increase. Do you have a suggestion for the preeminent professional organization in the nutrition field? Let us know how we can better serve you at marketing@nutrition.org.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Klaus Kraemer has published a book on Nutritional Anemia with Michael Zimmermann. Kraemer is Secretary General of Sight and Light, a humanitarian initiative of DSM which was recognized by the Global Micronutrient Forum.

The Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii has approved a PhD program in nutrition, in the department of human nutrition, according to Associate Professor and Chairman of the Department **Michael Dunn**. Dr. Dunn was instrumental in bringing this new program to fruition.

Dr. Teresa Davis, professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine, has received the Animal Growth and Development Award from the American Society of Animal Science. Dr. Davis currently serves on ASN's Executive Board as Secretary.

ASN wants your work-related photos! We are seeking pictures of you working in the lab or field, speaking to a group, or mentoring a student for possible inclusion on our new website. Please notify Suzanne Price at sprice@nutrition.org.

Have you received an award from your institution or other membership organization? Have you been quoted in the news or published a book? ASN is proud of its members and wants to know about such accomplishments. Send the information to Mary Lee Watts at mwatts@nutrition.org to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.



PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

Congress breaks for the traditional August recess. Before leaving town, the House of Representatives passed the 2007 Farm Bill reauthorization, which included ASN's nutrition monitoring language. Read this and [the latest news here](#).

The National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) is seeking comments on its strategic plan. With the increasing pressure on scarce research resources, FASEB's Vice President for Science Policy, Mark Lively, feels that it is essential for the views of working scientists to be considered in planning, and he is encouraging scientists and societies to reply to NCRR directly. More information on the NCRR plan and the comment process may be found on the web at www.ncrr.nih.gov/Strategic_Plan.



ASN JOURNAL HIGHLIGHTS

Selected highlights from this month's ASN publications, *the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* and *the Journal of Nutrition*, include the following:

The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition

[Article 1](#) High folate intake is associated with lower breast cancer incidence in postmenopausal women in the Malmö Diet and Cancer cohort. Ericson U, Sonestedt E, Gullberg B, Olsson H, and Wirfält E.

[Article 2](#) (Accompanying editorial for article 1) Folate and cancer prevention: a closer look at a complex picture. Ulrich CM.

[Article 3](#) One hundred-pound weight losses with an intensive behavioral program: changes in risk factors in 118 patients with long-term follow-up. Anderson JW, Conley SB, and Nicholas AS.

[Article 4](#) Assortive mating for obesity. Speakman JR, Djafarian K, Stewart J, and Jackson DM.

[Article 5](#) Genetic and environmental influences on children's food neophobia. Cooke LJ, Haworth CMA, and Wardle J.

The Journal of Nutrition

[Article 1](#): A Carbohydrate-Restricted Diet Alters Gut Peptides and Adiposity Signals in Men and Women with Metabolic Syndrome. Matthew R. Hayes, Carla K. Miller, Jan S. Ulbrecht, Joanna L. Mauger, Lynn Parker-Klees, Melissa Davis Gutschall, Diane C. Mitchell, Helen Smicklas-Wright, and Mihai Covasa.

[Article 2](#): 2-Keto-4-(Methylthio)Butyric Acid (Keto Analog of Methionine) Is a Safe and Efficacious Precursor of L-Methionine in Chicks. Ryan N. Dilger, Christoph Kobler, Christoph Weckbecker, Dirk Hoehler, and David H. Baker.

OTHER NUTRITION NEWS

Professional Development Opportunities

EB - Save the Date

Don't forget to mark your calendar for ASN's Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology (EB), April 5-9, 2008 in San Diego, CA. Visit www.nutrition.org/eb2008/sciprogram.htm to download the Society's preliminary scientific program. Don't miss ASN's premier lectures: the Presidential Symposium, E.V. McCollum International Lectureship, Atwater Lecture, and the Kellogg International Prize Lecture. And stay tuned for some fantastic opportunities to visit with colleagues at special events in beautiful San Diego! The ASN Annual Meeting will include highly anticipated celebratory events such as the ASN Awards Ceremony, Member Reception and University Mixer, and the Fellows Luncheon. Additional EB information will also become available over the next several weeks at <http://eb2008.org/>.

Please let us know if there are any topics of interest you would like to hear about. You can contact me through ASN or directly at JLupton@tamu.edu.

Best regards as many of us are preparing for the start of the Fall semester,

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